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November 2021

NYC Area Welcomes New Members

On Friday, November 5th, 2021, the American Association welcomed 116 new Knights and Dames into the Order of Malta at the Investiture Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The new members represented those admitted to the Order in 2020 as well as 2021 and included 6 Dames and 16 Knights (some *in absentia*) from the NYC Area. Many are pictured below.

On the evening before their Investiture, many were welcomed personally by the Area at our Annual NYC Area Dinner. The event this year was held at the Empire Steak House and was attended by about 60 guests, including several representatives of the Board of Malteser International Americas and Joe Berardino, KMOB, of the Connecticut Area who, with his wife Gail, is chairing the American Association's new Capital Campaign, *Called to Serve*. Joe gave a brief but powerful presentation on the Campaign.

For those of you who have attended our annual dinner in previous years, you will be sad to learn, as we did, that the Vanderbilt Suite used in previous years has fallen victim to the pandemic.



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Upcoming Opportunities

As most know, the COVID pandemic has curtailed many of the NYC Area's outreach programs to the sick and the poor. Our usual Thanksgiving dinners at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Center will not take place this year. We are working with Scott LaRue, KM, of Archcare to see if we can resume activities at TCC and at Mary Manning Walsh by Christmas; fingers crossed!

Regardless of the outcome of those efforts, we will be providing gifts to TCC residents and will be seeking volunteers to help package and deliver the gifts. A notice asking for volunteers will go out after Thanksgiving.

In the meantime, if you are looking for opportunities to help others, see below:

The Dwelling Place, Manhattan:

We look forward to welcoming back volunteers safely and are more than happy to explain our rules during the time of Covid19. Some of our needs include help with our Wednesday Night Dinners for the community; preparation of bags of food, also to be distributed on Wednesday nights; yoga or pilates instruction; art workshops – the list is endless. Please contact Deborah Pollack at 212-564-7887 for more information.

New York Common Pantry, Manhattan:

Dear Volunteers:

Gobble, Gobble! It's Turkey Week (part 1) at New York Common Pantry! We're sending our clients home with beautiful, juicy turkeys to celebrate Thanksgiving properly, and we need your help! Of course, we could use your help all month long, but you're most needed for the following upcoming shifts. Won't you please come out to pitch in?

- **Harlem Pantry:** , [November 11, 2021 | 9 AM - 12:30 PM](#) 9 East 109th Street
- **Harlem Pantry:** , [November 12, 2021 | 9 AM - 12:30 PM](#)

And as always, please be sure to check out our other available volunteer opportunities at <https://nycommonpantry.volunteerhub.com>.

Lastly, when volunteering at any site, please be sure to sign in when you enter. Your hours matter!

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St. John's Bread and Life, Brooklyn:

Volunteer at Bread & Life

ATTENTION: Due to COVID-19 we are accepting volunteers on a very limited basis.

All volunteers must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Help us change the lives of our neighbors in need. We are always looking for volunteers in our [Kitchen](#), [Food Pantry](#), Mail Room and [Mobile Soup Kitchen](#). Come volunteer in Brooklyn!

Choose the Individual or Group Volunteer application form below. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Stephen with any questions: jstephen@breadandlife.org, 718-574-0058 x164.