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Lieutenant Colonel Dr. Count Charles Anthony Gauci OLM KCHS MD FRCA FIPP FPPMRCA 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.

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 rank of 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 Mater Dei Hospital, Malta and at Gozo General Hospital. He is also an Assistant Lecturer in Human Anatomy at the University of Malta.

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 is the Hon. President of the Malta G.C. branch of the Royal British Legion and 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 also the Principal Medical Officer and a Member of Council of the St. John Association, Malta.

The Chief Herald of Arms of Malta has appointed a number of Officers of Arms to assist him in his work.

These include two Deputy Chief Heralds of Arms of Malta 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.

List of books published by Dr. Charles A. Gauci

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 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. Боже, императрицу храни, (God save the Empress), (privately printed in Malta, 2018)
18. The Peerage and Knightage in Malta, (Midsea Books, Malta 2018)