



**SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM  
KNIGHTS OF MALTA  
FEDERATION OF AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES**

*Magisterial House*

**CONSTITUTIONAL DECREE 01 / 2022**

**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, Jose, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Prior Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and by the Will of Our fellow Knights 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 of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us,**

**considering that the Constitutional Letter of Our Sovereign Order and of Our State, given by Us, must at all times reflect Our State's real requirements and operational structure, as well as it's historical past and for this purpose it has to be updated and amended whenever deemed necessary to serve the purposes and objectives both of our Sovereign Order and of our State,**

**also considering that the amendment implemented and enshrined by the present Constitutional Decree corresponds to the historical reality and the historical truth of our Sovereign Order and State, that other branches of the old Sovereign Order of St. John, either legal or illegal, for their convenience have been to hiding and distorting for many years,**

**in accordance with the article 1<sup>st</sup>, of the Chapter XXIX of Our Constitutional Letter and after having consulted the relevant governmental bodies,**



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**We come to decree and We do decree:**

**ARTICLE 1.** The text of our Constitutional Letter is by the present Constitutional Decree updated and amended and from now on it will have the following wording and composition :

**Chapter XXVII - NATIONAL FEAST OF THE FEDERATION**

***Single Article - St. John of Jerusalem, also known as St John the Merciful, as St. John the Almsgiver, or as St. John the Almoner, is one of the very few saints to have been canonized by both the Greek Orthodox and by the Roman Catholic churches, being that Rome canonized him under the names of Saint John of Jerusalem, or Saint John the Almoner, and while his festival among the Greek Orthodox Church occurs on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, the day of his death, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates him on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, therefore, as Saint John of Jerusalem is the true and only Patron of the Knights of St John, as the name of Our Sovereign Order clearly shows since the day it was created, this Federation is and has always been under the patronage of Saint John of Jerusalem and, as among our Knights and Dames the number of Greek Orthodox worshipers is small but is large the number of Catholic worshipers, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, the Catholic Feast of the Commemoration of Saint John, is defined and fixed as the National Day and Feast of the Federation.***

**Chapter XXIX - AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERATION**

***The present Constitutional Letter was originally given at Magisterial See on the Twenty Fourth of the month of June, of the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Ninety Four, and signed by HMEH +Dom Lorenzo, O.S.B., Regent, H.E. Prof. Jose Cosmelli, Minister, and H.E. Dr. Martin Karon General Secretary-Chancellor and was later modified by the Magisterial Constitutional Decrees 01/2007 and 02/2007, 01/2008, 01/2009, 02/2009, 01/2010, 01/2017, 01/2019, 01/2022***

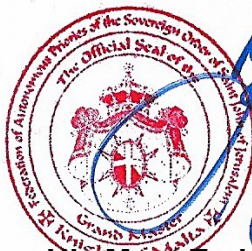
**ARTICLE 2.** The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.



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This decree, was given in three ( 3 ) pages, at Our Magisterial House on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month of January of the year of our Lord 2022 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House .



*José, Prince*



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