

New Charter – Consolidated Version

CHARTER OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OTJ (Consolidated Version – January 2026)

Art. I. Legal Status The Diplomatic Commandery is an autonomous operational unit of the OTJ, established to achieve the Order's strategic goals in the international sphere.

Art. II. Jurisdiction This unit is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Grand Master. No third party, Grand Prior, Prior, Commander, or magisterial official has the right to interfere in the operations, nominations, or documentation of the Commandery.

Art. III. Commander of the Corps The Commander is appointed by the Grand Master and serves as his personal emissary. He holds powers to build relations with sovereign states and international organizations on behalf of the Grand Master.

Art. IV. Confidentiality and Documents The Commandery has the right to develop its own identification and travel documents for its members, subject to approval by the Grand Master.

Additional Provisions (Transferred and Modified from the Document Dated June 27, 2024):

Membership in the Diplomatic Corps is open to members of the Order who have been designated to hold diplomatic status. The Corps holds the status of a Commandery, and its head holds the rank of Commander within the Order.

Members of the Corps retain all membership obligations towards the Grand Priory of which they are members, except for matters concerning the activities of the Diplomatic Corps, in which they are subject exclusively to the Commander of the Corps and the Grand Master.

The purpose of the Diplomatic Corps is to unite the Order's members who hold or have held diplomatic positions into one unit capable of establishing contacts with international entities. Under the guidance of the Grand Master, the Corps may issue statements on international matters (excluding support or opposition to political candidates/parties).

The Corps strives to establish recognition and relations with like-minded international diplomatic associations or organizations, such as the United Nations, the European Union, NATO, the Holy See, the World Council of Churches, the Diplomatic Society of St. Gabriel, and other churches and religious organizations.

Reporting The Commander of the Corps annually in January submits a written report on the Corps' activities to the Grand Master's own hands, with a copy to the Grand Chancellor General and the Grand Secretary General for evidentiary and archival purposes.

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H.E. Gen. Chev. Ronald Mangum, KGCTJ
Grand Master

