



**GRAND MASTER**

**Grand Magistral Decree No. 64/11**

We Carlos Gereda de Borbón, Marquis of Almazán, 49<sup>th</sup> Grand Master elected of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, in the name of God, and of the Virgin Mary and of Saint Lázarus:

Whereas it has come to our attention that certain members of our Order have associated themselves with bodies and associations that use the name, green cross, badge or other emblem or representation of the Order;

Whereas we are desirous of maintaining the visible unity of the Order and its membership as lawfully constituted under and in accordance with the Constitution of the Order approved by the Chapter General meeting in Houston, Texas on 12 October 2006;

**We do hereby decree on and with immediate effect:**

- (i) Except as provided below, no member of the Order shall be permitted to join or formally to associate himself or herself with any organisation, body, corps or association, howsoever described, that:**
  - (a) Uses in its name or title the words "Saint Lazarus" or "Lazarus" or any translation thereof;**
  - (b) Uses in any way the green cross, arms, badge or any other emblem or representation of the Order;**

**Unless prior authorisation of such use has been given by us or on our behalf by the Grand Magistral Council; or**
  - (c) Is not established in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of the Order in full allegiance to us and the lawful governing bodies of the Order established thereunder;**
- (ii) any member of the Order whose membership of or association with such an organisation continues after the date of this Decree shall no longer be treated as being a member in good standing of the Order and shall be placed on the list of Inactive Members; and**
- (iii) nothing in this Decree shall prevent any member of the Order from accepting membership in, or continuing as a member of, the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus (*l'Ordine dei Santi Maurizio e Lazzaro*) of the Royal House of Savoy.**

Given in Our Magistral Seat in Madrid, Spain  
This 30<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 2.011



*The Marquis of Almazán*

Grand Master