



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

THE GRAND CHANCELLOR

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Dear Consoeurs and Confrères,

First of all, thank you very much for our meeting in Krakow: useful, interesting and enjoyable.

As we said to each other in our lengthy exchanges of opinion, and as was also reiterated by the Grand Hospitaller and the Receiver of the Common Treasure, the messages we tried to convey to you were essentially three.

First: the Grand Magistry is at your disposal for all possible requests for information. At the same time, we await your suggestions regarding the most effective application of our Charter.

Second: this Charter and this Code must be applied and cannot be, either now or at the next Chapter General in January, discussed or even amended. However, the spirit of the Charter is to enable us to continue to operate in a context of renewed and emphasised spirituality.

Finally, our third message is that the Special Delegate of the Holy Father and the Grand Magistry are providing all of you with further interpretative elements to help you grasp the true meaning of the Charter and Code, which, in some of their individual articles, could give rise to doubts in their application.

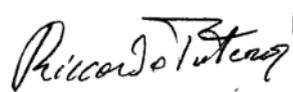
Moreover, a careful reading of the Charter and the Code may highlight certain technicalities, or even typos, that require ad hoc intervention.

These two levels of intervention, as mentioned above, will be taken care of by the Commission and the Grand Magistry and will be explained to you all within a few weeks. So, these are interpretative/applicative measures that will help all of us to better operate in accordance with the true meaning of the Charter and the Code.

On the other hand, concerning possible amendments or substantial changes to articles or paragraphs, it will be the task of a possible Extraordinary Chapter General, which - after a few years of common experience - may be able to bring to the attention of the Holy Father relevant needs that have emerged in the meantime, and that do not find an easy solution in the current Charter and Code.

Therefore, it would be really helpful for the first two stages of our "interpretative" work, the quick help of all of you in identifying and representing your observations so that we can have the widest knowledge of possible interventions.

On behalf also of the Grand Hospitaller and the Receiver of the Common Treasure, I thank you for your cooperation and send you confraternal greetings.



Riccardo Paternò di Montecupo

To Their Excellencies
The Presidents of the National Associations

Cc to: Their Excellencies.

- the Venerable Grand Priors
- the Procurator of the Grand Priory of Lombardy and Venice
- the Regents of the Subpriories

of the Sovereign Order of Malta