



## NYC Area Knight Begins Period of Spiritual Discernment

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Nicola Tegoni, KM, took the initial step towards becoming a Knight of Justice, or professed Frà, within the Order of Malta. At a weekday Mass at the Church of St. John the Evangelist celebrated by our Chaplain Msgr. Douglas Mathers, His Excellency Frà John Dunlap, acting as delegate for Grand Master Frà Matthew Festing, received Nicola into the Order's Novitiate for the First Class. Accompanied by a blessing of the robe by Msgr. Mathers, Frà Nicola took temporary religious vows, witnessed by Frà Richard Wolff and George Irish, NYC Area Co-chair. Frà Nicola now begins a period of discernment, which can last up to nine years, prior to taking permanent vows as a professed religious Knight.

Frà Nicola and Frà Richard Wolff, also in temporary vows, join Frà John Dunlap as American Association professed knights within the Sub Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes, bringing the total number of professed knights within the Sub Priory to 6; the Federal Association also presently has 3 professed knights.

Our prayers and best wishes to Frà Nicola as he begins his spiritual journey.

