



## *The Grand Council*

**The Grand Priory of Malta  
Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem  
Saint Lazarus Building, Mdina Road, Zebbug, Malta**

12th March 2018

To all the Members of the Grand Priorities of Malta and Gozo

Dear Confreres and Consoeurs

As is the norm and custom within the Grand Priorities of Malta and Gozo, I am pleased to inform you of the next investiture which will be held in Malta during the month of April 2018. In fact, the twenty seventh joint solemn investiture of the Grand Priorities of Malta and Gozo will be held on **Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2018 at the Church of Santa Maria Ta' Giesu of St. Paul's Street, Rabat, Malta**. This sacred temple has a deep significance for all Maltese Lazarites since it has held an extensive amount of our services in these last years. Additionally, after the unfortunate collapse of the roof of this temple during last year, and after our committed financial assistance to the temple during last year, the investiture service will be the ideal time where all our members can see first-hand the loving manner in which this historic temple has been brought back to its glory.



Therefore, we urge all officers, members, postulants and guests to gather at the church at 1000 hours sharp so that we can all start the investiture service at 1030 hours. Immediately after the investiture service, an investiture luncheon will be held at Palazzo Xara, Rabat, Malta, which is literally in front of the church of Ta' Giesu. This will therefore save all the congregation the added hassle of parking and driving time from the temple to the lunch venue.

**The United Grand Priorities of The Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem**

The Investiture luncheon will consist of the following:

Welcome Drink at the Xara Palace Gardens

(First Course – Plated)

Potato and Leek Soup

(Second Course - Buffet)

Spaghetti Bolognese

*house-made classic Bolognese sauce*

Creamy Chicken & Mushroom Penne

*sautéed chicken breast, mixed elder mushrooms, truffle paste, cream*

(Main Course - Buffet)

Pork Collar

*rubbed and smoked pork collar served with our spicy cherry hoisin*

Argentinian Beef

*smoked fresh Argentinian beef chuck served with red wine jus*

Chicken Legs

*roasted chicken legs sautéed with fresh rosemary*

*all served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes*

(Dessert)

Traditional Dates

*imqaret served with dipping local almond liquor to share*

The cost of the investiture luncheon is of Euros 38.00 per person. Children pay the amount of Euros 19.00 whilst infants do not need to pay. The fees for the investiture luncheon can be sent beforehand as per the below instructions together with your membership dues – which you will be receiving individually in the coming days – or else paid on the day to our almoner.

We urge you to inform us of the numbers of persons including your guests attending both the investiture and the investiture luncheon before the event so as to assist us in the smooth logistics of the events and also so as to give a warm welcome to the number of foreign deputations which will be present with us on the day.

In fact, during the April 2018 Rabat investiture a large delegation from the Grand Priory of China, led by their Grand Prior will be present, together with delegations from the Grand Priory of Germany, the Grand Priory of Macedonia, the Grand Priory of Serbia, the Grand Priory of Hungary and other visiting dignitaries.

The April 2018 investiture will also be celebrating the local huge successes made by the leaders of two of our very active teams, namely the Commander of the Projekt Lazarus Commandery of the Grand Priory of Malta and the leader of the Emergency Response and Rescue Corps in Gozo. Both organisations have continued on their sterling work during the whole of last year and the investiture will be awarding both the Grand Prior of Gozo, the Chevalier Etienne Micallef KLJ, as leader of the ERRC in Gozo and Confrere Anthony Galea CLJ, as leader of Projekt Lazarus Malta, the accolade of Companion of the Companiate of Merit of the Order for services rendered to both the Order and to the community. Additionally, the new members and cadets of both these organisations will be receiving their green, St. Lazarus shoulder patches.

The April 2018 investiture will be hosted by the Grand Prior of Malta, the Chevalier Daniel Bugeja KCLJ; the President of the Notarial Council of Malta. He will be assisted by the Grand Prior of Germany, the Chevalier Peter Neuen KCLJ. The Supreme Grand Priory will also be represented by the Grand Chancellor of the Order. It will be the very first occasion where the Maltese and Gozitan members will be congregating with the Malta Grand Prior after taking his marriage vows, which will also take place in the month of April. On behalf of all the officers of the Grand Priorities we wish him and his lady wife all the very best in their matrimonial life.



Apart from the number of local postulants and promotions, there will also be a number of postulants from visiting foreign Grand Priorities during the investiture. We again urge you to inform the office of the Grand Chancellery of the numbers for both the investiture and investiture luncheon so that the logistics will be planned in advance.

This will be the first investiture in Malta for this year, after two hugely successful investitures during 2017, including the signature February 2017 investiture which witnessed delegations from countries from all over the European Union. During 2017, the global amount of donations given to date in Malta by the Saint Lazarus Foundation surpassed the amount of three hundred thousand Euros (Eur 315,394), with 2017 registered a donation outlay of Euros 43,210. These included the financial donations given to the Franciscan brothers for the restoration of the Church of Ta' Giesu after the unfortunate collapse of the ceiling earlier in the year and also a donation to the Iklin Parish Church for the finalisation of their community centre for ADHD children; the first of its kind in Malta.



Our Hospitaller outreach can only be maintained by means of your continued support. We therefore thank you in advance for any donations that you pledge during the April 2018 investiture.

Kindly inform us of numbers attending both the investiture and investiture luncheon by means of an email on [info@maxellul.com](mailto:info@maxellul.com). Payments for lunch and payments for 2018 membership dues (which you will receive separately in the coming days) can be paid on the day to our almoner or sent by cheque to: The Saint Lazarus Foundation, St. Lazarus Building, Mdina Road, Zebbug, Malta.

During this year, on the international front, more exciting developments will be taking place. Apart from the Order's interaction with the UN agencies and other international and European institutions, we will be seeing the consecration of various Grand Priorities in new jurisdictions in the Balkans, South East Asia and Africa. Established Grand Priorities, such as those of Hungary, Germany, St. Kitts and Nevis, Canada, Brazil, Macedonia, Serbia and others will also have their own investitures which include a number of notable postulants joining the ranks of the Order.

I look forward to seeing you in Rabat next month. Yours in Saint Lazarus,

Chev. Robert Vella KLJ  
Aide de Camp to the Grand Chancellor