

Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Count Charles Anthony Gauci OLM KCHS MD FRCA FIPP FFPMRCA FSA.Scot RAMC (Retd) is the Chief Herald of Arms of Malta.

His position was officially announced in the Malta Government Gazette on 25 June 2019 Notice Number 729 and confirmed by parliament on 24th December 2022.

Gauci graduated MD from the Royal University of Malta and after postgraduate training in anaesthesia in the UK joined the British Army, receiving his commission as a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) and was successively promoted to the ranks of major and lieutenant colonel. He saw active service in Northern Ireland for which he was awarded the Northern Ireland Campaign Medal. He also served in Belize (Central America) and in West Germany. He resigned his commission to take up the appointment of Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Medicine at Whipps Cross University Hospital, London. He was also Honorary Consultant in Pain Medicine at Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital, London and Visiting Consultant to the Ministry of Health in Malta. He served as a British court expert in the field of pain medicine and as Secretary of the World Institute of Pain. He is the author of several books on genealogy, heraldry, and the nobility and has also written a number of textbooks on interventional pain management. Now semi-retired from medicine, he is Consultant in Pain Medicine at the Gozo General Hospital and an Assistant Lecturer in Human Anatomy and neuroanatomy at the University of Malta. He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Social Care Standards Authority. Gauci has had an interest in heraldry since his school days. He was one of the original members of the former Malta Heraldic Society and the founder of the Heraldic and Genealogical Society for Wales. (*Cymdeithas Herodrol ac achyddol Cymru*).

Together with Ulster and Norroy King of Arms (at the College of Arms, London), he devised the Armorial Bearings, including supporters, for the British Pain Society. He has also devised the Armorial Bearings for the Association of Foreign Title-Holders (Malta) and for various other bodies. He is the Membership Secretary of the European Branch of the Richard III Society and a regular contributor of articles about medieval English history to the European Yorkist. He is also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland. Gauci served as President and is now the Hon. Vice-President for Life of the Malta G.C. branch of the Royal British Legion. He was awarded the British Order of the League of Mercy (O.L.M.) in 2017 for his *pro bono* work in pain medicine. He is the Principal Medical Officer and a Member of Council of the St. John Association, Malta. He is a member of the *Spanish Instituto Internacional de Genealogia y Heraldica*, of the *Istituto Araldico Genealogico Italiano* – IAGI and of the Genealogical, Heraldic and Vexillological Institute of Lithuania. On 13th June 2022, he was presented with the silver medal by the Order of St. Stefano of Pisa (an Italian government entity in conjunction with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural institute). The Chief Herald of Arms of Malta has appointed a number of Officers of Arms to assist him in his work. These are a Deputy Chief Heralds of Arms and three Pursuivants of Arms, one of whom is also the Registrar at the Office of the Chief Herald. They work with the Chief Herald to safeguard, promote and promulgate this intrinsic part of Malta's heritage together with the support of three Pursuivants of Arms.

Note - Re Dr. Gauci's various designations

- He has several medical qualifications, viz
- ✓ Doctor of Medicine (Royal University of Malta, Medical School, 1971)

- ✓ Fellow of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (UK, 1975)
- ✓ Fellow in Interventional Pain Practice (World Institute of Pain, 2001)
- ✓ Foundation Fellow, Faculty of Pain Medicine, Royal College of Anaesthetists (UK, 2008)

Dr. Gauci, then President of the Royal British Legion (Malta GC), qualified for a Platinum Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medal, inscribed with his name, final rank, army number and (16) years of service.

- His title of Count was bestowed upon Dr. Gauci by HRH Prince Davit Bagrationi, the Grand Master of the Order of the Eagle of Georgia, in which HM the late Queen Elizabeth was also inducted as a Dame of the Grand Collar.
- Dr. Gauci, a former member of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, was granted Arms together with the status of *Hereditary Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland* by Lord Lyon King of Arms in 1976, in the name of the Sovereign. He had been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland a year earlier. His right to continue to use this hereditary distinction, now no longer awarded, was confirmed to him, in writing, by the current Lord Lyon.
- Several years ago, after writing prolifically and publishing a book on the history of the genealogy of Byzantium, he was given three titles by individuals who had the right to confer said titles, confirmed in Law. Two years before accepting the position of Chief Herald of Arms of Malta, he official renounced these three titles. He was granted titles by other Heads of Houses, which he also stopped using. These titles were all conferred in recognition of his work in the fields of heraldry and genealogy.

- The only non-hereditary honours Dr. Gauci publicly uses are those of

✓ Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (a Vatican Order)

✓ Commission of Gentleman-Officer (Legionary Knight) of the Order of the Third Foreign Legion of Spain, admitted in the rank of Colonel (Medical Corps), at the service of HM The King of Spain and issued by the Provincial Deputation of the Legion, Register No. 57 of 01 June 2018, and signed by the Commanding Officer of the City of Valencia.

✓ Order of the League of Mercy of the UK, for his '*distinguished contribution*' in the field of *pain medicine for a number of medical charities over many years*'. This Order was originally founded in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland by a Royal Charter issued by HM The Queen-Empress Victoria in 1899. It was instigated by her son, the Prince of Wales (later HM King-Emperor Edward VII), who became its first Grand President. It was wound down in 1948 on the establishment of the NHS but re-established as a charity registered in (KILL THIS SPACE)England on 30/03/1999. Charity No: 1076885. Its status is underlined by the fact that awards in the Order of the League of Mercy are routinely published in the London Gazette.

- He is a "private" member of several other Orders, societies and learned bodies, membership of which was granted to him specifically for his work in the field of historical research, genealogy and heraldry. Apart from many learned papers and presentations, he also published several books:

1. The Genealogy and Heraldry of the Noble Families of Malta, Vol. 1 (GPL, Malta, 1981).
2. The Palaeologos Family – a genealogical review (PEG, Malta, 1985).
3. A Guide to the Maltese Nobility (PEG, Malta, 1986).
4. '1349: Cicco Gatto Governor of Malta to Ludovico, King of Sicily', in "Lost Letters", edited by Nicholas J. de Piro (London, 1986).
5. A Key to Maltese Coats of Arms (PEG, Malta, 1988).
6. An Illustrated Collection of the Coats of Arms of Maltese Families (PEG, hardback edition, Malta, 1989; paperback edition, Malta, 1996).
7. The Genealogy and Heraldry of the Noble Families of Malta, Vol. 2 (PEG, Malta, 1992).
8. Handbook of clinical techniques in the management of chronic pain, co-author (Switzerland, 1994).
9. A Collection of Genealogical Tables of European Families (privately printed, London 2001 & presented to the National Library of Malta, Ref. NLM226937).
10. The Genealogy and Heraldry of the Noble Families of Malta, Vol. 1 (PEG, reprinted with addenda, 2002).
11. A Manual of RF Techniques in Chronic Pain, 1st edition (Switzerland, 2004); (Korean edition: Seoul, 2006; Spanish edition: Switzerland, 2007).
12. A Manual of RF Techniques in Chronic Pain, 2nd edition (Switzerland, 2008).
13. Radiofrequency Treatment of the Lumbar Branch, in 'Procedure Technique Series' (Boston, Mass. USA, 2009).
14. 'Radiofrequency Lumbar Facet Joint Denervation' in Minimally Invasive Surgery of the Lumbar Spine, edited by P.P.M. Menchetti (London, 2014).
15. '... of Maltese Generals and Admirals' (Midsea Books, Malta, 2015).
16. A Manual of RF Techniques in Chronic Pain, 3rd edition (Holland, 2011); (Korean edition: Seoul 2017)
17. INGUANEZ and related families (privately printed in Malta, 2017)
18. Боже, императрицу хран,(God save the Empress), (privately printed in Malta, 2018)
19. The Peerage and Knightage in Malta, (Midsea Books, Malta 2018)
20. St. Margaret Band Club (1997-2022) - (privately printed in Malta, 2022)

• Books in Red are medical textbooks