

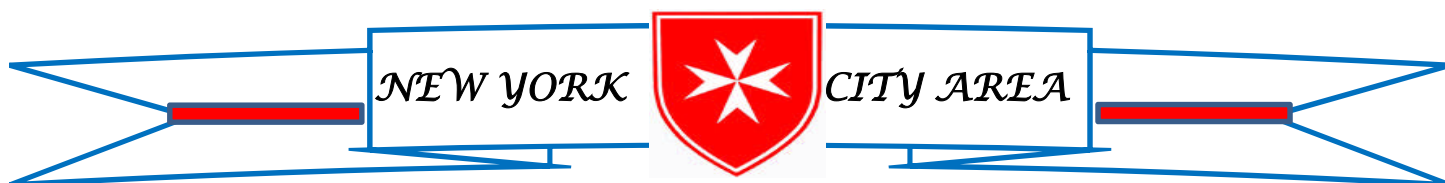
SPRINGTIME IN NEW YORK

Circus Comes to TCC



With springtime in the air, Malta volunteers again organized our annual Circus for the severely disabled children living at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. A grand circus parade kicked off the event, accompanied by music from Squeaky Clean, and included both the children and large balloon animals. Under the energetic leadership of our Ring Mistress Maggie Ludwiczak, the children were treated to a series of games including Musical Chairs and Pass the Parcel. And, of course, no circus is complete without a clown!

Our thanks to Maggie and other Knights, Dames, Candidates and Auxiliary who gave their time on a beautiful Saturday morning to bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of these children.



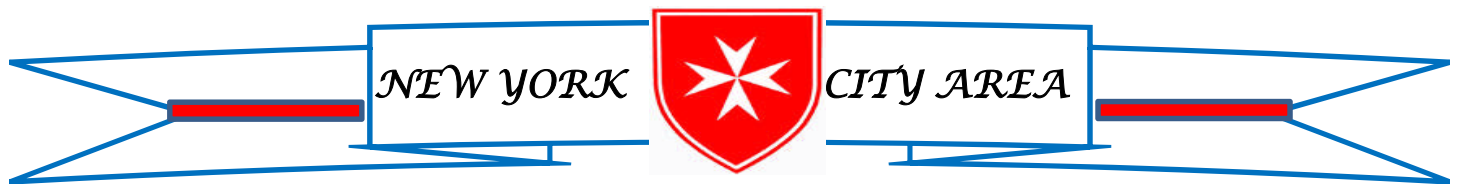
New Prospects Reception



On May 11th, the NYC Area, along with our Westchester confreres, held an informational reception for individuals interested in learning more about the Order of Malta. A great response from members in the Area resulted in 36 invitations being sent to prospective new members. Of those invited, 19 potential candidates attended the reception, hosted by Rory & Camille Kelleher, Membership Chairs for the NYC Area, and another 5 unable to attend requested materials.

After an introduction by George Irish, NYC Area Co-Chair, Monsignor Bob Ritchie discussed the Spirituality of the Order. After a brief video focused on the international aspects of the Order's mission, guests were treated to brief descriptions of the Area's activities: Eucharistic Ministry (Chris Baldwin); Pro Life (Gregory Oussani); Junior Committee Outreach (Mike Espiritu); Lourdes (Ken Craig); and Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center (Rory Kelleher). Rory also spoke about the history of the Order, embodied in the full official title of our Order.

Many thanks to our chaplains, Msgr. Ritchie, Msgr. Mathers and Fr. Murray for attending, along with all the members who came to show the flag, support their nominees, or answer questions. With over 40 individuals (members and prospects) attending, the evening can be deemed a great success!



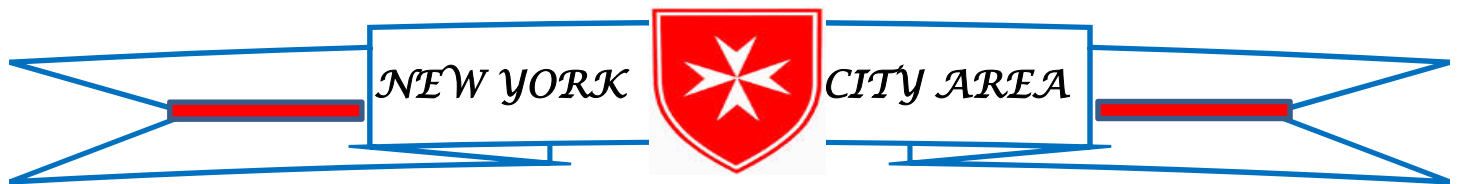
The Grand Hospitaller Visits New York



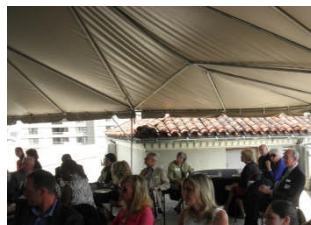
The Grand Hospitaller of the Order, H.E. Dominique Prince de La Rochefoucauld-Montbel, Grand Cross of Honour and Devotion in Obedience, visited New York during the week of May 11th. The purpose of his visit was, in part, to see some of the activities and works of the Order in New York and New Jersey.

The Grand Hospitaller and his wife had a wonderful visit to the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission. Mother Agnes Mary and the Sisters explained their many activities in helping women in unplanned pregnancies. He was fully engaged with many questions, drawing on his wealth of experience though the Order of Malta in running a convent and hospitals. Mary McCooey, former Hospitaller of the American Association and a founding member of the Friends of the Sisters of Life committee, participated in the visit along with Gregory Oussani, our NYC Pro-Life Coordinator.

The Grand Hospitaller also had an opportunity to visit the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. Doctors Vicki Deutsch and Tony Lecich provided a tour of the Specialty Hospital for Children and the Huntingtons' Unit and were able to provide an in-depth description not only of ArchCare's efforts on behalf of the poor and sick, but also Malta's involvement at TCC. A number of Malta volunteers, including George & Jeannie Irish, Fra John Dunlap, Camille Kelleher, Scott LaRue (also CEO of ArchCare), Francesca Tempesta, Joe Carroll, Gregory Oussani and our co-Hospitaller Nicola Tegoni. In addition to a tour, the Grand Hospitaller and Members joined the residents for daily Mass and then enjoyed lunch on the lovely rooftop terrace of TCC overlooking Central Park and the Conservatory Garden.



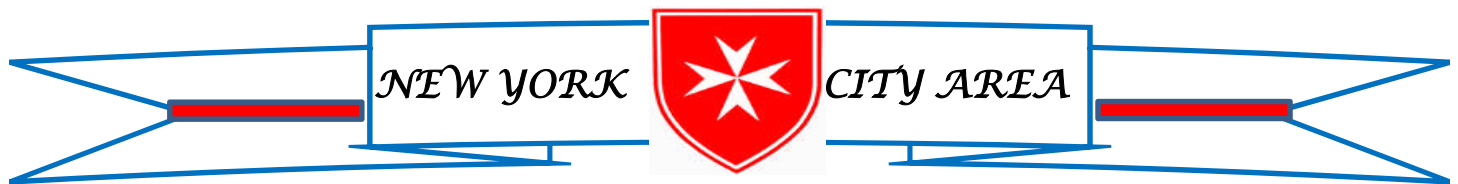
Monsignor James P. Cassidy's 90th Birthday Party



On Sunday, May 17th, a large number of Members and Auxiliary joined Monsignor James Cassidy and his family to celebrate his 90th birthday. Msgr. Cassidy became a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem of the Order of Malta in 1987. He was elected Assistant Principal Chaplain of the American Association in January, 2004.

Guests celebrated the birthday at a rooftop luncheon, complete with a special cake, hosted by TCC staff. 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 and by the Sovereign Council and accompanied by a nicely framed certificate of the award.

Ad multos annos!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 31, 2015

Reception for Raymond Cardinal Burke, Cardinal Patronas of the Order of Malta: 6:00 pm at the Waldorf=Astoria. Please see Malta website for further details. RSVP (212-371-1522) is required.

Wednesday June 24, 2015

Feast of St. John the Baptist, Patron Saint of the Order of Malta. Join us for Mass and a rooftop reception at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center. Mass begins at 6:30 pm; please arrive early to robe. Watch for further information in a separate email.