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NEW JERSEY AREA NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2012

From the Area Chair...

Dear Confreres, Consoires and Auxiliary,

I hope you all had a very blessed Easter.

The New Jersey Area continues to thrive with active members and ministries in all five of the New Jersey Hospitaller Areas.

This past November, Newark Area Co-Hospitaller Richard Wolff made his promise of Obedience and entered the Second Class under the Sub-Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes. We were also blessed with eight newly invested Knights and Dames of Magistral Grace. The Auxiliary in New Jersey welcomed ten new members as well, bringing those ranks up to fifty.

You will read about some new ministries begun in New Jersey as well as others that continue to thrive and attract increased participation among our members including some of our international ministries in Honduras and Guatemala.

Many of you are involved in various activities dedicated to the sick and the poor. I encourage you to share these experiences with your fellow members in these publications in hopes of attracting more fellowship among Knights, Dames and Auxiliary in common ministries.

There are some upcoming New Jersey Area events that I ask you to keep in mind and try to attend. They are as follows: June 24th – Celebration of the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, our patron, in Spring Lake; September 9 - Mass and Malta based Eucharistic Ministry Program in Short Hills; October 13 – Annual Dinner of the New Jersey Members in Westfield; December 1 – Advent Day of Recollection in Long Branch.

In addition to these NJ Area events, I encourage you to look at the printed calendar in this newsletter as well as the online calendar in the New Jersey Area section of maltausa.org for other events sponsored by our Prison and Hospitaller ministries. If anyone would like to attend an event but cannot due to lack of transportation, please call me at 908-630-9539 and we will find you a ride. If we can bring 350 people to Lourdes each year, we can certainly help our members get around New Jersey.

I look forward to seeing you in June.

Confraternally yours,

Jim

James Hamerschlag
New Jersey Area Chair



Photos: Bob Reers, KM

The New Jersey area hosted a Lourdes Pilgrimage Send-Off Mass and Lunch Meeting for our Malades and their families. The Mass was celebrated at Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington. Msgr. William Fadrowski, ChM was our principle celebrant. Luncheon followed at Forrest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield.



Hospitaller Tom Pecora reported that the Father English Center was the primary recipient of donations from Knights and Dames in the Paterson Diocese this past December. A variety of goods were loaded into a 45-foot trailer and delivered to the Father English Center in time for the Holidays. Refrigerators, ranges, washers and dryers, food, clothing, blankets and toys were among the gifts destined for the needy of Paterson.

This particular ministry dovetailed with the Appalachian Project sponsored annually by Delbarton School, a project in which several Knights and Dames have participated. In addition to items specifically donated to the Malta ministry, approximately \$5000 of product was returned from the Appalachia and taken to the Father English Center as well.



Pecora said, "I am happy to report that we have also obtained the cooperation of a fruit and vegetable purveyor who will supply fresh produce once or twice a week to the Center. This is a most generous donation which we anticipate will continue throughout the year and will help to feed the needy who regularly visit the food bank on the premises."

The Father English Community Center is a multi-purpose center which reaches out to the diverse community of Paterson in service to its most



vulnerable youth, families and elderly. The center sponsors two day care programs, an after school and summer camp program, two adolescent shelters, a free clothing boutique, work assistance and case management, ESL and computer classes,

transportation assistance and case management for the disabled, and the People's Choice Food Pantry, which currently serves more than 3,750 individuals a month. The Pantry also has a furniture distribution program, where used furniture and appliances are made available to those in need. ✚



Father English Community Center

We are in receipt of your generous donations of 2000 Turkeys for the Bob and Carol Food Pantry received on November 22, 2011. This was a great blessing for the people we serve and for which it gave us great joy to see their faces as we distributed them. On behalf of the clients, children and families we serve, we thank you for your ongoing support. Your continued generosity and commitment to our programming is what allows us to continue doing the work we do of "making a difference in the lives of those in need."

Our mission is to "make a difference" in the lives of the underprivileged, and that can only be done with the help of individuals and groups that support us. Toward that end, please know how grateful we are for the donation received.

*Respectfully,
Sr. Guadalupe M. Nieto,
Director, Human Resources*

ANNUAL DINNER HONOREES



Bishop Rodimer and Pat Murphy were honored for their service to the Order at the Annual Dinner last fall. Murphy was honored for her devotion to the annual Lourdes pilgrimage which she helped to start 26-years ago. Bishop Rodimer was honored for his tireless work on behalf of the Order as Magisterial Chaplain and dedicated spiritual leader. ✚



It was smiles all around at Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington, home of Malta Center, when a brand new van sporting the Malta logo was delivered for use in the many ministries sponsored by the Order of Malta throughout the Newark Archdiocese.

The van was donated by John Corr, Jr., K.M., owner and President of The Trans Group company in Spring Valley, New York. Corr donated the van as part of the Malta School Bus Donation Program whereby buses are gifted to Catholic schools as well as orphanages and hospitals, mainly in Latin and Central America. CRUDEM, the Haitian Foundation, and The Houses to Homes ministry in Guatemala also received vehicles this year.

“The van is being used for both Malta and parish purposes,” said Monsignor William J. Fadrowski, a Magistral Chaplain of the Order and pastor of the parish. “We expect that it will allow us to increase our social services programs exponentially.” The monsignor added that students from Queen of Peace High School participate in Malta ministries, for instance the St. Ann’s Soup Kitchen in Newark, as part of their mandatory service requirements. “You know, these students not only benefit from the experience of helping those less fortunate, but they also benefit from working side-by-side with the Knights and Dames.”

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the parish is responsible for social service programs and will use the van to enhance many of these programs. The parish sponsors a thriving food pantry and is committed to feeding the homeless. The van will be used to transport food into Hackensack to be given out on a regular basis. The Society also sponsors clothing drives and is currently promoting a “baby shower” to procure donations of baby clothes to be distributed to homes for unwed mothers throughout the diocese.

Monsignor Fadrowski gave credit to Dr. Richard Wolfe, K.M.Ob. not only for sponsoring the proposal for the van, but also for his vision in seeing this as a first step in a larger initiative. “He saw many of the advantages for expanding the work of the order by partnering with the school to increase social services, but he also envisioned the opportunity to demonstrate as well as inculcate the values of the Order in Catholic youth,” the Monsignor said. ✚



Photo (l-r): Msgr. William J. Fadrowski, Bob Reers, K.M., coordinator of the AA-SMOM’s School Bus Donation Program, James Gocke and Sean Corr of The Trans Group in front of the Malta donated bus.

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Fifty-seven from New Jersey make Lourdes Pilgrimage XXVII

On May 2, 2012 fifty-seven malades, caregivers, volunteers, auxiliary members, Knights and Dames boarded the Knights of Malta sponsored chartered flight for the annual Lourdes Pilgrimage. This year New Jersey Knights and Dames sponsored a total of eighteen malades, who along with their caregivers experienced first hand the spiritual miracles of Lourdes.

Knights, Dames and volunteers caring for our guests this year include:

- Msgr. Sylvester Cronin, ChD • Frederick J. Cuozzo, Auxiliary •
- Msgr. Bill Fadrowski, ChM • Brian Fuhro, KM • Anthony Gagliardi, MD, KM • Joe Guillen, KM • Janan Habba, DM • Nancy Higgins, DM • Thomas G. Higgins, MD, KM • Joseph J. Hong, MD, KM •
- Walter Klein, MD, Preparation • Tony LoPresti, Preparation •
- Liz LoPresti, Volunteer • Lois McGuire, DM • Karen Murphy, DM •
- Pat Murphy, DM • Tom Pecore, KM • John J.D. Schweska, KM •
- Bishop John M. Smith, Chaplain • Joseph W. Sokolowski, MD, KM •
- Maureen Sokolowski, RN, DM • Karen Tanzola, DM •
- Bob Tanzola, KMob • Karol Corbin Walker, DM •
- Laurie Williams, Auxiliary • David Williams Jr., Auxiliary ✚

The Incarcerated and Victims: Focus of Multi-faceted Malta Prison Ministry

The New Jersey Order of Malta Prison Ministry, Inc. (NJOMPMI) strives to make a difference in the lives of those whose actions have resulted in the need for physical incarceration, and to those loved ones and victims who have been negatively impacted by their actions.

The prison ministry has several different components. The Order of Malta Bible and Prayer Book and the Serving Brother Newsletter are continually being distributed free of charge to inmates throughout New Jersey and other states by prison ministry chaplains.

The NJOMPMI has joined with Eva's Village in Paterson in providing a mentoring network team within the Job Readiness Program. Through this program substance abuse ex-offenders are trained and coached to become productive, self-sufficient citizens. At the beginning of the program a client's skill levels are assessed. Based on that assessment, clients are helped to develop resumes and acquire interviewing skills in order to enable them to apply for appropriate employment, and not only keep the job for which they were hired but develop skills for advancement. Clients also learn daily life skills like how to open a bank account, balancing a checkbook and renting an apartment. A myriad of performance measures are used to make sure clients stay on track. Another component of this ministry is participating in the GED mentoring program sponsored by Beth Miriam in Jersey City. Under the direction of Rev. John Corbett, Beth Miriam provides suitable, safe and drug-free housing to women in the transitional period from their release from prison to their return to society.

A mentoring program to assist persons who have been victimized by crime is another initiative of NJOMPMI and operated in conjunction with the college/university college mentor program. Reaching out to victims is necessary in order to promote the healing process of both parties. +

The Wheels on the Bus Do Go Round and Round!



From Houses to Homes big beautiful yellow bus finally arrived in Pastores, Guatemala, where the Children of Cambiando Vidas School, and our soon to be completed new school in Santa Maria deJesus, already know the words in Espanol to this little "ditty."

This beautiful yellow transportation machine is now the newly acquired property of From Houses to Homes – Guatemala, an Order of Malta supported project of the American Association. Many thanks must go to Knight Bob Reers, the K.M. coordinator of the School Bus Program and logistics support person. Bob had the patience of "Job" in arranging transportation overland and sea to deliver this gift to us.

This bus will not only be used to transport children to and from the Houses to Homes' medical clinic but will expand the horizons for these children by providing for the first-ever field trips these children will experience. This gift is more than just "a ride." This generous gift opens a whole new world of adventure to some of God's poorest little ones possessing the biggest smiles.

And no doubt that as they go they will be singing: "*Las rued as del bus, Giran y giran, Por la ciudad...*"

-- Suzy Moran, D.M. +

Knights and Dames Support Pro-Life Initiatives

For the past two years, the Knights and Dames of the Order of Malta of New Jersey have joined with the Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher, along with the Knights of Columbus, to provide a Respect-Life presence at the Pro-Life Mass in Newark's Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in January, on the weekend before the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. This year's homilist



was Father Dennis Wilde, OSA of the Priests for Life. Father Joseph Meagher, the Director of Respect Life for the Newark Archdiocese both welcomes us and encourages our participation in this Mass. John Schweska, one of our newly inducted



Knights, is a Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulcher and

he has been very instrumental in having them join us.

Each March, Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington participates in the International Day of the Unborn to coincide with the beautiful Feast of the Annunciation, on the date closest to March 25. Msgr. William J. Fadrowski, pastor of Queen of Peace and a Magistral Chaplain in the Order of Malta began this devotion in 2007 at the request of the Parish Respect Life Ministry and the Knights of Columbus.

Following the Noon Mass celebrated by Retired Auxiliary Bishop Charles J. McDonnell, the Knights of Columbus serves as an Honor Guard for a Eucharistic Procession along Ridge Road, from Queen of Peace Church to Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel Mausoleum. Accompanying the Blessed Sacrament, the Knights and



Dames of Malta and members of the Auxiliary, along with members of the parish community, and representative of neighboring parishes carrying lighted candles recite the Rosary. After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel Mausoleum, the procession pauses to offer prayers at the Monument of the Unborn, Rachel Mourning her children. Following this, the Knights of Columbus offer a luncheon at which they present checks to various Pro-Life groups, such as



Good Counsel Homes and other crisis pregnancy services.

This year, the Mass and Procession began at Noon on Sunday March 25. Knights, Dames and members of the Auxiliary gathered at the Malta Center and vested in choir robes and large Malta decoration. †



*Annual Mass and Dinner
Echo Lake Country Club
Saturday, October 13, 2012
All Members are Welcome, as well as guests*



Mark Your Calendar

June 9, Sunday, 1:00 pm - Metuchen/Raritan - Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan.

June 9, Sunday, 5:30 pm - Newark/North Arlington - Celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Queen of Peace, North Arlington

June 17 - Sunday - "Father's Day Dinner" - The Center in Asbury Park, Asbury Park

June 24 - Sunday, 4:30 pm - Celebration of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Spring Lake

July 21 - Saturday - Malta sponsored Mass of the Anointing of the Sick, St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen

July 29 - Sunday - House of Friendship Benefit - "Day at the Races", Monmouth Park, Monmouth Beach

September 9, Sunday - Malta based Eucharistic Ministry Program including Mass and brunch, Short Hills

September 15, Saturday - 2nd Annual Prison Ministry Benefit Gala

October 13, Saturday - New Jersey Annual Mass and Dinner, Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield

November 8, Thursday - Orientation of New Members, New Investee Dinner, New York

November 9, Friday - Annual Meeting, Solemn Mass of Investiture and Dinner, New York

December 1, Saturday - Advent Day of Recollection, St. Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch

Please check the NJ Area Calendar on the Association Website for other local events at www.maltausa.org.

A message from His Most Eminent Highness Prince and Grand Master Fra' Matthew Festing to the Knights and Dames of New Jersey on the occasion of the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, our Patron Saint.



Dear Members of our beloved Order,

It is with great pleasure that I note your devotion and commitment to the noble traditions and mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta. We have the honor of following the tasks set for us by our founder, Blessed Gerard, almost a thousand years ago-to serve the poor and the sick and to demonstrate our Christian faith in our lives and our work.

And today, the Order's family celebrates all around the world the feast of our patron saint, St. John the Baptist. Your celebrations will be joyous, and it is heartening to learn that so many of you have travelled significant distances to pray together on this important occasion, and that so many wish to follow our religious vocation. A special greeting goes to Mr. Thomas Mullen, a member over fifty years, and a fine example of true dedication to the Order and its works.

*May God bless you all.
Fra' Matthew Festing*

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