

Fra' John Timothy Dunlap

All members of the Order of Malta in the United States can take great pride in the accomplishments of our friend and confrere, Fra' John Timothy Dunlap, a member of the American Association of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Rhodes and of Malta. In June of this year he was elected to the Sovereign Council of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta—the Order's highest governing body—which is presided over by His Most Eminent Highness, the Prince and Grand Master, Fra' Matthew Festing. The Sovereign Council meets in Rome in the Grand Magistracy of the Order of Malta on the Via Condotti. He is the first member of the American Association to become a member of the Sovereign Council. The first American was His Excellency Richard J. Dunn, BGC, a member of the Western Association, who was also the first member of the second class, a Knight in Obedience, in the United States. Mr. Dunn was the first regent of the Sub-Priory of Our Lady of Philermo, which is based in San Francisco.



Fra' John was invested in the Order of Malta in 1996 in New York. After 12 years of dedicated service and commitment to the Order, he became the first American to profess his final vows of poverty, chastity and obedience as a Knight of Justice in 2008. His leadership is exemplary. He was elected as the first Regent of the newly established Sub-Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes in 2006. As you know, the Order of Malta is first and foremost a lay religious order, although it is more widely known for its humanitarian works.



Fra' John has been tireless and faithful in his hands on work for the Order of Malta, in leadership positions in the Order and the Archdiocese of New York and in professional and philanthropic institutions. He wears his talents with a rare naturalness. A proud Canadian by birth and nationality, Fra' John is an internationally respected lawyer and partner in the New York office of Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller LLP.

His talents have served the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations where he has been a Delegate and Legal Advisor since 1997. He also serves as Treasurer of the Path to Peace Foundation of the Permanent Observer Mission. His many other Boards and causes at this time include the Catholic Health Care System and Foundation in the New York Archdiocese, John Cabot University in Rome, and the Church of Saint Agnes in New York City where he is a daily lector with a hint of his native Canada.

It is not an exaggeration to say that Fra' John Dunlap has been a personal Ambassador for both the lay and religious sides of the Order of Malta. Through his exemplary kindness, openness and authenticity, many have come to know the Order of Malta and have been encouraged by him to become members. His faithful commitment to his works of charity and his warm friendship have been a beacon for many. With gratitude and pride, we salute our friend, Fra' John, as he takes his place at the highest leadership level of the Order of Malta.