



**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 03 / 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 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, due to a recent difficult dental surgery, We were forced, against Our will, to be absent from the historical visit of Our Knights and Dames to the city of Akko, also know as Acre, a city that upon the 6th Crusade was placed under the administration of the Order of the Knights of St. John, until 1291 when the numerous Mamluk army conquered and destroyed it.

Considering that We will not be able, as We truly wished, to be present to the historical visit and to the symbolic Ceremony of Knighthood of two Postulants, in the same fortress of St. John of Acre, where in the past many Knights gave their lives to immortalize, honor and glorify the name of our Order;

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 visit and symbolic Ceremony;

In accordance with the Article 4th 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 visit and Ceremony, during the month of March of the year of Our Lord of 2018, in the city of Acre/ Akko in the land known as the Holy by several religions.



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ARTICLE 3. The present Magisterial Charter is effective from this day on and expires when all the events connected to this visit and Ceremony will end by the 27th of March 2018.

The present Charter, was given in two pages, at Our Grand Magisterial House this 20th day of the month of March 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**