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## November NewsFlash

As always, November is a busy month for members of the Order of Malta. An entire month of activities seemed compressed into one long weekend, as Investiture festivities flowed directly into Thanksgiving at TCC. But, to launch the month this year, Msgr. Bob Ritchie, Assistant Principal Chaplain of the American Association, participated in the NYC Marathon. He made it to the Finish Line, accompanied by his godson. Congratulations Monsignor!



## Investiture 2016

Investiture weekend this year opened on Wednesday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup> with a gala concert at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, featuring the Grand Master Peace Concert. Under the direction of David Hayes, the Hyland Mass was performed by the New York Choral Society and Orchestra, accompanied by the St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir under the direction of Dr. Jennifer Pascual.

## NYC Area Annual Dinner

On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, after an afternoon of orientation for new members being invested in the Order this year, the NYC Area hosted its annual dinner at the Vanderbilt Suites to recognize the new members from NYC and Westchester. About 70 members and guests gathered for an evening of celebration and conversation.



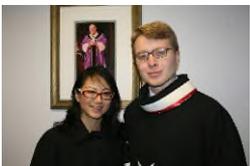
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## Investiture Mass

On Friday afternoon, November 11<sup>th</sup>, His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Principal Chaplain of the American Association, welcomed 77 new members into the Order of Malta during a solemn Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Included in the newly invested were 18 members from the NYC Area and 3 from Westchester.



Following the Investiture Mass, all gathered for a gala dinner at the Waldorf=Astoria Grand Ballroom. The evening's speaker was His Most Eminent Highness Frà Matthew Festing, Prince and Grand Master of the Order of Malta, who reminded all that one mission of the Order is Defense of the Faith (*Tuitio Fidei*) and that we were to uphold all tenets of the Faith, not select from an *à la carte* menu.

Donner at the Waldorf was bitter sweet this year. Due to its closure for renovations in early 2017, the American Association's annual dinner will be moving to the New York Hilton for the next 2 – 3 years—lovely, but not quite as grand a venue!



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## **Saturday, November 12th**

On Saturday morning, malades and caregivers who have participated in Lourdes Pilgrimages over the last 5 years or so were invited to attend an anointing Mass at St. Patrick's. Following Mass, all were invited to attend a luncheon at the 3 West Club hosted by the Holy Family Hospital Foundation. Members had a wonderful time re-uniting with their past malades and Lourdes teammates over lunch.

Many thanks to the Members and Auxiliary who assisted in accompanying the malades from St. Patrick's to the 3 West.

Later the same day, many members gathered at St. Catherine of Siena Church for a Mass of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Bernadito Auza, Apostolic Nuncio to the United Nations. Archbishop Auza was joined in concelebrating the Mass by a good number of our Chaplains. Also on the altar were H.M.E.H. Frà Matthew Festing, and a number of the Subpriory's Knights of Justice, including NYC's Frà John Dunlap, member of the Sovereign Council.

During Mass, Frà Matthew received the first simple vows of Nicola Tegoni as a Knight of Justice. Frà Matthew also received the Promise of Obedience from 8 knights and dames entering Second Class. Rory and Camille Kelleher were among those making their Promise of Obedience.

Thanks to Lauren Andree, AUX, for lending her wonderful voice as cantor for Msss.



## **Sunday, November 13th**

Malta Weekend culminated in a trip to New Jersey to attend the Mass and Profession of Perpetual Vows by Frà Richard Wolff. In a Mass featuring the music of Mozart, and a ceremony full of historic and religious symbolism, the final vows by Frà Richard as a Knight of Justice were received by H.M.E.H Frà Matthew Festing.



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## Thanksgiving at TCC

A highlight of NYC Area volunteer activities each year is serving Thanksgiving dinner to the residents of the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. As always, members turned out in great numbers on both nights to serve and to chat with residents and their families. For many of our members, it is another opportunity to chat with the friends made while helping residents out on Sundays throughout the year.



## REMINDER: CHRISTMAS AT TCC

**Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>.** Join the party, serve desserts and help Santa distribute gifts to the residents of TCC. 2:30 – 4:00 pm.

**NYC Area Annual Christmas Party** follows immediately afterwards: watch for invitations in the mail.