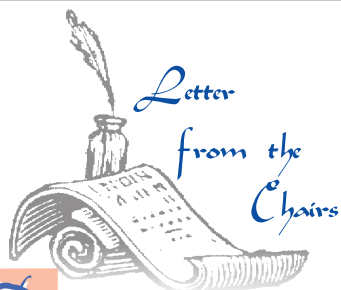


# ORDER OF MALTA

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA



Dear Confreres,

*Happy New Year! Although our newsletter is late, the activities of Malta in NYC have not slowed down. We are pleased to see more members participating in activities at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and are encouraged by progress being made to increase the number of volunteers at Kateri Residence on the West side. Our thanks to George Irish for taking the lead at Kateri. He could use some extra help.*

*With the investiture of Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, as Conventual Chaplain ad honorem, we plan to strengthen our efforts to grow the Malta ranks in Brooklyn and Queens. After only one new member in 2009 and 2010, we have two candidates in the class of 2011 and hope for more in coming years. New candidate recommendations from all parts of*

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## *Ave Atque Vale*

The Order of Malta in NYC was privileged to again have as the celebrant for the Mass honoring the Feast of St. John the Baptist, His Excellency Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Papal Nuncio and the Vatican's Permanent Observer to the United Nations. Archbishop Migliore is also a Chaplain of the Order of Malta. We were particularly honored by the Archbishop's presence as, within a week thereafter, it was announced by the Vatican that Archbishop Migliore had been appointed as the Papal Nuncio to Poland. The Archbishop left NYC in July to take up his post in Warsaw.



Archbishop Celestino Migliore

During his tenure as Papal Nuncio at the UN, Archbishop Migliore was a great friend to the Order of Malta, especially to the NYC Area where he participated in numerous events and celebrated several of our Feast Day Masses. He also presided at several Masses of the Sub-Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes, most notably at the Mass in which Frá John T. Dunlap professed his final vows as a Knight of Justice. With humor and a great smile, Archbishop Migliore was always willing to help out his friends in Malta. We will miss him greatly, but wish him well in Warsaw. We welcome his successor as Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Francis Chullikatt and look forward to developing close ties with Archbishop Chullikatt, also recently invested as a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem of the Order of Malta.

## *A Pilgrimage to Germany*

**By Peter C. Krause, KM**

Member, Board of Councillors  
American Association of the Order of Malta

It was my recent pleasure and privilege to participate in a pilgrimage to Germany. My father's parents were both born in Germany and the trip was therefore a homecoming for me. The pilgrimage was organized by the chaplain to our Board of Councillors, Msgr. Kevin Wallin. A second priest on the pilgrimage was Msgr. William J. Scheyd. Also participating in the pilgrimage were current or

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NYC are encouraged. We will be hosting a Prospective New Members reception in the Spring.

2011 looks to be another busy year. Watch for notices of upcoming events on the NYC Area section of the Malta website ([www.maltausa.org](http://www.maltausa.org)), including a Lenten event on April 2. Also, we extend best wishes for success to Ken Craig who, with Charlotte Williams of Westchester, is leading the Lourdes Pilgrimage this year.

Confraternally yours,  
Rory & Camille Kelleher



## THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bereavement Committee provides funeral honors for deceased members of the Order. Funeral honors, which are conducted at the request of the family, include arranging for the attendance of Knights and Dames, providing an honor guard, assisting in the use of robes and the pall of the Order, and attending to other appropriate details.

Families of deceased Knights and Dames may request funeral honors by contacting the Chairman of the Bereavement Committee, John Leopoldo Fiorilla, at (212) 661-6222, or directly through the Association's office at (212) 371-1522. If possible, at least 48 hours notice should be provided.

The Bereavement Committee also needs volunteers who may be contacted on short notice to participate in funeral masses. Those interested in serving should contact the Chairman.



## Candidates for Membership in 2011

We are pleased to announce that the following individuals have applied for membership in the Order of Malta and have entered their Year of Preparation.

### Knights

**Christopher Baldwin**  
**Paul Beresford-Hill**  
**Jean-Hugues Monier**  
**Robert Pedersen**  
**Brian Quilter**  
**Michael Ricatto**  
**Kenneth Sapeta**  
**Michael Tempesta**  
**Michael Woolfolk**

### Dames

**Jeannie Irish**  
**Anne Metrailler**  
**Veronique Monier**  
**Catherine Schwarz-Sapeta**  
**Marietta Tempesta**

## Our Lady of Philermo Mass



The end of summer and the beginning of Malta-NYC's active Fall season was marked by the celebration of the Feast of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Philermo. On September 8, more than 60 Knights, Dames, Clergy, Candidates, and Auxiliary gathered at the Church of St. John the Evangelist to attend Mass in honor of Our Lady of Philermo. Our principal celebrant was Msgr. Robert Ritchie, Magistral Chaplain and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Patrick. Concelebrants were Msgr. Douglas Mathers, Deputy Chaplain and Pastor of St. John's, and Fr. Robert Dunn, Deputy Chaplain, assisted by Deacon John Powers, KM. Music was graciously provided by flutist Celina Charlier, DM. Frá John Dunlap, Member of the Sovereign Council, was in attendance. Following the Mass, a reception was held at the nearby home of Bob Dall, KM. Our thanks to Bob and his sister for arranging and hosting a wonderful reception.



## 2010 Investiture

**O**n Friday, November 12, 2010, Archbishop Timothy Dolan welcomed members of the American Association of the Order of Malta to the Cathedral of St. Patrick for Mass and the Order's Annual Investiture ceremony. This year, Archbishop Dolan, Grand Cross Conventual Chaplain ad honorem and Principal Chaplain of the Order, presided over the investiture of 7 new chaplains and 112 new Knights and Dames. Among that number were His Excellency, Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, and 9 new Knights and 10 new Dames from the NYC Area.

This was a record number of new members from NYC. Congratulations to all!

In the evening preceding the Investiture, the NYC Area hosted a dinner for new members and their sponsors. This year the dinner included not only the NYC Area leadership and members of the Sovereign Council and Board of Councilors, but also those actively involved in the various Malta ministries in NYC. Special guests included His Excellency Robert L. Shafer, Malta's Ambassador to the United Nations; Fr. David Caron, OP, Chaplain from New Orleans; Claire and John Foster, Area Chairs of the Virgin Islands; Christine and Jerry Woodhouse of the Virgin Islands; and Suzanne Masters, a new member formerly of St. Croix, VI, and now from Atlanta.



*New Chaplains Archbishop Francis Chullikatt and Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio*

### **Our new Knights:**

*Dr. Mario Alicandri  
Mr. Joseph Brown  
Mr. Andrea Canepari  
Mr. Mark Codd  
Mr. Joseph DeMarco  
Mr. Steve Krawciw  
Mr. Frederick London  
Mr. Thomas Moloney  
Dr. Theodore Strange*

### **Our new Dames:**

*Mrs. Marta Cecelia (MC) Asman  
Mrs. Barbara Doyle  
Mrs. Gaetana Enders  
Mrs. Cristina Grassi  
Ms. Molly Heines  
Ms. Margarite Heintze  
Prof. Susan Larkin  
Mrs. Susan London  
Ms. Nancy Matta  
Ms. Katherine Sieh-Takata*

## A Pilgrimage to Germany

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former board members Sheila Feitelberg, Bob Fredericks, Peggy Lyons and Des and Pat McCarthy. The camaraderie and spirit of both our priests and fellow pilgrims combined for a very rewarding experience.

The itinerary for our pilgrimage included visits to Berlin, Potsdam, Wittenberg (where Martin Luther became famous and the Reformation began), Leipzig, Dresden, Regensburg and Munich. Nearby, we had the somber experience of touring the concentration camp at Dachau.

The highlight of the pilgrimage for me was attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau. The people of Oberammergau produce the Passion Play once every ten years to fulfill a promise made by their ancestors 400 years ago. The townfathers asked God to spare the city from the infamous black plague which was devastating Europe. When no lives were lost because of the plague, they fulfilled their vow to present the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The staging, scenery, acting, singing, musicianship and

emotional impact were overwhelming. I'll fondly remember this presentation from both an artistic and religious perspective for the rest of my life. The play is in two parts from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the afternoon, followed by a long dinner break and the second part extends from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. A long and exhausting day but very well worth it!

Although I departed the trip here on the 9th day, the group continued on in Germany for four more days, touring Heidelberg, Augsburg, Rothenburg and finally Frankfurt. I have been on a pilgrimage before with Msgr. Kevin Wallin, in which we toured Malta, Rhodes and Rome. Msgr. Kevin does a marvelous job as a host, tour guide and chaplain in which elements of secular history, sightseeing, architecture and fine arts, religious observance and excellent daily homilies are blended seamlessly. It was also a pleasure to see a number of examples of our Maltese Cross on various charities and institutions as I toured Germany. It is gratifying to be a member of our wonderful global organization and have an opportunity to see our charitable endeavors in other parts of the world.

## Holiday Celebrations At TCC

Many thanks to all the Malta volunteers who turned out on two nights before Thanksgiving to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to residents of TCC and their families. Over the two night period, numerous Knights, Dames, Candidates and Auxiliary all pitched in to set tables, serve meals, chat with residents and clean up. A great time was had by all.

A large group of Knights, Dames, Candidates and Auxiliary also gathered on Sunday, December 12th to wrap gifts and decorate the auditorium of

TCC in preparation for the annual Malta Christmas party for about 100 residents. The residents were treated to entertainment, cake and soft drinks while they awaited the visit



*Marco Grassi, KM, conversing with TCC resident.*

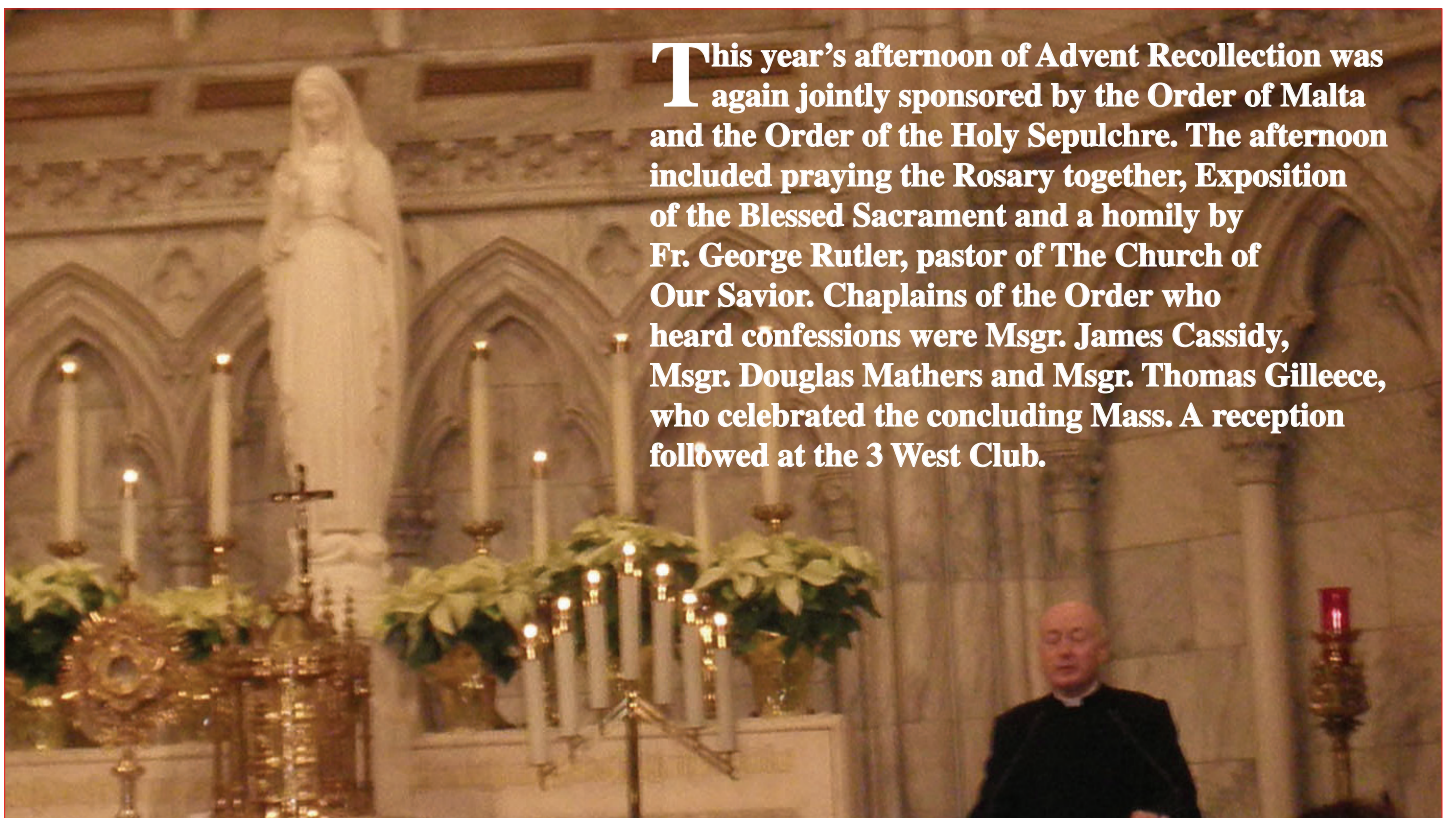
of Santa. Upon his arrival, Santa chatted with guests before taking up his position in front of the Christmas tree. Guests had a chance to visit, have a picture taken with Santa, and receive a gift.

The party at TCC was followed by a fund-raising Christmas party at the Kelleher home to benefit the various Malta ministries of the NYC Area. The event raised almost \$15,000. Thanks to all who supported the event.



*Santa's Helper Gregory Oussani KM helping out.*

## Advent Afternoon of Recollection



**This year's afternoon of Advent Recollection was again jointly sponsored by the Order of Malta and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The afternoon included praying the Rosary together, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a homily by Fr. George Rutler, pastor of The Church of Our Savior. Chaplains of the Order who heard confessions were Msgr. James Cassidy, Msgr. Douglas Mathers and Msgr. Thomas Gilleece, who celebrated the concluding Mass. A reception followed at the 3 West Club.**



## RESPECT FOR LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

Working from the latest New York City Health Department statistics, the Chiaroscuro Foundation, a private nonprofit organization, reported in January that 41% of pregnancies (excluding miscarriage) in New York City ended in abortion, double the national rate, with the Bronx leading all boroughs at 48%.

This disturbing statistic prompted His Excellency Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Principal Chaplain of the Order of Malta, to announce on January 22nd, the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion on demand in the United States, the establishment by the Archdiocese of New York of a Pro-Life Commission that will assist him in promoting a respect for the sanctity of all human life. Included on the commission are Dr. Michael J. Brescia, MD, KM (Executive Medical Director & Senior Vice-President Calvary Hospital) and Order of Malta candidate Christopher Baldwin (Bank of America Merrill Lynch – Managing Director.)

On Monday, January 24th I joined over 45 buses from throughout the Archdiocese of New York for the 2011 Pilgrimage/March for Life in Washington, DC. People from all over the nation, including many families, children in strollers and especially teenagers chanting for Life give great hope that our voices and prayers are being heard!

There are many judicial, legislative and social battles that are keeping the defense of life in the

headlines daily. There was a major pro-life and free speech victory on January 28th when a Federal District Court in Maryland issued a ruling striking down an ordinance passed by the City of Baltimore that would have required pregnancy centers to post signs stating that they did not make referrals for abortion or contraception. The Baltimore law was part of a national campaign by NARAL and other pro-abortion supporters to close down pro-life pregnancy centers. The NYC Council is proposing a similar bill in its Intro 371, which pro-life organizations are fighting, as in the Baltimore case, as a violation of the First Amendment free speech rights of the pregnancy centers. Pray that the Baltimore judicial decision will be a wake-up call to those promoting Intro 371 and visit <http://www.gopetition.com/petition/41496.html> to sign a petition opposing the NYC Council initiative.



*March for Life, Jan. 24, 2011.*

In Albany, the radical “Reproductive Health Act” has been introduced in the NY State Legislature – the new bill number for this session is S.2524 (Klein). It has



not yet been introduced in the Assembly. Governor Andrew Cuomo has already pledged to press for passage of this bill. This extremist bill would establish abortion as a “fundamental right” within New York State law, which would make abortion virtually immune from any regulation or restriction, and could force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions and Catholic schools and charitable agencies to promote or refer for abortions and contraception. Please contact your legislators, to urge them to oppose this bill. To do so, use the Catholic Advocacy Network “Issues and Legislation” tab at <http://capwiz.com/nyscatholicconference/issues/alert/>

To find out how you can help build the culture of Life, please visit the Archdiocese of New York's website [http://firl.org/RL\\_HowU-CanHelp.htm](http://firl.org/RL_HowU-CanHelp.htm). If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Co-Worker for the Sisters of Life, participating in the monthly 1st Saturday morning prayer vigils at the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral (Mott and Prince Streets) sponsored by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants or volunteering at a local pro-life pregnancy center, please contact me. Most importantly, we in the Order of Malta are especially called in prayer, advocacy and action to defend our faith for the sanctity of Life.

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