



**SACRED AND MILITARY CONSTANTINIAN ORDER OF SAINT GEORGE
ROYAL ORDER OF FRANCIS I**

Activity Report 2021



SACRA E MILITAR ORDEM CONSTANTINIANA DE SÃO JORGE

To His Royal Highness
The Duke of Castro
Prince and Grand Master of The
Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George

Mon Seigneur,

1. Establishment of Association in Portugal

We successfully concluded on 23 September 2021 the registration process of the Delegation in Portugal of the Constantinian Order at the National Registry of Legal Persons. The registration was done having as a social object: Propagation of the faith and glorification of the Holy Cross, namely through the practice of acts in favour of disadvantaged people.

The next step was to make the declaration of the beginning of activity before the Tax Authority, which was made by a certified accountant.

The beginning of the activity with the Tax Authority took place on the 15 October 2021, having been registered as Activities of Religious Organisations.

At the moment we are proceeding with the organisation of the documentation in order to obtain a bank account.

This has been a slow process but it has been making its way and is almost concluded.

2. Preparation of the new Knights

A meeting by Teams was held on 12 October 2021 to train the candidates and to prepare for the investiture ceremony. The training was conducted by the Delegate and Vice-Delegate.

A historical presentation was given on the Royal House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies and the Constantinian Order.

Afterwards it was explained how the investiture ceremony would take place and what the candidates' procedures were.



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3. Investiture of the Head Chaplain of the Portuguese Delegation

The investiture of the Chief Chaplain of the Delegation, Most Rev. Msgr. Rui Valério, Bishop of the Armed Forces. The presentation of the diploma was made by the Delegation's Delegate and Vice-Delegate.

Most Rev. D. Rui Valério is a highly respected clergyman and the Bishop of the Armed and Security Forces, responsible for the military diocese in Portugal.

4. Investiture of new knights

The investiture of the new knights of the Sacred and Military Constantinian Order of Saint George and of the Royal Order of Francis I took place on the 15 October 2021, in the Memory Church, in Lisbon (church of the Portuguese Army). In this ceremony 16 knights of the Constantinian Order were invested, 12 of which are Portuguese, and four knights of the Order of Francis I.

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Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice:

H.H. The Duke of Mecklenburg

H.H. The Duchess of Mecklenburg

Knights of Grace:

António José Maria d'Ávila Duro de Mello Campello

Caio César Tourinho Marques, Viscount Tourinho

Francisco Maria da Camara Chaves Franco de Sousa

Knight Merit Commendatore

Pedro Miguel Lima das Neves Pais de Almeida

Knight Commander of Merit

Mrs Dana Reháková

Dame Official of Merit

Miss Farley Rentschler

Knight/Dame of Merit

D. Sandra Isabel Perdigão Soares da Cruz Neves

António Miguel da Silva Pereira Stichini Santos

Eduardo Manuel Rodrigues Zagalo Coimbra Arêde



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Hugo Filipe Peralta Santos Ferreira
João Diogo de Sousa Barroca
Nuno Miguel da Cruz Neves
Pedro Miguel dos Santos Ferreira Vicente

ROYAL ORDER OF FRANCIS I:

Grand Officer:
H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Belmahi (promotion)

Knight Officer:
Hon Group Captain Peter Hewitt, JP

Dame Official:
Mrs Clare Head (promotion)

Dame:
Mrs Fidelma Hewitt

The investiture was presided over by the Chief Chaplain of the Portuguese Delegation, Most Rev. Msgr. Rui Valério, Bishop of the Armed Forces and Security Forces, and was attended by H.R.H. D. Duarte, Duke of Bragança, H.R.H. D. Afonso, Prince of Beira, H.E. Mr Othmane Bahnini, Ambassador of HM the King of Morocco in Portugal and a representative of the Order of Malta, Mr João de Quintanilha e Mendonça, Knight of Honour and Devotion, Secretary of the Portuguese Council.

The ceremony took place in the presence of the families of the candidates and numerous guests, the mass being accompanied by a choir of lyric singers.

Following the investiture there was a dinner at the prestigious Turf Club in Lisbon, which was attended by 60 people. In addition to those mentioned, the president of the club, the Count do Cartaxo, and representatives of the Order's overseas delegations including Great Britain and Ireland were also present.

Deus Guarde Vossa Alteza Real

Barão Miguel Horta e Costa (Santa Comba Dão)