

October – November 2015 Update

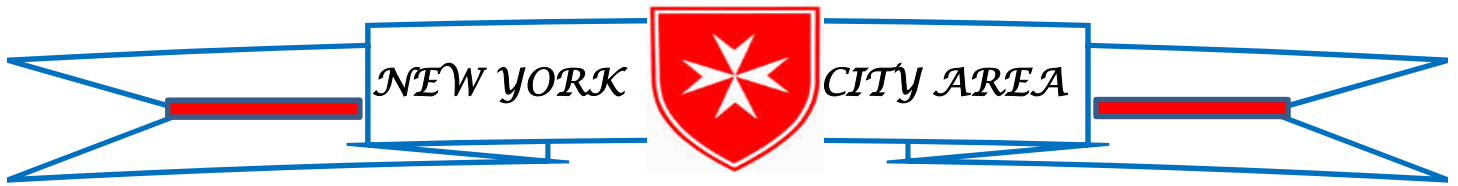


Msgr. James Cassidy, GCCHC

In mid October, we were saddened to learn of the death of our long-time chaplain, Msgr. James P. Cassidy at the age of 90. Msgr. Cassidy was the Assistant Principal Chaplain of the American Association, but he was also a very committed chaplain of the NYC Area. Until his health necessitated a move to the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care center 4 years ago, Msgr. Cassidy was the regular celebrant of our First Monday Monthly Mass. While a resident of TCC, he concelebrated the Sunday Mass whenever his health permitted.

Msgr. Cassidy was awarded the Grand Cross in 2011, and earlier this year, in celebration of his 90th birthday, thanks to the efforts of Fra John Dunlap, Msgr. Cassidy was presented with the **Grand Cross Pro Piis Meritis** conferred by His Most Eminent Highness the Prince and Grand Master Fra Matthew Festing.

In recognition of the high esteem with which so many of us held Msgr. Cassidy, the Malta Honor Guard for his Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Cathedral on October 26th numbered more than 20 knights and dames, with many more members either on the altar or in the congregation.



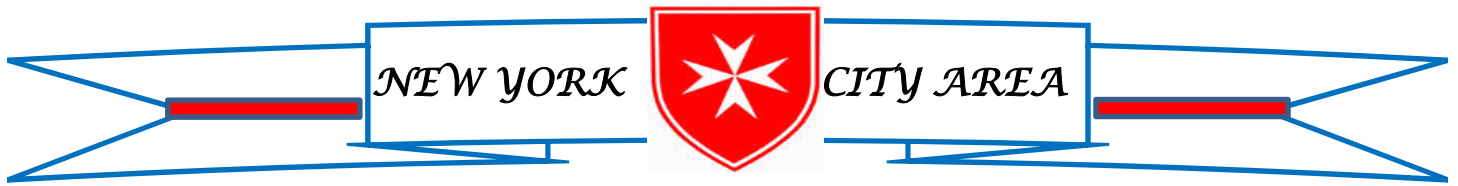
Ambassador Robert Shafer Honored



Ambassador Robert Shafer, GCKMOb, recently decided to take a step back from his duties as the Permanent Observer for the Order of Malta to the United Nations. He will continue be an Ambassador and work for the Order's Mission, but he will no longer hold the position as the Order's Permanent Observer. He has been succeeded in that role by Ambassador Oscar De Rojas, KM, who has worked with Bob in the Mission for several years.

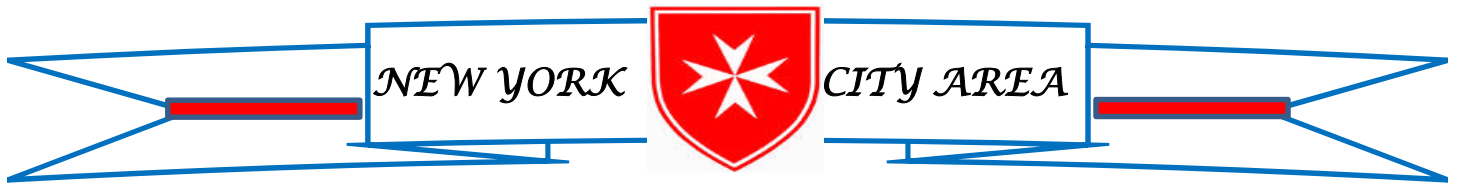
In recognition of Bob's years of service as the Permanent Observer, Ambassador De Rojas hosted a lovely reception in honor of both Bob and his wife Ellen at the Order's Mission on East 47th Street on October 21st.

Most members of the Order's UN Mission staff serve in a volunteer capacity and are not remunerated for their time or services.



Order of Malta--NYC Area Honored at ArchCare Gala

At its annual gala on October 29th to raise funds for Archdiocesan healthcare services, ArchCare honored the Order of Malta—NYC Area with its first Ann Mara Community Service Award. The award was presented in recognition of the work done by so many Order of Malta volunteers at ArchCare facilities such as The Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and the Mary Manning Walsh Nursing Home, as well as the hours of service and dedication provided by Members of the Order who serve on ArchCare's Board. The award was presented by Cardinal Dolan, Bailiff Grand Cross and Principal Chaplain of the American Association, and by Scott LaRue, KM, Chief Executive of the ArchCare System. Accepting the award were Rory & Camille Kelleher, NYC Area Chairs 2008-2014, and Maggie Ludwiczak, who has organized the monthly sing-along for disabled children at TCC for the past 15 years.



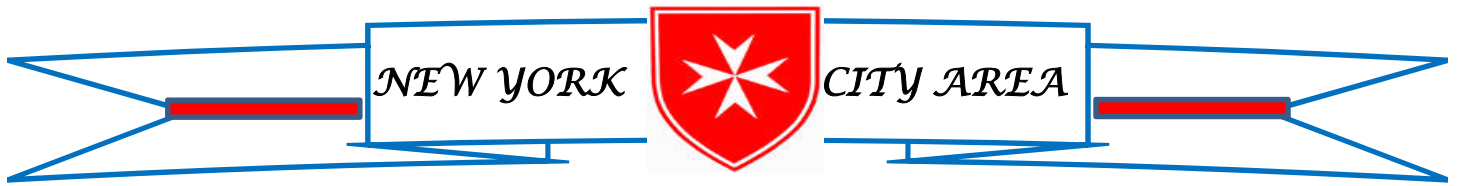
Investiture Weekend 2015

On Friday, November 13, 17 new members from the NYC Area were invested into the Order of Malta at The Cathedral of St. Patrick.

Area Annual Dinner



As has been our custom for the past several years, the NYC Area held its annual dinner on the evening before the Investiture. The dinner is an occasion to welcome new members and gather with old friends. More than 60 members and guests gathered at the Vanderbilt Suite in the Met Life building for the celebration. We were honored to have as our guest Fra Duncan Gallie, member of the Sovereign Council in Rome.



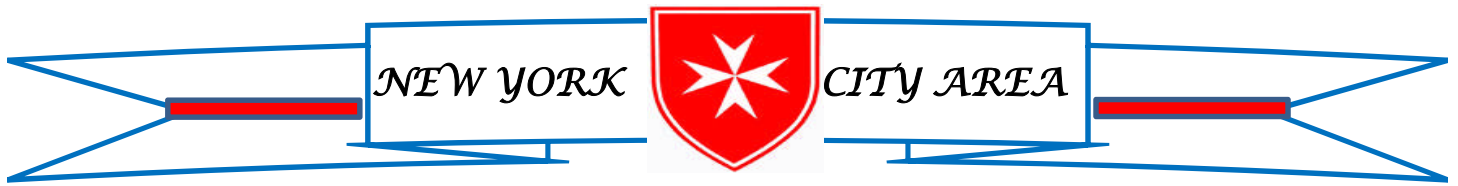
Investiture

On Friday afternoon, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Bailiff Grand Cross and Principal Chaplain of the Order, invested more than 60 new Knights and Dames into the Order at a solemn high Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. 17 were from NYC Area.



A number of NYC and Westchester Area Knights participated in the procession and ceremonies as candle, cross and sword bearers as well as altar servers; and a number of NYC Auxiliary were there to carry the flags.





Investiture Dinner

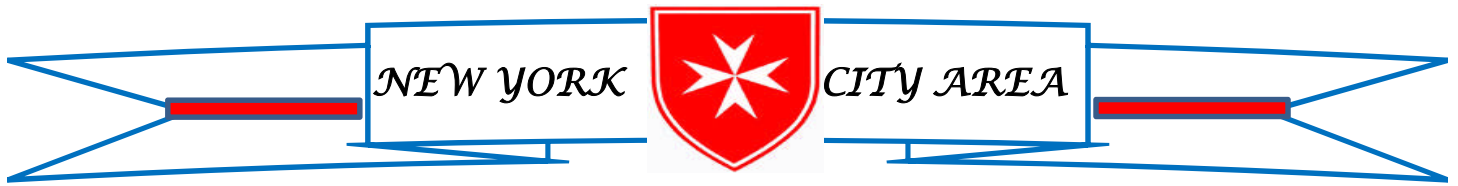
After the solemn ceremony at St. Patrick's, most returned to the Waldorf=Astoria that evening for the American Association's Gala Dinner in celebration of Newly Invested Members. Guest speaker for the evening was His Excellency, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, DD, Archbishop of Louisville and President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops., who gave a humorous but insightful speech.



Holy Family Hospital Bruch

On Saturday of Investiture weekend, malades and caregivers who have participated in recent Lourdes pilgrimages, were invited to join Knights and Dames at an anointing Mass at St. Patrick's. Mass was followed by an informal brunch at the nearby 3 West Club hosted by Holy Family Hospital Foundation. Malades and caregivers were invited as our guests. Following a brief presentation and video about the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Dr. Michael Espiritu, KM, presented Ellen Shafer, CGDMOb, Chair of the Foundation Board, and Katie Hand, Executive Director, a check for \$20,000. HFH was one of three beneficiaries of the proceeds raised by the inaugural White Cross Ball of New York.





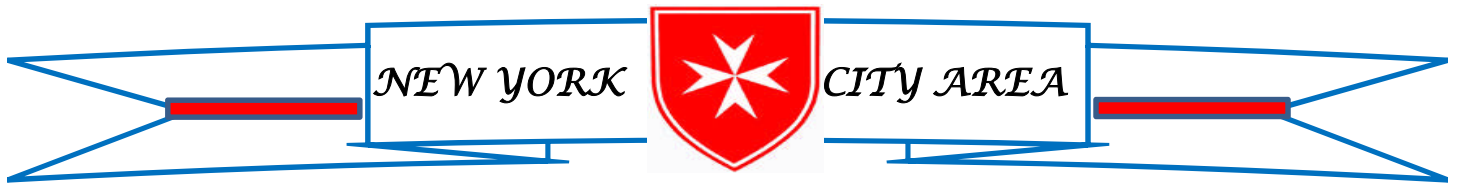
Sub Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass

On Saturday afternoon of Investiture weekend, the Sub Priory of Our Lady of Lourdes held its annual Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Greenwich Village. The Sub Priory is comprised of members of the First Class (professed knights) and the Second Class (those in Obedience) from both the American and Federal Associations. Members of the Third Class are also welcome to participate in spiritual activities of the Sub Priory.

At the conclusion of Mass, Fr. John McGuire, primary chaplain of the Sub Priory and celebrant of the Mass, was taken completely by surprise as he was awarded the Grand Cross by our Gran Master Fra Matthew Festing. The presentation was made by Fra John Dunlap.



Fr. McGuire will be leaving St. Joseph's at the end of this year, having served as Pastor there for the last 12 years. After a six month sabbatical, Fr. McGuire will reside at St. Vincent Ferrer Church on Lexington Ave and 66th Street



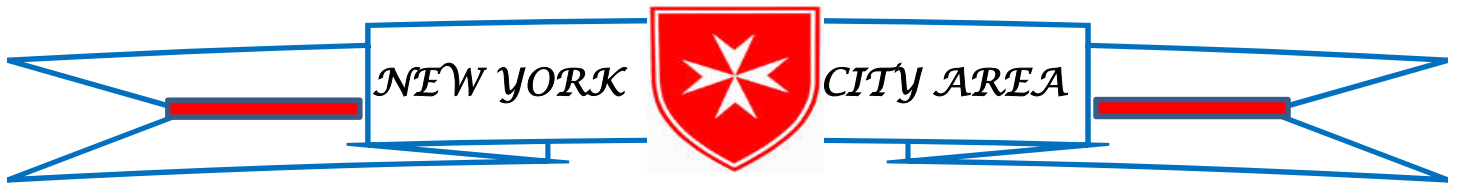
Thanksgiving at TCC

Large numbers of Malta volunteers showed up on Monday and Tuesday, the 16th & 17th of November, to help serve Thanksgiving dinner to TCC residents and their families. A couple of volunteers even brought their children.



Some of Monday's team





Upcoming Events

December 5: **Monthly Sing-Along for Children at TCC**

Saturday 10:30 am —1:00 pm

TCC: 1249 5th Avenue

December 7: **First Monday Mass** 6:30pm, Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's

December 12: **Advent Afternoon of Reflection**

Saturday, 1:30—5:00pm

Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's

Homilist: Very Rev. Paul Wierichs, C.P.

December 13: **Malta Christmas Party for TCC Residents**

Sunday 2:00—4:00pm (come earlier to help wrap
Gifts)

Cardinal Cooke HealthCare Center, 1249 5th Ave

December 13: **Annual NYC Area Christmas Party**

Sunday 4:30 – 7:00

Invitations in the mail soon

Watch for emails regarding Malta Walks and Christmas at the Dwelling Place and Mary Manning Walsh