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Saint Patrick's Cathedral is the Centerpiece Location for the Events of Investiture Weekend

Every November, the Knights and Dames of the American Association return to what Cardinal Timothy Dolan refers to as the Association's 'home church' for the Solemn Mass of Investiture. St. Patrick's Cathedral again this year was the center of action for the most important event of a jam-packed series of days in mid-November. The Solemn Mass of Investiture took place between the scaffolding of Saint Patrick's Cathedral which is undergoing an historic

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Dear Confreres,

Beginning the New Year I wish everyone a very Blessed, Joyful and Faith-satisfying New Year that continues the blessings of our first 900 Years.

We begin the New Year congratulating our newly elected Board Members Karol Corbin Walker, Camille Kelleher, William Knowles, William Koenig, Thomas Pecora and Charlotte Williams and I look forward to working with them this coming year.

We also offer congratulations to our two Board members who were re-elected - Sheila D. Feitelberg and Joseph Sokolowski, MD

We also congratulate our departing Board Members - Michael Castine, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Marie L. Garibaldi -Secretary, JoAnne M. Kuehner, Thomas F. Schlafly and John F. Shine who were extraordinary and will be missed. They are very talented and we are grateful for the quality time they spent serving the Order of Malta's American Association.

The Investiture weekend celebrated in early November was, as always, a very happy, uplifting celebration. Congratulations to the new 89 members of the 2013 class. The 2013 Investiture in St. Patrick's Cathedral was very moving as the women and men professed their commitment to the Lay Religious Order of Malta and became our newest Dames and Knights.

The fact that St. Patrick's was filled with scaffolding as the restoration work continues on that majestic Cathedral did not affect the beautiful ceremony as our new Confreres came forward to receive their decorations and congratulations from Cardinal Dolan and me.

Cardinal Dolan's homily was so remarkable that many have asked if it was recorded. Fortunately, the entire mass was taped so the homily is available for replay in the Member's Only section of our website, in "Investiture 2013".

The celebration continued that evening with the newest Dames and Knights enjoying the gala evening at the Waldorf Astoria Ballroom where they enjoyed an outstanding dinner, an insightful talk by Father Robert Barron and the rest of the evening dancing to the Hank Lane Band.

A final congratulations and thanks to our retiring Committee Co-Chairs, Mary McCooey and Dede Milone who, with their Investiture Dinner Committee, have provided our Dames and Knights and their guests every year with an enjoyable and outstanding celebration for the last 10 years.

RHODES, GREECE

I look forward to a meeting in Rhodes, Greece this coming February where all the Association Presidents worldwide will gather to develop a strategic plan for the next 5 years for World Wide Order of Malta and to discuss and prepare for the election of the officers and members of the Sovereign Council in May of 2014. At that time, the Grand Chancellor, Grand Hospitaller, Grand Commander, Keeper of the Common Treasure and the new Sovereign Council will be elected for 5 year terms. Of course, the Grand Master is elected for life.

I look forward to participating in this historic event with our Chancellor, Dr. Richard Milone.

LITIGATION

At the November Annual Business Meeting during the Investiture weekend, I reported on the current litigation. As reported earlier to the membership, a second set of lawsuits has been filed.

I addressed the lawsuit in which the American Association has been named as a defendant along with 6 other defendants- Fairfield University, the Jesuits, Father Paul Carrier, The Haiti Fund, Hope Carter and Doug Perlitz.

As you may know, the lawsuit grows out of a charity that was established in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, known as Project Pierre *(continued on page 10)*

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ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES 2013

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Lourdes Pilgrimage 2014: “Walk as a Child of the Light”

Each year, over the first weekend in May, the Members of the Order of Malta from all over the world shed their everyday clothes and proudly don their work uniform to gather in Lourdes to minister to the sick and give witness to our faith. This year the American Association will participate for the twenty-ninth consecutive year. *(continued on page 4)*



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This year will mark Jack's and my tenth pilgrimage to Lourdes and we are humbled by your invitation to chair this year's pilgrimage. Each year, we find our faith renewed from the events that we witness in Lourdes. These moments keep us returning year after year placing our Malades in the seats of honor while we fade into the background, fulfilling our call to serve our neighbors. Just as Jesus suggested to the Pharisees in Luke 14:7, "All those who humble themselves shall be exalted." In Lourdes, we take the lesser seat to serve and share our love of God and for this Holy place. We are truly elevated by those who we bring to Lourdes and we are given the opportunity to revisit Lourdes for the first time through their experience each year. It is truly a gift.

In Lourdes, we are not only touched by the humility of our fellow Knights, Dames and Malades, but by Saint Bernadette herself. Many years ago, when she was asked why she was chosen by Our Lady to share Her message with the world, Bernadette humbly replied, "The Blessed Virgin chose me only because I was the most ignorant." Eight years later, she left Lourdes, never to return. Before her departure, she returned to the grotto and after praying said, "Yes, dear Mother, you have come down to the earth to appear to a weak child. You, Queen of heaven and earth, have chosen what was the most humble according to the world." Inspired by St. Bernadette, whose humble spirit drew the attention of the Blessed Mother when she was just a child, our theme for the 2014 Pilgrimage is "Walk as a Child of the Light."

We hope that you will be able to join us on this journey. Please mark April 30 to May 6, 2014 on your calendars. An

invitation to join the pilgrimage, along with the reservation form and related fulfillment information should have reached your home by now. If you plan to join the pilgrimage, we encourage you to return your reservation as soon as possible as logistics are complicated for a journey of this magnitude.

Our hope is to accommodate 345 Knights, Dames, Malades, Caregivers, Auxiliary, Clergy, Medical Team and Volunteers. We plan on bringing all Knights, Dames, Malades, Caregivers, Medical Team, Auxiliary and Volunteers on the charter flight, beginning and ending our pilgrimage at Newark Liberty Airport.

When we were candidates to become Knights and Dames, we committed to consider making a pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate in this spiritual

journey, we ask you to seriously consider joining us this year.

For those who have conflicts with the date or who might not be physically able to travel and work with us in Lourdes, you can still "join" us in many ways. You might consider sponsoring a Malade who you believe would benefit from this pilgrimage. This should be someone you know very well. We host approximately 50 Malades and nearly as many caregivers each year. In addition, you may also be interested in sponsoring someone to join in our pilgrimage as a Malade in Spirit. These pilgrims may not be physically able to join us, however they can actively be remembered in our prayers each day. Finally, you may chose to financially support the Pilgrimage so that our lords, the Malades and their caregivers, may realize the miracle of Lourdes.

Please consider supporting our efforts as we embark on this journey to "Walk as a Child of the Light."

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The Order of Malta — 900 Years of Service

900 Years of Commitment to Spiritual Growth

When Blessed Gerard got the idea to bring together a band of men to serve the pilgrims in Jerusalem, it did not start as a search for a public service project; no one was counting the hours committed against a target to meet some artificial goal. Blessed Gerard and the Knights who joined him were looking for spiritual growth — for a way to serve God in this world so they could meet Him in the next. It is likely that it never occurred to any of those original brothers that 900 years later, their mark — the sign of the Cross — would still be worn by people around the world, dedicated to the same ideal of growing spiritually through service to those in need and in defense of their Faith.

According to descriptions of the early work of this dedicated group, the Knights did not start out with swords; their humble beginnings were more likely centered on wrapping wounds, feeding the hungry, and caring for the sick. The swords came later as the need to protect the pilgrims within their care became a critical component of the service they delivered. And long after the sword has been relinquished, Knights and Dames continue to seek spiritual growth by serving their lords, the sick, around the world.

Nine hundred years after Pope Paschal II officially recognized the Order, placed it under the protection of the Pope, and removed the Order and its work from the local churches, pilgrims of this holy Order gathered at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome to celebrate that moment. All year long, the Order and its entities have continued the celebration — some with pilgrimages, some with service projects, some with liturgy, some with music, but all with a prayer for the future and a renewed commitment to the Order and its task of serving the sick and the poor while giving witness to the Catholic Faith that was the basis for Blessed Gerard's original work. And all with a level of camaraderie that would surprise many "outsiders" who do not understand the bond that is created by the commitment to an ideal that involves sacrificing one's time and treasure to a lifelong commitment, all for the sake of spiritual growth. The common DNA that links Knights and Dames around the world and across the centuries has its roots in the Gospel. The American Association joined with Knights and Dames around the world in February in Rome to "kick off" the yearlong celebration. In September, Association



members traveled to the island of Malta, seat and depository of much of the history of the Order. Within the Association, the anniversary was remembered in the Areas with a variety of activities including Masses, dinners, and service projects — all with a mind to the importance and significance of the historical landmark.

“Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum” –
may the voice of commitment of Knights
and Dames be heard for thousands of
years to come! May the celebration of
the first 900 years be the start of another
millennium of that same commitment.

Perhaps, all popes work with the burden and the challenge of making a long-term, positive impact on the Church. No one knows if Pope Paschal II had the foresight to consider that, hundreds of years later, his recognition of a few brothers gathered in “His Name” to serve the Lord by serving our lords, the sick and the poor, would still provide the focus to bring thousands of Knights and Dames together. Those Knights and Dames serve with one mind and one purpose, but with many hands and in many venues. God's blessings have been showered on the Order in the past, ensuring that the band of men around Blessed Gerard would grow to the Order as it is today, carrying on Christ's work by living the Order's Charism.



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renovation but found room to host once again the American Association's Investiture of thirty-two Dames and forty-seven Knights into the Order of Malta. During the Mass, Cardinal Dolan invested two Deputy Chaplains to serve in the Areas to help support members in their spiritual growth. Reverend Monsignor James P. Moroney from the Boston Area and Reverend Monsignor Neil J. Van Loon from the Scranton Area both received their stoles as a sign of their role of ministry to the Knights and Dames in their Areas.

Two bishops were appointed as Conventual Chaplains; the Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley from the Boston Archdiocese and the Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli from the Paterson, NJ Diocese. Four clergy were appointed as Magistral Chaplains: Reverend Robert Dunn from the Westchester Area, Reverend Michael Morgan from the Northeast Florida Area, Reverend George Ratzman from the Naples, Florida Area, and Reverend George Williams, SJ, from San Francisco. Father Williams is active in Prison Ministry.

Desmond McCarthy, KMOB, Chancellor of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, was awarded the Grand Cross of Magistral Grace in Obedience.

In his homily, Cardinal Dolan told the members of the Order of Malta that it was discovered that stains on the Icon of Our Lady of Philermo had been examined and determined to be blood; blood that had been shed in defense of the faith. He said that Knights and Dames today need to be ready to do battle. The Cardinal said that Pope John Paul II had said that 'the love for Jesus and His Church must be the passion of your lives.' The Cardinal went on to quote the historian, Arthur Schlesinger, who said that 'bias toward the Catholic Church is the oldest bigotry in America.' The Principal Chaplain of the American Association exhorted the Members of the Order to 'rise in defense of your Catholic religion; promote her in truth and charity.' He told the Knights and Dame to 'be ready to be bloodied.'

The Choir of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, led by Dr. Jennifer Pascual, Director of Music and Mr. Daniel Brondel, Associate Director, filled the magnificent Cathedral with the strains of the Anthem of the Order, Hail White Cross. Members who died since the last Investiture were remembered in prayer.

The Solemnity of the Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral was followed closely by the festivity of the Reception and the Annual Dinner at the Waldorf *(continued on page 8)*

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Astoria. The Annual Dinner provides the opportunity to welcome the new members and celebrate the camaraderie that Knights and Dames have developed over the years. The guest speaker at the Annual Dinner was the Rev. Robert Barron, STD, Rector/President of Mundelein Seminary University of St. Mary of the Lake. He is also an author, speaker, theologian and the founder of the global media ministry, Word on Fire (www.WordOnFire.org) and familiar as the narrator of the acclaimed series, "Catholicism." Father Barron spoke about the New Evangelization which is an essential work of the Order. He offered suggested actions that Knights and Dames can take to begin the process of evangelization.

The Board of Councillors met on Thursday morning; the Area Chairs and Hospitallers attended a meeting with Jack Pohrer and other leaders of the Association. An Orientation Session was held in the afternoon for new members and their families. A Mass and the blessing of the robes and capes at Saint Patrick's Cathedral ended the orientation session but the day was followed by an evening reception for the new members, their families and the Officers and the Board of Councillors.

The Investiture was preceded on Friday morning by the Annual Meeting. A packed Empire Room at the Waldorf was the setting where members heard from Mr. Jack Pohrer, President of the Association who led a question and answer session on the current

litigation, with Attorney Bradford Babbitt of Robinson and Cole, LLC. Reports from the Chancellor Richard Milone, MD, the Treasurer Joseph Cianciolo, and the Secretary Marie Garibaldi, Guest speakers included Dr. Alessandro de Franciscis, President of the Lourdes Medical Bureau, who explained the process of examining medical cures in Lourdes. Ingo Radtke, Secretary General of Malteser International, the worldwide relief organization of the Order of Malta, spoke of the role of Malteser International with a focus on the work being done in the Philippines.

On Saturday morning, newly installed Conventual Chaplain, Bishop Robert Deeley, Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Boston and Vicar General and Moderator of the Roman Curia said the Mass and spoke to an interested audience of more than 200 Knights and Dames about the challenges to being Catholic in a secular world.

The Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes drew members of the Subpriory and others to a Saturday afternoon Mass at the Church of Saint Joseph in Greenwich in Greenwich Village. Father John McGuire, OP, chaplain of the Subpriory, was the Principal Celebrant at the Sub-priory Mass and he delivered the Homily. The First Profession of Simple Vows was made by Frá Richard J. Wolff, PhD. The Promise of Obedience was made by Joseph S. Micallef, Karen R. Tanzola, and Andrew V. Vissicchio, Jr. A reception followed in the parish hall, bringing the three days of activities to a happy ending on Saturday afternoon.



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American Association Sponsors 2014 Retreats



In September 2013, eighty people gathered at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, Long Island, for a weekend with Knights and Dames from across the Association, in prayer and in community. The Association Retreat provided an opportunity for participants to focus for a concentrated period on their spiritual growth. In a setting overlooking the Long Island Sound, on the property dedicated to the education of seminarians over the years, Knights and Dames came together to pray.

In 2014, the Association is planning two retreats. The first, from March 7 to March 9, will be held at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, Florida (north of Tampa). With over 200 acres and turn of the century old Florida architecture, the buildings and property complement each other, providing a peaceful, and charming yet refined setting. This place of natural beauty encourages reflection and personal renewal. The cottages of Bethany Center sit on the shores of Lake Mary. The lake is surrounded by cypress groves and pine stands that embrace the water and the cottages. These natural habitats isolate the area keeping the shores of Lake Mary quiet and a perfect spot for a retreat.

The retreat master will be Msgr. Stuart W. Swetland, S.T.D. Msgr. Swetland received his M.A. from Mount St. Mary's Seminary; and his S.T.L. and S.T.D. from the Pontifical Lateran University. Msgr. Swetland holds the Archbishop Flynn Chair of Christian Ethics at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmetsburg, Maryland, serves as the Executive Director of the Center for the Advancement of Catholic Higher Education and the Executive Secretary for the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars. He is the Executive Secretary of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars, serves as a member of the Catholic Theological Society of America and the Advisory Board of the Center for the Study of Catholic Higher Education.

Msgr. Swetland hosts the weekly television show "Catholicism on Campus." on EWTN and co-hosts the show, "Go Ask Your Father," on Relevant Radio.

A second retreat is scheduled for the Fall of 2014 at the Conference Center of the University of Our Lady of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois.



Photos courtesy of Bethany Retreat Center

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Toussaint; it was run by The Haiti Fund, a 501(C) 3 Corporation. The purpose of the charity was to remove young boys known as ‘street boys’ from the streets of Haiti. The project gave them a home, food, clothes and facilities that provided an opportunity for a structured life and the opportunity to attend a school and get an education.

The Director of the Program was a young man named Doug Perlitz who was, after 10 years of service, accused, prosecuted and criminally convicted of pedophilia in a US Court in Connecticut by the US Attorney.

Subsequent to his criminal conviction, civil lawsuits were filed against the previously named defendants.

I want to re-iterate what I have told you previously - the American Association did not operate this charity, oversee this charity or have any authority regarding hiring or firing employees or workers of this charity. The only connection the American Association had regarding this charity was contributing a monetary donation periodically. This is the same relationship that the Association has with any number of entities that perform good works. This is also the same relationship that many of you and I have individually in contributing to non-profit organizations with missions that we believe in and want to support.

Being named in a lawsuit requires a vigorous defense even when there is no guilt and no malfeasance. This describes the American Association’s present situation.

I know that there have been some questions regarding the first lawsuit that was settled as to why was it settled and not litigated. I put a letter and several explanations to Frequently Asked Questions regarding the lawsuit on the American Association Website — that information is still there for members who wish to access it.

I invited the members in attendance at the Annual Meeting to ask Mr. Brad Babbitt, our litigating attorney, any questions they may have. He was introduced and he and I answered all questions asked; this took approximately 45 minutes. At that time, I announced that the American Association would litigate the case through the courts to its conclusion.

The reaction of the members seemed very positive and there appeared to be a strong consensus of support for the course of action decided by the Board of the American Association. I also shared with the members that the Association had received two gifts which would cover the costs of the litigation.

I want to thank so many of you who have offered your support and encouragement as we seek justice as we move forward. Your notes and calls of support have meant a great

deal to me personally and to the Board. We are right on this issue and look forward to the day when we will be able to say with certainty that it is all behind us.

STRATEGIC PLAN

In order to prepare for the future in a very changing world, a Strategic Planning Committee was appointed with the charge of gathering information and creating the outline for a two year Strategic Plan for the American Association.

We went with a two year plan rather than the usual five year strategic plan because the world is moving so fast, not only in changes, but also in the way we communicate which is instant, paperless and universal in coverage. The issues that we must deal with now are not simple but multifaceted, requiring a great deal of thought and study to determine the best course before we communicate and act.

In the process of developing the plan, the Committee interviewed each Board member. Area Chairs and Area Hospitallers also participated in the survey and were asked the same questions that had been posed to the Board members. The input from the Board, from the Area leaders and from the Committee itself was collated, organized and presented in a report to the Board by the Strategic Planning Committee. The Committee was assisted in compiling the report by Dwight Risky, a Knight from Dallas who professionally consults with organizations on developing and executing strategic plans.

The results were extremely enlightening and helpful in pointing to the direction we should be taking regarding our spiritual growth as well as our mission of serving the poor and the sick and defending and giving witness to Our Faith.

The survey results also indicated several changes that should be made to improve governance and make goals more uniform in each Area.

A Strategic Plan Implementation Committee has been appointed to prepare a plan to implement the recommendations.

CLOSING

In conclusion, this past year was designated as the Year of Faith by the Universal Catholic Church.

Faith means total trust in God. That is the kind of Faith that I believe we as American Association Dames and Knights exhibited this past year and for the past 900 years and we will continue to have that same Faith throughout the coming year.

I want to thank you for all the good you do and I say, “God Bless you.”

Jack E. Pohrer, GCM
President

■ HIGHLIGHTS

2013 American Association Election Results

American Association Secretary Marie L. Garibaldi announced the results of the election for the Board of Councillors. Re-elected for a second three-year term were Sheila D. Feitelberg and Joseph Sokolowski, MD. Elected for their first terms were Karol Corbin Walker, Camille M. Kelleher, William J. Knowles, William J. Koenig, Thomas Pecora, and Charlotte A. Williams. Terms are effective from January 2014 to December 2016.

Retiring from the Board at the end of 2013 are Michael Castine, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Marie L. Garibaldi, JoAnne Kuehner, Thomas F. Schlafly, and John F. Shine. These outgoing Councillors were recognized for their service at the Annual Meeting.

Secretary Garibaldi also reported that the American Association By-Laws revisions had been approved by over 95% of the membership voting. The revised By-Laws have been sent to the Sovereign Council for their review and approval.

■ HIGHLIGHTS

2014 Pilgrimage for Life Scheduled For Washington, DC January 21 – 22

The American Association will be represented at the 41st March for Life in Washington, DC, to demonstrate support for the protection of life and to give witness to the faith. The Pilgrimage to Washington is being coordinated by Karen and Joe Dutkowsky. Activities have been planned for January 21st and January 22nd. A number of activities are being coordinated with the Federal Association.

“We, the members of the Order of Malta, have the opportunity to exercise our ministries, including the defense of Faith, by participating in the 41st annual March for Life. The March began immediately following the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade, legalizing abortion, and occurs annually on January 22, or the weekday closest to the anniversary. Marchers meet on the Mall between the Capital Building and the Washington Monument, then peacefully march to the Supreme Court.”

Karen and Joe Dutkowsky,
Pilgrimage Coordinators

■ IN MEMORIAM

Deceased Members: January 1, 2013 – January 9, 2014

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| Spyros S. Skouras, KM | Rye Brook, NY |
| Lloyd Stauder, KM | Trumbull, CT |
| John R. Strachan, KM | Loudonville, NY |
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■ A CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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A Spiritual Resolution for 2014

*"I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink;
I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and
you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me;
I was in prison, and you came to Me."*

We all know the Beatitudes; they are represented by the eight points on the Order's Cross. When we seek to find Christ in all we encounter, we will be challenged. It will be harder than losing weight or getting more exercise to see Christ in the face of someone whom we despise. We are not notified when Jesus will be in front of us; we need to be always watchful and ready to act. We do not need to change the world; we just need to change the world in front of us.

For 2014, you have many challenges in front of you. You may already have a resolution you are working on successfully. This is just a small suggestion for those of you who are looking to make a large change, one little step at a time. God bless you and all that you do to live your commitment to grow spiritually in 2014 through your living the charism of the Order.

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■ HIGHLIGHTS

Order of Malta Chapter General to Convene in Rome



2009 Chapter General

This year, a Chapter General of the Order will convene in Rome at the end of May. According to the regulations of the Order, "The Chapter General is the supreme assembly of the Order and is composed of representatives of the different classes. It is convened once every five years or whenever the Grand Master, having heard the Sovereign Council, may think fit, or on application to the Grand Master by the majority of the Pories, Sub-pories and Associations."

"The Chapter General is convened to elect the members of the Sovereign Council, the members of the Government Council, the members of the Board of Auditors; to deal with modifications to the Constitution and the Code; to take cognizance of and deal with the most important problems pertaining to the Order, such as its spiritual and temporal state, the programme of its activities and its international relations."

from the Constitution, Code, and Commentary of the Order

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16

Board of Councillors Meeting
(New York City)

January 21-22

Pilgrimage for Life (Washington, DC)

February 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick

March 7-9

Association Retreat in Bethany Retreat
Center, Lutz, Florida

April 30-May 6

American Association Lourdes Pilgrimage

May 15

Board of Councillors Meeting
(New York City)

June 24

Feast of Saint John the Baptist

September 4

Board of Councillors Meeting
(New York City)

September 8

Feast of Our Lady of Philermo

Fall 2014

Association Retreat at Saint Mary of the
Lake Conference Center, Mundelein, IL

October 13

Feast of Blessed Gerard, Founder of the
Order of Malta

October 15

Ballots mailed for American
Association Elections

■ A CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

A Spiritual Resolution for 2014



Photo by Michele Babyak

“Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.”

— *Gilbert K. Chesterton*

As we consider the resolutions that people make each year as the calendar turns to January, the list often includes commitments around health improvement:

- I will lose 20 pounds.
- I will eat more healthy foods.
- I will get more exercise.
- I will give up smoking.
- I will drink less alcohol.

Some lists include commitments around money (spend less) or relationships (be more considerate). Most people have their own favorites — areas in their lives where they see room for measurable improvement.

Do you recognize any of these “time-honored” commitments? Of course, the list is a familiar one, if not for you, then for someone you know. New Year’s Resolutions are a tradition for many, and a source of guilt and regret for most by the second week of January. One celebrity recently commented that she no longer made resolutions because she never kept them anyway. Many people undoubtedly feel that way after years (or decades?) of unsuccessfully getting past a few weeks in January with their resolution still intact.

As members of an Order with commitments that we remind ourselves of each and every day in the daily Prayer of the Order of Malta, it should not be hard to find a resolution that mirrors our goal of growing spiritually by living our charism to help the sick and the poor and to defend and witness the Faith. Each and every day, many of us are presented with opportunities to live our commitment, a commitment that is derived from the teachings of Jesus. The challenge is to see and seize the opportunity.

This year, you might think about a resolution to consider your response to the poor who meet you on the street and ask for help. Or you might want to resolve that you will be more attentive and engaged when you see someone in need of help in front of you. One of the great challenges and one of the most rewarding of Christ’s teachings is that we should see the face of Jesus in all we come upon. *(continued on page 12)*

Our Mission

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

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