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**DECLARATION FROM THE KMFAP
MAGISTERIAL HOUSE ABOUT THE RECENT
NEWS PUBLISHED IN THE ITALIAN PRESS
ABOUT THE SO CALLED SOVEREIGN
MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA (SMOM)**

Recently the Italian Newspaper “il FATTO QUOTIDIANO “ published, on the 08th October of the present year, an article (included in this Declaration), resulting from an investigation about the life of luxury and astronomic travel expenses of the leadership of the so called “Sovereign Military Order of Malta “ also known as “ Order of Malta “ (a name that historically has never existed ...) or by the acronym “SMOM” and on the 12th October the same newspaper published an interview (also included in this Declaration) with the head of the Volunteer Corps of this organisation, “ Il Corpo Italiano di Soccorso dell'Ordine di Malta “, who complained about the luxury style of life of the leadership compared to the total lack of support given to the volunteers for their work.



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If - as we believe - the content of this investigation is true, these facts contradict frontally all that both the deceased Pope Francis and the present Pope Leo XIV, have wished for that Catholic Organisation.

If the reality is as it was reported by the aforementioned Italian newspaper;

If the leadership of the "SMOM" owns abandoned fields, houses located for prices under its real value;

If the leadership of the "SMOM" to pay for a luxury life, for renting private jets and for many expensive travels is spending and dilapidating the money entrusted to them and abandoning properties given to them, both destined to assist the poor and the ill;

Then this is not only a **big scandal**, but is **the total betrayal and degeneration of all the principles and the fundamentals** of the glorious Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also known as Knights Hospitallers or as Knights of Malta, of which our Federation – KMFAP - and our State of Knights - is a legal, direct and presently the **ONLY TRULY SOVEREIGN descendant** .



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If the content of these articles is true, KMFAP's Magisterial House comes by the present Declaration to **repudiate in most strong terms this scandal of extravagant squander of funds and of the ruinous management of assets both destined to serve the poor, the ill and the needy.**

If the content of this news correspond to the truth, then the SMOM can not continue saying that their mission is "*Tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum*" which translates to "Defense of the Faith and assistance to the poor"...

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