



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

*Government of the State*

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE

**MAGISTERIAL CHARTER 01 / 2018**

To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of  
Our Sovereign Order and State  
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 the State of the Federation of Autonomous Pories 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, due to important current contacts for the enlargement of the actions of Our Sovereign Order and State in several countries, namely in Malta, We have been forced to extend the duration of Our present stay and, therefore, to adjourn Our departure to America to a later date;

Considering that, due to the said adjournment We will not be able, as We truly wished, to be present to the Ceremony which will take place in the city of Charlotte, State of North Carolina of the United States of America, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the coming month of February of the year of Our Lord of 2018, organized for the solemn Knighthood of Postulants into Our Federation of Autonomous Pories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta;

Having also considered that no one else in Our Sovereign Order and State could be a better choice and could represent Us better, more honourably, with more prestige, dignity and relevance in the said Ceremony;

In accordance with the Article 4<sup>th</sup> of the Chapter VII, of Our Constitutional Letter,

By the present Charter

ARTICLE 1. We come to grant a written delegation to Our Lieutenant General of the Order, Prime Minister and Vice President of the Government of the State of the Federation and Executive Grand Chancellor of the Order of Cyprus

**His Grace Count Sir George Popper GCC**

To represent Us and to act on Our behalf, as Our “ alter ego “, in the aforementioned Ceremony in Charlotte, USA, of Knighthood of Postulants to Our Sovereign Order.

ARTICLE 3. The present Magisterial Charter is effective from this day on and expires when all the events connected to this ceremony will end on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2018.



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The present Charter, was given in two pages, at Our Grand Magisterial House this 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of January of the year of our Lord 2018 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House .



**His Most Eminent Highness José , Prince  
GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE**