

ORDER OF MALTA

Fall 2009 Newsletter

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF MALTA

Letter from the Chairs



As we complete our first year as Area chairs for NYC, we must admit that the role has encompassed far more than expected, but our task has been made possible by the help and support of a great number of other Knights and Dames.

Particular thanks are due to the Membership Committee for their help in indentifying new candidates (see related article). Thanks, too, go to Frà John Dunlap and Deacon John Powers KM for their assistance in organizing the Feast Day liturgies. And, finally, special thanks to Bob Dall KM for hosting a reception after our Mass on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Philermo.

We congratulate Fr. John McGuire, OP, on his promotion to Conventual Chaplain ad honorem and we extend a welcome to our two new Deputy Chaplains, Msgr. Douglas Mathers and Msgr. Peter Finn, both of the New York Archdiocese. The Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens is underrepresented among the

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Activities in the NYC Area

Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist. Over 60 members of the Order and the Auxiliary, as well as a number of new candidates, attended Mass in the chapel of the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center on June 24th. The principal celebrant was Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. He was joined on the altar by other area chaplains: Msgr. James Cassidy, Fr. John McGuire, OP, Fr. Gerald Murray, Msgr. Robert Ritchie, Msgr. Douglas Mathers, and Fr. Joseph Cavoto, SFA. Deacon John Powers, KM, assisted. Mass was followed by a reception on TCC's rooftop terrace overlooking Central Park and the Conservancy Gardens. The reception, at which voluntary contributions were solicited for the renovation of TCC's Chapel, raised nearly \$3,000.

Solemnity of Our Lady of Philermo. On the Tuesday after Labor Day, more than 40 members and candidates joined in a Mass at St. John the Evangelist on the Solemnity of Our Lady of Philermo. We were honored to have as the principal celebrant, His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, Archbishop Emeritus of New York and Bailiff Grand Cross of Honor and Devotion. Concelebrating with Cardinal Egan were Msgr. James Cassidy, Msgr. Douglas Mathers, Fr. Gerald Murray, and Fr. Anthony Robbie, Chaplain to the Australian Association. A reception following Mass was held at the nearby home of Bob Dall, KM, at which members had the opportunity to speak with His Eminence and to meet Fr. Robbie and his compatriot and fellow Chaplain Fr. James McCarthy. Both were visiting NYC on a break from their studies at the Angelicum in Rome.



Cardinal Egan, Our Lady of Philermo

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Letter from the Chair

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ranks of our Chaplains and we hope to rectify that in the coming year.

As we noted in the last newsletter, Frà John Dunlap has been elected to the Sovereign Council and, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Order, has stepped down as both Regent of the Sub Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes, and he has also resigned as the Co-Hospitaller for the NYC Area. John remains actively involved in NYC activities, particularly the Terence Cardinal Cooke Center, but we still wish to thank him for all that he has done for the Order in both previous roles. Dan Foxx KM has been approved by the Board of Councillors as our new Area Co-Hospitaller. Congratulations, Dan.

Finally, look for our letter on the new *Confrères-Helping-Confrères Outreach* initiative. We need your feedback to make it work.

Confraternally yours,

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Sadlier Brothers Receive NCEA Seton President's Award



William S. Dinger, left, and his brother Frank, on the right, are congratulated by Dr. Timothy McNiff, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York

One of the highest possible honors in Catholic education, the 19th annual Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton President's Award, was recently bestowed on Frank Sadlier Dinger, KM, and William Sadlier Dinger, KM, of William H. Sadlier, Inc. for their commitment to Catholic education, its future strength and growth.

The Most Reverend Donald Wuerl, the Archbishop of Washington, and chair of the National Catholic Educational Association Board of Directors, stated that the Awards event was "an opportunity to celebrate the success of Catholic schools and to thank individuals whose support has helped strengthen Catholic education at all levels in our schools, seminaries, colleges, and religious education programs."

Dr. Karen Ristau, president of NCEA, added that "The history of the Sadlier family and their contribution to the educational publishing world, especially to the writing and publication of religious education materials, is the stuff of legends...a story of energy, hard work, intelligence, determination, and dedication. The Sadlier Dinger family [are] pioneers in religious education. Frank and Bill carry on the family tradition of excellence...it is their presence, their own time they give, which makes them exceptionally special to us."

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FROM THE PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE:

October 2009 – Respect Life Month

October was declared the month of extra commitment to supporting the sanctity of all human life through prayer, action and advocacy. For a listing of opportunities in the NYC area, please go to <http://www.cny.org/archive/ld/ld3092409.htm>

HEALTH CARE REFORM ADVOCACY

Two major pro-life amendments offered by Senator Hatch (conscience protection and restricting federal abortion funding) have been defeated in the Senate Finance committee: <http://blog.aul.org/2009/09/30/update-amendments-in-senate-finance-committee-mark-up/>.

Please continue to contact Senator Schumer through his Congressional website (http://schumer.senate.gov/new_website/contact.cfm) to say the following, or words to this effect:

"No health care reform initiative should involve using federal money, either directly or indirectly, to fund elective abortions. Any health care reform bill should scrupulously respect the conscience rights of those who do not wish to perform or participate in abortions. Please reconsider your votes and support conscience protection and an explicit exclusion of federal funding for abortion."

Chaplain Promotion

Our congratulations to **Fr. John McGuire, OP**, who has been promoted by the Sovereign Council from Magistral Chaplain to Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem*.

New Chaplains

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new Deputy Chaplains for the NYC Area: **Msgr. Douglas Mathers** and **Msgr. Peter Finn**. Both will be formally installed at the Investiture Mass on November 13th.

Msgr. Mathers is Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Manhattan and also serves as the Deputy Chancellor of the Archdiocese. **Msgr. Finn** is currently Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish on Staten Island and serves as the Co-Vicar for the borough. Prior to his return to Staten Island in 2007, **Msgr. Finn** was Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie.

Seton Award

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Upon accepting the Award, Bill Dinger stated, *"We passionately believe that Catholic schools and parish schools of religion have an essential role in the education and moral development of the youth of our nation. We will continue to work to see this role endures undiminished."* *"We will treasure this Award because it speaks to our life's work"* said Frank Dinger.

Founded in 1832, William H. Sadlier, Inc. has been a family-owned and managed publisher of Catholic catechetical and educational print and online materials that are used in Catholic, private, and public schools internationally.

The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) provides vital research, advocacy, workshops, conferences, publications, webinars, and financial and strategic planning services.

For more information, contact sadlier@sadlier.com.

My First Pilgrimage to Lourdes

I am honored and humbled to be asked to share my experience during my first pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Order of Malta. Although I had been there twice on my own, I did not know what to expect from this trip. I knew the Lourdes pilgrimage is a hallmark of the Order and that I would serve the Malades. It seemed like a do-able task, after all motherhood had given me an on-the-job training of unending giving and care. I knew I was on a mission with a focus on the needs of others, not mine. However, packing the Order's uniform including the veil – "Aargh! You'll look like Florence Nightingale," as my British husband said – added to a feeling of uncertainty.

When we arrived at Lourdes, we hit the ground running. The activities were scheduled like clockwork and the tempo required some level of physical fitness. As I pushed my Malade, in his voiture, accompanied by his lovely wife, his caregiver, through the streets of Lourdes, I saw other members of the Order of Malta from all over the world, and I felt that I was part of a multinational corporation. They wore the same religious uniform but had badges that displayed the names of different countries, and many spoke multiple languages. There were also a variety of confreres: some hang out at the cafes like central casting from a Neo Baroque era – there to see and be seen – while others seemed to have a deeper devotion to the Catholic faith, perhaps culturally-driven. However, when it came to the care for the Malades, the dedication to serve them was palpable regardless of the nationality, and that is where the Order showed its solidarity. As part of the American team, I was impressed by the members who pulled/pushed their own voitures and catered to their Malades. Some of them I had met before and knew were well-respected in their corporations or their communities. I was humbled by their example and felt honored to be among such committed men and women.



The Malades were the heroes to my mind. They had been dealt a very tough hand, but they came with great faith and in total surrender to God's will. I found this most evident during the evening candlelight processions where hundreds prayed and sang hymns while they went around the Domaine. I was able to get to know some of the fifty Malades and their caregivers who came with the American Association. By getting to know them, I found they had given me a lasting gift of gratitude for my life's blessings.

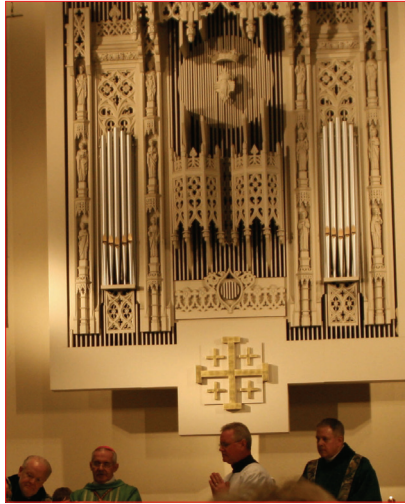
A turning point of my pilgrimage occurred during a reflection Fr. David Carron gave as we all prayed the rosary. He said, "Just like Mary was a bearer of Jesus, you and I, we are all bearers of Jesus." As a Eucharistic Minister, these words were so poignant because they reminded me of the importance of my ministry. At another level, I felt I was bringing Jesus to my Malade, and in so doing, I was bringing love to him and his caregiver. This way of perceiving my role stayed with me as we prayed, attended masses, shared meals, and went to Our Lady's grotto and the baths.

The other turning point occurred in the final benediction when all the worldwide confreres met for the last time during this pilgrimage. Amidst prayers and hymns sung in different languages from French to Arabic, and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, I found myself *healing*. It was like an unexpected gift. I came primarily to serve my Malade. I prayed that he would heal and all others I promised to pray for would heal as well. By feeling compassion, extending kindness, and giving love, I

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Order of Malta's National Conference.

Over the weekend of September 25-27, many members of the NYC Area attended the Order's Biennial Conference in Garden City. Hosted by the Long Island Area, the topic was *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Road to Understanding*. The keynote speaker was His Eminence, Jean-Louis Cardinal Tauran, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Presentations were also made by Dr. John Borelli and Dr. Sandra Keating, both theological scholars and actively involved in interreligious dialogue. Rev. Paul Murray, OP, Professor at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum) in Rome, spoke on Personal Spirituality. The weekend concluded with a Pontifical Mass at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Center at



Altar at St. Agnes



Grand Master & Fr. Robert Dunn

My First Pilgrimage

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felt an inner healing. This was my "Lourdes miracle."

The highlight of the pilgrimage came during the closing night ceremony. One of our Malades, Regina Jabbour, spoke passionately about how she and her fellow Malades had received constant and abundant love throughout the pilgrimage. She expressed deep gratitude for the inner healing and strength she received to live her life with cancer with acceptance and peace, embodying the surrender to God's will. Her profound thankfulness and joy made the pilgrimage one of the most gratifying experiences I had ever lived. It gave more meaning to my life.

The following morning, as we left Lourdes for the trip back home, I thanked Our Lady for my own miracle in Lourdes. I felt a renewed strength to be able to cope with the

challenges of daily life. Just like one could take bottles of water home from Lourdes, I wished there was a way to bottle the inner healing of Lourdes that takes place during every pilgrimage and share it with the Malades in Spirit and the knights and dames who were unable to make the trip so that they may receive an inner healing too, and in the case of the latter, so that the ties that bind the Order together may be strengthened.



Grand Master & Resident

which Cardinal Tauran was the principal celebrant with His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan and His Excellency, Most Reverend William F. Murphy, Bishop of the Rockville Center Diocese, concelebrating. For the first time in the history of the National Conference, we were privileged to be joined by the Grand Master, His Most Eminent Highness Frà Matthew Festing, and several members of the Sovereign Council. Frà Matthew remained in New York for several days following the conference, attending Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral celebrated by His Excellency, Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, and visiting several works of the Order in the tri-state area. Here in NYC we were pleased to have the Grand Master tour the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and join members of the Order for a cocktail reception afterwards on the roof-top terrace of TCC.



Luc Swanepoel, Joe Guillen & Fr. James McCarthy, Sept. 8 2009 reception.

As a candidate invited to join the Order, the Lourdes pilgrimage gave me a better understanding of the mission of the Order of Malta. The timing of my first pilgrimage with the Order could not have been more perfect. It brought to life my responsibility to our Catholic faith, and it strengthened my resolve to serve the sick and the poor. It gave a deeper meaning to my life.

— Marissa Blackett

Record Number Of New Candidates For 2010



Thanks to the efforts of an expanded Membership Committee, the NYC Area has proposed a record 24 new members for investiture in 2010. Five of the candidates were originally candidates for 2009 but for a variety of reasons, requested a postponement. Nevertheless, even 19 new candidates may be a record from our area, and goes a long way toward helping the American Association reach its goal of 2000 members in 2010!



Knights

Dr. Mario F. Alicandri

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Mario Alicandri, a doctor with the University Physicians Group on Staten Island, has served as attending physician at the Eger Health Center where, when time permits, he helps wheel patients to Mass. Dr. Alicandri completed a Fellowship in Geriatric Medicine and hopes to be actively involved in the Pax Christi Hospice project on Staten Island.

Joseph F. Brown

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Joe Brown, currently Executive Director of the Children's Hearing Institute, is well known to many Knights and Dames in his previous position at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. He is actively involved in works at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village where he is a Parish Trustee and serves on numerous committees. Joe, his wife Theresa, and their son live in Jersey City, NJ.

John J. Cafaro

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JJ Cafaro is Executive Vice President of The Cafaro Company in Youngstown, Ohio. Active in a number of charities serving the poor, he and his wife, Janet, founded the Youngstown Gleaners Food Bank to feed the hungry. JJ and Janet have two daughters, one of whom lives in NYC, so they split their time between Ohio, New York and Palm Beach.

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Andrea serves as First Secretary to the Italian Ambassador in Washington, D.C., where he presently lives with his wife, Roberta. Andrea has attended numerous American and Federal Association events in recent years. Prior to moving to the US, Andrea actively served the poor in his home parish in Italy.

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Dan, a Vice President at Morgan Stanley, is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau. He has also been a supporter of both the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and Habitat for Humanity, among other charities. Dan and his wife, Su, live on Roosevelt Island and are members of St. Francis Cabrini parish.

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Mark, a lawyer by training, is a corporate executive with the Siemens Corporation. He is an active supporter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in his parish, the Bishop Molloy Retreat House and the Saint Fidelis Mother and Child Residence. He has also found time to coach the track and field team at St. Margaret's School in Flushing. He resides in Forest Hills.

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Joe began his work with the sick and the poor while in college, volunteering at various soup kitchens and homeless shelters in D.C. and NYC. More recently, he has volunteered at the overnight Shelter for Men at St. Ignatius Loyola. He is a member of the Lawyer's Committee of the Inner City Scholarship Fund, the Catholic Lawyers Guild, and is a mentor at the South Bronx Educational Foundation. Joe and his wife, Kunyoung Kim, are members of St. Monica's Church in Manhattan.

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Steven, born in Ontario, Canada, is a Vice President for Business Development at Credit Suisse in NYC. He has been actively involved in works for the poor both in North America and in Soweto, South Africa. A member of the Parish of St. Thomas More in Manhattan, Steven regularly serves as an usher at the Children's 10 am Sunday Mass.

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Tom Moloney is a partner at the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. He and his wife, Molly Heines, are both actively involved in tutoring and mentoring inner-city students at Washington Irving High School. They live in Manhattan and are members of St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village.

Dr. Theodore Strange

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Ted Strange is a physician and Associate Chairman of Medicine at Staten Island University Hospital. Ted is actively involved as a volunteer in his parish, Our Lady Star of the Sea, and for the athletic program at St. Joseph-by-the-Sea High School. He serves as a Eucharistic Minister at his local parish and at the hospital, and serves on the Board of HeartShare Human Services, a program of adoption and foster care in the Brooklyn diocese. He and his wife live on Staten Island.

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David Sylofski is an attorney at the law firm of Sidley Austin, LLP. In addition to his pro bono legal defense work, he and his wife, Carla, have been active volunteers at St. Joe's Café, a soup kitchen affiliated with his parish, St. Joseph's in Greenwich Village. Dave and Carla live in Manhattan.



Marta Cecilia Asman

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MC, known to many from her 2009 pilgrimage to Lourdes, is actively involved in the Right to Life activities of her parish and as a volunteer serving food to AIDS patients and the homeless in NYC. She lives in Manhattan with her husband, David, and daughter Cristiana and is a member of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Janet S. Cafaro

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Janet has been actively involved in the Youngstown Gleaners Food Bank which she co-founded with her husband, JJ. She regularly gives her time to the care of the elderly with Alzheimer's and is an active supporter of the Ursuline Sisters and of Head Start programs. Janet and her husband live in Hubbard, Ohio where she raised and homeschooled two daughters, one

of whom now lives in NYC.

Barbara M. Doyle

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Barbara, a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, was introduced to the Order of Malta through the Austrian Auxiliary of which she was a member before moving to the US. She participated in several pilgrimages to Lourdes during that time. Barbara has been actively involved in volunteer activities for the Convent of the Sacred Heart and for Parents In Action. Barbara lives in Manhattan with her husband, Lawrence, and their daughter, and is a member of St. Vincent Ferrer Parish.

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Micol has been serving with Malta's team of Eucharistic Ministers at Sloan-Kettering. She also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola where she and her husband are parishioners.

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Cristina is an artist with her own studio in Manhattan. She became involved in a number of Malta activities in NYC as she joined her husband, Marco, in preparing for his investiture as a Knight. Cristina has continued to support Malta activities, particularly the Terence Cardinal Cooke Center where she has become a regular on Sunday mornings. Cristina and Marco are parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer in Manhattan.

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Molly, a retired lawyer, has been involved in a number activities involving the sick and poor including adoption/foster care placement of inner-city children and, more recently, tutoring inner-city students at Washington Irving High School. She and her husband, Tom Moloney, live in Manhattan and are parishioners of St. Joseph's

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Margarite, a free lance interpreter and translator, has been involved with the Path To Peace Foundation, a charity sponsored by the Apostolic Nuncio and the Vatican's Permanent Observer Mission to the United Nations. Margarite lives in Manhattan and is actively involved in her parish, Our Lady of the Scapular and St. Stephen's.

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Nancy, a Financial Adviser with UBS, has been a strong supporter of Catholic Charities in New York where she serves on the Board of Catholic Charities' Community Services. Additionally, she participates in the annual St. Nicholas Project, buying and distributing necessities to the poor at Christmas. Nancy lives in Manhattan and is a member of St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville.

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Kathy has been a volunteer at Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center for a number of years, and has also volunteered at the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Soup Kitchen at St. Ignatius Loyola. She also volunteers as a math and English tutor at the Little Sisters of the Assumption Health Care Center in East Harlem. Kathy serves as a Eucharistic Minister and Lector at St. Ignatius Loyola where she and her daughter, Sidney, are parishioners.

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Carla is an attorney at the law firm of Sidley Austin, LLP. Carla was involved with works of the Order in Vancouver, BC, where her parents and grandparents were members of the Order. Now in New York, Carla and her husband, Dave, volunteer regularly at St. Joe's Café, a soup kitchen associated with St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village. They live in Manhattan.

New Initiative

Confrères-Helping-Confrères Outreach. Reaching out to physically inactive members of the Order has been a concern voiced at a number of Area Chair gatherings and conference calls. Instigated by Deacon John Powers KM, the NYC Area is hoping to initiate a new program of Confrères-Helping-Confrères Outreach. The program, based on a similar program Powers oversees in his own parish, will be designed to identify members who are less mobile or even home-bound who would welcome a visit or phone call, as well as seek members who are willing to either periodically telephone those with difficulties or to serve as Eucharistic Ministers to homebound members. A letter has been sent to all Area members explaining the concept in greater detail. Please respond. We need your help to make it work!

New NYC Area Website

Arrangements have been made recently to allow each Malta Area to have its own website within the American Association's website (www.maltausa.org). Hopefully, by the time this newsletter goes to press, the NYC Area pages will be active—even if not fully updated. The Area websites will have information accessible to the general public, and additional information accessible only to members of the Order who have logged in to the Members-Only pages. If you do not currently have a user name and password, please contact the Malta Office (212-371-1522).

www.maltausa.org

CALENDAR OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION EVENTS

November 2, 2009

First Monday Mass

All Members, Candidates and Auxiliary are encouraged to join the NYC Malta community in the celebration of monthly Mass.

November 12, 2009

2009 New Members' Reception

at Waldorf Astoria, Louis XVI Suite for New Members, their spouses and sponsors, as well as for new chaplains and chaplains being promoted in 2009. Invitations mailed in mid-October.

November 13 - 14, 2009

Annual Meeting and Investiture Mass

Annual meeting of the American Association will be held at the Waldorf Astoria, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday November 13 and again on Saturday morning November 14th at 9 a.m.

Friday, November 13th

Investiture Mass and Dinner at St. Patrick's Cathedral begins at 2 p.m.

Friday night **Gala reception and Dinner** at Waldorf Astoria: Invitations mailed to Members. Contact Malta Office (212-371-1522).

November 16, 2009

Thanksgiving at TCC

Join Members, Candidates and Auxiliary as we serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (Fifth Avenue at 106th Street). Serve dinner or just sit and chat with residents and their families.

November 17, 2009

Thanksgiving at TCC—Night 2

(see November 16).

December 7, 2009

December First Monday Mass

Join Members, Candidates and Auxiliary for the First Monday Mass in the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

December 13, 2009

Malta Christmas Party at TCC

Malta's annual Christmas Party at TCC starts at 12:30 p.m. with lunch and gift wrapping. Party for residents and families starts at 2 p.m. Volunteers wanted to serve food and chat with residents. A new volunteer to dress as Santa is needed this year!

December 13, 2009

NYC Area Christmas Party—Fund Raiser

The NYC Area's major fund raiser is our Christmas party and is timed to follow directly after the Malta Christmas Party at TCC. Invitations and details will be mailed in early November.

January 22, 2010

March for Life in Washington, D.C. Friday, For more information, contact Gregory P. Oussani, KM, e-mail: gregory@staplex.com

April 28, 2010

2010 Lourdes Pilgrimage Departure Wednesday April 28, return Tuesday May 4th. The Order of Malta's 2010 annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

INVESTITURE WEEKEND • NOVEMBER 12 - 14, 2009

Thursday, November 12, 2009

- **Malta Human Services Foundation**
- **Board of Directors Meeting**
- **Board of Councillors Meeting**
- **New Members Orientation and Mass**
- **New Members Reception**
(families and sponsors are welcome)

Friday, November 13, 2009

- **Annual Business Meeting**
- **Lourdes Committee Meeting**
- **Meeting of Chaplains**
- **Solemn Mass of Investiture**
- **Reception and Annual Dinner**

Saturday, November 14, 2009

- **Mass and Presentation**

All events to take place in New York, NY



This Christmas season we invite you to “come to Bethlehem” by purchasing your Christmas cards through the Order of Malta. Your purchase will serve as both a gift to the poor in the birthplace of the “Prince of Peace” and a charitable gift to those on your Christmas card list. Your order directly benefits Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem which is operated by the Order of Malta.



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Today, a mere 500 yards from the birthplace of Jesus Christ, one special door is open to the poor and destitute expectant mothers—

*Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem
www.birthplaceofhope.org*

This Christmas Season, a donation has been made in your honor to Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation.

Holy Family Hospital ensures that every mother delivers in a safe, state-of-the-art facility and that every newborn can be swaddled, fed and cared for in Bethlehem. There is always “room at the inn” at Holy Family Hospital, operated by the Order of Malta.

*Photo:
The Rosary Basilica-Lourdes, France
Third Joyful Mystery Mosaic-The Birth of Jesus*

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Choice of inside message

*May you have the gift of faith,
The blessing of hope and the peace of
His love at Christmas and
Throughout the New Year.*

*Your Name Here
(Optional)*

*May the blessings of Christmas
Bring you Hope,
Peace and Joy
Throughout the year.*

*Your Name Here
(Optional)*

*His birth...a miracle
His love...our gift
His day...a time to rejoice
Let us rejoice in all that he has given us.*

Merry Christmas

*Your Name Here
(Optional)*

— <http://www.birthplaceofhope.org/cards/flyer.pdf> —

We appreciate your support of the Christmas Card program.

2009 Order of Malta Christmas Card Order Form

Orders received by October 31 will ship by November 15, 2009.

<input type="checkbox"/> Christmas card sets (20 cards, 10 of each design) (\$56 taxable donation per set)	\$80	# of sets _____	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Imprint cards (optional)	\$70* up to 500 cards		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> Imprint envelopes (optional)	\$70* up to 500 cards		\$
Shipping & Handling	\$20		\$ 20
	California residents add 9.5% sales tax		\$
*If ordered at same time with card order	Total Amount		

Choice of Message

- May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and throughout the New Year.
- May the blessings of Christmas bring you Hope, Peace and Joy throughout the year.
- His birth...a miracle
His love...our gift
His day...a time to rejoice
Let us rejoice in all that he has given us.
Merry Christmas

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Order of Malta
465 California Street, Suite 818
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CC# _____
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