



Palermo. Palazzo dei Normanni. Authorities and audience at the Conferences held during the International Meeting. From the left, the President of the Foundation, Countess Elisabetta Marullo di Condojanni, the President of the Regional Sicilian Assembly, Nicola Cristaldi, MP, the Archbishop of Palermo, His Eminence the Cardinal Salvatore De Giorgi, the Grand Chancellor of the Order, Amb. Conte Don Carlo Marullo di Condojanni.

THE PRESENCE OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN IN SICILY

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Introduction

I agreed to speak at today's conference organised by the prestigious University of Palermo on "Memorie e Civiltà Gerosolimitane" with great anticipation. The initiative falls within the framework of the Accademia Internazionale Melitense's efforts to promote the history of the Hierosolymitan Institution, and especially that of its Grand Priories, on an international level. The endeavour to document the contemporary activities of the Order, to help the task of future historians, is also part of this plan. The aim is to ensure that they do not experience the great gaps that scholars are currently encountering for the period running between the loss of Malta and the Order's resurgence during the first part of the last century.

The titles of the papers I will have the honour of listening to already give an idea of the level of the contributions: Henri Bresc, Maria Concetta Di Natale, Paolo Papanti-Pellettier and Pino Zingale, will talk about the presence of the Knights of St. John in Sicily, their relations with the local society and the testimonies they left in its art, the development of the Order's legal system after the Chapter General of 1997 and the importance of the Italian presence through its Knights' Associations in the territories of the Grand Priories of Lombardy and Venice, Rome, Naples and Sicily; not only a historical presence, therefore, but also an active contemporary one.

In applauding once again the initiative of the University of Palermo, let us hope that the seeds sown today in the fertile earth of research can grow to further strengthen the bonds between the land of Sicily, the land of Malta and the Order of St. John.



Palermo. Palazzo dei Normanni. Il Gran Cancelliere firma il libro d'onore a chiusura della visita ufficiale al Presidente dell'Assemblea Regionale Siciliana, On. Nicola Cristaldi.



Messina. S.E. il Gran Cancelliere, Conte Don Carlo Marullo di Condojanni (al centro), con il Presidente dell'ACISMOM S.E. Don Carlo dei Principi Massimo (a sinistra) e il Comandante del Corpo Militare S.E. Gen. C.A. Mario Prato (a destra). **Messina.** Il programma del Convegno di Neuroriabilitazione organizzato dalla Delegazione Gran Priorale di Messina in occasione delle manifestazioni organizzate dalla Delegazione per il Grande Giubileo della Chiesa.