



## GRAND MASTER

Madrid, March 29, 2012

Dear Confreres and Consœurs,

Last weekend we held a Grand Magistral Meeting in London. All the Annual reports were presented and discussed. I was specially pleased by the progress made in the field of Spirituality (report from the Ecclesiastical Commission by the Grand Ecclesiastical Prior), the Hospitaller work, Organization and Public Relations including Internet. A compilation of the report of the Hospitaller will be published very soon on our web-site because I think it is important that we are all aware of the different activities of the Order this should invite us to work together.

I wish to thank all the members of the GMC and those that have prepared the inputs in the various Jurisdictions for their contributions. I particularly wish to thank Canon Paul Denby and Chev. Gareth Vaughan for steering us through the business of the weekend.

During the GMC meeting many appointments were made of which you have been informed promptly by our web-site. I wish to give my sincere congratulations to all those who were appointed and my personal gratitude to them for accepting the responsibility. All those appointed will serve for a period of three years in their respective roles. After these three years some may be invited to remain in office for a further three years in order to maintain a sense of continuity. It should be noted that the members of the Grand Magistral Council who did not step down this year finish their mandate in 2012.

I wish to thank the hard work and dedication of those that have given up their position but also those who are willing to remain in the front line of work in our charitable organization.

For the moment I would like to highlight that the three Senior Officers will be:

1. As Grand Prior: Chev. Ronald Hendriks.
2. As Ecclesiastical grand Prior: Canon Paul Denby.
3. As the Grand Chancellor: Chev. Edward White.

The Hospitaller work, which is our main reason of existence, will be led by the Grand Hospitaller Chev. Ken Moritsugu closely backed by the Vice Grand Hospitaller Chev. Brett Delahunt. I am certain you will all join me in wishing the new Grand Prior of the Order, Chev. Ron Hendriks, good fortune as he, with the other Officers, leads us forward.

I am sure that you will be soon approached by them to introduce themselves and to inform you about the future developments of our Order of which Charity and Hospitaller work is, of course, the most important. However all this can only be done with a solid organization. Therefore issues on organization are also to be expected. The first point is the need to appoint deputies in the very near future. There are a number of able members in various countries could fulfil this important role.

Atavis et Armis,

The Marquis of Almazan