



SOUVERÄNER
MALTESER-RITTERORDEN
DEUTSCHE ASSOZIATION

DER PRÄSIDENT

Maxlrain, 10th July 2020

His Eminence
Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Becciu
Special Delegate of the Holy Father to the Order of Malta
Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints
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Your Eminence,

We, the undersigned Presidents stand united in deep concern at the letter of the North American Presidents.

They are completely isolated in the Order. And the tone of an American litigation lawyer is very inappropriate in communications of the Order. Their letter contains many false allegations and divisive one-sided opinions (not facts).

We completely reject the unkind, untrue and unfair treatment of Fra Giacomo in the letter. He was elected with a huge majority in the first secret ballot and cheered with standing ovations. He earned the love and respect of everybody he met inside the Order and out.

We strongly resent the allegations that the votes at Presidents meetings were anything but proper and secret. There are many witnesses to this.

We insist that we definitely need a genuine reform of our First Class of Knights, the Professed Frás. We need the reforms of the Constitution and Codex. More than ever the world needs the help the Order has to give. It is witness to God's love for man. United as servants to the poor and needy on the rims of the world. Member numbers are irrelevant. Help is what counts!

And none of us cling to nobiliary rules. But we decline to discuss them as a single issue.



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The Grand Chancellor and the Government have our complete trust.
Please let them get on with the reform, so we can once more be united in our mission.
Please let us elaborate our needs by granting an audience to a small delegation.

With our kindest regards

Prof. Don Ramon ALVAREZ de TOLEDO y ALVAREZ de BUYLLA
Conde de SANTA OLALLA
President of the Spanish Association

Thierry Count de BEAUMONT-BEYNAC
President of the French Association

Antonio Luis CALHEIROS de NORONHA de ALMEIDA FERRAZ
President of the Portuguese Association

Richard FITZALAN HOWARD
President of the British Association

Count t'KINT de ROODENBEKE
President of the Belgian Association

Benedikta LINDBERG
President of the Scandinavian Association

Dr. Erich Prinz von LOBKOWICZ
President of the German Association

Marwan SEHNAOUI
President of the Lebanese Association

Kristóf de SZABADHEGYÛ de CSALLÖKÖZMEGYERCS
President of the Hungarian Association

Joris A.M. baron van VOORST tot VOORT
President of the Dutch Association

Martin Graf von WALTERSKIRCHEN zu WOLFSTHAL
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