



**The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
The Passing of the Grand Master, August 29, 2017**



Confreres et Consoeurs,

“Dear brothers and sisters in Saint Lazarus,

I am terribly sad and very sorry to make this announcement: The XLIX Grand Master of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, H. E. D. Carlos Gereda y de Borbón, Marqués de Almazán, passed away today, August 29th, at 7:00 a.m. at his residence in Madrid, Spain.

As you know, he had been hospitalized a few weeks ago but after nearly ten days in the hospital he was taken home and

once there received palliative care. He was surrounded by his loved ones and suffered no pain. The family wishes to celebrate his burial in intimacy. It will take place tomorrow, August 30th, in the family pantheon.

His cousin, The Grand Master Emeritus, H. E. The Duke of Seville, Grandee of Spain, Francisco de Borbón y Escasany, as well as the Grand Prior of Spain, H. E. The Marquis of Ariza, Grandee of Spain, Iván De Arteaga y del Alcázar, and myself will organize a funeral

in Madrid, most likely during the month of October for all members and friends to join in prayer. You will be informed accordingly.

May his legacy be forever lasting and let us all be a reflection of the Order he always wished for. Atavis et Armis.

In accordance with the Order's Constitution, The Coadjutor, H.E. Chev. Francisco de Borbón von Hardenberg, GCLJ, has become Interim Grand Master until the Chapter General elects a successor Grand Master. We sincerely welcome his leadership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask."

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