



HOSPITALLERS IS PUBLISHED BY THE
**SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF
 JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA™**
 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, U.S.A.

HOSPITALLERS

VOLUME 23 SUMMER 2023

NEWLY ELECTED



NEWLY ELECTED

IN THIS ISSUE



3 The 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage



8 A First-Time Pilgrim's Perspective



14 The Capital Campaign



20 2023 Area Grants Program

Frá John Dunlap 81st Grand Master of the Order of Malta

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Frá John Dunlap, a member of the American Association's New York City Area, was elected Prince and 81st Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Lieutenant of the Grand Master at the moment of his election, 66-year-old Frá John Dunlap, a Canadian, is the first Professed Knight from the Americas to be elected as head of the Order of Malta.

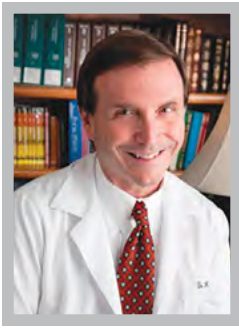
The Council Complete of State, the elective body, met in Rome in the Magistral Villa, one of the two institutional seats of the Order of Malta, and elected him by an absolute majority of votes, on the basis of a binding list of three candidates indicated the day before by the Chapter of Professed. There were 99 voters from 18 different countries.

Frá John Dunlap communicated his election to Pope Francis with a letter written in his own hand. He was sworn on May 3rd in the presence of Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, C.S., the Pope's *(continued on page 12)*

orderof
malta
american.
org

Please visit our website at: orderofmaltaamerican.org to find the latest information about the American Association, our local Areas, and the Order of Malta. Links are also available to other Association websites and the Sovereign Magistracy in the "About the Order" section.

Download our mobile app for spiritual resources, news, calendar of events, member directory, and new push notifications. The app is available for Android and iOS devices in the app store when you search "Order of Malta, American Association."



I RECENTLY SENT YOU AN EMAIL MESSAGE describing the excitement at the Council Complete of State when Frá John Dunlap was elected Grand Master and our subsequent return to Lourdes for the first time in four years. We were blessed to have the Grand Master join us for a number of the Spiritual activities on the Pilgrimage including a surprise attendance at our Anointing Mass.

At the end of May, we had our Board of Councillors Meeting where we approved sixty-three new candidates for membership in the Order. These names were sent to Rome for final approval. At the meeting, the Board also approved a revised Election Schedule, as well as support for the second Malta Camp. The Board received a report from the Association's auditor, Mr. David Rottkamp of Grassi Advisors and Accountants. Mr. Rottkamp indicated that

the Association would be receiving an unqualified opinion which is considered a clean report regarding our Association's 2022 Financial Statements.

Applications for new members for 2024 are now available and we encourage each member to sponsor one Candidate for the Class of 2024. Please watch Cardinal Dolan's brief video where he talks about the importance of sponsoring new members. Even if you have seen it, it is worth watching again as a reminder of the benefits we enjoy as members of this holy and blessed Order. You can look around you during all your hands-on work as well as in your other spiritual activities to identify potential candidates for membership. In many ways, finding candidates for membership is a form of evangelization as you invite them to consider the same path you have chosen to grow your spirituality.

We have a busy summer ahead of us with a retreat in Wisconsin at the end of June, our second summer camp for young adults in July at Siena College and finally our Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin on the first weekend in August for all three Associations. Meanwhile, the Nominating Committee will continue its work to identify potential candidates to replace me as President — my term expires at the end of this year. The election will be held in the fall.

The name of the apparition site of the Blessed Mother in Wisconsin is changing this year from Our Lady of Good Help to Our Lady of Champion. This is consistent with the names of other apparition sites which include the location of the apparition such as Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima. Her title as Our Lady of Good Help comes from her promise to Adele Brise that she would help Adele in carrying out Our Lady's request. We seek "good help" from the Blessed Mother all the time under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes and many of us have witnessed and personally experienced her intercession on our behalf.

As you read this newsletter, you are probably already aware that we will be accompanied on our pilgrimage in August with our new Grand Master Frá John Dunlap. This will be a wonderful opportunity to greet our Grand Master, pledge our support, and thank him for his support of our Association.

Another exciting opportunity is our Order of Malta Greek Isles Cruise in August 2024. We will be following the footsteps of St. Paul in the Greek Isles accompanied by Cardinal Dolan and our Grand Master. This cruise is open to all three US associations as well as the Australian Association so it will bring members literally from around the world together for a very special pilgrimage. I hope you will consider joining us.

We are grateful for the amazing work done by Gail and Joe Berardino and the entire team supporting the Capital Campaign. The Campaign continues in its Member Engagement phase. As of this writing, the *Called to Serve* Capital Campaign has generated over \$20,000,000 in commitments, with over \$8,000,000 already received in cash donations.

The Capital Campaign is helping to transform our members' views of the place of the Association in our philanthropic priorities. The Campaign's focus on supporting the hands-on work of our members has helped educate us on the important role of the Malta Human Services Foundation's contributions to our Annual Grants Program, as well as the Pilgrimage Foundation's goal of building an endowment to fully fund the Malades and Caregivers on the Lourdes Pilgrimage in perpetuity. Thank you for your continued support for the Capital Campaign.

The list of the approved 2023 Grants is included elsewhere in this issue. The Grants Program was funded primarily by an allocation of almost \$700,000 from the Malta Human Services Foundation.

God bless you and all you do,

Peter J. Kelly, MD, GCM
President

You can view President Kelly's email message, Cardinal Dolan's video, and the Greek Isles Cruise brochure in our weekly *Spirituality in Action* emails every Sunday.

2023 BOARD OF COUNCILLORS

- Peter J. Kelly, MD, *President*
- Thomas J. Reedy, *Chancellor*
- Laure C. Aubuchon, *Treasurer*
- Rory Kelleher, Esq., *Secretary*
- Kenneth R. Craig, *Hospitaller*

- Gail T. Berardino
- Fernando Blanco-DoPazo
- David A. Dempsey
- Michael J. Donoghue
- Joseph P. Dutkowsky, MD
- Virginia Dwyer-Aoyama
- Thomas M. Egan
- Mary Beth Fessler
- H. Stephen Fletcher, MD
- Anthony J. Gagliardi, MD
- Kathleen M. Gantz
- Nancy J. Graebe
- Margaret M. Lyons
- John J. Mitchell
- George D. Molinsky
- Deborah O'Hara-Rusckowski
- Gregory P. Oussani
- Anne G. Peach
- Frá Nicola Tegoni, Esq.
- Frá Richard Wolff

Timothy Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York, Principal Chaplain

Very Reverend Enrique Salvo
Assistant Principal Chaplain



The 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage — A Journey of Joy

“...that a chapel should be built here...”

The 35th American Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, was a long time coming. When the plane touched down on May 7th, 2019, no one could have conceived that 1,455 days would have passed before the next charter would take off with American Association pilgrims heading back to Lourdes. The pandemic brought the world to a standstill; beyond the restrictions placed by governments, the health and safety of the Malades have always been the primary concerns of medical committee and all of the Association’s members. The cancellations and immunization requirements were to ensure that the best interests of the Malades were always at the forefront.

The 2023 Pilgrimage had an interesting start as the location of the departing airport became a challenge of its own. In the end, the Baltimore-Washington International Airport welcomed the Association’s charter, thanks in many ways to the long-term relationship the airport has had with the Federal Association’s Lourdes Pilgrimage. Airport personnel were familiar with the purpose and the requirements of a pilgrimage and welcomed the Association’s charter without hesitation.

By many accounts, the Pilgrimage was a great success. The challenges associated with the charter do not diminish what happened between the two flights on the ground in Lourdes. Limited rain and abundant sunshine cast a bright light on the three hundred pilgrims as they spent seven days in the town nestled in Southwest France in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains.

Several circumstances converged to make this year’s pilgrimage unique — the first Pilgrimage since 2019 for the Association, the Council Complete of State that elected Frá John Dunlap as the Order’s Grand Master where a number of members were part of the electorate and arrived in Lourdes after the Pilgrimage had begun, the surprise appearance of the Grand Master, the great weather and a series of special spiritual events led by Association chaplains. *(continued on page 4)*



Starting with the Wednesday Masses in the Hotels, Cardinal Dolan in the Mediterranean’ Chapel and Archbishop Vigneron in the Bartres Room in the Alba, the spiritual nature of the pilgrimage unfolded each day with the chaplains leading the way.

The day of rest seemed to help many pilgrims as Thursday afternoon’s Tri-Association Opening Mass at the Rosary Basilica found fewer pilgrims than normal using it to catch up on sleep. Bishop Jaime Soto from the Western Association was the Celebrant and Homilist. The Friday Morning of Recollection and Adoration at Saint Bernadette’s Chapel provided meaningful and moving talks by Msgr. Caldwell and Fr. Johnson as well as opportunities for many to go to confession.

At the Anointing Mass at the Notre Dame Chapel, Archbishop Allen Vigneron was the Celebrant and Homilist. Cardinal Dolan was called to serve at the Candlelight Procession; he continued on Saturday morning as the Celebrant and Homilist at the Tri-Association’s Grotto Mass. Again in the afternoon, Cardinal Dolan led the Eucharistic Procession. On Saturday and Monday afternoons, ten separate reflections groups were scattered through the two hotels.

On Sunday, Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, C.S., the Pope’s Special Delegate to the Order (charged by the Pope with overseeing the Order’s reform process), was the principal celebrant at the International Mass in the Pius X Underground Basilica; it was estimated that there were over 25,000 participants.

Meanwhile, back at the Alba, Fr Ian Jeremiah celebrated Mass for the younger pilgrims, their caregivers and hosts. All are blessed by the shared joy of being together — the sign of peace involved practically everyone in the Bartres Room with everyone else, a true communion of ‘saints in training’.

On Monday. The Association’s pilgrims returned to the Rosary Basilica for the Closing Mass; Archbishop Vigneron was the celebrant and Msgr. Robert Dempsey was the homilist. Following the Mass, chaplains led groups of pilgrims in the Stations of the Cross at several locations in the Sanctuary.

Unexpected joy on the Pilgrimage came with an Irish brogue as forty members of the Order from the Irish *(continued on page 6)*





Association joined the American Association's pilgrims throughout to help with the Malades, pulling and pushing wherever needed. This army of volunteers was arranged by American Association Hospitaler Kenneth Craig; all welcomed them, and all appreciated their efforts. The Irish were grateful for the opportunity to serve. Future pilgrimages may again see them by our side.

The process used at the baths in Lourdes evolved dramatically as a result of the pandemic — at least some have found it to be more serene spiritually with the drama of bathing in the frigid waters replaced by a process more in keeping with the historical reality of Mary's direction to Bernadette, "Go and drink from the spring and wash yourself there" The immersion process has been replaced by a "water gesture" that includes prayer, washing of the hands and splashing water on one's own face. Rather than the strict separation of men and women, families can go in together and share the experience.

The old saying that 'absence makes the heart grow fonder' unfolded in the hearts of many Lourdes Pilgrims as three pilgrimages were canceled in deference to the safety of the Malades and all pilgrims. This year's pilgrimage filled a need for many — as Tom and Missy Reedy, Hosts of this year's pilgrimage said as registrations opened in late 2022, "For many of us, the years "away from our spiritual home" have been a period of waiting, of hoping and of anticipation for the time when the doors will open again.

...We pray that God will bless our plans and Our Blessed Mother will welcome us to her Grotto in early May." The whispers from the Grotto in the quiet night air seemed to say, "Welcome back, my beloved children. Welcome back.!"

For all who returned to Lourdes on the pilgrimage, this was a happy reunion with Our Lady and her Son in the shadows of the Grotto where Bernadette heard the message of Mary and chapels were built there.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Pilgrimage scheduled for April 30th to May 7th.

You can find more information and an opportunity to relive the 2023 pilgrimage on the American Association website at www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/lourdes23.





A First-Time Pilgrim's Perspective — Constantly Surprised by Love



As a novice pilgrim to Lourdes, I came with high expectations. But nothing prepared me for sharing the healing joy with my fellow pilgrims, the sacred sense of peace that permeates that holy ground... and the palpable presence of Christ's love I encountered at every turn.

In words and feelings that I learned from my mother-in-law, Jane Boden Muir... I was "Constantly surprised by love." For over forty years, Jane has been the primary caregiver for my brother-in-law, John, who has quadriplegic cerebral palsy and autism. Years of witnessing her unwavering dedication and selfless care have been a constant blessing... one that flooded back to me as a first-time pilgrim to Lourdes.

Caring for John has meant a lifetime of sacrifice. Every morning this petite 77-year-old lady faces another day of constant challenges... from rigorous therapy sessions to routine lifting, shifting, bathing, and tending to his needs. Her love and devotion know no bounds. While her journey with John has been one of struggle and heartbreak... in the footsteps of Christ, it has been one of inspiring love.

In her own modest words, my mother-in-law often shares stories of how often Good Samaritans have emerged unexpectedly, offering their support and love. And the punch line is always the same: All involved are constantly surprised by love. Most memorably, she tells of vulnerable individuals who have shown

immense empathy and kindness towards John, despite their own struggles. From a homeless man who lovingly engaged John at the supermarket and showed him how to feed the deposit bottle machine... to a car-wash worker who dropped everything to help lift him into the car... to the legless wounded warrior who helped him swim laps in the pool... surprising, spontaneous acts of love have become a constant presence surrounding John.

She believes that those who are broken, face rejection, and struggle with a lack of respect... have a special gift of empathy. They are quick to reach out to others in need. John's vulnerability is a portal for the love they carry within them. In those moments, smiles are exchanged, a brief connection is made, and all parties are surprised and enriched by love. Stories of these encounters echo the parable of the Good Samaritan. Just as the Samaritan defied toxic, tribal taboos to rescue the beaten traveler, today's "Samaritans" help John in the face of prevailing, what's-in-it-for-me norms.

Witnessing my mother-in-law's unwavering dedication to John and listening to the Samaritan stories she shares has profoundly shaped my understanding of Christian charity. It reminds me to break free from self-absorption and embrace the healing love of Christ. This is what I experienced at Lourdes... where I was surrounded by the Samaritans of our Order... who don't avert their eyes... who don't walk by... who give of themselves in imitation of Christ.

In preparation for the pilgrimage, I studied the charism of Bernadette



and her encounters with Our Blessed Mother. I read of the miracles that flowed from The Grotto. I marveled at the years of faithful devotion our Order has dedicated in service to the stricken. But despite all my study and prayers of preparation, when I first walked the fields, mounted the steps to the Basilica, entered the Grotto, and encountered the Malades... I was totally surprised by the love that permeates the air of Lourdes.

Amidst the many awe-inspiring encounters during my pilgrimage, one story stands out in my mind... the story of Anne Peach, a member of the Board of Councilors and a fellow pilgrim who became an instrument of divine guidance. It was during a moment when we were engaged in the pre-pilgrimage set up as members of the advance team that Anne approached me, her eyes filled with gentle encouragement. She spoke of the "water ritual," an ancient practice of the baths, and encouraged me to experience healing and solace...

I followed Anne's guidance and made my way to the baths. As I stepped into the sanctified space, a sense of tranquility washed over me. The presence of the Blessed Mother enveloped me, assuring me that this was a time for surrender and reflection. Guided by faith, I cupped the water in my hands and allowed it to flow gently over my face and neck, cleansing me physically and spiritually.

As I drank from the blessed water, I felt a profound connection to countless pilgrims who had come before me seeking solace and healing. With each sip, I offered a silent prayer, surrendering my own burdens and seeking resolution for a painful situation that weighed heavily on my heart. In that sacred moment, I felt a tangible embrace assuring me that my prayers had been heard.

The journey of healing continued as each sacred gathering offered its own unique spiritual experience. At the Anointing Mass, I witnessed the power of anointing touch as the hands of compassionate volunteers brought comfort and solace to those in need. The Candlelight Vigil lit the night with flames of hope, signaling that faith guides us through our darkest moments. The Grotto Mass let me lay my intentions at feet of Our Lady's sacred statue.

The magnificent Stations of the Cross brought Christ's journey of sacrificial suffering vividly to life. And finally, the International Mass, brought together pilgrims from around the world in the unity of our renewed faith.

At every turn, I experienced the transformative power of Lourdes, where faith and compassion converge to create profound healing. The presence of the Blessed Mother and the intercession of the saints are alive... and abide with me today.

Returning from pilgrimage, I have my miracle... I'm changed... bound in blessed fellowship with my sister and brother pilgrims... transformed by the touch of divine grace... washed in the waters of healing... and constantly surprised by love.

I am humbly grateful to our members of The Order of Malta, for your unwavering support, presence, and dedication to serving those in need. Through the blessing of pilgrimage, I understand, appreciate and revere you so much more. Thank you. And God bless you and the magnificent work that you do.

This article was submitted by Father David Sellery, the Director of Development and Member Engagement for the American Association.



Bringing Lourdes Home in A New Way

This year, we celebrated the return of the American Association's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France after four long years. The importance of this pilgrimage was not lost throughout the entire planning process. It would be different, with fewer pilgrims in attendance, new health and safety guidelines, and even a change to how The Baths work now in Lourdes. There are many reasons why someone isn't able to attend this pilgrimage. Perhaps it's a scheduling conflict or a health limitation. Despite all of this, the goal was to help more than just the pilgrims in Lourdes experience the beauty and wonders of the Lourdes Pilgrimage. So, how could this be done?

“Thank you for including me in the Pilgrimage. Keep praying for us.”

Malade-In-Spirit

Prior to the charter flight landing at the Lourdes Airport, we got to work. Last year, the Communications Committee worked with NY Office Staff to launch push notifications in the mobile app with the hopes of being able to utilize them in Lourdes. After the first iteration of these notifications was tested and loved during the 2022 Investiture Weekend, upgrades were made to allow us to send notifications directly to those in Lourdes attending our pilgrimage. After weeks of work and beta testing, pilgrims received the very first pilgrim-

age notification welcoming them to Lourdes upon their arrival. Throughout the pilgrimage, pilgrims received daily notifications to remind them of upcoming events, like when to line up outside for the Tri-Association Grotto Mass, changes to the schedule, and the dreaded last call to board the bus to take us back to the Lourdes Airport on the last day. These notifications proved to be immensely helpful throughout the pilgrimage and added a level of communication that helped direct the 300+ person pilgrimage. Notifications will continue to be used for other Association events and to share the latest important news as needed.

The next layer was focused on those at home, including members not attending, Malades-in-Spirit, and family and friends of pilgrims. We wanted them to feel like they were in Lourdes, even if just for a few minutes every day. The challenge was how to accomplish this. Each evening, the entire membership, including pilgrims, and our Malades-in-Spirit received an email update recapping the day's events. Like a letter written home to loved ones, we shared the highs of each day, like celebrating Mass with the newly elected Grand Master Frá John Dunlap and the beauty of the Candlelight Procession, and the lows, like getting sunburnt at the Tri-Association Grotto Mass and soaked with rain during one procession down to the Sanctuary. Each daily update not only served as a summary of the day's events, but a reminder that we were thinking and praying for those not with us in Lourdes.

“As a past Lourdes Pilgrim, each and every day reminded us of our visit and purpose in Lourdes. All the names you mentioned brought back great memories of the purpose, the need, and the rewards of going to Lourdes.”

Naples Area Knight

These updates even included a 100+ photo library for each day. The joy of a Malade's family member spotting their loved one in a voiture on the way to Mass or of a member recognizing their long-time friend in a group photo is invaluable. These email updates also included a link to watch the Tri-Association Grotto Mass, Cardinal Dolan's own daily updates while in Lourdes, a livestream of the Grotto, and a way to submit prayer petitions online. With an average of 1,500 people reading these daily updates each day, we look forward to continuing this new tradition for years to come.

Visit www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/lourdes23 for these daily updates, photo gallery, Mass recording, and more from the 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage.



Closing Remarks of the 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage

Rev. Joseph R. Johnson, Ch.M.

These days of pilgrimage have been a grace-filled experience for all of us. It seems hard to believe that our week is coming to an end and that tomorrow we will be flying home. We may feel a tugging in our hearts, wanting to stay longer here in this place of peace and prayer.

The disciples faced a similar struggle on top of Mount Tabor. At the Transfiguration, Jesus appeared in glory along with Moses and Elijah. Saint Peter also wanted to linger in that beautiful encounter with God: "Lord, it is good to be here!" He just wanted to rest in that moment and forget everything else.

We can say the same: "Lord, it is good to be here in Lourdes!" We feel the warmth of God's presence here as a healing balm for our spirits, even if we don't experience a physical healing. Heaven has touched earth in this place and blesses those who come here. The Immaculate Virgin Mary welcomes us and leads us closer to Her Divine Son, the Prince of Peace. We feel His peace entering our hearts. The waters of the miraculous spring wash away some of the fears and angst of life.

Why can't we stay? We could list a thousand practical reasons of home and work calling us back. In the end, the real reason we can't stay is that we are already on a greater journey than this pilgrimage. Life itself is a journey. Every pilgrimage is simply a reminder that life is about making progress in the journey towards our true home in Heaven.

For those of you who are familiar with J.R.R. Tolkien and his masterpiece, *The Lord of the Rings*, I would like to remind you of a special gift that the hero, Frodo, was given on his journey. The

elves gave him the light of their brightest star in a vial. With this gift, he was told: "May it be a light to you in dark places."

All of our lives have ups and downs. In dark times, remember back to these days of peace, of experiencing God's tender love for you. Bottle up the "light" you have experienced here. Bring it out when overwhelmed by life's challenges or when particular crosses just seem too heavy to bear. You are not alone. God has not forgotten you, even if He is hidden in that dark moment.

Lourdes is not our destination. It is a waystation on the journey. Here, God refreshes us for the next stage of the journey. We give thanks for the human blessings of friendships—new and renewed. We give thanks for the divine graces received at the Grotto, especially of drawing closer to Christ through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. People will ask if you saw any miracles. Tell them: "Yes, Christ's peace touched my heart!"

The peacefulness of Lourdes is the gift we take home with us. We don't even have to find room for it in our luggage! We just have to treasure it in our hearts and remember from Whom it comes. Jesus carried His Cross so that we might know that we are never alone when carrying our own crosses. Mary stood at the foot of His Cross where He gave her to us as our spiritual mother. The closeness we feel here—to them and to one another—reminds us that we are not alone in this great adventure of life. Remember Lourdes! "May it be a light to you in dark places!"

Fr. Joseph Johnson is a Magistral Chaplain in the Minnesota Area; he coordinated the chaplains on the 2023 Lourdes Pilgrimage.





Frá John Dunlap 81st Grand Master of the Order of Malta

(continued from cover)

Special Delegate, in the Church of St. Mary on the Aventine in Rome, thus entering into the fullness of his powers.

According to Article 13 of the new Constitution, he will remain in office for 10 years and could be re-elected. The Grand Master is the head of the Order of Malta, a lay religious order of the Catholic Church and at the same time, a subject of international law.

The new Grand Master, addressing the members of the Council Complete of State, said: “I accept this office with a profound spirit of service and with the solemn promise of a constant commitment. I thank each of you for having placed your trust in me and for having shown your great love for, and dedication to, our Order by your presence here today. There are many challenges that await us, but united in the awareness of our mission of Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum (witnessing the faith, helping the poor), I am sure

I accept this office with a profound spirit of service and with the solemn promise of a constant commitment.

that we will be able to face them together united and cohesively, in the same spirit that guided Blessed Gerard, founder of the Order, over 900 years ago.”

Following this announcement, Frá Dunlap traveled to Lourdes, France to lead the Order of Malta’s 65th Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Leading this year’s Lourdes Pilgrimage was his first official engagement as Grand Master of the Order of

Malta. He surprised and delighted the Association’s pilgrims when he joined them at the Anointing Mass — introduced by President Kelly, he was greeted with a standing ovation and a lengthy applause. The Grand Master participated in many of the events in this year’s Pilgrimage, much to the delight and appreciation of members from around the world.

The election of Frá John Dunlap has brought joy and hope to many members around the world for the future of the Order. Your prayers for his successful leadership are welcome as he takes on this new role.

PROFILE OF GRAND MASTER

Born in Ottawa, Canada, on April 16, 1957, after study-



ing in Nice University, John Dunlap graduated from the University of Ottawa and then obtained a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Western Ontario. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in Public Service by John Cabot University in Rome.

Frá John Dunlap is a member of the New York State Bar and the Ontario Bar Association in Canada. In 1986, he joined the New York legal firm Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller in New York City, becoming a partner in 1993. He specializes in corporate and immigration law. An internationally respected lawyer, since 1997 he has been legal adviser to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations.

Frá John Dunlap approached the Order of Malta and found his religious vocation in the mid-1980s during his volunteer work with patients suffering from AIDS and other diseases at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Center in New York City. He has volunteered in that hospital every week for the past 30 years.

He became a member of the Order of Malta, American Association in 1996 and he took his solemn vows as a Professed Knight in 2008. For over a decade, he has served the Order of Malta as Chairman of the Committee for the Protection of Names and Emblems and Representative to the Alliance of the Orders of St John.

In 2009, Frá John Dunlap was elected for a five-year term as a member of the Sovereign Council. He was re-elected for



another five-year term by the Chapter General in 2014 and then in 2019. He had led the Order of Malta as Lieutenant of the Grand Master since June 2022, following the death of Frá Marco Luzzago, until his election as Grand Master of the Order of Malta in May 2023.

THE GRAND MASTER

According to Article 12 of the Constitution, the Grand Master is the head of the Order and is entitled to sovereign prerogatives and honors as well as the title of Most Eminent Highness. He must devote himself fully to the growth of the Order's works and serve as an example of authentic Christian life for all members (art. 106 of the Code).

The Grand Master, together with the Sovereign Council, is responsible for issuing legislative measures not provided for by the Constitutional Charter, promulgating government acts and ratifying international agreements. He administers, through the Receiver of the Common Treasure, the Order's assets and convenes the Chapter of Professed and the Chapter General.

The States with which the Order of Malta has diplomatic relations recognize the Grand Master with the prerogatives, immunities and honors reserved for Heads of State.

The Grand Master resides at the Order of Malta's government seat, the Magistral Palace in Rome.

For more information about the Order of Malta's Government, visit <https://www.orderofmalta.int/>





CALLED TO SERVE SECURING OUR LEGACY OF CARE FOR THE SICK AND THE POOR A Campaign for the Order of Malta, American Association

As we have said from the beginning of the CALLED TO SERVE Capital Campaign, the purpose of this effort is engagement, education and ultimately, transformation. As we have spent much of the last three years engaging members across the Association, we have learned a lot about what our members are thinking, about what they are concerned about and, frankly, some of the things we need to do better to ensure that all our members are engaged, and more basically, are aware of the various components that make our Association tick.

While gaining commitments so far of almost \$20,000,000 in pledges is the most visible sign of the work that has been going on, in many ways, it is not the most important outcome. By and large, we found that our members want to be engaged in the work of serving the sick and the poor and in giving witness to our Faith. We found that members are happy and feel blessed with the path they have chosen to grow their spiritual lives and the most satisfied are the ones who have been most engaged.

Another observation we have made is that many of those members who are not fully engaged want to be and only need to be invited. That learning point needs to be a focus going forward. A third major learning has been that many of our members at every level in the Association do not know much or anything about the important work of the Malta Human Services Foundation (MHSF). In our Case Statement, we started the process of sharing some of the background and function of the MHSF but nothing demonstrates

the Foundation's purpose and function more than a discussion about the important role the MHSF plays in the life of the Association, quietly and behind the scenes.

A former president of the Association, Dan Kelly, once remarked that the grants program was the lifeblood of the Association — providing the resources to support the hands-on work that keeps our members engaged. The MHSF provides the most significant part of the funding for the American Association's Annual Grants program. As the 2023 grants process is practically complete, it might be helpful to look at some of the outcomes of that process. Over \$640,000 came from the Malta Human Services Foundation to support the grants program of the American Association.

MELISSA came to the Malta Dental and Medical Clinic in Detroit to obtain dentures. Because the Malta Clinic seeks to treat the whole patient, she received an eye examination appointment with the ophthalmologist. During the exam, he noted that Melissa's eye pressure was increased so he arranged for Melissa to see the retinologist the next day. The retinologist said that she required immediate carotid artery surgery. Melissa's physician initially insisted that there was no reason for the surgery. For five days, the retinologist continued to discuss why it was critical and he finally referred Melissa to a specialist. The outcome was that Melissa needed two stents in the carotid artery; she felt so much more alive. The ultrasound from the carotid artery screening identified a mass on her thyroid. Melissa started treatment at Karmanos Cancer Center. The visit to the Dental Clinic resulted in critical care that otherwise would likely have only been discovered when it was too late. The Clinic was a recent recipient of a major grant to purchase and outfit a mobile van to bring clients to the clinic who many have no other means of transportation — the third van in the Malta Mobile Ministry supporting American Association works.

JASON is serving a life sentence in a medium security prison outside of Boston. He was seeking help and looking for new ways forward in his life. He discovered and engaged with members of the Order at a weekly liturgy held on Monday nights in the prison chapel. After many conversations, he was encouraged to join a group of dedicated Catholic inmates. Over time, he experienced God's love in many new ways, and has been given a profound sense of hope for brighter days ahead.





THE ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING MINISTRY, working in coordination with the United Nations, has been swift to respond to the urgent situation in Ukraine, Poland, Romania, and neighboring states. Collaborating with international local aid workers, they launched a comprehensive awareness campaign — translated into six languages — utilizing leaflets, posters, banners, and cellular push notifications. These communication channels are being used to alert refugees about the grave risks and perils posed by traffickers. In the American Association, an Anti-Human Trafficking education program has been launched for healthcare professionals and work is currently underway to develop an education process for the local areas.

THIRTY-NINE GRANTS to provide food-related assistance were approved totaling over \$150,000. These grants support people who are at risk and often lack the basic necessities of life.

NINETEEN LOCAL AREA PROJECTS have been funded with grants to start or grow projects that involve direct, hands-on work. Over \$70,000 went toward these projects whose sole purpose is to provide opportunities to members to live the charism to support the poor and the sick.

THIRTY-TWO 501C3 ORGANIZATIONS where members are involved in hands-on work are receiving over \$200,000 to sustain and enhance the services they deliver while providing opportunities for members to live the charism of service.

Several international works of the Order have received grants from the 2023 Grants Program.

MALTESER INTERNATIONAL is an international humanitarian aid organization and is the relief agency of the Order of Malta. The organization has been very active in support of refugees from war-torn areas. It serves the sick and the poor throughout the world. You can learn more about it at <https://orderofmalta.org>.

THE HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL OF BETHLEHEM in Palestine stands as a beacon of hope for families throughout the Holy Land. The hospital recently celebrated its 100,000th birth since the Order took over the hospital at the request of Saint John Paul II. Despite decades of political conflict, economic hardship, and public health issues, the Hospital welcomes every woman and child who comes through its doors. No one is ever turned away. Each of these women and children has a story and they are all precious. You can learn more about the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem at the Foundation's website at <https://www.birthplaceofhope.org>.

There are dozens of stories of people being served by organizations benefiting from grants funded by the MHSF. The CALLED TO SERVE Capital Campaign has raised over \$9.7M in pledges to the MHSF and Anti-Human Trafficking ministry, of which almost \$4.5M has been collected in cash. The remainder of the pledges will be collected in the coming months and years.

As we move forward, the transformative function of the CALLED TO SERVE Capital Campaign should lead to a focus on works and ministries that make a significant impact on the people whose lives we seek to serve, our lords, the sick and the poor. The unprecedented generosity of the members of the American Association continues to amaze us and fills us with gratitude. Over 25% of the families in the Association have made a commitment to the Campaign. Pledges for the most part continue to be paid on or ahead of schedule. You have invested for the future to secure a legacy of service to the sick and the poor, whose needs are virtually endless. Your continued support will help us ensure that we meet and surpass our goals for this campaign.

This article was contributed by Gail and Joseph Berardino, Co-Chairs of the Capital Campaign. Gail can be reached at gtberardino@gmail.com and Joe can be reached at jfberardino@gmail.com. They welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions.

An Interview with Andy Aoyama President of the Malta Human Services Foundation

The following interview with Mr. Andrew Aoyama was conducted by Gail and Joe Berardino, Chairs of the American Association's Called to Serve Capital Campaign. It is intended to respond to member requests for more information about the Malta Human Services Foundation (MHSF).

GAIL: Andy, during the course of the Capital Campaign, as Chairs, we discovered that many members of the American Association have little or no knowledge about the Malta Human Services Foundation (MHSF). What would you tell them is the purpose of the MHSF?

ANDY: To put it simply, the purpose of the MHSF is to support the works of the Order of Malta, American Association both domestically and worldwide. The MHSF provides the primary source of funding for the American Association's Annual Grants Program. The grants made are for both the national works of the American Association including Malteser International Americas and Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem and to each of the 30 areas to fund their specific grant requests.

JOE: What is the history of the MHSF?

ANDY: In 1991, Peter Grace, then President of the American Association, envisioned and created the Foundation as a perpetual endowment to support the two charisms of the Order — service to the sick and poor and witnessing to the Catholic Faith. Peter passed away in 1995 and the Foundation became inactive. Seven years later in 2002, Daniel Kelly chaired a Board of Councillers' committee to determine the future of the Foundation. The BOC accepted the recommendations of Dan's committee, and the Foundation became a supporting organization of the American Association. The Foundation's primary function is to oversee the management of its investment portfolio and provide funds annually to support the American Association's grants program.

GAIL: Can you tell us anything about that ongoing history?

ANDY: Since these recommendations and changes were accepted and enacted in 2003, the MHSF has focused its resources on prudently growing the investment portfolio and making an annual grant to the American Association. Our By-laws require the Foundation to make an annual grant of up to 5% of

the market value of the portfolio. Each year, the market value of the portfolio is calculated as the average market value for the trailing five years. This averaging mechanism provides more stability in the calculation, smoothing out large up or down movements in the bond and stock markets.

As a point of pride, from 2003 through 2023, the Foundation has transferred over \$10,675,000 to the American Association in support of its grant programs.

JOE: How much do you have in the endowment today?

ANDY: At the end of 2022, the Foundation had \$16.6 million in its portfolio. As of mid-May, the value of the portfolio was up over \$1.1 million. The Capital Campaign has had a major impact on the Foundation, helping to hold our balance sheet steady in the face of losses in our equity portfolio.

Over the last several years, the Campaign has delivered over \$3.5 million to the Foundation. I'm grateful for the unprecedented generosity of the members of the American Association. Based on the results so far, I'm confident that the Campaign will reach, and exceed its goals.

GAIL: As we spoke to many members over the last three years, there has been an interest in moral and ethical investing. Is the MHSF focused on that?

ANDY: Our Investment Policy Statement, which all our fund managers abide by, clearly states that "Investments in securities that conflict with official moral and social teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are prohibited." We do not allow our investment managers to invest in companies that violate Church teachings. Depending on what segment of the market is driving overall results, the impact could be positive or negative. In the long run, however, we have found that the impact of morally responsible investing can vary in any quarter but its long-term impact is negligible.

If anyone would like to read a copy of our Investment Policy Statement, I would be happy to share it.



JOE: Andy, you spoke about the impact of the Capital Campaign. Why should anyone consider making the MHSF a philanthropic priority?

ANDY: The Order of Malta has over nine hundred years of service to the sick and the poor and giving witness to our Faith - it has outlasted most organizations, including many countries, over that time. This sustained commitment by a Roman Catholic organization to the original mission of its founder, Blessed Gerard, is a testament to the grace of God acting through the members of this holy institution. That makes it very different from many other nonprofit organizations that seek our philanthropic commitment.

Members of the Order of Malta overlay their personal lives with the mantle of the Order's commitment to make a real difference in the world by seeing Jesus in the faces of those we serve. This deep spiritual commitment to the goals and the traditions of the Order is woven in the fabric of our lives in ways that go far beyond normal membership in an organization. It is a transformative experience.

This mantle of the Order of Malta, overlaying our lives, calls us to do more, not because we are better, but because we are privileged to respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, and minister to the sick. This commitment by members of the Order of Malta transcends the lives of any of us.

This is a long answer, but it is in this spirit that building a culture of philanthropy will help the Foundation grow and continue to serve those in need. By making the MHSF and the Pilgrimage Foundation, (and through them, the Order), a priority in our philanthropic giving, we are helping to provide the resources to perpetuate the personal commitment we make each day through our own participation in the works and ministries of our Order.

GAIL: Thanks for taking the time to talk with us. Is there anything you would like to add?

ANDY: I would again like to thank all those who have contributed to the Capital Campaign and would encourage any of those who have not yet participated to consider a gift. Also, if anyone has any questions about the Malta Human Services Foundation or would like to receive a copy of the Investment Policy Statement, please feel free to contact me at andy.aoyama@gmail.com.

A little over \$3.1 million of the endowment is managed for the American Association — it is referred to as the Langer Trust. Several years ago, the Association transferred money to the Foundation to manage it based on the expertise the Foundation has on its Board. Based on the terms of the original grant from the Langer Trust, an annual grant is used to support pediatric medical research. An annual grant has been given since 2014 to fund research at the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center at Columbia University.

MEMBERS OF THE MHSF BOARD

Andrew Aoyama, *President*

Keith Cardoza, *Vice President*

Jean Maloy, *Secretary*

Chris Pilalas, *Treasurer*

Laure Aubuchon

Joseph Dutkowsky

Peter Kelly

John Mitchell

Suzy Moran

Michael O'Rourke

Anne Peach

Thomas Reedy

Joseph Sindelar, Jr.

First Stop, The Summer Retreat...Next Stop, The Wisconsin Pilgrimage

By the time you are reading this, we have wrapped up the American Association's very first summer retreat. Over 30 members from 10 Areas gathered at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality in De Pere, Wisconsin, for a weekend of prayer and reflection. What made this retreat even more special was that it was held over the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, the patron Saint of our Order. Retreatants attended morning and evening prayers, conferences, Adoration, Confession, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, and meals together in a peaceful setting. The successful Summer Retreat was led by our wonderful Retreat Master, Fr. Joseph Aytona. Fr. Aytona, whom you may have spotted on EWTN, is the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, the next stop in the American Association's summer events.

In just a few weeks, members from the American, Federal, and Western Associations will convene in Champion, Wisconsin for the

10th Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, or the Wisconsin Pilgrimage. This summer pilgrimage offers members, candidates, and their families a beautiful opportunity to visit the site of the only Marian apparition in the United States approved by the Catholic Church. In 2010, Bishop David Ricken, of the Diocese of Green Bay and Conventual Chaplain in our Northeast Wisconsin Area, declared the Apparition as worthy of belief. In 2016, the USCCB designated the grounds as a National Shrine.

Earlier this year, Bishop Ricken announced that the name of the Shrine would soon be changing from The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. This name change will become official later this year in the fall. The Shrine has received word from the Holy See's Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments confirming the Shrine's ability to celebrate an annual Solemnity Day on the grounds of the Apparition



site under the title “Our Lady of Champion” every October 9th — the established anniversary day of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s second and third apparitions to Adele Brise in 1859.

In between this exciting news, our members are anxiously awaiting the August Friday morning when they will step foot off of the buses to experience all that this summer pilgrimage has to offer. Members particularly appreciate the opportunity to do so in the company of many other members of the Order from the Federal and Western Associations. Pilgrimage activities include the Rosary Procession, Masses, opportunities to learn about the Shrine and its history. Pilgrims will even stop at the Norbertine Center for Spirituality, the location of the summer retreat mentioned earlier, for Adoration, Confessions, a Chaplain-led Reflection, and the Anointing of the Sick. We also look forward to enjoying breakfasts, lunches, and dinners together, ending each evening with a nightly prayer.

If you have never been on the Lourdes Pilgrimage, this is a unique opportunity to share in the experience of a Marian Shrine pilgrimage and to encounter the love of the Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus. If you have been to Lourdes, you will find the experience in Wisconsin to be a uniquely distinct encounter with Our Blessed Mother and Her Son, Jesus. The Shrine is nestled between two dairy farms and is surrounded by corn fields. This quiet location offers the perfect setting for spiritual renewal and healing. The stillness of this quaint location is breathtaking.

If you will be joining us on this year’s Wisconsin Pilgrimage, we look forward to seeing you there. If not, we hope you will consider joining us in Wisconsin next summer.



2023 Area Grants Program Awards 94 Grants

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Area Grants Program. With the help of our Area Chairs, Area Grants Committees, and the Association's Grants Committee, the American Association was able to award a total of 94 organizations and local Area projects with funding for efforts that serve the sick and the poor and witness to the faith in our own communities. You can see some of these projects in action in the photos below and in the Area Grants Listing. As you read through each grant's purpose, you will see just how much we have been able to do. This program allows us to meet the needs of the vulnerable exactly where they are in need.

The Grants Program is supported primarily by the Malta Human Services Foundation. Each year, the Malta Human Services Foundation transfers money to the American Association specifically for the Grants Program. Supporting the Called to Serve Capital Campaign, which you can also read about in this newsletter, helps to grow and secure the legacy of service that is a direct outgrowth of the Grants Program. We thank you all again for your support of this great program and we look forward to seeing how next year's grants program, which will open in mid-January 2024, will help even more people.

See pages 24–26 for a complete listing of the 2023 Area Grants Program.



Connecticut - SWN Area Shepherds, Inc.



Boston Area Malta Walks



Pennsylvania - Scranton Area Friends of the Poor



New York - Long Island Area Life Center of Long Island



Florida - Northeast Area Baby Steps Camino



New York - NYC Area Malta Walks



New Jersey Area The Mercy House



Florida - Vero Beach Area A Heart Like His Foundation





An Overview of the Order of Malta’s Mission at the United Nations

This article was edited from its original form — the original was delivered as a talk at the 2023 Retreat of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes in early June in Malvern, PA. by Peter D. McGuire, KMOB, a member of the Association since 2008. He was appointed as Senior Counsellor & Chargé d’Affaires at the Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations in New York. Mr. McGuire can be reached at petermcguire1492@gmail.com

The Order of Malta is a SOVEREIGN entity; it has a Head of State, our beloved Prince, and Grand Master Fra. John Dunlap, a former regent of our Subpriory. We have a government. As with most gov-

ernments we have ministers or as we call them, High Charges who oversee the departments managing our State. We have a Foreign Minister, a Health Minister, a Finance Minister. Although we style them differently, the functions are basically the same.

As a sovereign nation, we enjoy diplomatic relations with 112 countries where we have Ambassadors, and, we hope, more countries to follow... And almost 30 years ago, in 1994 to be precise, we were granted special status as a Permanent Observer at the United Nations and we have full-time Ambassadors serving in Geneva, Vienna and in New York.

Enjoying diplomatic status enables us to conduct our international out-

reach more effectively, the works of our Order, as our Ambassadors, by virtue of their status, have access to the highest levels of government in the countries in which they serve. This enables us to cut through red tape, to bring our concerns, and sometimes our problems, to those who can best help those we serve, and it gives the Order’s local associations a status which they would not otherwise enjoy — adjunct members of an international sovereign entity. This is something that we should be truly proud of because it helps us to do better what we try to do best — serving the sick and the poor.

So, we are a State without land or citizens, in the usual sense, which makes us unique. We provide assistance to those in need around the world, regardless of religion, race, or creed. We do this in the name of Christ who provides the blueprint for our works in the Gospels. We are a State who provides this assistance, unlike others, who asks for nothing in return... there is no political “quid pro

quo"! The UN, given its multilateral nature, provides us with a platform to let the world know what we as an Order stand for, what we care about and to give voice to those who have none, our Lords the sick, the poor, the marginalized and to bring to the attention of all countries, the magnificent work of Malteser International, the Order's amazing crisis response department.

Many of us have worked in or at least visited New York City and so for many of you like me the United Nations was an inconvenience for ten days each September when Heads of State would fly to New York and the city became not just difficult to get around, but impossible. Which reminds me of the story... a very busy businessman is driving in Manhattan during UN High Level week and is looking for the impossible... a parking space. Desperate, he resorts to something he hasn't tried in a long time... prayer. He prays, "Lord, if you provide a parking space for me, I promise that I will correct my bad ways and attend Mass every Sunday". At that moment, a miracle happens, and he sees a space in front of him and he says, "Don't worry yourself, Lord; I have found one on my own."

I have over the past few years been able to see for myself the herculean efforts for good which take place at the United Nations every day. For all its faults, the world needs the United Nations, because it represents a voice of reason in a world where reason is often drowned out by the bully and the demagogue.

So, what do we do at the UN, where does the Order of Malta's presence make a difference? We make a difference by using our voice and the voice of our government where it is heard by all countries on our planet.

Two areas where the Mission has been especially active are :

Human rights: The UN third committee is one of the most active and prolific of the UN committee groups and the Order of Malta has been particularly active here, delivering more

and more interventions each year. The human rights of internally displaced persons, the elderly, the sexual exploitation of children and the increased use of torture are all areas where the Order of Malta has something to say.

Human Trafficking: A growing scourge that is engulfing humanity and destroying lives. In 2022, at the General Assembly, we presented the World Health Organization with a protocol to assist health care providers to identify victims of modern slavery, in hospitals, clinics, care facilities and in emergency rooms. This is the first of its kind and is a major contribution to combatting this awful problem. This development and area of significant concern was and continues to be championed by Deb O'Hara Ruskowski, a member the American Association and of our delegation. The UN estimates the number of trafficked persons has increased from 40 million to 50 million over a two-year period and this number is only getting larger.

In 2022 alone, Paul Beresford-Hill, our Ambassador and members of the delegation, including very importantly our talented interns, who are the backbone of our mission, delivered 34 interventions (an intervention is when a UN delegate or observer speaks or "intervenes" at a debate). Already in 2023, the delegation has delivered 10 interventions. We have spoken on Education in Afghanistan at the General Assembly, we have spoken about Water Hygiene and sanitation at the General Assembly during the 5th plenary meeting of the UN Water conference 2023, we have spoken on Ukraine at the General Assembly Security Council, we continue to speak on Human rights, on Human trafficking and climate change which will have a long and far reaching impact on migration and all of the human suffering associated with migration. In addition to delivering interventions, we sponsor topical events and are continually in dialogue with other embassies and missions in an effort to create rapport to further enhance our diplomatic mission.

We as the Mission of the Order of Malta to the United Nations are only able to achieve what we do because of the efforts of those who helped to build our presence and establish our diplomatic activities. As the phrase goes... "we stand on the shoulders of giants"... and one giant I would like to recognize is Ambassador Robert Shafer who, as Ambassador from 2004 to 2016, cleared a path for the impact that we are having today.

Friends ask me why I volunteer at our Mission to the UN and I tell them the following:

One of President Kennedy's favorite quotations was based upon an interpretation of Dante's Inferno. As Robert Kennedy explained in 1964, "President Kennedy's favorite quote was really from Dante, 'The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who in time of moral crisis preserve their neutrality.'" This supposed quotation is not actually in Dante's work but is based upon a similar one. In the Inferno, Dante and his guide Virgil, on their way to Hell, pass by a group of dead souls outside the entrance to Hell. These individuals, when alive, remained neutral at a time of great moral decision. Virgil explains to Dante that these souls cannot enter either Heaven or Hell because they did not choose one side or another. They are therefore worse than the greatest sinners in Hell because they are repugnant to both God and Satan alike and have been left to mourn their fate as insignificant beings neither hailed nor cursed in life or death, endlessly travailing below Heaven but outside of Hell. This scene occurs in the third canto of the Inferno.

This still gives me chills... we cannot stand idly by; we have a voice for those who don't, and we have an obligation to use it.

For more information about the Order of Malta's Permanent Mission at the United Nations, visit <https://www.un.int/orderofmalta/about>



ORDER OF MALTA

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION GRANTS FOR 2023

CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Boston			
Emergency	Boston Healthcare for the Homeless	\$5,000	Support homeless community with food pantry
Emergency	Cor Unum Meal Center	\$5,000	Provide hot meals to one of the poorest communities in the state
Emergency	Dismas Home of New Hampshire	\$5,000	Support food needs of recently released women at the facility
Emergency	End Hunger New England	\$5,000	Support 4 food distribution events
Emergency	Homeless not Hopeless, Inc.	\$4,000	Provide assistance to the homeless population
Emergency	My Brother's Keeper	\$4,754	Support soup kitchen and food assistance program
Emergency	My Brother's Table	\$5,000	Support soup kitchen's service of over 600,000 meals each year
Emergency	St. Anthony Shrine	\$5,000	Support the oldest soup kitchen in Boston
Local	Malta Walks Boston	\$7,000	Purchase items to distribute to homeless
Local	Malta Walks Providence	\$2,500	Purchase items to distribute to homeless
Connecticut – Eastern			
Emergency	St. Vincent de Paul Place, Middletown	\$800	Support soup kitchen and food pantry
Emergency	St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich	\$800	Support soup kitchen and food pantry
Emergency	Valley Shore YMCA	\$250	Support vegetable garden's weekly harvest, delivered to local food pantry
Local	5th Monday Malta Meals	\$1,200	Purchase food, beverages, and supplies for quarterly dinners
Local	Birthright of Greater Westbrook	\$1,000	Purchase layettes and other items for new mothers and babies
Local	Lourdes in a Day	\$500	Fund clergy honorariums, parish and music support, lunch, other items for annual event
Local	Holy Family Home & Shelter	\$786	Provide basic daily necessities and comfort items to the homeless
Local	St. Gianna Pregnancy Resource Center	\$750	Fund the cost of monthly maintenance of ultrasound machine
Local	St. Patrick Outreach Committee	\$1,000	Support service of 150 people at each of 3 monthly dinners and provide care baskets to recently homeless
Connecticut – Southern, Western, Northern			
Emergency	New Covenant Center	\$10,000	Support soup kitchen's service of 300 meals each day
Emergency	Thomas Merton Center	\$10,000	Feed the poor and those in need
Regular	Malta House	\$12,045	Purchase new computers, 4 new staff positions, and security
Regular	Shepherds, Inc.	\$9,636	Underwrite cost of purchasing Chromebooks and calculators for 20 students in Class of 2027
Regular	St. Catherine Center for Special Needs	\$15,347	Purchase kitchen supplies to outfit new commercial-grade Life Skills Kitchen
Florida – Naples			
Regular	Catholic Charities of Collier County	\$3,000	Provide elementary school children at-risk of hunger with nutritious food for the weekend
Regular	Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc.	\$20,000	Cover ultrasound technician's annual salary, health insurance, and payroll tax
Regular	St. Matthew's House	\$3,000	Expand available beds in lodge for those experiencing homelessness
Florida – Northeast			
Local	Baby Steps Camino	\$5,000	Support the cost of bus transportation throughout the pilgrimage
Local	Food Providence	\$1,411	Fund purchasing of food items for local food pantry
Florida – Southeast			
Emergency	KinDoo Family Center	\$5,625	Purchase food to supplement the cooking and nutrition program
Emergency	New Hope Charities	\$5,625	Purchase food for the food distribution program
Emergency	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church	\$5,625	Support parish food program
Emergency	St. Mary Catholic Church	\$5,625	Support parish food program
Regular	St. Ann Place	\$5,500	Improve and increase outdoor seating for clients to eat in a comfortable environment

CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Florida – Vero Beach			
Emergency	A Heart Like His Foundation	\$1,000	Purchase, package, and distribute ready to eat food
Emergency	Our Father's Table Soup Kitchen, Inc.	\$1,000	Purchase, prepare, and distribute meals to the homeless
Regular	Hope for Families Center	\$1,000	Provide 70 dinners to residents of center
Regular	The Source (I Am Ministries, Inc.)	\$1,000	Purchase bed sheets and linens for new Dignity Bus, mobile overnight shelter
Regular	Women's Care Center	\$2,074	Help purchase new ultrasound machine
Illinois			
Regular	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago	\$10,000	Support Evening Supper Program
Regular	Little Sisters of the Poor Chicago, Inc.	\$5,522	Support general operations to continue providing seniors quality nursing care
Indiana			
Regular	The Secretariat for Worship and Evangelization	\$3,374	Support food distribution and provide monthly meals to senior center
Kansas			
Emergency	Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas	\$1,012	Support food assistance program
Michigan			
Regular	Malta Dental and Medical Clinic	\$15,000	Expand services to new soup kitchen facility of Catholic Charities
Regular	Rose Hill Center	\$4,239	Construct sensory room for residents with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Minnesota			
Emergency	Franciscan Brothers of Peace	\$3,636	Support food shelf
Emergency	Franciscan Brothers of Peace	\$337	Support food shelf
Local	Twin Cities Prison Ministry	\$3,500	Cover expenses for Pen Pal Program (training and workshops)
Regular	Diocese of Duluth, Solace	\$2,000	Provide clothing, food, houseware, toiletries, vehicle maintenance to recently reunited Ukrainian refugee family
Regular	Star of the North Maternity Home (Together for Life Northland)	\$2,000	Support babysitting and daycare expenses so mothers can attend appointments, school, training, and work
Missouri			
Regular	Criminal Justice Ministry	\$9,495	Staff services inside jails and prisons and provide transportation for families to visit incarcerated women
Regular	Our Lady's Inn	\$2,500	Provide nearly 13 days of care and nights of housing unhoused pregnant women
Regular	Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis	\$5,000	Support Beds Program, provides those in need with voucher for bed, pillows, sheet sets, and bed frame
Regular	St. Patrick Center	\$10,000	Support Women's Night Program
New Jersey			
Local	Auxiliary in Action	\$2,493	Support engagement in local projects such as soup kitchen and Malta Walks
Local	Backpack Program with Sisters of the Franciscan Order of Renewal	\$4,500	Provide backpacks, clothing, and hygiene items for homeless
Local	Discovery Ministries Year-round Retreats	\$10,000	Assist in providing retreats for variety of organizations and ministries serving those in need
Local	Food Backpack Program	\$6,000	Provide food backpacks for 144 children between the ages of 3 - 4
Local	Sunday Dinner at The Center in Asbury Park	\$2,000	Provide hot dinner for clients as well as lunch trays for the next day
Regular	Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton	\$5,500	Purchase admission kits for new families entering Linkages Program
Regular	The Mercy House	\$10,000	Defray cost of renovating 40 rooms for residents
New York – Long Island			
Emergency	Parish Social Ministry at St. Martha's	\$14,325	Support food pantry
Local	Prison Ministry	\$811	Purchase cabinet to secure religious items in correctional center
Regular	Life Center of Long Island (Mother and Unborn Baby Care of L.I.)	\$3,086	Enhance in-house and virtual client interaction with technology upgrades
New York – New York City			
Emergency	NY Common Pantry	\$6,000	Purchase food for emergency food provisioning programs
Emergency	St. Francis Food Pantries and Shelters	\$6,000	Support emergency food purchase program
Emergency	St. John's Bread and Life Program, Inc.	\$6,000	Support mothers with basic necessities

CATEGORY	GRANTEE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Regular	Sisters of Life	\$7,493	Support 1 guest during her pregnancy and first months with her infant
Regular	Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center	\$15,000	Support live music at Sunday Mass and enable extended hours for outdoor garden for residents
New York – Upstate			
Emergency	Benedictine Health Foundation	\$1,000	Provide emergency food support for families of cancer patients
Emergency	Catholic Charities Tri County Services	\$1,000	Support food pantry
Emergency	The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo	\$1,000	Provide emergency food relief
Emergency	Hearts for the Homeless of WNY	\$1,000	Feed the poor and homeless
Emergency	Holy Trinity Parish	\$1,000	Support emergency food grants made to parishioners
Emergency	Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless	\$500	Provide food to the homeless
Emergency	North Country Ministry Food Distribution Center	\$1,000	Provide emergency food aid
Emergency	St. John's St. Anne's Outreach Center	\$1,323	Provide emergency food relief
Regular	Camp Veritas Inc	\$5,000	Provide scholarships to underprivileged teens to attend camp
New York – Westchester			
Emergency	Meals on Main (Caritas of Port Chester)	\$2,500	Provide food to large and growing immigrant community
Local	Food Ministry	\$18,421	Fund monthly delivery of food to under-resources soup kitchen and food pantry
Ohio			
Emergency	St. Francis Seraph Ministries	\$6,000	Meet nutritional needs of people served
Emergency	St. Francis Seraph Ministries	\$3,860	Meet nutritional needs of people served
Emergency	St. Vincent DePaul Society	\$6,000	Support pantry in maintaining supply for families in need
Pennsylvania – Allentown			
Local	Welcome Bags for Holy Family Manor	\$3,037	Purchase items used to fill bags for new admissions into nursing home
Pennsylvania – Pittsburgh			
Regular	Genesis of Pittsburgh, Inc.	\$1,687	Purchase new and safe cribs and pack 'n plays for clients who earn them through Learn to Earn Program
Pennsylvania – Scranton			
Emergency	Friends of the Poor	\$3,712	Defray cost of food giveaway to over 1,000 families for Easter
Texas – Dallas			
Emergency	Catholic Charities of Dallas	\$5,995	Support food distribution programs
Regular	Society of St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy of North Texas	\$5,815	Support uninsured patients in need of lifesaving prescription medications
Texas – Houston			
Regular	Keep US Fed Montgomery County (Waste Not Want Not)	\$2,362	Purchase items for volunteer kits including freezer blocks, insulated bags, and tote bags
US Virgin Islands			
Regular	The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, Inc.	\$1,012	Help Catholic families with Catholic School tuition
Wisconsin – Northeast			
Regular	The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help	\$6,074	Support Phase 2 of Outdoor Stations of the Cross Project, expanding pathway to meet ADA standards
Association Level Grants			
	Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation	\$100,000	Support lifesaving care for premature NICU babies in Bethlehem
	Malteser International Americas	\$100,000	Ensure vulnerable individuals have access to healthcare, nutritious food, and safe and clean water
	Partnership to End Human Trafficking (Global PEHT Corp.)*	\$30,000	Purchase a minivan to be used for client transportation and transportation of products for PEHT shop
<i>*Funding provided by restricted donations made to the Called to Serve Capital Campaign.</i>			
Emergency Food-related Assistance: 40 Grants Awarded a Total of		\$158,303	
Local Area Project Support: 19 Grants Awarded a Total of		\$71,909	
Regular Grants: 32 Grants Awarded a Total of		\$204,761	
Association Level: 3 Grants Awarded a Total of		\$230,000	
TOTAL Amount Awarded for 2023		\$664,973	

2023 AMERICAN ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

July 9 – 13

Loudonville, NY
Malta Camp USA

August 3-6

Champion, WI
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Champion
in Wisconsin

September 8

Feast of Our Lady of Philermo

September 13-14

Boston, MA
Board of Councillors Meeting

September 15-17

Medway, MA
Fall Retreat

October 13

Feast of Blessed Gerard

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 9-11

New York City
Investiture Weekend

November 9

New York City
Board of Councillors Meeting

November 10

New York City
Annual Meeting, Solemn Mass of
Investiture, Annual Dinner

November 11

New York City
Mass for Malades, Caregivers and
Malades in Spirit

November 11

New York City
Subpriory Mass

November 19

World Day of the Poor

November 23

Thanksgiving Day

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8-10

**Jacksonville Beach to
St. Augustine, FL**
Baby Steps Camino™

December 25

Christmas Day

January 18-19, 2024

Washington, DC
Pilgrimage for Life

On the first Wednesday of each month, there is a Spiritual Outreach call at 11AM ET.

On Sunday evenings at 7PM ET, there is a live Rosary conference call.

Visit our website calendar on www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/events/ or see the Sunday issues of the Spirituality in Action email for more information regarding upcoming events.

■ IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Members: January 1 – June 14, 2023

Lily T. Duggan, DM

Town and Country, MO

David C. Farrell, KM

Saint Louis, MO

Mary White Ferrick, DM

St. Louis, MO

Hans E. Geisler, MD, KM

Indianapolis, IN

Mary Grace Guyol, DM

St. Louis, MO

Cornelia A. Kelley, DM

Jamaica Plain, MA

Patricia Crane Lynch, DM

Edwards, CO

Andrew J. McKenna, KM

Winnetka, IL

Raymond J. McRory, KM

Garden City, NY

Virginia Hyde Moriarty, DM

Morristown, NJ

Ricardo Pines, KM

Coral Gables, FL

William F. Plunkett, Jr, Esq, KM

Stuart, FL

Michael P. Ricatto, KM

Kew Gardens, NY

Colette Roe, DM

Shelter Island Heights, NY

Owen T. Smith, KM

Roslyn Harbor, NY

Anthony A Wallace, KM

Wayland, MA

John G. Wilmsen, KM

St. Louis, MO



HIGHLIGHTS

33 Years of Faithful Service: Hayat's Story



Holy Family Hospital has been the workplace of Hayat Odeh since 1990 when it reopened as a maternity and neonatal critical care center. During her tenure as a staff member, the hospital has successfully delivered 100,000 babies.

In 1996, after a few years of working at the hospital, Hayat participated in an intensive four-month course focused on theoretical and practical training in surgical operations. Her successful completion of the program led to her role in the surgical department. As a member of the surgical team, she manages all aspects of the procedure, from preparing the operating room to patient care before, during, and after surgery.

Hayat has experienced numerous challenges throughout her 33-year career at the Holy Family Hospital, including periods of unrest and the recent global pandemic. Despite these obstacles, she and her colleagues remained steadfast in ensuring the hospital's uninterrupted service to the community, regardless of their ability to pay.

Living in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp, Hayat is aware of the needs of other refugee women who represent 45% of the hospital's patient population. Holy Family Hospital provides more than 150,000 services annually through various clinics, including the Well Woman Clinic, the Gestational Diabetes Clinic, and the Mobile Outreach Clinic, which operates seven days a week, serving refugees and people in remote villages.

With the dedication of committed staff like Hayat, Holy Family Hospital provides critical care to a catchment area of one million people. It remains the only hospital in the region with a Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) capable of caring for babies born as small as one pound.

Hayat Odeh was honored by the Nurses with Global Impact in May 2023 for her extraordinary efforts and excellence in the field of nursing.

Holy Family Hospital is a primary work of the Order of Malta and a shared work of all three US Associations (American, Federal, Western). American Association members on the Board of Holy Family Hospital Foundation include Michael J. Heck, Vice Chairman, Gail T. Bernardino, Jean L.P. Brunel, Molly K. Heines, and Nicolle C. McGowan, MD. Visit birthplaceofhope.org or contact Kate Robinson, Foundation Director, at kate@hfhfoundation.org to learn more about Holy Family Hospital.

Our Mission

The American Association of the Order of Malta has as its mission to promote the glory of God through the sanctification of its members, through witness to and support of the Catholic faith and through active service to the sick and the poor.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

1011 FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 1350
NEW YORK, NY 10022-4112 USA
Telephone: 212-371-1522 Fax: 212-486-9427
www.orderofmaltaamerican.org

EXECUTIVE OFFICE STAFF

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey R. Trexler
Executive Director

Fr. David Sellery
Director of Development and Membership Engagement

Raymond J. LaRose
Assistant Executive Director,
Newsletter, Board Meetings

Jacqueline M. Finnen
Controller

Maria Di Giacomo
Administrative Assistant
for Member Services

Carla L. Gunerard
Program Coordinator
for Major Events

Matthew T. LaRose
IT Systems Manager

Tiffany Mazza-Dowd
Communications Specialist

Miquan A. McLaurin
Administrative/Accounting Assistant

Kathryn C. Schlatter
Executive Assistant

Design/Production: Studio Rappy

Contributing Editor: Tiffany Mazza-Dowd

Articles for future issues of this
newsletter should be mailed to:

Raymond J. LaRose
American Association
1011 First Avenue, Suite 1350
New York, NY 10022
or sent via email to:

rlarose@orderofmaltaamerican.org

© 2023 Order of Malta®,
American Association, U.S.A.

Photos for this issue have been graciously provided from a variety of sources including Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, Peter Scudner, Robert Preston, Studio Eleven Productions, and others.

Change of address?

Please notify the New York Office.

If you have recently moved, changed phone numbers, or created a new email address, we encourage you to visit: www.orderofmaltaamerican.org/members/update and fill out our information update form. This online form provides members with a quick and simple way to update any, or all, of their information that is stored in the American Association's database. Members with and without active email addresses can now submit an update to their home address, professional, and even educational information on our website using this new form. We hope that you will utilize this new method and help keep the American Association's records up to date.

You can also email mail@orderofmaltaamerican.org or call our office at (212) 371-1522 with your contact information updates.