

Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem

Recorded in history as Knights of Jerusalem 1048 - 1291

Cyprus 1292-1310, Rhodes 1311 - 1523 **Knights of Malta** 1530 - 1798, Russia 1798 - 1907, U.S.A. 1908-1976
Malta 1964

~ The Hereditary Order ~

Incorporating O.S.J. Langue of Malta; O.S.J. International Grand Priory; O.S.J. International Order based on Malta and the entire historic and chivalric heirloom and authority of the Original O.S.J. in virtue of O.S.J. Testaments of May 22 and of August 17, 1976.

Recognitions Pennsylvania (USA) - Doc. No. 4602 of 7/XII/1946; Congressional Record (USA) Vol.110.No.42 of 9/III/1964; Pentagon (USA) Doc. AGPB-ACY of 1/IX/1967; Michigan (USA) Doc.No.78/10254 of 12/VI/1978; Washington (USA) Doc.No.1162+Doc.No.1163 of 25/IX/1980; Royal Recognition-Netherlands: Doc.No.DKP/DE-158493 of 21/III/1989; Recognition as Juridic Personality Subject to International Law: Tribunal of Palermo Sicily Italy of 30/V/1994; Recog. Euro. Comm. 1995. Full list SOSJ Observer April & July, 2005.

20th. October, 2009

Sir Raymond Winters, son of our beloved the late Knight Commander Sir Jason Winters, will be receiving his official investiture as Knight Commander of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knights of Malta --- the Hereditary Order--- in Malta in Febraury 2010. He has actually been a member of the Order for a number of years but has long wished to be officially invested in Malta. The private ceremony is due to be held in a sixteenth century Palazzo.

Knight Commander Sir Raymond Winters will thus be following in his father's footsteps. Sir Jason was a man beyond compare and knowing him was indeed an honour and a privelege to all of us. Indeed we shall never forget the man who was a gentleman in all respects ever before he became knighted.

Sir Raymond Winters treasures the S. O. S. J. of Jerusalem just as much as his dear father did and if somebody ever did anything worthy of mention in this respect, it is Sir Raymond who insituted the "Sir Jason Winters Award", an award which benefits the winner with a set of the official decorations of Knight Commander of the S. O. S. J. together with the ceremonial cloak of the order. This makes Sir Raymond Winters an ambassador worthy of mention since he is thus carrying high the name of the Order and also making it know beyond the boundaries of his country.

World Seat S. O. S. J. looks forward to meeting Knight Commander Sir Raymond Winters and the two Postulants whom he will be introducing into the Order.



Dame Joyce Darmanin

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