



SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM  
KNIGHTS OF MALTA  
FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES  
*Grand Magisterial House*

**MESSAGE OF THE GRAND MASTER  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

Dear Knights and Dames,

On the 21st of September, by the initiative of the United Nations, part of the World celebrates the International Day of Peace, while, unfortunately, the other part continues spreading war, terror and violence, causing the horrible exodus of thousands of man, woman and children of all ages, dramatically looking for a safe place to live.

Peace is not the absence of War, Peace is the absence of Violence, and in fact misery, starvation, ignorance, illnesses, child abuse, intolerance of all kinds, xenophobia, lack of democracy, are all forms of Violence, therefore the World is far from living in Peace and consequently is far from granting the Human Rights to the large sectors of the human population.

We know that we all have a long walk to Peace, but we can only finish a walk if we start it... . The main task of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalém, also known as Knights of the Hospital or Knights of Malta, is to fight for Peace, for Safety and for Security for all independently of religion, sex or color of the skin, therefore all of our Knights and Dames in more than 60 countries, are all giving together, very committed steps in this long walk for Peace.

Every day of our lifes should be an International Day of Peace

**H.E.H. Jose, Prince  
Grand Master and Head of the State**



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