

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Portugal

In March 2022 was elected, and reelected in March 2023, the present Grand Commander, S K José Almeida Gomes.



Sir Knight José Almeida Gomes, Grand Master of Honor of the Grand Lodge of Portugal, was born in 1957-02-15.

He has a long history of Masonic activities, having been the founder of several Masonic Lodges as well as taking on a wide range of responsibilities, such as Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge in different roles, masonic ambassador, sovereign grand inspector of the Supreme Council for Portugal of the Scottish Rite, among other Masonic Bodies, having distinguished himself mainly in the York Rite where he took the lead as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch of Portugal, and was one of the founders of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Portugal and of the Commandery No. 3 "Christopher Columbus", of which he was Commander.

His activity in secular life was very rich.

With a degree in Engineering, he dedicated his life to national humanist institutions, not only as an engineer, but also as a leader. He held positions in Social Security; at the Polytechnic Institute of Guarda; as General Director of Roads for the District of Guarda and Coimbra; and in politics as a councilor on the Guarda City Council, among others.

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However, we can highlight the creation of the "ADM Estrela" institution in Guarda 32 years ago.

ADM is an IPSS - Private Institution of Social Solidarity, recognized as a legal person of public utility and NGOPD, a Non-Governmental Organization for People with Disabilities.

From the ADM Estrela site":

"Its principles are social solidarity; promotion and development of charitable social activities; social and community inclusion; equal opportunities for men and women; health, education, training and professional development; and aims to assume a social role of recognized value in terms of supporting populations with greater social vulnerability, having been increasing its offer in terms of social support and intervention with the population"

It is clear that Sir knight José Gomes plays an important role in the Portuguese Society of, as a doer, where it is essential to "think" with a practical sense, in order to improve institutions and promote their development.

The work of Sir Knight José Gomes, Grand Commander of Knight Templars, represents the highest values of the Knight Templars, as a man who joins faith and conviction with study and, above all, with actions on behalf of the society aimed at the most vulnerable people, making the world more precious by his personal humanity.

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