

A Short Introduction

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta – S.M.O.M – was originally known as the *Sovereign Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta*.

This is one of the oldest lay religious orders of the Roman Catholic Church, dating back to about 1048 A.D. It emerged in Jerusalem when, allegedly, European Knights provided hospital care for the poor and sick and those wounded on their way to the Holy Land.

It is generally believed that although the Knights of Malta shared a common geographical area with the Knights Templar, they were entirely separate groups. In reality, some Knights were members of both orders and they eventually merged into one!

In the year 1311, the Council of Vienna was convened to rule on the culpability of the Knights Templar. In the year 1312, Pope Clement the Fifth signed the Papal Bull, *Vox in Excelso*. The declarations given in the Bull were to dissolve the Knights Templar Order, and to remove all further papal support for them and the mandates given to them by previous popes.

Less than two months later, another Papal Bull, entitled *Ad Providam*, added to the decision taken by Pope Clement concerning the holdings of the Templars. It stated that all their belongings, in any part of the world, their villages, lands, barns, places, rights of justice, income, and all other movable and immovable possessions, were to be turned over to the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem!

Moving from Place to Place

Following the defeat of the Crusaders in the Holy Land, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta moved to Cyprus. In 1310 it took control of the Island of Rhodes, part of modern-day Greece, where it was formally recognized by the Catholic Church as a Sovereign Authority in 1446.

The Order remained there until 1523, when it was driven out by Suleiman the Magnificent. In 1530 they set up on the Island of Malta, which was supposedly granted to them by the Kingdom of Sicily.

It remained there until 1798, when the Island was taken by Napoleon and France. Four years later, under the Treaty of Amiens, it was agreed to restore the Island to its previous status.

However, the order never returned, because in 1814 Malta came under British rule, and remained a British Colony until it became an independent country in 1964.

Special Privileges Granted

Eventually, in the middle of the nineteenth century, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta established its headquarters in Rome. Interestingly, although the order had lost its territory, it continued to be considered an independent sovereign entity, laying hold to international rights given to actual countries!

Indeed, the Order of Malta has always maintained a seemingly unique place in modern international relations. It has diplomatic relations with over one hundred countries and operates in one hundred and twenty. But what is its function?

Still the Same

To this day, the group continues to describe itself as a lay religious order of the Catholic Church focused on humanitarian aid, providing invaluable medical assistance to impoverished regions plagued by natural disasters, and the like.

To others, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta is still today what it was during the Crusades – a Vatican-ruled army aimed at global domination, using humanitarian work as just another smokescreen! Such a conclusion is by no means based on idle speculation. There is strong evidence the Knights of Malta openly control the Pentagon and have also controlled the CIA for decades, together with many other Intelligence Agencies of the world!

There is also strong evidence this group has been responsible for some of the worst crimes committed against the nations of the world and individual people over the course of its long history!

Members and where their Loyalty lies

Membership of the Knights of Malta includes citizens of countries across the globe. They range from CIA Directors, High Level Intelligence Agents, Commanders of Armies, Royal Families and Political leaders, to Media Conglomerates, Film Producers, and many Evangelical leaders, to mention just some.

These are all led by a Grand Master, and like the Knight Templars, the Knights of Malta Order has different levels. Its members are termed *Knights* and *Dames*. Their job is to promote the political and religious interests of the Pope of Rome in their sphere of influence!