

# KNIGHTS OF MALTA

Winter 2005 Newsletter

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA



Dear Knights and Dames,

As the Internet becomes a part of our daily lives, the Communications Committee would like to offer you this newsletter in an electronic email format. Using Adobe Acrobat software (available free from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)) you would be able to open, read, print and share a copy this newsletter.

By combining the use of both email addresses and the U.S. Postal Service mailings, this would ensure that every Member receives their Newsletter.

We would like to launch our first electronic Newsletter mailing in the Spring of 2006. We currently have email addresses for about 15% of our mailing list. We are hopeful to expand the number of members who receive their Newsletter by email as the year goes on.

To receive your electronic copy of the New York Area Knights of Malta newsletter please send your email address to:

**[wsd@sadlier.com](mailto:wsd@sadlier.com)**  
**subject: 'KOM Newsletter'**

Thank you for your help.

Bill Dinger  
 Communications Committee Chair



## Letter from the Chair

Dear fellow Knights and Dames,  
 Warmest greetings to all members of our New York City Area.

I attended the November meeting of the Areas Chairs held in New York in conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Investiture Ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. We have wonderful news - two New York City Knights were invested last week, Paul Hardart and Dr. Michael Maynard. John Dunlap hosted a luncheon meeting for our Executive Committee with Paul and Michael several weeks ago and we were all impressed by their character, dedication, energy and enthusiasm. I predict great success for both of them in our Order - they will make wonderful Knights.



Our American Association President, Dan Kelly, has decided that introducing new members into the Association is a principal objective of his administration. It is critically important that we recruit candidates for our New York City area, help them fulfill their Year of Preparation and become invested members of our Order. I have emphasized this fact with members of the Executive Committee (whose names and contact information are set forth separately in this newsletter in case you want to work with them) and I would like to highlight it for all members of the New York City area.

There is nothing more important in any volunteer organization than a pipeline of high quality and potential new members and it is extremely important that we continue to grow our active membership. If you have any men or women who you would like to propose for admission to the Order, please contact me or our Membership Committee head, Dr. Tom Forlenza. Another promising initiative is our greater involvement with the Auxiliary (an expected source for new members) which is being overseen by Ken Craig and Tom Gallagher.

Our next event is the Christmas party we host for the patients at The Terence Cardinal Cooke Medical Center on Fifth Avenue. It is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18th and should last approximately three hours. Immediately following the party there will be a reception for all members of the Order and the Auxiliary (and their guests) at the home of our Hospitaller, Agnes Nolan. Agnes is personally underwriting the cost of the reception. She lives at 271 Central Park West, New York, NY. In order to build up our New York City Area treasury, all Order members attending the reception are requested to contribute \$100 and all Auxiliary members are requested to contribute \$25. There will be no charge for guests. Please make all checks payable to "Order of Malta - New York City Area" and either bring them to the reception at Agnes's home or mail them to our Treasurer, Ben McGrath, whose address is:

**Mr. Benjamin J. McGrath, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer**  
**Edward J. Minskoff Equities, Inc.**  
**1325 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10019**

I look forward to seeing you at the Cooke Medical Center and the reception.

God bless you and your families and warmest wishes to all of you for a wonderful Christmas season and blessed 2006.

Fraternally yours,  
**Peter C. Krause**  
 Area Head





## Bereavement

We are very saddened to inform you that long-time Knight Vincent J. Fontana died on July 5th, 2005. Dr. Fontana was a national voice for abused and neglected children and the longtime medical director of the New York Foundling, the service agency for such children and their families. His work provided guidelines for saving children. Dr. Fontana also served as personal physician to President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Cardinal Francis Spellman. Part of his legacy is the Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection, an adjunct of the Foundling that he started in 1998.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for him on July 10th at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at which the New York Area of the American Association provided an honor guard of two Knights, John Leopoldo Fiorilla and Kenneth Craig.



## Regulations for Novices Provide Guidance for All

The Regulations for Novices of the Order of Malta give specific guidance for those who are preparing to take the religious vows in the First Class of the Order. These regulations also provide guidance for the members of the Second and Third Class, who make up the majority of the members of our Association.

The regulations state: "Whenever possible, the Novice should attend Holy Mass daily, receive the Holy Eucharist regularly and render thanks devoutly after Holy Communion."

The value of attending Mass daily is evident to those who already do so. To those who do not attend Mass during the weekdays, I would encourage you to give it a try. The sacrifice of time, usually in the morning, is worth the graces that are obtained through this half hour of prayer, and through the devout and worthy reception of Holy Communion.

Morning Mass is like a spring-board that propels us to live out our faith each day with greater strength and determination. We are also reminded that our efforts to promote the mission of the Church and of the Order of Malta depend upon a lively faith and an acknowledgement of our need for God's help every day. Mass and Communion deepen our faith and remind us that Our Lord provides abundant help to those who turn to Him.

The annual pilgrimage to Lourdes always includes daily Mass, even at the airport on departure day. The Knights and Dames bring our malades to Jesus.

Let us try to bring ourselves to Jesus each day in daily Mass.



Fr. Gerald Murray,  
Chaplain



## Bereavement Committee


*is responsible for providing 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.*

## Area Knights and Dames Enjoy the Annual Dinner Dance



# The Servants of Truth

By Bill Dinger, KM, Communications Chair

he Servants of the Truth Committee, in support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, held its first meeting in New York on November 28, 2005. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop for the Military, was introduced along with Knights Dennis J. Lynch, Hershel Smith, Victor Coudert, Frank Dinger, and myself. Ambassador Tom Melady and KM John F. Ball are also members of the committee but were not able to participate in this introductory meeting.

Early in 2005, through the efforts of Dennis Lynch, Frank Dinger, and Bill Dinger, a new committee, The Servants of the Truth, was formed to assist Archbishop O'Brien and the more than 400 Catholic chaplains in the challenge of serving our military and our veterans. Archbishop O'Brien's goal is to provide for the spiritual needs of our brave young men and women in the armed forces and patients in Veterans Administration medical centers so that those who serve in the military will always have a priest to turn to; to support men who dream of becoming a priest chaplain; and to insure that those serving in the military and their families will have whatever is necessary to help them grow in their faith. The Archbishop came to us to ask our assistance in an \$8 million capital campaign that will greatly enhance his ability to meet the faith needs of our armed forces and their families.

We Knights on the committee know that the Archdiocese for the Military Services is an ecclesiastical entity and therefore receives no funds from government sources. Because the majority of those served by the Archdiocese have few assets, there is no one else to turn to for the help that is needed.

The Archbishop's major capital campaign is focused on evangelization, creating an endowment fund, and establishing a building fund.

The Archbishop is aware of the great potential for faith renewal among the 300,000 young adult Catholics in uniform. Because chaplains often are overwhelmed by both military and pastoral duties, the Archdiocese has undertaken a faith formation program in peer to peer Evangelization. The objective of this program is to reawaken the faith of young adult Catholics in the military by involving them in installation groups that will inform them about their faith so that they, in turn, can evangelize their peers. The Archdiocese also wants to create a Director of Religious Education position to

serve more effectively the 75,000 children in religious education throughout the military. Again, funds are needed to endow this position for the future. The Archdiocese has not lost sight of the need to augment the some 400 active-duty chaplains serving the 1.5 million military Catholics around the world. To this end the Archdiocese is proposing a multifaceted approach: establishing a vocation program that tracks and evaluates enlisted men who express an interest in the priesthood; recruiting and training lay ministers to assist chaplains or installations and to help with religious education wherever possible; and establishing an endowment fund to handle unforeseen expenses and diocesan needs that may arise unexpectedly. At this time the Archdiocese has no financial means to handle special fiscal or programmatic needs. Finally, the Archdiocese is attempting to create a building fund so that the current expense for leasing space may be redirected to services for military men and women and their families.

The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta has acknowledged the needs of the Archdiocese for the Military Services by awarding a grant of \$25,000 in 2005. The Servants of the Truth are hopeful that grants will continue for the foreseeable future. In the meantime the Servants have pledged to assist Archbishop O'Brien by finding other sources of gifts. If you know of any sources of donations or are interested yourself in this very worthy cause, please contact Dennis Lynch, KM, at [LJDNAPLES@aol.com](mailto:LJDNAPLES@aol.com).

# Membership in the Knights of Malta

By Thomas J. Forlenza, M.D.

**W**elcome from the New York Area Knights of Malta Admissions Committee.

My name is Dr. Thomas J. Forlenza. I chair the Admissions Committee. We welcome prospective candidates for membership in our Order.

As you are aware, membership applications are accepted throughout the year.

Applications should be submitted to Dr. Thomas J. Forlenza at 102 Hart Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10301.

Any practicing Catholic in good standing in the faith who wants to further his or her spirituality in the tradition of Defending the Faith; i.e., witnessing to the faith in his or her daily life; and Caring for the Sick and Poor; i.e., taking an active role in health-related issues concerning the sick and poor; is a potential candidate.

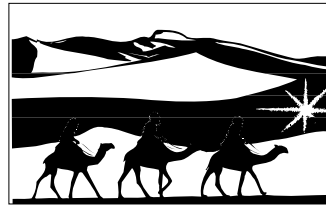
Once accepted as a candidate-in-preparation, the individual chooses a particular area for spiritual activity and service. This activity is supervised under the mentorship of the sponsoring Knight in conjunction with the Area Chair.

As you are aware, we are the oldest lay order in the Catholic Church. Our hospitable tradition includes diverse areas for spiritual development and service from which our new applicants can choose. Membership in the Order is a privilege and an opportunity to develop a deeper spiritual relationship with our Redeemer. As an individual takes this

step in his or her spiritual life, guidance from members of the Order and spiritual directors should be sought.

Candidates invited into the Preparatory Phase are selected by Knights and Dames who have identified outstanding humane and Christian qualities in an individual. As our Order is centered around service to our Lords, the sick and poor, this commitment, taken in all seriousness, allows one to appreciate both the spiritual aspects of the call to service and the practical situations that allow one to pursue various missions.

The annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes affords an opportunity for the candidate to work in one of the principal spiritual activities of the Order. The malades visit Our Lady at Lourdes and so are enabled to better deal with their illnesses. Candidates and members, in aiding the malades, learn to better identify their own need for healing. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, spiritual healing occurs for the malades and for those who help them.



We encourage our Auxiliary and our professed Knights and Dames to help our prospective candidates make this a meaningful preparation by praying for the candidates and their families.

Though the above is known by many, perhaps this reflection will help a prospective candidate understand his or her pursuing Knighthood in the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta.



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*Cardinal Cooke Medical Center*

# *Christmas Party*

*Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>*

*1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Reception  
immediately following  
at the home of

*Agnes Nolan*  
271 Central Park West  
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