



**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF  
HEADS OF STATE  
AND OTHER OFFICIAL  
PERSONALITIES PRESENT AT THE  
RELIGIOUS WEDDING CEREMONY**

**JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2011**



## BIOGRAPHIES OF THE HEADS OF STATE PRESENT AT THE ROYAL WEDDING IN ORDER OF PROTOCOL

### H. E. Mr Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic



H. E. Mr Nicolas Sarkozy is the 23<sup>rd</sup> and current President of the French Republic. Before assuming his functions, he was from 1993 to 1995 Minister of the Budget during François Mitterrand's last term. Under Jacques Chirac's presidency he served as Minister of the Interior from May 2002 to March 2004, then was appointed Minister of Finances from March 2004 to May 2005 and again Minister of the Interior until 2007.



### H. M. Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden

H.M. Carl XVI Gustaf, full name Carl Gustaf Folke Hubertus Bernadotte, has been the King of Sweden since September 15<sup>th</sup> 1973, when he succeeded his grandfather, King Gustaf VI Adolf. He is married to Queen Silvia of Sweden and has three children.



### H.M. Juan Carlos I, King of Spain

H.M. Juan Carlos I, baptized as *Juan Carlos Alfonso Víctor María de Borbón y Borbón-Dos Sicilias*, is the reigning King of Spain. He was designated king on November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1975 - the Spanish throne had been vacant for 44 years before that. King Juan Carlos oversaw the transition of Spain to parliamentary democracy. He married Sophia of Greece and Denmark in 1962. The couple have three children and eight grandchildren.



### H. M. Albert II, King of The Belgians

H. M. Albert II, full name Albert Félix Humbert Théodore Christian Eugène Marie, is the 6<sup>th</sup> and ruling King of the Belgians. Born with the title of Prince of Liège, he is the second son of King Léopold III and his first wife, Astrid of Sweden. He ascended to the throne in 1993, on the death of his elder brother, King Baudouin. He has been married since 1959 to Queen Paola, with whom he has three children.



**H.M. King Letsie III of Lesotho**

H.M. King Letsie III is the reigning king of Lesotho. He succeeded his father, Moshoeshoe II, when the latter was forced into exile in 1990. His father was briefly restored in 1995 but Letsie III became king again upon his death in 1996.

**H. E. Mr Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland**

H.E. Mr Ólafur Ragnar Grimsson is the fifth and current President of Iceland. He has served as President since 1996. He also served as Minister of Finance from 1988 to 1991. In recent years, he has been outspoken on the issues of renewable energy and global climate change.

**H.E. Ms Mary McAleese, President of the Republic of Ireland**

H.E. Mrs Mary McAleese is the eighth and current President of Ireland and Ireland's second female President. Prior to this appointment, she was a barrister, journalist and academic. She was first elected president in 1997 and won a second term, without a contest, in 2004. Her birth in Belfast means that she is the first President to have come from both Northern Ireland and the Province of Ulster. She is a member of the Council of Women World Leaders.

**H.R.H. Henri, Grand-Duke of Luxembourg**

H.R.H. Henri, Grand Duke of Luxembourg is the head of state of Luxembourg. He is the eldest son of Jean, Grand Duke of Luxembourg and Princess Joséphine-Charlotte of Belgium. He is a nephew of the current King of the Belgians, Albert II. He acceded as Grand Duke on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2000, immediately after the abdication of his father.



**H. E. Mr Michel Sleiman of Lebanon**



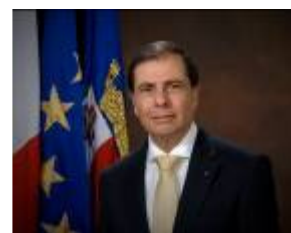
H.E. Mr Michel Sleiman was elected President of Lebanon on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2008. Prior to this, he was the Commander of the Armed Forces since 1998, succeeding General Emile Lahoud when he became President.



**H.E. Mr George Abela, President of Malta**



H.E. Mr George Abela is the incumbent President of Malta. He was sworn in for a five-year term in April 2009. Prior to this, he was the Chairman of the Malta Football Federation and ran a private legal practice.



**H. E. Mr Christian Wulff, President of the Federal Republic of Germany**



H.E. Mr Christian Wulff is a German lawyer and politician, and the current Federal President since June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. Prior to this, he was the Premier of Lower Saxony from 2003 to 2010.



**H. E. Mr Pál Schmitt, President of Hungary**



H.E. Mr Pál Schmitt is the current President of Hungary, sworn in on August 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. He was a successful fencer in his youth, winning two gold medals at the Summer Olympics of 1968 and 1972 and is a member of the International Olympic Committee. He was also formerly the Vice President of the European Parliament and the speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary.



**H.E. Ms Maria Luisa Berti, Captain Regent of San Marino**



H.E. Ms Maria Luisa Berti is a Captain Regent (head of state and of government for San Marino) for the April to October 2011 political term. The post is shared with H.E. Mr Filippo Tamagnini. The practice of dual heads of government is derived directly from the customs of the Roman Republic, equivalent to the consuls of ancient Rome.



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**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE HEIRS OF REIGNING MONARCHIES  
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**H.R.H. Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince of Bahrain, representing H.M. the King of Bahrain**



Prince Salman bin Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa was appointed Crown Prince of the State of Bahrain by H.M. King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, then Amir of the State of Bahrain, on March 9<sup>th</sup> 1999.



**H.R.H. Prince Philippe, Duke of Brabant, Prince of Belgium**



Prince Philippe, Duke of Brabant, Prince of Belgium is the eldest son and heir apparent of H.M. Albert II, King of the Belgians and H.M. Queen Paola. He is married to Princess Mathilde, who will also be present at the Royal wedding, and they have four children.



**H.R.H. Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange**



Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange, is the eldest child of H.M. Queen Beatrix and Prince Claus. Since 1980 he is the heir apparent to the throne of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He married Princess Máxima, who will also be present at the Royal wedding, in 2002 and they have three daughters



**H.R.H. Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark**



Frederik, Crown Prince of Denmark, Count of Monpezat, is the heir apparent to the throne of Denmark. Prince Frederik is the elder son of H.M. Queen Margrethe II and Henrik, the Prince Consort. He is married to Crown Princess Mary, who will also be attending the Royal wedding, and they have four children.



**H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein** 

Alois Philipp Maria, Hereditary Prince of Liechtenstein, Count of Rietberg is the eldest son of H.S.H. Hans Adam II, Prince of Liechtenstein and Countess Marie Aglaë Kinsky of Wchinitz and Tettau. He has been Regent of Liechtenstein since 15 August 2004.



**H.R.H. Crown Prince Haakon of Norway** 

Haakon, Crown Prince of Norway is the heir apparent to the throne of Norway. He is married to Crown Princess Mette-Marit, who will also be attending the Royal wedding.



**H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden** 

Victoria, Crown Princess of Sweden, Duchess of Västergötland is the heiress-apparent to the Swedish throne. She is married to Prince Daniel, Duke of Västergötland, who will also be present at the Royal wedding.



**H.R.H. Guillaume, Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg**



Guillaume, Hereditary Grand Duke of Luxembourg has been Heir Apparent to the crown of Luxembourg since his father's accession in 2000. He is also a descendant of the House of Nassau, founded in 1093, which has ruled Luxembourg since 1890.



**BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS REIGNING MONARCHIES  
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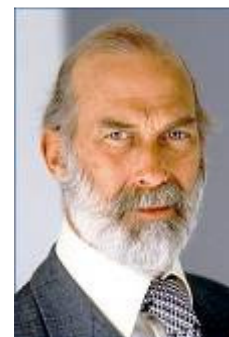
**H.R.H. the Earl of Wessex, representing H.M. Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** 

H.R.H. Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, is the third son and fourth and youngest child of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. He is representing his mother, H.M. the Queen, and will be accompanied by his wife, H.R.H. Sophie, the Countess of Wessex.



**H.R.H. Prince Michael of Kent** 


Prince Michael of Kent is a grandson of King George V and Mary of Teck, making him a cousin of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. Prince Michael occasionally carries out royal duties representing H.M. the Queen at some functions in Commonwealth realms outside of the United Kingdom.



**H.R.H. Princess Astrid of Belgium, Archduchess of Austria-Este** 

Princess Astrid of Belgium, Archduchess of Austria-Este is the daughter and second child of H.M. King Albert II and his wife Queen Paola of the Belgians. Princess Astrid is married to Archduke Lorenz of Austria-Este, who will also be present at the Royal wedding, and they have five children.



**H.R.H. Princess Lalla Meriem, representing H.M. the King of Morocco** 

Princess Lalla Meriem of Morocco is the first daughter and the eldest child of the late King Hassan II of Morocco and his wife Lalla Latifa Hammou. She will be representing her brother, H.M. King Mohammed VI and will be accompanied by her daughter, Princess Lalla Soukaïna.





**H.R.H. Prince Faisal bin al Hussein of Jordan**



Prince Faisal bin al Hussein of Jordan is the son of the late King Hussein and Princess Muna Al Hussein, and the younger brother of H.M. King Abdullah II. He is also currently the head of the Jordanian Olympic Committee and a member of the International Olympic Committee.



**H.R.H. Prince Laurent of Belgium**



Prince Laurent of Belgium is the second son and third child of H.M. King Albert II and Queen Paola of the Belgians. He is married to H.R.H. Princess Claire, who will also be present at the Royal wedding, and they have three children.



**H.R.H. Prince Joachim of Denmark**



Prince Joachim of Denmark, Count of Monpezat, is a member of the Danish Royal Family. He is the younger son of H.M. Queen Margrethe II and Henrik, Prince Consort of Denmark. He is married to H.R.H. Princess Marie, who will also be attending the Royal wedding.



**H.R.H. Prince Carl-Philip of Sweden**



Prince Carl Philip, Duke of Värmland, is the second child of three children and only son of H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.



**H.R.H. Princess Madeleine of Sweden** 

Princess Madeleine of Sweden, Duchess of Hälsingland and Gästrikland, is the youngest child and second daughter of H.M. King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.



**H.R.H. Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana of Thailand** 

Princess Sirivannavari Nariratana is a Princess of Thailand and the only daughter of Crown Prince Maha Vajralongkorn and Sucharini Vivacharavongse. She is therefore the granddaughter of H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej.



**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-REIGNING MONARCHIES  
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**H.R.H. Prince Henri of Orléans, Count of Paris (France)**

Prince Henri of Orléans, Count of Paris, Duke of France, is a claimant to the French throne, as well as an author, a painter and a former military officer.



**H.R.H. Maximilian, Margrave of Baden (Germany)**

Maximilian, Margrave of Baden, is the son of Berthold, Margrave of Baden and Princess Theodora of Greece and Denmark. He is the head of the Grand-Ducal House of Baden and the representative of the descent of the Kings of Sweden of the House of Holstein-Gottorp.



**H. H. Prince Aga Khan**

H.H. Shāh Karīm al-Ḥussaynī, The Āgā Khān IV, is the 49<sup>th</sup> and current Imam of the Shia Imami Nizari Ismaili Muslims. He has held this position under the title of Āgā Khān since July 11<sup>th</sup> 1957, when, at the age of 20, he succeeded his grandfather, Sultan Mahomed Shah Aga Khan. The Āgā Khān is responsible for the interpretation of the faith for his followers and as part of the office of the Imamate, endeavors to improve the quality of their lives and the communities where they live.



**H.R.H. Vittorio Emanuele, Duke of Savoia, Prince of Naples (Italy)**

Vittorio Emanuele, Duke of Savoia, Prince of Naples, is the only son of the last King of Italy Umberto II. He is married to H.R.H. Princess Marina.



**Her Imperial Majesty Empress Farah Pahlavi (Iran)**

Farah Pahlavi is the former Queen and Empress of Iran. She is the widow of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran, and only Empress (*Shahbanu*) of modern Iran. She was Queen consort of Iran from 1959 until 1967 and Empress consort from 1967 until exile in 1979.



**H.S.H. Princess Virginia Ira von Fürstenberg**

Princess Virginia (Ira) of Fürstenberg is a European socialite, actress, jewelry designer, and a former public relations manager for the fashion designer Valentino Garavani. She is the niece of Gianni Agnelli, the former chairman of Fiat.



**H.R.H. Prince Leopold of Bavaria (Germany)**

Prince Leopold of Bavaria is a member of the Bavarian Royal House of Wittelsbach and a former champion race car driver.



**H.R.H. Duarte Pio, Duke of Braganza (Portugal)**

Dom Duarte Pio, Duke of Braganza, is the 24th Duke of Braganza and a claimant to the throne of Portugal. He currently has a practice as an agricultural development consultant and owns a farm which produces olive oil and downstream products.



**H.R.H. Alexander, Crown Prince of Serbia**

H.R.H. Crown Prince Alexander II Karađorđević, Crown Prince of Serbia, is the last crown prince of the former Kingdom of Serbia and the head of the House of Karađorđević.



**H.R.H. Princess Margarita of Romania**

Princess Margarita of Romania, also styled as Crown Princess of Romania, Custodian of the Romanian Crown, former Princess of Hohenzollern, is the eldest daughter of Michael I (Mihai), King of Romania, former Prince of Hohenzollern, and of his wife, Anne of Bourbon-Parma. Princess Margarita's father, King Michael, named her the heiress to the private royal family in 1997.



**H.I.H. Grand Duchess Maria of Russia**

Maria Vladimirovna, Grand Duchess of Russia, is a claimant to the Headship of the Imperial Family of Russia.



**H.R.H. the Duke of Castro (Italy)**

Prince Carlo of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, Duke of Castro, is one of two claimants to the headship of the House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies.



**H.R.H. Bernard, Hereditary Prince of Baden (Germany)**

Bernhard, Hereditary Prince of Baden, is the eldest son of Maximilian, Margrave of Baden and Archduchess Valerie of Austria



**H.R.H. Emanuele Filiberto of Savoia (Italy)**

Emanuele Filiberto, Prince of Venice and Piedmont, is a member of the House of Savoy and the only child and heir of Vittorio Emanuele, Prince of Naples. He is the grandson of Umberto II, last King of Italy. He is married to French actress Clotilde Courau, known as Princess Clotilde, who will also be attending the Royal wedding.



**H.R.H. Louis de Bourbon, Duke of Anjou (France)**

Prince Louis Alphonse of Bourbon, Duke of Anjou, is a claimant to the French throne. He is a great-grandson of King Alfonso XIII of Spain and first cousin once removed of King Juan Carlos I of Spain.



**H.I.R.H. Prince Georg Friedrich of Prussia (Germany)**

Georg Friedrich Ferdinand, Prince of Prussia, is the current head of the Imperial House of Hohenzollern, the former ruling house of the German Empire or II Reich and the Kingdom of Prussia.



**H.I.H. Grand Duke George of Russia**

Grand Duke George Mikhailovich of Russia is the heir apparent to Maria Vladimirovna, Grand Duchess of Russia, a claimant to the disputed Headship of the Imperial Family of Russia.



**BIOGRAPHIES OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF HEADS OF STATE  
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**Mr Marthinus Van Schalkwyk, representing H.E. the  
President of South Africa** 

Mr Marthinus van Schalkwyk is the Minister of Tourism in the Cabinet of South Africa. He is representing H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, the President of South Africa.



**Mr Karlheinz Töchterle, representing H.E. the President of  
Austria** 

Mr Karlheinz Töchterle is the Austrian Federal Minister for Science and Research and is representing H.E. Mr Heinz Fischer, the President of Austria.



**H.E. Mr Missoum Sbih, representing H.E. the President of  
the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria** 

H.E. Mr Missoum Sbih is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Algeria to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. President Abdulaziz Bouteflika of Algeria.



**H.E. Mr Marc Lortie, representing H.E. the Governor-  
General of Canada** 

H.E. Mr Marc Lortie is the Ambassador of Canada to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. the Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnston, Governor General of Canada.





**H. E. Mr Mirko Galic, representing H.E. the President of Croatia** 

H.E. Mr Mirko Galic is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Croatia to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. Mr Ivo Josipović, the President of Croatia.



**H.E. Mr Ulrich Lehner, representing H.E. the President of the Swiss Confederation** 

H.E. Mr Ulrich Lehner is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Swiss Confederation to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. Mrs Micheline Calmy-Rey, the President of the Swiss Confederation.



**H.E. Mr Tomasz Orłowski, representing H.E. the President of Poland** 

H.E. Mr Tomasz Orłowski is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Poland to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. Mr Bronisław Komorowski, President of Poland.



**H. E. Mr Charles Rivkin, representing H.E. the President of the United States of America** 

H.E. Mr Charles Hammerman Rivkin is the current Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. Mr Barack Obama, the President of the United States of America.



**H. E. Mr Constantin Chalastanis, representing H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic** 


H.E. Mr Constantin Chalastanis is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Hellenic Republic to Monaco and France. He is representing H.E. Dr Karolios Papoulias, the President of the Hellenic Republic.



**H.E. Mr Viraphand Vacharathit, representing H.M. the King of Thailand** 

H.E. Mr Viraphand Vacharathit is the current Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to Monaco and France. He is representing His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, the King of Thailand



**H. E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou, representing H.E. the President of the Republic of Cyprus** 

H.E. Mr Kornelios Korneliou is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cyprus to France and Monaco. He is representing H.E. Mr Dimitris Christofias, the President of the Republic of Cyprus.



**H.E. Ms Salma Ahmed, representing H.E. the President of Kenya** 

H.E. Ms Salma Ahmed is the Ambassador of Kenya to France, representing H.E. Mr Mwai Kibaki, the President of Kenya.



**H. E. Mr Lejeune Mbella Mbella, representing H.E. the President of Cameroon** 

H.E. Mr Lejeune Mbella Mbella has been the Ambassador of Cameroon to France since 2006. He is representing H.E. Mr Paul Biya, the President of Cameroon.



**Mr Jeffrey Radebe, second representative of H.E. the President of South Africa** 

Mr Jeffrey Radebe is South Africa's Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development. He is the second representative of H.E. Mr Jacob Zuma, President of South Africa.



**H.E. Ms Veronika Stabej, representing H.E. the President of the Republic of Slovenia** 

H.E. Ms Veronika Stabej is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Slovenia to Monaco and France. She was nominated on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010. She is representing H.E. Dr Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia.



## SELECTION OF VIP PERSONALITIES PRESENT AT THE ROYAL WEDDING

### **Mrs Bernadette Chirac**

Mrs Bernadette Chirac is a French politician and the wife of the former President Jacques Chirac. Since 2001, she has been a leading member of the "Pièces Jaunes," an organization that helps children in French hospitals by collecting small change and donating it to hospitals.



### **Count Jacques Rogge**

Count Jacques Rogge is a Belgian orthopaedic surgeon, former sportsman and, since 2001, the eighth President of the International Olympic Committee, the supreme authority of the Olympic movement. He was elevated to Count by H.M. King Albert II of Belgium in 2002.



### **Mr Jean Todt**

Mr Jean Todt is the president of the FIA, motor sport's world governing body, following his election in 2009. He is also a former executive director of Scuderia Ferrari, the Ferrari company's Formula One constructor. On October 25<sup>th</sup> 2006, he was appointed as the company's CEO.



### **Ms Michelle Yeoh**

Ms Michelle Yeoh is a Hong Kong-based Malaysian actress and dancer, well known for performing her own stunts in the action films that brought her to fame in the early 1990s. She is best known in Europe for her roles in *Tomorrow Never Dies*, *Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon* and *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

