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

Magisterial House

CABINET OF THE GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE

MAGISTERIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 03 / 2026

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 Knights of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights Hospitaller or of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us, de "Motu Proprio"

By the present Executive Order

We come to make clear the hierarchy and the relations between the Structures of our Sovereign Order and the structures of our State of Knights in accordance with the content enshrined in our Constitutional Charter and also to make even more clear the mission and the scope of each one, as follows :

DEFINITIONS –

In accordance with our Constitutional Charter a State is defined as a politically organized body of people under one sovereign government and a Nation is defined as a community of people composed of one or more nationalities who are led by the same Government and share the same constitution, the same laws, a collective identity and a national identity that emerges from a shared history and culture. In our case our Nation is the community composed by the KMFAP Knights, Dames, Squires and Damsels.

SECTION ONE - Structures of the KMFAP Sovereign Order

The Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem (KMFAP) is composed by the union and the association as a Federation of the Historical Autonomous Grand Priories, Priories, Bailiwicks and Commanderies, by the Priories of "Langue", the national Priories, Bailiwicks and Commanderies, by the federated Sovereign Order of Cyprus, all under the leadership of the Grand Master and the Lieutenant General if and when appointed.

The structures of KMFAP's Sovereign Order are composed by the Knights, Dames, Squires and Damsels who are residents or nationals of the different countries and all

of the following structures coordinate and represent the People of our Nation and its actual and present internal structure is as follows:

a) Historical Autonomous Grand Priories – The Grand Priories which, by Federating in New York between the years 1908 and 1910, gave origin to our Federation (KMFAP).

b) The Grand Priories of Langue – Historically the Old Order of Saint John was divided in Priories of its main Languages. Presently these Priories are transnational structures that include the countries, territories and communities where KMFAP's Knights and Dames in large numbers speak the same Language.

For the time being we have created the following Grand Priories of Langue:
-The Grand Priory of Italian Langue,
- The Grand Priory of the Portuguese Langue,
- The Grand Priory of Hungarian Langue,
- The Grand Priory of Maltese Langue

c) The National Grand Priories – Grand Priories where created in countries that count on a significant number of KMFAP Knights and Dames residents or nationals of the same country. (Example: the Grand Priory of Benin)

d) The Regional Grand Priories – Grand Priories where created in regions that count on a significant number of KMFAP Knights and Dames residing in the same region of a country. (Example: the Grand Priory of Miami)

e) National or Regional Priories – National or Regional are structures which count on a significant number of KMFAP Knights and Dames as residents or nationals of a country or of a region of a country, but not sufficient to be considered as a Grand Priory.

f) National or Regional Bailiwicks - National or Regional structures which count on a small number of resident or national KMFAP Knights and Dames.

g) National or Regional Commanderies – National or Regional structures which count on a very reduced number of resident or national KMFAP Knights and Dames.

h) National Representatives of our Sovereign Order – Non Diplomatic representatives of KMFAP in countries or regions where there are just a few resident or national KMFAP Knights and Dames.

l) In accordance with our Constitutional Charter each Grand Priory of "Langue" may be subdivided in national or regional Grand Priories, Priories, regional Bailiwicks and Commanderies, when deemed necessary by the Grand Master.
Each National or Regional Priory may be subdivided into several Bailiwicks and each Bailiwick may be subdivided into several Commanderies.

SECTION 2- Structures of the State of Knights

The structures of the State of Knights are composed by the following:

a) Ministries of the Government of the State – Each Ministry is headed by a Minister and can have one or more State Secretaries or Vice Ministers.

b) Embassies, Consulates (General and Honorary) and respective Diplomats and Diplomatic Representatives or Diplomatic Envoys.

c) State Institutions – These are Institutions created, registered and coordinated by the State of Knights, such as the Malta Cross Foundation International or Femeraid International or the Pro Deo State University.

SECTION 3 - Relations between the structures of the State of Knights and those of the Sovereign Order

a) The structures of the State of Knights depend exclusively on the Head of The State of Knights as President of the Government and also on the Prime Minister of the State, as Vice President of the Government of the State and they all report exclusively and jointly to these two entities.
The only exception to this rule is the Diplomatic Web of the State composed of our Embassies, Consulates (General, Regional and Honorary), Diplomatic Representatives or Special Envoys, who also depend on the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Government of the State and also report jointly to this Minister and to the respective State Secretary if and when dully appointed.

b) The structures of the Sovereign Order depend exclusively on the Grand Master of the Order and also on the Lieutenant General and report exclusively and jointly to these two entities.

c) The State Institutions depend exclusively on the Head of The State of Knights as President of the Government and also on the Prime Minister of the State as Vice President of the Government of the State and report exclusively and jointly to these

two entities.

d) The structures of the Sovereign Order (Grand Priories, Priories, Bailiwicks and Commanderies) have no power nor control over the Diplomatic Representations of the State of Knights (Embassies, Consulates, Representatives and Envoys) and can not and must not interfere in their work.
In accordance with our Constitutional Charter all Knights and Dames of the Federation may have equal access to any governmental responsibility, except the leading members of the structure of the Sovereign Order, namely the Grand Priors, Priors, Bailiffs and Commanders, who, due to their high positions and to avoid any conflict of interests, can not partake either in the Government of the State or in its Diplomatic Corps, however they can be temporarily appointed, under special circumstances, as Special Envoys for a specific Diplomatic mission.

e) The structures of the State of Knights (Ministries, Embassies, Consulates, Diplomatic Representatives or Envoys) have no power nor control over the structures of the Sovereign Order (Grand Priories, Priories, Bailiwicks and Commanderies) and can not and must not interfere in their work.

f) The State Institutions have no power nor control over the structures of the Sovereign Order (Grand Priories, Priories, Bailiwicks and Commanderies) and over the structures of the State of the Knights (Ministries, Embassies, Consulates, Diplomatic Representatives and Envoys) and can not and must not interfere in their work.

g) All structures of the Sovereign Order and of the Government, as well as the State Institutions have the obligation to do their best to collaborate, assist, help and work together with each other, never trying to interfere or control each other.

This Executive Order, was given at Our Magisterial House in the city of Qormi, " Città Pinto ", Malta, this 26th day of the month of March of the year 2026 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House
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His Most Eminent Highness José , Prince
GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE