

SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM KNIGHTS OF MALTA FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES KMFAP

Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 13 / 2025

To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of
Our Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights of Malta
Federation of Autonomous Priories,
let it be known by the present letters that

We, José, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Grand Prior and Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and, by the Will of Our fellow Knights, Prince Grand Master and Head of State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights Hospitallers or of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us;

Considering that the present Administrative Fee of Admission, intended to cover the costs of the procedures of Admission, as well as the costs inherent to the organization of the respective Knighthood Ceremony and its related events, was fixed in the amount of Euros 5.000,00 (Five Thousand Euros) or its equivalent in other currencies, by Our Decree number 02/2006 given on the 23rd January of the year 2006, almost 20 years ago to this date.

Considering that the World's Rate of Inflation between 2006 and 2025, in accordance with the Allianz Research and the Our World in Data (which uses data from the IMF and the World Bank), was approximately between 4 to 5 % per year in average, which, in accordance with A.I. Calculations, means that after 20 years the said amount of 5.000,00 Euros would be 2.4 times higher;

Also considering that all the services inherent to the organization of Our Knighthood Ceremonies have, in the last 20 years, evolved and increased in accordance with the Rate of Inflation in the countries where our Ceremonies take place;

Having considered that the quality of Our Knighthood Ceremonies can not be affected by the growing Inflation, because they represent the most important and dignifying moment in the life of a Candidate to Knighthood;



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Having had all the above stated facts in consideration and after consulting the competent structural bodies in accordance with the Articles of the Constitutional Charter of Our Sovereign Order and State of Knights;

We come to decree and We do decree:

ARTICLE 1. By the present Decree We come to establish the new Administrative Fee of Admission to Our Sovereign Order in the amount of Euros 7.000,00 / Seven Thousand Euros or its equivalent in other currencies.

ARTICLE 2. in accordance with the e) paragraph of the Article 2nd of the Chapter X of the Title 5 of our Constitutional Charter "The payment of the Administrative Fee of Admission mentioned in paragraph d) as well as any other payments whatsoever to be done to KMFAP will only be valid if paid by bank transfer or deposit exclusively in its State Bank Accounts in the banks indicated by the services of the Magisterial House and of the Office of the Prime Minister of the State, and no other person, Knight or non-Knight, or entity whoever, is authorized to receive any money or funds for this purpose or for any other purposes whatsoever, including donations, on behalf or in the name of our Sovereign Order or of our State of Knights.

Money transferred, handed over, or given to third parties, to other persons or entities than the aforementioned State Bank Accounts will be considered for all purposes and for all effects as non-received by KMFAP and the persons or entities who received them can be considered as swindlers or scammers and incur in legal penalties. "

ARTICLE 3. The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

a) All the Candidates that until this day have already performed the payment of their Administrative Fee of Admission in the previous amount are <u>exempt</u> from performing the difference to the new amount defined by the present Magisterial Decree.

This decree, was given in two pages at Our Magisterial House in Malta, in the city of Qormi "Città Pinto", on this 17th day of the month of November of the year of our Lord 2025 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.

His Most Eminent Highness José, Prince GRAND MASTER and HEAD OF STATE