

KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Fall 2004 Newsletter

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

Dear New York City Members,

As you know, since I became Area Chair in January 2003, my number one priority has been to revitalize our group and attract new (and active!) members.

I am thrilled to introduce twelve candidates from our New York City Area who have been approved by the Board of Councilors to become Knights and Dames of Malta.

I am very pleased with the high number, incredible energy, and dedication of our new Knights and Dames. They have all performed admirably on behalf of the poor and sick during their Year of Preparation.

If you have any activities or events that you feel might be of interest to any of our new members, please call them directly.

Their investiture ceremony will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on November 12, 2004.

We have a number of activities scheduled in the coming months. The Thanksgiving benefit at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Medical Center will be held on the nights of Monday and Tuesday, November 15 and 16, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. Our hospitaller, John Dunlap, would appreciate as many volunteers as possible on either evening. Our Christmas party for the patients at TCC Medical Center will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 12:00 noon.

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Knights and Dames

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Richard Franklin Adams

Richard is President and Founder of Rip Digital, a New York City company engaged in the design, manufacture, and sale of advanced computer software. He received his graduate degree from the University of Southern California. Richard is a dedicated Catholic who over the last several years has devoted substantial time to Catholic causes and other good works. He and his wife, Stephanie, are parishioners of St. Thomas More Church and reside in Manhattan. Richard can be reached at 877-759-3914.

Kenneth R. Craig

Ken is a Regional Manager (America's) of Project Services with Credit Suisse First Boston in Manhattan. He received his MBA from Stern School at NYU in 2002. During a Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2003, Ken demonstrated his deep Catholic faith and dedication to serving the sick. He has participated in a number of Malta Auxiliary projects including events at Terence Cardinal Cooke, Christmas in April, Gift of Love, and the Handicapped

Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He plans to continue his involvement in the Malta Auxiliary. Ken and his wife, Suzanne, reside in Manhattan and are members of Holy Trinity Church. Ken can be reached at 212-538-9024.

K.E. Krispen Culbertson

Krispen practices law in Greensboro, N.C. He received his graduate degree from Wake Forest University and his JD degree from Oxford University, England. Since Krispen is from North Carolina, all of his work has been individual; i.e., in the model of Brother Gerard Projects. He has worked with burn victims in hospitals in London, Estonia, and the United States. Krispen has also done pro bono legal work for the poor in Guilford County, NC, and he has served food to the poor at St. Jean Baptiste on Thanksgiving Day in New York City. Krispen intends to provide volunteer services in Greensboro, NC, and New York City. He and his wife, Kathlyn, reside in Brown Summit, NC. Krispen can be reached at 336-272-4299.

Bertrand De Looz

Bertrand De Looz is a very active and devoted Catholic, a Eucharistic Minister, a student of the history of

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the Order of Malta, and a former Chief of Protocol for the United Nations. Bertrand was born in Clermont-Ferrand, France, and graduated from the Ecole Superieure De Commerce in Paris with a PhD in International Public Law. He holds the rank of Knight Commander in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Bertrand and his wife, Jacqueline, are members of Holy Trinity Church and reside in Manhattan. Bertrand can be reached at 212-794-9301.

Daniel Foxx

Dan is a semi-retired business executive and an adult convert to the Catholic Church. He is a graduate of Brooklyn College. Since his conversion he has been an energetic participant in Catholic activities. He is a parishioner at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in New York City and a Eucharistic Minister at Lenox Hill Hospital, at Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center, and at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. Dan and his wife, Robin, reside in Manhattan. Dan can be reached at 212 794-9838.

Rory Kelleher

Rory is a Partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Manhattan. He received his JD degree from Columbia University School of Law. As a parishioner of St. Thomas More, Rory has chaired several committees. He is Director of the Catholic Home Bureau, providing assistance to children through adoption and foster care services and assistance to unwed mothers, and is Director of the Maria Mercedes Foundation, which provides assistance to juvenile offenders through a vocational and sailing training program. Rory has also participated in pilgrimages of, and support for, Christians in the Holy Land through the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Rory and his wife, Camille, reside in Manhattan. Rory can be reached at

212-839-7385.

Gregory Oussani

Greg is Vice President with The Staplex Company in Brooklyn, NY. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania—Wharton School. Greg has undertaken several spiritual and corporal works performed on behalf of the Church, the sick, and the poor and has participated in the Pilgrimage to Lourdes. He is a parishioner of the Virgin Mary Church, where he is a member of the Melkite Eparchy. Greg resides in Brooklyn. Greg can be reached at 718-768-3333.

Robert George Smith

Robert is Founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of Smith Affiliated Capital Corp., a portfolio management firm. He was educated at St. John's University and the NYU Graduate School of Business. Robert has devoted substantial time to Catholic causes and other good works including work at Lenox Hill Hospital and at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Medical Center. He has been married for fifty years to Mary, is the father of seven children, and is the grandfather of nine. He and Mary are members of St. John the Martyr Parish and reside in Manhattan. Robert can be reached at 212-644-9440.

Christopher J. Wright

Chris is an investment professional at Goldman, Sachs & Co. He received a graduate degree from Columbia University School of Business. He has a long history of volunteer service including work for the Make a Wish Foundation and for the Inner City Scholarship Fund of the Archdiocese of New York. Chris is a parishioner of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. He and his wife, Sandi, reside in Manhattan. Chris can be reached at 212-357-5028.



Annie Borello Fiorilla

Annie is a native of Turin, Italy. She received her JD degree from New York University School of Law and is a practicing attorney at Fox Horan & Camerini in New York City. Annie has worked with the children of Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and with elderly patients at the Center. Under the auspices of City Center in Dallas, TX, Annie tutored the children of Spanish speaking immigrants to help improve their school attendance and academic performance. Annie is a parishioner of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. She resides in Manhattan with her husband, John. Annie can be reached at 212-480-4800 ext. 204.

Camille Marie Kelleher

Camille is a Senior Vice President with Brown Brothers Harriman. She received her MBA degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. Camille has conducted semi-annual clothing drives at her parish, the Church of St. Thomas More, and has participated in pilgrimages of and support for Christians in the Holy Land through the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. She has volunteered at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and served as a Director of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy Foundation. Camille resides in Manhattan with her husband, Rory. Camille can be reached at 212-493-8216.

Sandra Drucker Wright

Sandi is currently the Director of Special Gifts at Columbia Business School, where for the last two years she has been successful in identifying new sources and opportunities for increased donations. She has been active in working with several

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This will be followed by our New York Area Christmas party at 4:00 p.m. at the residence of Hospitaller Agnes Nolan (271 Central Park West). There will be a contribution of \$100 per person for our Christmas reception.

All are welcome to the Christmas reception at Agnes's home even if you were unable to volunteer at Cardinal Cooke Center earlier that afternoon. Send your R.S.V.P. and donation to my Executive Assistant,

Julie Bruce
c/o Greenhill & Co.,
300 Park Avenue, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Julie's telephone number is 212-389-1541. Checks should be made payable to "Order of Malta — N.Y.C. Area."

While we are on the subject of our bank account, if you need any financial assistance for any of your Malta activities, please contact me or our Treasurer, Ben McGrath, whose telephone number is 212-554-0563.

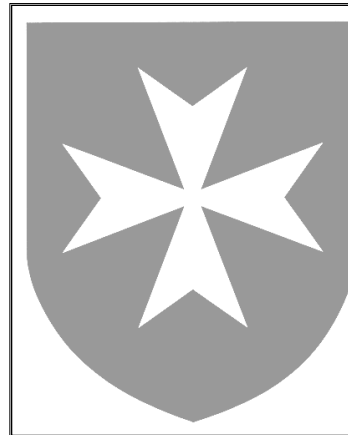
God bless you and your families and warmest wishes to all of you for a wonderful Christmas season.

Fraternally yours,
Peter C. Krause
Area Chair

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charitable organizations and takes great pride in the contributions they have made. Sandi graduated from Colgate University and is working on her graduate degree at Teachers College, Columbia University. She is a parishioner of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and resides in Manhattan with her husband, Chris. Sandi can be reached at 212-854-0719.

There's still room for additional Knights and Dames! Contact Peter Krause for details.



Knights and Dames Investiture Ceremony

Cathedral of St. Patrick

November 12, 2004

Mass 2:30 p.m.

GRANT MONIES AVAILABLE

The Treasurer of the New York Area reports that there are monies available to support charitable organizations that minister to the sick or the poor and that also enjoy the labors of one or more of the area's Knights and Dames.

Currently, a small portion (\$20) of your dues to the American Association is returned to the Area to cover the costs of local activities such as the Fall Mass and Reception. However, our events are often underwritten by their hosts and/or a small donation is requested of attendees. Therefore, the stipend from the American Association has been preserved for the past two years and is available to fund grants under the direct auspices of the New York Area.

The guidelines under which grants may be awarded are promulgated by the American Association and include qualifying criteria and an application form. These materials may be requested via an email to our Treasurer, Ben McGrath, at bmcgrath@ejmequities.com.

The Area bank account has a balance of \$8,204.79 as of September 30, so any grant awarded will be necessarily modest.

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The 2004 Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes

photos by Phillip Howell

As preparation begins for the 2005 Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we thought it timely to share with you Gregory Oussani's reflections on the Auxiliaries' activities during the 2004 Pilgrimage.

The 2004 American Association of Malta's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, a small town in southern France at the foot of the Pyrenees mountain range, was wonderful! It was the Association's 19th Annual Pilgrimage. When started almost two decades ago, our pilgrimage totaled fewer than two dozen people. In 2004 we numbered almost 350 Knights, Dames, and Auxiliaries and included a contingent of priests, doctors, and nurses escorting some 50 *malades* and their caregivers. Together with Cardinal Pio Laghi from Rome and bishops and hundreds of priests from the USA and elsewhere, we converged with the Western and Federal (Washington, DC, area) Malta associations from the USA and Malta organizations from many associations throughout the world, making the various Malta uniforms and clerics' robes the most common sight around!

We flew non-stop on a chartered 747 from Newark Liberty International Airport to Tarbe Airport, just a short bus ride from Lourdes. We were on the run from the time we touched down to the time we

left. While the responsibility of all was the care of the *malades*, who ranged from a two year old child to the elderly, most ambulatory but some in wheelchairs, all shared the "Lourdes experience"!



In addition to daily Mass—one day in the Grotto with streaming sunshine—a Reflection and Recollection service, the Anointing of the Sick, the larger-than-life mountainside Stations of the Cross, and the awesome visit to the baths, we also had time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a few dozen fellow members late at night at the Crypt Church and with over 25,000 in total silence in the underground Pius X Basilica. 30,000 people from more than 40 countries packed the same Basilica for Sunday Mass, each bringing a distinctive flair from their respective country. Lebanese teenagers processed to Mass singing their hymns of praise to the Blessed Mother as they do in their home town, and some pilgrims from other lands wore the traditional dress of their countries, but all were there to celebrate a common faith magnified in 1858 in that Grotto, when

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Our Lady appeared 18 times to Bernadette Soubirous, a young peasant girl, revealing herself as the Immaculate Conception, asking that a chapel be built on the site, and telling the girl to drink and wash in the water that appeared from the ground and that flows uninterrupted to the present.

To paraphrase Bishop William Lori of the Diocese of Bridgeport in a homily, we all came to Lourdes with a lot of baggage, both physical and emotional. Our renewal of faith through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and through our prayers, reconciliation, and the waters of Lourdes allows us to leave this baggage behind us.



Other highlights were the Auxiliary retreat—a box lunch walking getaway with the Western and Federal Associations—and the Confirmation of John Jennings, a wheelchair-bound Auxiliary from New Jersey. Surrounded by friends who have known John from his many years on Malta Lourdes Pilgrimages, first as a *malade* and now as a helper (don't race him—he'll beat you in his wheelchair!), Bishop William Murphy of Rockville Center administered the Sacrament to John after Sunday Mass at the Pius X Basilica.



This year I had the honor of carrying the huge statue of the Blessed Mother (on a four-man team) for the spectacular candlelight Rosary procession. The Rosary procession attracts thousands praying each decade of the Rosary in a different language. It is broadcast throughout the “domain,” the main area of the

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THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA: BRAVE MEN OF FAITH AND GOOD HEART

*The following article is dedicated to
H.R.H. Françoise de Bourbon Parme,
whose remarkable work in Lebanon introduced
Bertrand De Looz to the work of the Order of Malta,
And to Bertrand's grandfather, Georges Karageorgiades,
who devoted his life to the sick.*

When I was a child, sitting on the lap of my maternal grandfather, listening to his marvelous stories, I was fascinated by his family ring. It featured a beautiful eight-pointed cross behind a shield. I had never seen an eight-pointed cross before. Being Catholic, I knew our very simple Christian cross. I also knew the cross of Jerusalem, because one of my uncles was a Commander of the Equestrian Order of the St. Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The beautiful eight-pointed cross really intrigued me!

To my question “Bon Papa”—a pharmacist who could trace his roots to a long line of Greek Cypriots, land owners and doctors, descendants of a princely family of the last Byzantine Empire (1204) of Trebizonde (now Trabzon, in Turkey, on the Black Sea)—replied, “It is the cross of Malta. I am not a knight myself of this prestigious order. The eight-point cross appears in our family coat of arms because your great grandfather, my father, Iannis Karageorgiades, a well-known doctor, was decorated both by the King of Greece and the Sultan of Constantinople for attending the wounded from all sides during the Balkan wars (1912–1913). For the same reasons he was made a Knight of the Most Venerable Order of St. John, by Queen Victoria. (The Order of St. John is affiliated with the Order of Malta and uses the same cross.)

It was thus, through my family, that I had my very first contact with the prestigious Order of Malta, and that I learned about its hospitaller and humanitarian roles.

Years later I also learned that, after it escaped from St Jean d’Acre in 1291, the Order went directly to Cyprus and established its headquarters in Limassol, the very city from which my family came. Immediately the Order started building a hospital, perhaps (who knows?) where my great grandfather had his private clinic, the

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first of its kind in Cyprus, at the turn of the 20th century, on the very parcel of land which is now the fashionable “promenade” along the seashore in the heart of Limassol. The Order stayed there until 1310 and then moved to Rhodes and Malta. The rest is history, and it is well known.

As a diplomatic and international relations expert, and as a former senior international officer for the UN for 35 years, with a passion for history, I am well aware of the outstanding achievements of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta’s achievements were recognized at the international level when the Order was granted the status of Permanent Observer by the United Nations General Assembly. This recognition noted the very unique status of the Order in international law, but, more importantly, it established the Order as one of the main contributors in the fields of both hospitaller and humanitarian work.

In today’s world, this humanitarian crusade continues.

In the year of my preparing to become a Knight, I only wish to remind us of the main characteristics and of the scope of the work of the Order in these two particular fields.

Today the Order of Malta is an international organization with its headquarters in Rome. The hospitaller activities of the Order are organized to service ongoing hospitaller and social needs, from the provision of ambulance and social services to hospital work and disaster relief.

The Order has some 11,000 members throughout the world. In addition, 100,000 volunteers work in the Order’s charitable institutions in Europe, North and South America, Australia and Asia. The Order provides a diverse range of hospitaller services in over 120 countries throughout the world. This work is provided on an entirely non-sectarian and non-discriminatory basis. Traditionally, members of the Order have nursed the wounded and the sick in times of war and have assisted in every possible way to bring relief to prisoners of war and refugees.

The Order mounted major humanitarian relief operations in Lebanon, El Salvador, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Uganda, Chad, Iraq, Romania, and, more recently in Rwanda.

Among the many services provided by the Order throughout the world are the following:

1. care for the homeless
2. services for the terminally ill
3. care of the elderly
4. care of abandoned children
5. care of the disabled
6. disaster relief
7. overseas aid, including research on and treatment of leprosy
8. refugee centers

I did not mention the famous annual pilgrimage to Lourdes (France) that ALL Knights and Dames must accomplish within three years of their “adoubement,” and during which they are at the service of the sick, be they Royal Highnesses or simple people.

The spiritual life of the Order today

The Order came into existence a little more than 900 years ago in Jerusalem for the purpose of assisting and defending pilgrims in the Holy Land. Despite the events, struggles, and difficulties encountered since then, the Order has been faithful to the aims and ideals of its origin: assistance to the sick and the needy and the defense of the faith.

It is important, in the year 2004, to recall the current vision of the Order that the Grand Master has stated in very explicit terms:

“It is an inescapable necessity to safeguard at all costs the pre-eminently religious character which for our Order is supreme, essential, indispensable and a condition sine qua non of its existence.”

Clearly, the Order is aiming at becoming closer to what it was when brother Gérard and Raymond du Puy established it in the twelfth century:

**A Religious and Hospitaller Organization
dedicated to the care of the poor and the sick.**

Let us never forget that the spirituality of the Order of Malta rests on the dual motto, Defense of the Faith and Service of the Poor. And always keep in mind, in whatever task we carry out for the Order, the original rule of the Order:

“When a sick person arrives, receive him just as if he were the Lord and each day, charitably give him the best that the house can furnish before the brothers have broken fast.”

Bertrand De Looz Karageorgiades
Eucharistic Minister for the Order,
Lenox Hill Hospital

St Benoît sur Loire, Spring 2004
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Grotto, the churches, and the grounds at Lourdes. We all raised our candles on the singing of “Ave, Ave Maria” after each decade. It’s a “you’ve got to be there” moment!

One night a group of us went to the Grotto after midnight, prayed the Rosary, and sang hymns from our Malta Pilgrimage prayer books, finishing one hymn and not wanting to leave until we sang, well, just one more! In a location where thousands pass every day, we had the solitude and peace of a very special place on earth all to ourselves under the watchful eye of the Blessed Mother. In addition to our prayers, we assembled for a professional group photo on the steps of the Rosary Basilica, had a outing with our *malades* to the Batharram Caves—a spectacular underground “active” cave—had a picnic (it rained but we were in a covered area), and had some free time for shopping and sightseeing to places such as the Fort, (now a museum), high atop a mountain. Everyone knew it was Malta’s week in Lourdes from the Malta flag flying from the Fort’s tower!



During the American Association’s pre-dinner receptions in our hotel lobby each day, the New York Auxiliary set up its merchandise “boutique” on a few sofas and a coffee table. Credit cards, dollars, and euros flew and all hands were needed to write orders from the Knights and Dames and other visitors for Malta apparel, jewelry, and souvenir pins.

Special thanks must be given to Maggie Ludwiczak, our Merchandise Manager, for the great selection of items and to Prep Candidate Kathleen Krieg, Suzanne Craig, and her husband, NY Auxiliary Treasurer/Prep Candidate Kenneth Craig, for managing the sales. Everyone agreed that the New York Auxiliary of the American Association had the best merchandise “store” of all the countries represented! And special thanks, too, to the Knights and Dames for their enthusiastic support.

The profits from the merchandise sales support the New York Auxiliary’s charitable activities through out the year, including the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Love Shelter in New York City and the Auxiliary’s participation each year in “Christmas in April” in Jersey City, part of a nationwide, volunteer, low-income housing improvement program.

On Friday night the Grand Master of the Order, Fra. Andrew Bertie, and others from the Malta headquarters in Rome graced us with their presence at dinner. After dinner on our last night, the Auxiliary performed its much-anticipated entertainment program. This year the theme was the “Maltalypmics”, a spoof of television coverage of the Olympics spiked with Malta humor—all in good taste—and including our own Kathleen Krieg as the “Goddess of Spirituality,” Michele Pecora as the “Goddess of Accessories,” and a chorus singing a home-grown Malta version of the “Ode to Joy”! Steve Leland, an American Association Auxiliary who is a Hollywood writer and producer, created the hilarious program, which also featured the requisite torch lighting, and laurel wreaths (spray-painted coffee cans flown in from Tinseltown and perhaps borrowed hotel shrubbery). Msgr. Kevin Wallin of Bridgeport ended the evening with five decades (no, not Rosary) of popular show tunes in a singalong.

After dinner each night we had time for socializing with our fellow Malta friends, one night at a party hosted by the Western Federation, another night hosted by the Spanish Association, and most nights with the international crowd that gravitated to the Jean d’ Arc Hotel. Morning prayers varied from 6:45 to 7:30 am each morning.



On this Pilgrimage we also coined a new term for our guests, the *malades*: “Miracles”! They taught us so much by their strong faith in the face of adversity. Likewise, their caregivers showed us the depth of their love for the child, spouse, parent, or other relative accompanying them. May God and His Blessed Mother bless them all!

I recommend the Malta Lourdes Pilgrimage if you ever have the opportunity!

Gregory P. Oussani



Calendar of Events

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