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Fellow members of the American Association:



National Membership Conference:

Hats off to Betsy and John Swanhaus and their Connecticut Area Conference Committee for staging an excellent National Membership Conference at Fairfield University over the weekend of September 16th to 18th. About 180 of our members attended. The program was geared to help us enhance

our spirituality, to demonstrate some excellent Malta projects and ministries, and to inform us of the activities and plans of the American Association. Our host, Fr. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., President of Fairfield University, was most gracious, and participated with us throughout the conference. And we appreciate very much the fact that Edward Cardinal Egan and Bishop William Lori were present to celebrate our Masses. All in all, it was an outstanding conference.

We plan to hold these conferences every two years, and I encourage all of you to participate. If you don't, you're missing a great experience. The next conference will be held in September 2007, and will be hosted by the New Jersey Area.

Malteaser International / Katrina:

In recent communications, we have described the Order's disaster relief activities, carried out by Malteaser International (MI) (formerly ECOM).

Up until now, I thought of MI as being a very cost effective relief organization that made a big difference in disaster relief situations, but in other countries. My thinking was that we in the U.S. don't need any outside help. We can and should solve our own problems. Sure, we have had serious natural disasters in the U.S., with some deaths and extensive property damage, but it always seemed to me that the real disasters were the earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcano eruptions that killed tens of thousands of people in places like Mexico, Ecuador, Thailand, India, and Indonesia.

Katrina has changed my mindset. It is now being called the worst natural disaster the U.S. has ever experienced, not because of its death toll of 1,000, but because so many men, women, and children, mostly very poor and illiterate, have been displaced, with little hope of recovery in the near term. All of a sudden, the rest of the world sees us in great need, and many foreign countries have volunteered both money and manpower to help us out. Imagine that!

The three U.S. Associations of the Order, whose members have contributed about \$500,000 for Katrina relief as of September 24th, have teamed up and, in consultation with MI, which is on the scene in Louisiana, will carry out social rehabilitation programs that will be ongoing for the foreseeable future.

Annual Meeting, Investiture, and Dinner:

I encourage all of you to be in New York for our various annual events from November 10th until the 12th (and the November 9th event described below). This year, we are honored that His Highness, the Prince and Grand Master of the Order, Fra' Andrew Bertie, will conduct the Investiture Ceremony and speak to us at the Dinner. Also, because Edward Cardinal Egan will be out of the country that weekend, Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit, will be the celebrant of the Investiture Mass. Our guest speaker at the Dinner will be Jim Towey, Director of Faith Based Initiatives, a "direct report" to President Bush.

Path to Peace Award:

It's important that you know that our Grand Master will receive the Path to Peace Award, from the Holy See's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations. The award will be granted at a dinner to be held at the Sky Club in New York City on Wednesday, November 9th. All members of the Order are invited to attend this black tie event, and I encourage you to do so. Call Jack Shine in our New York office for more information at 212-371-1522.

Board of Councillors Election:

Soon you will receive a ballot for the election of eight members of the Board of Councillors for three-year terms beginning in January 2006. All of the candidates, including five incumbent members of the Board, are excellent. I urge you to send in your votes as soon as you can. The results of the election will be announced at our Annual Business Meeting on November 11th.

World Day for the Sick:

On or about February 9, 2006, we will join with the Federal and Western Associations in recognition of World Day for the Sick. All across the country, we will take local Malades to Healing Masses arranged by members in each of our Areas.

Board of Councillors Meeting:

The Board met in Connecticut on September 16th. Outcomes of the meeting, other than the matters mentioned above, include:

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The Order of Malta Brings Hope to Homeless, Seemingly Helpless Souls

By Jan Rasmussen

In the city of St. Louis, Missouri, roughly 90,000 people live below the poverty level. 13,000 people are living in shelters or on the streets. Since 1983, St. Patrick Center has positively impacted the lives of more than 85,000 homeless persons. We are the largest provider of homeless services in Missouri with 19 programs that serve over 10,000 people each year. We've watched thousands transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency, but we could not realize our vision of Homeless No More without the continued financial support of friends like the Order of Malta.

For nearly 14 years, the Order of Malta has played a crucial role in the lives of our clients. St. Patrick Center founder and Director Emeritus, Dame Edith Cunnane, remembers receiving the Order's first financial gift. "The Order of Malta really came to my rescue when we were trying to improve and expand services."

The Order of Malta has graciously given well over \$300,000 in grants and gifts, focusing on the Homeless Women's Night Program, Drug and Alcohol treatment programs and services for the mentally ill. The Order has also provided funding and a van for St. Patrick Center's Mobile Outreach program.

"St. Patrick Center is a remarkable charity," says Knight Jack Pohrer, "a hands on project for the St. Louis Knights and Dames is to prepare weekend dinners for the mentally ill homeless at Rosati Center."

In fact, according to St. Patrick Center Casserole Program Director, Dame Susan Reese, it was the Order of Malta that started the weekend casserole program at Rosati, a transitional living center for clients suffering from mental illness. "We are very grateful the Order of Malta responds and gives St. Patrick Center the financial support that it does."

The best way for you to understand the impact of the Order of Malta's long-time commitment to St. Patrick Center is to hear—first-hand—from a client whose life has been changed. In his own words, Jack Gadsen writes, "In October of 1990 I had been high for a whole month. I found myself just wandering the streets of Los Angeles, California, far away from my hometown of Philadelphia. I felt—as I had my whole life—that no one wanted me. I had alienated my family and hadn't seen my daughter in three years."

"One night I was walking on an overpass, high on drugs, when a voice inside my head told me to jump. I didn't hesitate—I jumped."

"I landed on top of a truck and the driver slammed on his brakes. I slid off and got all scratched up, but nothing was broken. I now believe that for some reason God was there—holding out his hand to catch me."

Jack Gadsen spent the weekend at a Los Angeles psychiatric center where they gave him a bus ticket back to Philadelphia. His trip included a stop in St. Louis. "I found a bar, started drinking and doing drugs and ended up in a local hospital in cardiac arrest. The next morning the doctor gave me some medication for my heart and told me that when I got back to Philadelphia, I should tell my doctor what happened."

"I was back on the street, finding my way to the bus station when I thought, 'If this is all that's left in life, it's not worth it.' I took all the prescription pills and drank vodka. I was sitting on the bus station steps getting groggy when some people from St. Patrick Center walked by. They asked me if I wanted to go with them, because I didn't look too good. I agreed."

What followed next for Jack was intense counseling by mental health experts at St. Patrick Center, who convinced Jack to check into a mental hospital for 45 days. After that, Jack spent another month in rehab. He started to board the bus for (continued on back cover)



Jack Gadsen



Our Mission

The American Association of the Order of Malta, carefully observing the centuries-old tradition of the Order, has as its mission, to enhance the glory of God through the sanctification of its members, through dedication to and defense of the faith and the Holy See and through service to our fellow man, especially the sick and poor.



Lourdes Pilgrimage XXI “Come Be My Light”

by Elissa and Joe Metz



“A pilgrimage is not only a means of renewing our being in the Light of Faith... it is also a testimony: to proclaim openly that we are Christians and that we want to live as Christians in a visible way to distinguish ourselves in the world and to separate ourselves from the world.” Neri Capponi, *Toward A Spirituality of Communion*

These words remind us of the essential place of the Lourdes Pilgrimage in our individual spiritual life and in the mission and works of the Order of Malta. As we begin to get ready for our 2006 Pilgrimage, we can do nothing better than to reflect upon our own reasons for making the pilgrimage and how it fits into our relationship with the Order of Malta.

Although the Order is over 1,000 years old and our first works for the sick and the poor were to provide shelter and safety for pilgrims to and from the Holy Land, it was only shortly after World War II, in 1949, that the first Malta pilgrimage group, from Germany, came to Lourdes, followed in 1958 by the First International Pilgrimage of the Order. It was as though the Order found its new spiritual home and place to practice its mission in serving others. As Albrecht von Boeselager, the Grand Hospitaller, has explained, “Lourdes is synonymous with the renewal of the Order; the many hospitaller activities of the Order around the world over the past 30 years have their roots in Lourdes in one way or another.”

Our own American Association made its first pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1986, so we are really not newcomers to Lourdes, but very much a part of the worldwide Order’s mission in Lourdes: to bring the sick to the Shrine of Our Lady and to be hand-in-hand with them in prayer, procession, and worship. Other long-established Lourdes associations, such as the Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes, “welcome” the sick; we in the Order of Malta “bring” the sick to Lourdes the first week of May each year with several thousand other Members of the Order from their respective countries. The beauty of being in Lourdes during the first week of May, the month of Our Lady, is that as we happily accompany our malades in voitures through the narrow streets of Lourdes not only are we one in spirit with our confreres but also we are part of a larger sea of pilgrims with whom we pass through the gates of the Domain into what is truly the “Heavenly City.”

Father Raymond Zambelli, the Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, has written: “The Lourdes crowds are far from being homogeneous. They are made up of pilgrims, visitors, those who are curious and many others. Jesus wants to speak to us all and, to reach each person in the depths of his being, he takes the path most familiar to us: the path of suffering. It is widely acknowledged that everyone suffers whether they are rich or poor, sick or well, famous or unknown. Nobody can say: “I haven’t suffered or “I will never suffer.” This is why the call “Come to me, all you who labour” reaches every person in the very depths and darkness of their heart. This is why Jesus’ cry is louder in Lourdes than in other places.”

As we turn our thoughts to Lourdes, we remember how Lourdes has fundamentally changed the lives of those of us who have been privileged to have already made a pilgrimage. And we remember that at one time or another in our lives, we have all been malades, whether physically-ill or in need of a cure of the heart. In Lourdes, we in the Order of Malta walk hand-in-hand with those whom we bring to the Grotto. We are one with them in solidarity. We want you to have this experience for the first time or again. This is what the Order of Malta is all about in its service to the sick and the poor throughout the world and in its witness to the Faith.

And when our American Association returns to Lourdes in 2006, let us remember that “we are all in this together.” Each one of us is essential to the success of the pilgrimage, and it is this spirit of unity and love that we seem to almost miraculously develop, that allows us individually and collectively to rise to our calling as members of a lay religious order.

Each year the Sanctuary of Lourdes celebrates a “great sign” based on Holy Scripture and manifesting the message of our Lady of Lourdes. The 2006 Lourdes Pastoral Theme will be the “Light.” Following this theme, the theme of the American Association Pilgrimage this coming year will be “Come Be My Light,” Jesus’ invitation to Mother Teresa that illumined here entire life. We want to share with you the words of a locution from Jesus to Mother Teresa, taken from an unpublished letter by Mother to her spiritual director, dated 1947:

*My little one, come, come,
Carry me into the holes of the poor,
Come be My Light. I cannot go alone.
They don’t know Me, so they don’t want Me.*

*You come, go amongst them.
Carry Me with you to them.*

*I want Indian Nuns, Missionaries of Charity,
who would be My fire of love amongst the poor,
the sick, the dying, and the little children.*

*I want you to bring the poor to Me.
and the Sisters who would offer their lives
as victims of My love, will bring these souls to Me.*

2005 is the Year of the Eucharist, a mystery of Light. How fitting that the 2006 Lourdes Theme is the “Light.” Jesus described Himself to Mother Teresa and in Holy Scripture as the “Light of the World.” We ask you to accept our invitation to follow the Light and bring the Light to others by coming on the Lourdes 2006 Pilgrimage.

The Pilgrimage will depart from New York on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, returning on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. If you cannot come to Lourdes with us next year, we ask that you become virtual Lourdes Pilgrims during that week by praying each day for the good of the Pilgrimage.

All Members of the Order of Malta are strongly encouraged to make the Lourdes Pilgrimage, especially our newly inducted Members and those in preparation for Membership. And we welcome our returning Members and our young Auxiliary whose dedicated and enthusiastic service make the Pilgrimage work so well.

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Lourdes Pilgrimage XXI “Come Be My Light”

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You will receive by mail our invitation to join the Pilgrimage together with reservation forms and related information. If you make the decision to come on the Pilgrimage, please return your reservation form no later than November 15, 2005. Space will be limited so it is important to respond as soon as you can.

We want to leave you with the words of Bernadette when she recalled her first and deepest feelings upon receiving the Apparition of our Lady of Lourdes as the Immaculate Conception on March 25, 1858:

“Oh yes, very beautiful—I’ve never seen anything so beautiful!”

“She is more beautiful than ever!”

“To understand, you’d have to go to heaven.”

“She is so beautiful to behold that you can’t wait to die and to be able to see her again.”

Come to Lourdes in 2006 and find your way to Heaven on earth! ✖

Bequest in Will for Malta

By Jack Mullen



The American Association recently received the incredible news that...a confrere in Indiana had left a significant bequest in his will to the Malta Foundation. His generosity will increase the Foundation endowment by nearly \$400,000. This is especially significant in view of the fact that in 2003 and 2004 approximately 200 of our members went to the Lord and none of them remembered Malta in their wills. We know that this is the fault of the Association since it has never encouraged its members to think of Malta when putting their affairs in order and preparing their estate plans. We will remedy that.

Effective immediately, all issues of The Hospitallers will contain a reminder and a “how to” encouraging our members to remember Malta when preparing their wills and making lifetime gifts.

Secondly, each member of the Board of Councillors and member of the Malta Foundation Board has been asked to express their written intention to include Malta in their wills. This is simply a reminder to Malta and to them of their intentions; it need not be monetarily specific and it will not be intended to be legally enforceable as personal circumstances do change. We believe if the leadership of the Association commits themselves to this expression, other members will follow.

Next we will conduct a “Bequests and Planned Giving” Seminar for the Board of Councillors and the Foundation Board in the Fall. We will follow that up with a similar seminar for our Area Chairmen. We will then assist Area Chairmen to set up their own seminars using local professionals in their areas.

We have a small Fund Development Committee under the chairmanship of Mary Kay Farley. It’s membership is comprised of a few Foundation Board members. We will expand this committee to insure geographic and professional representation from non-Board of Councillors and Foundation members. We want to tap the incredible expertise that exists within our membership to insure our success in these matters.

We are convinced that if we take these steps carefully and professionally we, through your generosity, will enable the Association to support truly Malta works in your areas and in approved national and international programs. Of course, we invite your comments on this and all else that we are trying to do for the American Association. ✖

Fra’ Andrew Willoughby Ninian Bertie to Receive the 2005 Path to Peace Award



On Wednesday, November 9th 2005 His most Eminent Highness, Fra’ Andrew Bertie, the Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, will receive the 2005 Path to Peace Award from the Path to Peace Foundation.

As Grand Master, Prince Bertie oversees the numerous international charitable activities of the Order, which now has observer status at the United Nations. He was admitted to the Sovereign Order of Malta in 1956. He has contributed to the government of the Order since 1981 as a member of the Sovereign Council and in April 1988 he was elected the 78th Prince and Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

It is in recognition of his exemplary charitable works that the Path to Peace Foundation honors His most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master, Fra’ Andrew Bertie with the Path to Peace Award, which will be presented at a Gala Dinner held by the Foundation at the Sky Club in New York City. ✖

If you would like to attend please contact the Order of Malta, American Association’s Executive Office at (212) 371-1522. The tickets for the Gala Dinner are \$500.



Order of Malta Lourdes XX Pilgrimage Morning of Recollection

By Monsignor Frank Caldwell



I would like to begin this talk with the exact same story that I told at the concluding Mass of last year's pilgrimage to Lourdes. But this time, from the opposite perspective. Last year I told the group a story about my mother. Growing up in a family of ten children, my mother would frequently paraphrase the sayings of famous people and apply these concepts to her ten screaming kids. The most frequently used axiom was a paraphrase of John F. Kennedy—which, I think, is original to her. My mother would often say, "Ask not what your mother can do for you! Ask what you can do for your mother."

At the conclusion of a pilgrimage to Lourdes, it's necessary to ask what can we do (now) for our mother (the Blessed Mother), Mary. What can we take away from Lourdes, and bring back home, in order to be spiritually strengthened for what lies ahead in thanksgiving for all the graces of the pilgrimage.

But, now, at the beginning of this 2005 Pilgrimage, it's okay, its understandable, and its necessary to ask what Mary, our Mother can do for us—with our cooperation. That's why we come to Lourdes. We are here as a malade or a caregiver; a doctor or nurse; a knight or dame; as auxiliary or clergy, we are in Lourdes to ask Mary for some form of healing. And what Mary does for us, is to connect us to her Son, through the sacraments and prayer; through the rosary; the baths and spiritual exercises; our fellowship and fun; the processions and Masses.

In asking the question "what can Mary do for us," it's important to be concrete and specific. A vague, non-descript, amorphous, general request for healing, will leave us, with a vague, non-descript, amorphous and general healing. If that's all we want (or all we're aware of—for whatever reasons), that's probably all we'll get—a nice feeling of togetherness for the week, but no substantive change deep down. Not because God is stingy, but because of our unfocused and perhaps half-hearted intentions.

Personally, I find it necessary to write down exactly where I need Mary's intercession (with her Son)—for healing—the concrete and real areas of my life that need renewal and reconciliation. Perhaps it might be useful, for you too, to write down in a journal or just on a piece of paper exactly where you feel (or know) God is calling you towards the healing graces of His Son- through Mary, here in Lourdes.

There have been very few actual miracles of curing here in Lourdes. But, there have been thousands of other kinds of miracles by which people have been "healed" in various dimensions of their lives. Physical cures are possible, but improbable. Spiritual and emotional healing is very possible (perhaps again, for some of us), but only with the spiritual and emotional "work of prayer" that's necessary and commensurate for these goals to be achieved.

And that's exactly what this week is about. It's about work. It's about spiritual work. It's about the work of prayer, in which, we ask WHAT CAN MARY DO FOR US, specifically and concretely with our cooperation. At the end of the week, we must then ask, what can we do for Mary? I'd like to briefly suggest three areas of healing for us to reflect upon—(1) healing "the malade" within ourselves; (2) healing "the malade" in our families and relationships; and (3) healing "the malade" within the Church.

(1) Healing the Malade Within: First, let's consider ourselves, personally. We need to ask Mary to identify the parts of us that need healing—the malade inside each one of us.

Malades: For the malades who are with us perhaps you might consider asking Mary to heal you of any resignation or despair or apathy which might have crept in over time and through the years. What can Our Lady do for you? Maybe there won't be a physical cure for you, but with grace and spiritual cooperation our Blessed Mother might cure some of your sadness or, restore a large measure of hope.

Caregivers: For the caregivers, maybe Our Lady wants you to accept (or even more fully embrace) the privileged (but sometimes burdensome) role you play in being the hands and heart of Jesus to your loved one. Maybe

Mary is asking you to hear anew her words (at the Cana Wedding) to whomever it is that you care for, namely, "do whatever he (or she) tells you." In other words, find Jesus (and the new wine He offers) by bringing out your very best service and love—even now, after you've been doing it so long and generously.

Auxiliaries: For the auxiliaries maybe you could ask Our Lady of Lourdes to build even more upon your already generous response in coming to Lourdes. Could it be that Mary wants you to offer a "fiat," a "yes" to a vocation of service in the Church as a priest or religious or a vocation to a particular apostolate in the midst of your other responsibilities? Maybe you could ask Mary to heal you of any resistance or doubt you might have in going the extra mile or two for her Son.

Clergy: For priests, perhaps we could ask the Blessed Mother to heal us of indifference and negativity towards brother priests or bishops or co-workers. What our Lady of Lourdes can do for us is to help us to be as eager to offer the same degree of understanding and hospitality and pastoral care to our conferrers as we want to offer to the people whom we serve.

Members of the Order: For knights and dames, is it possible to ask Our Lady of Lourdes to purify our motivations for defending the faith and attending to the sick? If there's just an ounce (or if there's a ton) of self-aggrandizement in what we do, Mary can heal us of an enlarged ego. But, only if we recognize the self-centeredness, and desire to be healed of it! St. Paul tells us we should "out do" one another in kindness. He doesn't say we have to "out do," or "one-up" each other in every area of life.

The malades whom we serve here in Lourdes and at home, remind us all, of the "malade within" our hearts and souls. There infirmities are simply more visible than ours (generally). At the beginning of this pilgrimage, we're invited to ask what our Mother can do for us. What our Mother does for us is to offer hope and healing, to the malade within us!

(2) Healing in our Relationships: The second place where we can ask Mary for healing is in our relationships. Yesterday at the Mass in the Rosary Basilica the homilist said "we're all malades, or we will be malades."

Well, I thought about that last night. What happens if I'm a perfectly healthy Knight or Dame or caregiver or auxiliary or priest and I get hit by a bus on the way back to the hotel, and I die instantly? I'm never hospitalized or sick. I just die. I'll never become an "official malade" (it seems), right?

Well, here's where the relationship issue comes in. We're all malades even if we appear to be in perfect shape! That's because we need healing in our relationships. Nobody's perfectly healthy in every single relationship. If we don't seek healing in our relationships now in this life, we will find ourselves metaphorically a "malade" in purgatory.

Now this is my own interpretation of purgatory. It's not necessarily the Church's specific *(continued on page 11)*

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Local Entrepreneurs Partner with Malta House

“It’s important to remember why we are here, to try to be of service to each other and the community and to help others achieve their greatest potential,” says Melanie Barnard, chairwoman of the board and president of Malta House, the Norwalk agency that houses expectant mothers who would otherwise be homeless, has taken its educational mission in a new direction.

Unlike a traditional shelter, Malta House offers a structured home setting for its ten residents, including educational guidance (such as GED and ESL tutoring), assistance in enrolling in career programs and finding placement at local colleges. Now in its eighth year, the Malta House also provides classes in parenting, nutrition, health, computer skills, conflict resolution and building self-esteem to make good life choices.

The organization recently joined forces with Peg and Barb’s Boutique Butters, a two-woman, New Canaan operation run by Barb Shaw and Peg Davidson, to teach its residents about running a small business.

The Boutique Butters idea was suggested to Shaw and Davidson by a friend who knew of Malta House, and suspected that a symbiotic relationship could be established between the two. The young company needed extra hands to handle mixing, labeling, weighing and measuring the product, and many of Malta House’s residents would not be able to find other work due to their advancing pregnancies.

“It’s definitely better than spending the day sleeping,” says a resident who asked to only be identified as Deborah as she labels and stacks the decorative butter containers recently. “And the smells of the butter are really good.”

Currently, four of the women who reside in Malta House have been interviewed and hired by Peg and Barb’s. They carry out their specific duties in the House kitchen, which has been inspected and approved by the Department of Health for this purpose. “For some of our women,” says Barnard, “this is the first real job they’ve ever known. They are learning independence, useful skills, and they’re doing it under the supervision of two women who also have young children.”

And they’re getting into the joy of cooking. One of the workers remarks that the Maple Cinnamon Surprise butter she is helping package “would be great on an English muffin. It just smells as fantastic as it tasted.”

Peg and Barb began selling gourmet flavored butters at the local farmer’s market in New Canaan last year. Their butters were such a neighborhood hit that the duo, who started out making the product at home, now find their wares stocked in several local markets, such as Stewart’s in New Canaan, the Wilton Market in Wilton and the various Food Mart locations.

In the Malta House kitchen, the butters are still being made on a small scale with the intent to grow the amount of product, and the number of hours the new employees spend making it, as the business grows. “It would be great to come here every day, and do this,” says Shaw, “but at the moment, it’s all dictated by demand.” On their first day of production, the combined Peg & Barb’s/Malta House team produced and packaged 10 batches of butter, or slightly more than 100 six-ounce containers.

But with the additional help, the company’s co-founders now have more time to market their butters in new areas, and increase demand. “This is so wonderful,” says Davidson, “such a help to us, every step of the way as we’ve grown this business someone has shown us how to move forward, this is just more of the same.” Shaw and Davidson also have plans to donate a portion of their profits to Malta House as they grow and prosper.

Due in part to its innovative hands-on educational programs, Malta House has a continuous waiting list (they only have enough rooms for ten residents and their children). Conventional shelters are usually unable and unwilling to care for pregnant women, since they do not possess the facilities to care for newborns. According to Barnard, other women (who might have been bunking down with friends or family) can find themselves out of a home when the baby arrives and disrupts the usual schedule. “Women come to us via the courts, schools, other social service agencies, churches and word of mouth (and some just come by,” says Barnard. “Even if we don’t have the room for a new resident, we help them to find other resources) we never leave anyone out in the cold.”

Providing a place to build a future, its volunteers hope, has been the real success of Malta House over the last eight years, since its founding as a work of the Order of Malta, a Roman Catholic Lay Order. The House operates under the beliefs and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, essentially, that life is sacred and to be honored and respected in all its forms and stages, though the residence remains nondenominational and nondiscriminatory. It accepts all women in need who are able to comply with the set policies and programs, like the educational mission.

When families are finally equipped and ready to leave Malta House (the usual stay is about eighteen months), they become part of the 40-plus members of the outreach program, to whom continued support is offered as they begin their new lives. The point, say the volunteers, is to keep up communication, support, guidance and love — just like any family would do. “What we are creating here is a ripple effect of responsible families,” says Barnard, “we are all learning not just to give to, but to give back.” ✳

For more information about Malta House, visit www.maltahouse.org or call 203-857-0088. To learn more about Peg & Barb’s Boutique Butters visit www.pegandbarbs.com.

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Reflections of Lourdes: Laura Palermo

Laura Palmaro was one of our beloved malades during our last pilgrimage to Lourdes. Accompanying Laura as her caregivers were her parents, Denise and Jack. Laura has just completed her Junior Year at Morristown High School, Morristown, New Jersey, where she is an honor student. Laura’s reflections on the pilgrimage follow:

My life has been an interesting ride thus far. I have encountered numerous twists and turns of fate that my parents, doctors, and I could not even begin to understand. Before Lourdes, I had definitely learned to handle my life and accept all that came my way, but I still felt as if I were lost in a quandary, and could never fully understand why I was chosen to undergo such obstacles.

When I was invited to attend the Lourdes pilgrimage, I honestly had no idea of what to expect. As the trip approached, people repeatedly said, “You are going to love Lourdes,” and that “This will change your life forever.” However, being a sixteen-year-old girl from New Jersey, I had no true understanding of what was to come. That would all change very quickly.

From the moment I arrived at the airport, I was able to sense the selflessness that each and every person in the Order of Malta possessed. Not once on the trip was I confused of where to go because someone was always there to guide my way. Not once was I under stress or fatigued because someone was always there to lend a helping hand. I had never felt a stronger sensation of shelter in my life, a type of shelter that truly did change my world. My encounters with everyone from the Knights and Dames of Malta, to the parents of fellow Malades, allowed me to understand that even with today’s hectic schedules and our blindfolded futures there is still this mesmerizing amount of compassion present in humanity that will never discriminate and will never fade.

Although I may not have been physically healed in Lourdes, I feel that my faith

has been heightened to an unknown degree. I feel that my fear about what lies ahead has been transformed into a newborn confidence that I can handle whatever comes my way without questioning reasons of occurrence. It is amazing to think that a person could go to Lourdes one way and leave with a completely changed perspective of life, but that is exactly how I feel about my experience. I have truly been convinced that God does indeed have a plan for all of us with purposes blind to the human eye; however, through my experience in Lourdes, I have learned that in life we are never alone and we are meant to overcome our obstacles with the help of each other, together, as one.

I sincerely thank the Order of Malta for sharing its compassion, and blessing me with the opportunity to experience the true entrancement of Lourdes. ✳



GRANTS BY AREA

FUNDED RECOMMENDATIONS 2005

Name	Amount Granted	Purpose
Connecticut (174)		
Malta House of Good Counsel Norwalk, CT	\$25,000	Grant to support programs for unwed mothers and their babies.
Malta Prison Volunteers of CT, Inc. Bridgeport, CT	\$12,500	This grant will assist this prison ministry with evangelization. Funds will be used for the purchase of bibles.
Saint Catherine Academy Bridgeport, CT	\$12,500	Will help to meet \$2 million fund raising effort to increase its enrollment from 11 to 15 children over the next 5 years, enrich its curriculum, increase its professional and management staff, and build a new state-of-the-art learning facility. It will also allow them to renovate and add to a former school and create a modern, fully equipped learning center for intellectually challenged children with very special needs.
Shepherd's, Inc. Fairfield, CT	\$25,000	Will be allocated towards scholarships and Program Support of Shepherds Recruitment and Mentor Training Activities. Requesting funding for continued support of five (5) partial scholarships at Notre Dame of West Haven where tuition is expected to escalate from \$6775 to \$7175 with the start of the 2005 academic year.
Total Connecticut:	\$75,000	
Miami, Florida (148)		
A Safe Haven for Newborns Miami, FL	\$10,000	Will go toward the total estimated cost of \$40,000 to produce copy and distribute throughout the State of Florida an awareness/education video saving children, focusing on middle school, high schools, colleges and universities, both public and private.
Birthline and Lifeline Delray Beach, FL	\$25,000	Will be used for the purchase of an ultrasound machine and training of current R.N. administrator.
Marian Center School and Services, Inc. Miami Gardens, FL	\$10,000	To renovate the convent to insure the health and welfare of the four Sisters now living there who continue to minister to the poor, the ill and the developmentally disabled.
New Hope Charities, Inc. West Palm Beach, FL	\$10,000	Will allow program to continue to serve the hungry children and families in the rural area of Western Palm Beach County for the fiscal year.
St. Ann Mission Naranja, FL	\$25,000	Medical services clinic is operated year round for the benefit of impoverished migrant farm working families with no means of receiving fee-for-medical services.
Total Miami, FL:	\$80,000	
Naples, Florida (26)		
Hope for Haiti Naples, FL	\$5,000	Will help make sure that children of the poor will have the ability to participate in the promise of the New Haiti and not be relegated to a life of abject poverty and to meet the ever increasing needs of their National Program.
Total Naples, FL:	\$5,000	
Vero Beach, Florida (34)		
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission Fellsmere, FL	\$12,500	Will provide part of youth minister's salary and continue to influence Catholic youth in developing a Catholic community lifestyle, evangelization, justice, service, and prayers and worship to the Lord.
Total Vero Beach, FL :	\$12,500	
Illinois (33)		
Port Ministries Chicago, IL	\$20,000	Will provide operating support to the clinic and fund equipment and supplies as needed.
Total Illinois:	\$20,000	
Indiana (34)		
LOGAN Community Resources, Inc. South Bend, IN	\$20,000	This grant will help to fund the Advocacy Center in the support of this community's most vulnerable citizens.
Women's Care Center Malta House South Bend, IN	\$10,000	This grant will help to upgrade the ultrasound program.
Total Indiana:	\$30,000	
Massachusetts (200)		
A Women's Concern Dorchester, MA	\$15,000	Will underwrite the cost of expanding ultrasound services at one of their five centers for 2005 by funding additional hours for the Nurse Manager who administers these procedures.
Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program Boston, MA	\$20,000	Will help to increase the capacity of the Street Team and the Research Department to collect, analyze, and interpret data relevant to the primary and preventative care of the street population.
My Brother's Keeper Easton, MA	\$13,000	This grant will help to buy supplementary food.
Nativity Prep Jamaica Plains, MA	\$15,000	Will assist Nativity Prep by funding a significant percentage of the total cost of the Summer Intensive Program. This grant would directly support the operating costs of the program, including room and board at Holy Cross, staff and salaries and benefits, and transportation costs.
The Catholic Teachings on Morality and Sexuality – Diocese of Fall River Plymouth, MA	\$15,000	To disseminate current medical information on the effects of sexually transmitted diseases.
Total Massachusetts:	\$78,000	
Michigan (68)		
Angel's Place Southfield, MI	\$25,000	Seed money for the Christian Artisan Program Cooperative for persons with developmental disabilities.
Hope Medical Clinic, Inc. Ypsilanti, MI	\$25,000	This grant will help provide dental services, offer a hypertension clinic, asthma education, educational services for newly diagnosed diabetes and assist in the funding of additional staff.
Right to Life of Michigan Educational Fund Farmington Hills, MI	\$5,000	Would help to establish a working and viable Life of a People office, help to hire one new staff person, purchase laptop computers, projectors and training materials for the volunteer presenters.
Rose Hill Center, Inc. Holly, MI	\$21,000	To develop a program for individuals who because of the constraints of their illness, need to learn (or re-learn), develop and practice skills needed to successfully achieve independence. Funds will also allow the purchase of materials, the funding of field trips and other activities, and provide healthcare and dental services.
Total Michigan:	\$76,000	



GRANTS BY AREA

FUNDED RECOMMENDATIONS 2005

Missouri (56)		
St. Patrick Center St. Louis, MO	\$25,000	Will help fund the Mobile Outreach Program, the Women's Night Program, and the Rosati Transitional Living Center.
Total Missouri:	\$25,000	
New Jersey (161)		
Birth Haven, Inc. Newton, NJ	\$15,000	Assist in the expansion of the existing house purchased in 1995 to more adequately accommodate the programs offered for pregnant and homeless women.
Good Counsel, Inc. Hoboken, NJ	\$15,000	Seed money to open the Hoboken Home which will provide additional housing.
Saint Luke Institute Silver Springs, MD	\$10,000	Will help underwrite treatment costs for those lacking sufficient financial resources, focusing on meeting the needs of those living in the New Jersey area.
Several Sources Foundation (Pro-life Shelter) Ramsey, NJ	\$15,000	To assist in keeping pro-life shelters open and continuing the 24-hour toll free hotline for women who are contemplating abortion.
St. Joseph Convent Roselle, NJ	\$5,000	To help to finance a stipend for a sister chaplain at St. Barnabas Hospital for 2005.
Total New Jersey Area:	\$60,000	
New York, Five Boroughs (141)		
Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children New York, NY	\$2,500	Assistance for pro-life programs within the Archdiocese of NY.
Expectant Mother Care Yonkers, NY	\$25,000	Will help them to provide free pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound, and in half of its sites, free and/or subsidized prenatal care.
Project Reach New York, NY	\$25,000	To help with proposed program to work with NYC area schools and affiliated community partners to reach 1000 at-risk students and 100 parents from September through December 2005 to increase the number of youth between the ages 12-18 who commit to a lifestyle of abstinence until marriage.
Rosalie Hall, Inc. Bronx, NY	\$25,000	To provide realistic perspective on teen pregnancy and motherhood and to prevent first pregnancies by having teens talk to teens about their own experiences.
Total New York, Five Boroughs:	\$77,500	
New York, Nassau/Suffolk, Long Island (104)		
Heart of the Hamptons Southampton, NY	\$15,000	To help cover the costs of insurance and gasoline, repairs and maintenance of the vehicles.
Life Center of Long Island Massapequa, NY	\$15,000	Will help with expenses for Sexual Integrity Program and yearly retreats.
St. Gabriel's Spiritual Center for Youth Shelter Island Heights, NY	\$25,000	This grant will assist the center to recover from a recent fire and provide funds for retreatants in need.
Total New Yor, Nassau/Suffolk. Long Island	\$55,000	
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (25)		
St. John's Hospice Philadelphia, PA	\$10,000	Fund unsubsidized salaries of two existing managers and an existing social services position. The requested amount will be prorated across the three salaries taking into account their differences.
Total Pennsylvania, Philadelphia:	\$10,000	
Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh (18)		
Little Sisters of the Poor Pittsburgh, PA	\$5,000	Fund a commercial sized van with additional air conditioning to be used to pick-up food and goods for use in the care of residents.
St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School Pittsburgh, PA	\$5,000	To assist in providing school children access to modern computer technology.
Total Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh:	\$10,000	
Rhode Island (30)		
Weybosset Street Community Center Providence, RI	\$25,000	Will provide financial support for the presence of a nurse and testing supplies at the Poverello Center .
Total Rhode Island:	\$25,000	
Total Area Programs	\$639,000	
International Programs		
AmeriCares Stamford, CT	\$150,000	Grant to this national and international relief organization, with the American Association's contribution going to fund relief programs in South and Central America. This is an international project of the American Association.
Bio-Ethical (Canada)	\$10,000	Participate with other national associations throughout Europe in supporting an international bioethics conference in Canada sponsored by the Canadian Association of the Order of Malta.
Crudem Foundation St. Louis, MO	\$100,000	Will fund 30% of the salaries of the Haitian medical professionals essential to the hospital.
Crudem Foundation St. Louis, MO (for Haiti)	\$25,000	Represents annual grant to this Foundation, which supports the Crudem Clinic in Northern Haiti, which assists the sick and poor of this area with medical and nutritional care.
Crudem Foundation St. Louis, MO (for Haiti)	\$3,500	Provide funds to feed 500 children daily at school.
ECOM International Rome, Italy	\$100,000	Represents grant to the international relief arm of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to aid in the relief effort for the tsunami victims.
Haitian Health Foundation Norwich, CT	\$25,000	Will help to decrease morbidity and mortality among the poor during 2005.
Holy Family Hospital Foundation Washington, DC	\$50,000	Represents the sixth installment of a \$500,000 commitment, payable over 10 years, to this Foundation, which benefits the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, which is a worldwide project of the SMOM.



GRANTS BY AREA

FUNDED RECOMMENDATIONS 2005

Honduras Mission—Diocese of Fall River Fall River, MA	\$15,000	To provide for the girls nutrition, books, fees and uniforms.
House of Friendship Inc. Belmar, NJ	\$25,000	To fully equip the dental facilities to enable local and visiting dental professionals to administer dental care in Honduras to approximately 4,000 patients a year.
House of Friendship Inc. Belmar, NJ	\$25,000	For security fences and alarm systems for the orphanages and farm and additional construction at two orphanages in El. Progress, Honduras.
Malteser International Rome, Italy	\$10,000	Represents membership fee and annual contributions to the relief organization of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (new name for ECOM International).
Pierre Toussaint Cap Haitien, Haiti	\$25,000	Will be used to help defray increasing Haitian staff costs and overall program expenses to serve increasing numbers of street homeless boys.
Total International:	\$563,500	
National		
Education for Parish Service Foundation, Inc. Washington, DC	\$25,000	Will help to fund programs leading to the EPS certificate; to secure faculty of the highest quality available, build more effective partnerships with local parishes and provide more adequate clerical support for local program directors. This grant will also help to develop an alternative formation program for Connecticut and the continued development of an alternative program in Florida. It also will develop selected short-term programs for a wider audience.
Order of Malta—Catechism Project	\$25,000	Board of Councillors project to develop and market a DVD program to explain the Catholic Catechism.
Total National	\$50,000	
Grand Total	\$1,252,500	

Malta Medical Mission of Detroit



“What ever you do for the least of my brethren...”

In an effort to establish a Malta Activity that is dedicated to helping the needy, staffed by Malta Members and funded by the Michigan Area, Lou Mahoney KM, Area Chair and the Area Executive Board authorized the establishing of The Malta Medical Mission.

The Michigan Area had been preparing and serving food at St Leo’s Soup Kitchen. The need for medical attention for the hungry being fed at the Soup Kitchen was and is critical. The inaugural convening of the Malta Medical Mission of Detroit happened in October of 2004.

The Soup Kitchen feeds 250 - 300 hungry people a day, six days a week. The Medical Mission gathers twice a month. They service 20 to 30 patients per session. The maladies treated

include diabetes, high blood pressure, asthma, congestion and skin infections. Thirty to forty prescriptions are written at each medical session and the majority is filled on site.

The medical team consists of four doctors, all Malta members and eight nurses/assistants, three of whom are members of the Order. They are all volunteers.

The Michigan Chapter absorbs the cost of the medical equipment, the medications, and instruments. There are no costs to the needy being served.

Future plans for the clinic include dental care, cholesterol treatment and educational programs. ❖

Questions & Answers

By Chancellor Joseph H. Miller, KM



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Q: What are the Code requirements for admission to the Third Class of the Order?

A: The reception of a Knights and Dames must be preceded by a preparatory period of one year during which the candidate becomes acquainted with the history of the Order and participates in its works and programs.

Q: What other requirements are there?

A: Aspirant Knights or Dames must provide proof of profession of the Catholic religion. The request must be supported by: a certificate of baptism, a marriage certificate is applicable, a letter of recommendation from the bishop of the diocese in

which the candidate lives, and a certificate of completion of the preparatory year.

Q: Who makes the decision on membership in the Order?

A: The decision to admit a candidate into the Order is made by the Grand Master of the Order with the deliberative vote of the Sovereign Council. The Year of Preparation in the American Association is supervised by the Area Chair who recommends consideration by the Admissions Committee of the Association. The Admissions Committee recommends approval by the Association’s Board of Councillors who authorizes the President to make recommendations to the Grand Master and the Sovereign.



Joseph Cianciolo Member of the International Audit Committee of the Order

By Joseph M. Cianciolo, CPA



It has been an informative experience serving as the newest member of the Order's International Audit Committee. Presently the Committee is composed of five European members, Charles Wolfe from the Federal Association and me. Our prime responsibility is to oversee the financial activities of the Grand Magistry. We work closely with Marquis Gian Luca Chiavari, the Receiver of the Common Treasury. This is the historic name for what is essentially the Chief Financial Officer of the Order of Malta. Gian Luca is a former CEO of a major company in Italy and now spends almost full time in this volunteer position.

The Order is funded by annual dues from the world-wide members and from income from various investments. The assets include many working farms and vineyards and rental properties, many of which have been gifted to the Order from European members' estates. Many properties have been sold if not revenue producing and some farms have been improved to maximize their earning potential. The investment strategies of the Europeans is quite interesting. Much of it is more long term thinking than the American's. Therefore, many of the assets remain as real estate. One explanation is that they are just not building any more land these days...and I guess that they are right!

The Committee also functions with a Finance Committee oversight, reviewing the past budgets and projections for the upcoming years. They, like our American Association, have budget constraints and operate quite efficiently, in order to have funds available to serve the sick and the poor. Having attended two meetings in the past year, it is really impressive to meet members of the Order from all over the world and to observe men and women who dedicate their lives to the ideals. ✖

Joseph Cianciolo is a member of the Board of Councillors.

William Burleigh Appointed to International Association of Catholic Bioethicists

By John F. Shine



Daniel J. Kelly K.M., President of the American Association, has announced the appointment of William Burleigh to the International Association of Catholic Bioethicists sponsored by the national associations of the Order of Malta. Burleigh has been a member of the Order since 1992 and Area Chair in Cincinnati for the past six years. He served on the Board of Councillors from 1999 to 2001 and as treasurer of the Association in 2001.

Bill retired from E.W. Scripps Company where he served as chairman. He has served as Chairman of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington D. C. and as Cochairman of the Neuroscience Institute at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

The International Association of Catholic Bioethics has as a mission the promoting and fostering of cooperation among bioethicists through prayer, friendship, discussion, and collaborative research so that the members of the Order may better serve our Lords, the sick and those who care for them. Bioethics is an interdisciplinary area of clinical work and scholarly reflection that is concerned with the moral implications of biomedical research and health care. It entails the collaboration of experts in diverse fields such as biomedical sciences, health care, economics, law, philosophy, theology and pastoral care.

The I.A.C.B will fulfill its purpose by sponsoring regular international colloquia; sponsoring and preparing publications; developing and maintaining an international database to consolidate information; developing and maintaining a website and other means of communicating news; and promoting joint research projects. ✖

John Shine is the Executive Director of the Association.

Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem— A work of the Order of Malta

By Coleen Marotla



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God

Is the heart of a Mother" St. Therese of Lisieux "the Little Flower"

Every year Holy Family Hospital fulfills the dreams of thousands of poor mothers in the land of Christ's birth. Mothers and infants with life-threatening conditions are being saved through expert medical care and treatment in the only neonatal intensive care unit in the region. So entrusted by the community, sixty percent of Bethlehem's families come to the hospital for safe delivery. It is projected that in 2005 the hospital may deliver 3,000 to 3,500 babies due to a relatively stable political situation enabling greater access to the hospital.

In addition, Holy Family Hospital has signed a cooperation agreement with Caritas Baby Hospital, successfully bringing together two Catholic hospitals in Bethlehem to work together in a complementary fashion. Under the new agreement, Caritas Baby Hospital will be referring sick and premature infants to the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, resulting in significant increases of admittance to the unit.

With fewer travel restrictions being imposed, the hospital has resumed mobile outreach clinics to remote areas (first time in two years). The outreach team visits the village of Beit Fajjar, west of Bethlehem, on a weekly basis in cooperation with the local Rural Women's Development Society. This is just one of four areas that the mobile clinic visits on a weekly basis. The outreach team also goes to Tqou', Nahalin and the Bedouin encampments of Rashiadeh.

It is only through the generosity of Knights and Dames that Holy Family Hospital can meet the growing needs of the poorest and most defenseless. We hope you will remember Holy Family Hospital in your charitable giving and continue to keep the Hospital in your prayers. ✖

Colleen Marotla is a part of the Holy Family Hospital Foundation. To learn more please visit www.hfhfoundation.org.



National Conference 2005 | Fairfield University

By Betsy & John Swanhaus



Knights and Dames from throughout the American Association gathered at Fairfield University in Connecticut for the sixth biennial Conference of the Order during the weekend of September 16-18.

The Conference was filled with talks from both subject experts and local Knights and Dames. They helped everyone rediscover the richness of the spirituality of the Order through the ministries and works that are the core of our commitment.

Speakers focused on inner city mentoring programs, international outreach operations in Haiti, crisis in pregnancy and prison ministry. Members of the Order in Connecticut also detailed how they started and sustain programs that address each of these issues. Attendees left the weekend with many ideas on how to develop similar programs for their areas.

A distinguished discussion panel touched on the opportunities for funding new and existing ministries. Finally, the national leadership of the organization reviewed the initiatives that are part of the long term strategic plan.

The Conference was also blessed with the attendance and participation of Edward Cardinal Egan of New York, Bishop William Lori of Bridgeport and Father Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., the President of Fairfield. They were in addition to the Chaplains of the Order from the New York Areas.

With 180 Knights and Dames attending it was a wonderful weekend of spiritual enrichment, intellectual stimulation and social events that brought new and old friends together. ✖

Chaplain Transfers



Recently, two ordinaries, Archbishop Sean O'Malley of Boston, Massachusetts and Bishop William Lori of Bridgeport, Connecticut, transferred from the Federal Association to the American Association.

Archbishop O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap was born in Lakewood, Ohio. He was solemnly professed as a Capuchin in the Province of St. Augustine in 1968 and ordained a priest in 1970. In 1984, he was appointed Bishop of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands and in 1992 to the See of Fall River, Massachusetts. In 2002, he was appointed the Bishop of Palm Beach, Florida, and in 2003 appointed to the See of Boston, Massachusetts succeeding Cardinal Bernard



Law. Archbishop O'Malley became a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem in the Federal Association in 1991.

Bishop Lori was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and the Catholic University of America (STD). He was named Auxiliary Bishop of Washington in 1995 and appointed the Bishop of Bridgeport, Connecticut in 2001 succeeding His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan. He was appointed a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem in 2000.

Association Hires Assistant to the Executive Director

With the approval of the Board of Councillors and Officers of the Association, Maureen Donovan has been hired to a newly created position of Assistant to the Executive Director.

Ms Donovan is a graduate of The State University of New York at Binghamton with a BA in Political Science. She is originally from Endicott, New York, a community in the greater Binghamton area.

Maureen has worked for Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center as a marketing associate. She has substantial knowledge of community relations, working with diverse ethnic groups, developing and hosting community events and creating innovative community outreach programs. She is skilled in bringing people with divergent interests together to identify issues and work together to achieve a common goal. She created branding strategies and developed coordinated marketing campaigns that mixed print, audio, TV and the Internet.

Ms. Donovan worked as an Account Executive at Ghiorso & Sorrenti where she conceived, developed, and introduced capital campaigns with supporting materials for hospitals. She has done extensive research in developing and writing grant proposals. She played a major role in conceiving, planning and holding special events.

Maureen worked for two years for Coninum Health Partners as a marketing specialist where she wrote and supervised design, production and distribution of print and electronic promotional materials to support outpatient facilities, cardiac care and community events.

Since 2002 Maureen has worked as a Governmental Liaison for the Office of the Minority Leader of the New York State Assembly. During her time there, she built relationships with the local party and community leaders to promote a political climate to help to increase Republican membership in the State Assembly. She worked with minority members and their staffs on the development of legislative and constituent programs in the area of intergovernmental relations and served as liaison between the Assembly minority and local governments.

In addition to other duties, she has worked in all aspects of campaign efforts, especially telephone solicitation, fund raising, event fund raising and event development and management. She has coordinated with other elected officials to create events and media exposure, crafted news releases, position papers and speeches.

Maureen is a practicing Catholic involved in the young adults group at St. Patrick Cathedral. She has volunteered at Cardinal Cooke Health Center and is interested in working with those in need. She is intelligent, creative and articulate. The expectation is she has the talent, organizational ability, and commitment to be an asset to the American Association.

Ms. Donovan will take responsibility for the publishing of the Association's quarterly newsletter, the Hospitalers, and work directly with the Communications Committee. She will assume an oversight role in the admissions process for new members, assist in the processing of Grants, and assist with the evolving and developing Malta Volunteer Corp. She will also assist the Executive Director as he works with the Malta Human Services Foundation and its efforts to increase the Foundation's assets. ✖

Members and Area Chairs contacting the office with questions about the newsletter, admissions, the grants process and the Malta Volunteer Corp are requested to ask for Maureen. You may also contact her at mdonovan@maltausa.org

Election 2005

An election of eight (8) councillors will be conducted in October for three year terms commencing on January 1, 2006 and concluding on December 31, 2008. In late August, Carl Schwarz, Secretary of the Association, wrote to the membership to advise of the names of members nominated by the Nominating Committee. The members were advised that additional names could be added to the ballot with the written support of ten (10) members submitted and received in the Association office by September 30. In accordance with the By-Laws, as amended, ballots will be mailed on or before October 15. A brochure will accompany the ballot and will provide a biography and picture of each candidate. The results of the elections will be published at the Annual Meeting of the Association which will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2005 at the Waldorf=Astoria.



Order of Malta Lourdes XX Pilgrimage Morning of Recollection

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teaching on it. I view purgatory as the “process” wherein we’re purified before we “see God face to face.” I know there are friends and ex-friends who’ve died, with whom I never reconciled with in small and large matters before they died.

I view purgatory as the opportunity where reconciliation must and will take place if it doesn’t happen in this life. We’re all malades when we stand before the judgment of God. The point I would like to make is—wouldn’t it be better if we tried harder now in this life to heal and reconcile some of the differences we have? Not because it might “reduce our time,” so to speak, in purgatory later on, but more importantly, so that we can live happier, fuller, richer, more peaceful and joyful lives now?

For me personally, there are certain things that I’ll have to wait till purgatory to tell my father because he’s already left this life. But there’s still an opportunity to reach out for healing and reconciliation with an estranged brother and sister-in-law now in this life instead of waiting till we’re all dead, in the next life. What about you? Here in Lourdes, at the beginning of this new pilgrimage, we can say “Ask what your Mother can do for you.” Could it be a parent, child, sibling, neighbor, or fellow member of the Order that God is calling you to reconcile with? Ask what your Mother can do for you. Who is our Lady of Lourdes putting squarely in the center of your prayers for healing and renewal and hope right now—in this life, before it’s too late?

(3) Healing in the Church: The third area that we need to ask Mary for healing and help is in the church. By coincidence, today is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, [1347-1380] a mystic poet, reformer, and one of the very few female “doctors of the Church.” The Church in her time (the 14th century) was badly polarized. At one point, there were three Popes. Imagine if the media now having to deal with three Popes. St. Catherine locked horns with and was respected by both Pope and civil authorities. She offered herself as “a victim” for the Church in “its agony.”

As we rebound as the Church rebounds from all the recent scandals and as we absorb the towering legacy of Pope John Paul, now is the time, to ask Our Lady of Lourdes to raise up men and women like St. Catherine of Sienna. Yes, we need faithful voices, challenging voices, authentic and loving voices, who like Catherine, will challenge the culture of death—within the church! The “culture of death” or the malade within the church—is arrogance! The malade of arrogance within the Church can sometimes be seen both within and outside of leadership.

We ask Mary our mother to heal us of the malade within ourselves, within our relationships and within our church.

St. Catherine said (in her book “Dialogue”) “that true, real merit consists in the virtue of love and holiness without which the soul is worth nothing.” Let us pray that this malady of ego and

arrogance be recognized, labeled, owned, addressed and eradicated within our church.

Conclusion: So, here in Lourdes, we ask what our mother can do for us! We might even write it down in order to concretize exactly what we’re asking Mary to do for us! We ask Mary our mother to heal us of the malade within ourselves, within our relationships and within our church

Prayer for the New Pope:

Let us conclude by bowing our heads and praying for our newly elected Pope:

Holy Father, Benedict XVI,—May the Lord Jesus guide your days ahead so you may be a “bridge builder.” May your prayerful heart let you feel just as comfortable in a poor ghetto as you do in St. Peter’s. May you use your great intellect to speak to the deepest hurts of the people both within and outside the Catholic Church. May people of different cultures learn from your humble spirituality. May you be gifted with the wisdom to speak to those who believe as well as to those struggling to believe. May you be a beacon of light to those who have long since given up on life.

We ask also that God might inform your soul with a true spiritual openness to the way other religions and other Christian denominations have sought to find their way to God. Without compromising the truths of our Catholic faith, may you find a way to treat members of other faiths as partners in the work of creation, the work of healing and ultimately in the work of redemption.

May you receive the strength you need to travel the world as a spiritual leader of all people. May you take the time to listen to children as well as the elderly. May you enjoy your newfound ministry to unite people even when they would prefer to be divided. May you be guided by Saint Benedict who proposed that his followers take a fourth vow—the vow of generosity.

You are a policeman’s son and you have lived simply. You have excelled at teaching, writing and searching for the truth. You have been asked to be the gatekeeper for those who have gone astray.

Now you are asked to be the pope and father for all Catholics. This new calling comes from God and can only be sustained with the help of God and the prayers of your Church, our church! We all know that the burdens on you will be many. We rejoice when you invite us to pray for you. We all need divine inspiration in this often broken world. There will be many who will need your help.

Please take special time for the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the disabled and the lonely. They all need to see that they have a place in God’s kingdom on earth and, in you, may they find the face of God.

Holy Father, there is always a temptation to be either too liberal or too conservative. We only ask that you be authentic.

You have labored well in trying to articulate the faith. Now you are asked to travel the world to help faith be lived out in people’s everyday lives. We live in a time in which many people are broken. Terrorism, repression, secularism, AIDS and poverty have touched that world.

We ask you to be our priest! We need you as pastor for the entire Catholic Church! We also ask you to be the pastor for all men and women of good will who are struggling to find God and each other.

We ask all of this through Jesus the High Priest and Good Shepherd who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen. ✠

Monsignor Frank Caldwell is a Magistral Chaplain of the Order of Malta and Pastor of the Church of St. Martha, Uniondale, NY.

2005 Deceased Members

Name	Preferred City, State
Mr. Warren Jerry Ashley	Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Mr. Patrick Beary	Highland Beach, Florida
Mr. Pio Paul Goggi	West Palm Beach, Florida
Mr. Edward Griesdieck	St. Louis, Missouri
Mr. Edmund P. Hennelly	West Islip, New York
Mr. Henry Brazell King	Belmar, New Jersey
Mr. Sidney P. Mudd	New Rochelle, New York
Mrs. Nancy B. O’Conner	Loudonville, New York
Ambassador David McLean Walters	Miami, Florida
Mr. C. Holmes Wolfe Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Mr. Ernest Vandweghe	Southern California, California
Mrs. Joyce N. Ahrens	Indian River Shores, Florida
Mr. Warren J. Ashley	Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
Mr. Patrick Beary	Highland Beach, Florida
Mr. Thomas M. Doyle	New York, New York
Honorable Kathryn Du Four	Delray Beach, Florida
Dr. Bernard J. Ficarra	Potomac, Maryland
Vincent J. Fontana M.D.	Stony Brook, New York
Mr. Pio Paul Goggi	West Palm Beach, Florida
Mr. Edmund Joseph Griesdieck Jr.	St. Louis, Missouri
Mr. Edmund P. Hennelly	West Islip, New York
Mr. William F. Kenny Jr.	Delray Beach, Florida
Mr. Henry Brazell King	Belmar, New Jersey
Mr. Sidney P. Mudd	New Rochelle, New York
Reverend Monsignor Harrold A. Murray	Manasquan, New Jersey
Mrs. Nancy B. O’Connor	Loudonville, New York
Mr. Martin Anthony Randisi	Smithtown, New York
Mr. George Shashaty	Pompano Beach, Florida
Mr. Ernest M. Van de Weghe	Phoenix, Arizona
Ambassador David McLean Walters	Miami, Florida
Mr. C. Holmes Wolfe Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November Investiture

The Investiture of new members will take place on Friday, November 11 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Ninety candidates are expected to be invested by the Grand Master assisted by Daniel J. Kelly K.M., President of the Association. His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida, the Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit will be the principal celebrant and homilist and preside at the Investiture. The Reception and Annual Dinner will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Waldorf=Astoria. Invitations and the Order of Events will be mailed to the membership on or about September 15.

Fellow members of the American Association:

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- Approval of newly elected Area Chairs in the Indiana, Michigan, Rhode Island, and St. Louis Areas.
- Agreement that we will hold three of the five Board meetings planned for 2006 outside of New York City. They are:
 - January 19 & 20—South Florida
 - March 7 & 8—St. Louis
 - May 15 & 16—Chicago

In each case, we will have a dinner with local members and candidates on the evening of the first day, and the Board meeting in the morning of the second day.

- Approval of 33 candidates for admission to the Order (with the approval of the Sovereign Council, approximately 100 candidates will be invested at St. Patrick's Cathedral on November 11th).
- Approval of grants aggregating \$55,000. (Total grants distributed in 2006 will exceed \$1.2 million).
- Discussion of our proposed Catechism Project which would produce and widely distribute DVDs presenting the teachings of the Catechism. The Federal Association will be joining us in this endeavor, which will be managed by Joe Finn.
- Discussion of the progress being made to form the Malta Auxiliary Corps., the members of which will augment the efforts of our members in all Areas to serve our Lords, the Sick and the Poor.
- Agreement that all members of the Board of Councillors will consider expressing in writing their intentions to include a bequest to the American Association in their wills. (The members of the Board of Directors of the Malta Human Services Foundation have agreed to do the same).

I'm looking forward to seeing you in New York in November. Have a great autumn! ✘

Best regards,
Daniel J. Kelly, K.M.
President

The Order of Malta Brings Hope to Homeless, Seemingly Helpless Souls

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Philadelphia when it hit him. "I knew that if I went home, I wouldn't be able to stay clean and sober, so I walked back to St. Patrick Center, and the counselors there helped me find work, and an apartment. I've stayed clean and sober ever since."

Many recovering clients, like Jack, find strength and encouragement to stay sober through St. Patrick Center's Alumni Club. It's an evening program offering socialization, support, 12-step meetings and educational opportunities in a safe, drug-free environment. St. Patrick Center's Alumni Club is crucial to our clients' long-term recovery. The Order of Malta has helped make the Alumni Club the success it is today, with financial support, as well as Dame Carole Less' coordination of casseroles for the men and women who come for comfort and encouragement.

When Jack discovered that the programs that helped him the most were supported by generous donations from the Order of Malta, he responded, "I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart because the help they gave to St. Patrick Center helped me get my life back together."

Vice President of Development, Communications and Volunteer Services Jan Rasmussen says "The Order of Malta's gifts give hope for a better life to the homeless men and women we serve."

Quoting Dame Carole Less, "St. Patrick Center's many programs provide the members of the Order a place to continue to 'practice charity, especially to the poor and the sick'."

The Knights and Dames of Malta are faithful to that call, and St. Patrick Center and our thousands of homeless or impoverished. ✘

Editor's Note: For more information on St. Patrick Center, visit the agency's website at www.stpatrickcenter.org

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Prayer of the Order

Lord Jesus, Thou hast seen fit to enlist me for Thy service among the Knights and Dames of Saint John of Jerusalem.

I humbly entreat Thee through the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin of Philermo, of Saint John the Baptist, Blessed Gerard and all the saints and blessed of our Order, to keep me faithful to the tradition of our Order.

Be it mine to practice and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic, and the Roman Faith against the enemies of religion; be it mine to practice charity towards my neighbors, especially the poor and sick.

Give me the strength I need to carry out this my resolve, forgetful of myself, learning ever from the Holy Gospel a spirit of deep and generous Christian devotion, striving ever to promote God's glory, the world's peace, and all that may benefit the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem. Amen.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Bless are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Bless are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3-10

The Cardinal Virtues

Prudence — act rightly in any given situation.

Justice — give to each what is due to him, beginning with God.

Fortitude — endure difficulties and pain for the sake of what is good.

Temperance — be moderate in the pleasure and use of created good.

Board of Councillors Meetings

The following is the schedule for the Board of Councillors Meetings for 2005:

November 9, 2005

In conjunction with the Annual Investiture and Dinner

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