



# ORDER OF MALTA

## BOSTON AREA

Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta

### Area Chair Report Damien DeVasto, KM



Dear Confrere,

It is my privilege to present to you, on behalf of the Boston Area Board of Directors, this report summarizing the work we have accomplished together over the past three years.

Everything we do through the Order of Malta has its origins in our core calling: the direct serving of those in need, nurturing our spiritual wellbeing and defending the faith. With the continued expansion of our ministries, our sanctifying events and the increased efforts to communicate our mission, we are experiencing a vibrant and renewed sense of community.

Over the past three years we have strengthened our efforts to live our mission through serving organizations like Cor Unum and Little Sisters of the Poor, making pilgrimages to Lourdes, reaching out to prisoners and gathering for our many liturgies. We have also enhanced our efforts at recruitment and communication, resulting in an increase in new members, an even stronger sense of cohesiveness within the Area and the welcoming of the Rhode Island Chapter back to its original home as part of the Boston Area.

We are community. We care for one another, support one another, herald one another. We live out our special calling to serve those in need. The proof of that is within these pages where you will find example after example of how our members are living our mission.

Warmest Regards,

Damien DeVasto, KM

## Three-Year Report 2013–2015

### About This Report

Our Three-Year Report is divided into **four sections**. The sections on **Spirituality** and **Ministries** provide highlights of the sanctifying events and service programs for those in need. The third section breaks down the administrative work of the Order through reports provided by our **Committee Chairs**. Finally, as we look to the future, we introduce you to **new members** who will be invested into the Order this fall. We know their commitment will only strengthen the Boston Area's ability to serve our mission for years to come.



Cardinal Seán celebrating mass at our 2015 annual gathering at St. John Seminary.

*“The Malta gatherings always help me see the extent of true camaraderie and the essence of spirituality that exist within the group.”*

—Mariette Young, DM

## Spirituality

### Annual Liturgy and Dinner

Our Annual Liturgy and Dinner takes place in the fall. It is one of our most uplifting events as noted speakers and Church leaders share with us their faith journeys and inspire us to live our calling to the fullest. Many of our speakers are also Malta Chaplains, including Cardinal Seán, Msgr. Moroney and Msgr. Sheehan. Here are some highlights from the past three years:

- **Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley (Homily), OFM Cap, and Msgr. James Moroney (Keynote):** In 2013, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley was the Celebrant. Our host, Msgr. James



Cardinal Seán with Eric Donovan and Karen Deane with the Hickeys looking on.

Moroney, was our keynote speaker. Msgr. Moroney gave an insightful talk entitled, “Preaching an Engaging Proclamation: or, How to Get Rid of the Boring Homily.”

- **Msgr. Dennis Sheehan and Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V.:** In 2014, our Mass was presided over by the, at that time newly installed, Bishop of Fall River, Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, who was also our keynote speaker. Bishop Moreira da Cunha encouraged us to “look at your lives, your events, your own history and say, ‘Lord, thank you for bringing me here.’” Touching on a central piece of our Order of Malta calling, nurturing our own spirituality, Msgr. Sheehan implored us to keep praying and not to complicate prayer. “We’re the ones who make prayer complicated,” he said. “God keeps it simple. God cares. He cares more than we can imagine.”
- **Cardinal Seán O'Malley; Fr. James Martin, SJ; and Eric Donovan:** Cardinal Seán once again gave the Homily in 2015. In Fr. James Martin’s keynote, he focused on Jesus as both fully human and divine. Fr. Martin beautifully described how challenging both aspects of that concept are for many of us. Eric Donovan spoke about the miracle he experienced on his trip to Lourdes as a Malade.

### Annual Liturgy and Dinner 2015

More than 150 members came together on October 22, 2015, for our Annual Liturgy and Dinner with special guests Cardinal Seán O'Malley; Fr. James Martin, SJ; and Eric Donovan. It was a beautiful gathering celebrating our mission and community.

Recognizing the important work we do, Cardinal Seán shared a reflection about his evening with us on his blog; “We are blessed to have such a strong presence of the Order of Malta in the Boston area. They do such important work locally, nationally and globally promoting the mission of the Church, particularly Catholic healthcare, humanitarian efforts and outreach to the poor.”

In 2013, Eric Donovan, who is a quadriplegic, together with his caregiver traveled with the Order of Malta as a Malade on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. He spoke of what he took away from Lourdes as a miracle: “I came home from Lourdes with hope. I came home from Lourdes with peace. I came home from Lourdes with a purpose,” he said.

Fr. James Martin, S.J., noted author and Editor at Large at *America*, gave the keynote address. Focusing on Jesus, he said: “It is both his divine inspiration and his connection to the Father...and his humanity, his experience as a human being that mold his teachings.... I invite you to think about Jesus both fully human and fully divine.”



Father Jim Martin, SJ, was humorous and meaningful.

*“I think of the Order as my North Star because it reminds me of what I should be doing as a Catholic, a Knight and a person.”*

—Paul Hanley, KM



Raeanna Williams reads at the 2015 Annual Liturgy.

## Annual Lenten Mass and Day of Reflection

Held in the chapel at St. John’s Seminary in Brighton, our annual Lenten Mass and Day of Reflection is a time to reflect upon our calling and the Lenten Journey. Our inspirational speakers for the past three years are also Malta Chaplains.

We have been honored that Monsignor James P. Moroney, Rector of St. John’s Seminary, has twice given uplifting homilies and reflections. In 2014, he talked about true joy and how it is found, not in pleasure, success or money, but in Christ. In 2016, the Jubilee Year of Mercy, he spoke about how Lent is the true season of mercy.

In 2013 Bishop Robert P. Deeley, then Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia (today Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, Maine), reinforced the meaning of the Order of Malta’s Daily Prayer. The prayer focuses on our mission, asking Lord Jesus to keep the supplicant faithful to the Order’s traditions, including defending the faith and practicing charity, especially toward the poor and sick.



Paul Hanley and Jack McCarthy chat with Bishop Deeley at our 2014 Annual Liturgy.



Msgr. Moroney welcomes us to our second home, St. John’s Seminary.



Kathy Watson with Bishop Peter Libasci at the NH St. John The Baptist Gathering.





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## St. John the Baptist Masses

Some of our most uplifting liturgies are the regional celebrations we hold honoring the feast of our patron, St. John the Baptist. Taking place from Cape Cod to New Hampshire, from Rhode Island to Worcester, these gatherings remind us of our joyful call to live our charism every day.



Father Mark and Bishop da Cunha at Cape Cod.



Our gatherings are celebrations of friendship and a reminder of the significance of our shared call to live our Malta charism in our daily lives.



Msgr. Sheehan celebrates our Advent Mass with Fr. Gaspar and Fr. Jalbert.



Honor Guard processes in to Cape Cod St. John The Baptist Mass.

*“The Malades who make this journey don’t feel alone. They know they are cared for. The experience brings them peace and hope, in both their spiritual and emotional lives.”*—Nancy, DM, and Craig, KM, Gibson

## Ministries

### Lourdes Pilgrimages

Our annual journey to Lourdes, France, in May, during which we accompany Malades and Caregivers as they experience the healing waters, is always an inspiration. Each year, we saw more than 30 Boston Area members join approximately 375 American Association members and thousands from Order of Malta Associations from all over the world on the journey.

The pilgrimage is a powerful example of how members fulfill our calling. Over the week-long trip, participants visit the healing waters, attend many beautiful liturgies and come together in caring for our Malades and Caregivers in many beautiful and wonderful ways.

*To learn more and get involved, contact Nancy and Craig Gibson at [cbgibson@comcast.net](mailto:cbgibson@comcast.net).*



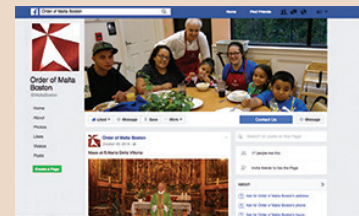
Nancy and Craig Gibson at Lourdes in 2016.

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## Cor Unum

Individual members of the Boston Area Order of Malta had been helping out at Cor Unum, a meal center in Lawrence, Massachusetts, for years, but in early 2013, we put in place a more formal program, arranging for members to go as a group on a Sunday afternoon every six weeks.

Members of the Order help prepare and serve meals to underfed women, men and children in one of the poorest communities in the Commonwealth. Guests are served on china plates at comfortable round tables in a freshly decorated room. By greeting each guest with dignity, respect, and love, we are feeding the bodies and souls of the hungry.

To learn more and get involved, contact Ed Delaney at [ejdelaney@comcast.net](mailto:ejdelaney@comcast.net) or Evie Caron at [eviecaron@aol.com](mailto:eviecaron@aol.com).

*“We are working through Christ to serve others, which helps grow our personal spirituality as well.”*

—Joe Feitelberg, KM

## Prison Ministry

Since July 2014, Malta members have joined Father Chris O’Connor, Vice-Rector of Saint John’s Seminary, and a group of seminarians one Monday a month on a visit to MCI–Norfolk (Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Norfolk). Fr. O’Connor celebrates Mass, which is followed by a time for fellowship. This is a powerful example of how our members are caring for those at the margins of society.



Participating in prison ministry: Tim Maynard, Bob Nephew, Joe Feitelberg and John Harrington with Seminarians.

MCI–Norfolk is the largest medium-security institution in the Massachusetts Department of Corrections. The Monday-night liturgy typically serves 80 to 100 men, many of whom are inmates for life.

Looking to the future, we hope to be doing something similar at MCI–Framingham, a women’s prison, as well as working with the newly established Dismas House in New Hampshire. Dismas House will be providing transitioning support for women leaving prison and entering society.

Additionally, the Boston Area has led the way in prison-ministry communications through the publication of *The Serving Brother* newsletter. Published four times a year, the newsletter reaches out to Catholics in prison, providing information about the Ministry of Jesus and His Church.

To learn more and get involved, contact Craig Gibson (Prison Ministry) at [cbgibson@comcast.net](mailto:cbgibson@comcast.net) or Steve Caron (The Serving Brother) at [Steve@OldSchoolCapital.com](mailto:Steve@OldSchoolCapital.com).

*“I think of The Serving Brother as a spiritual picnic basket. We are trying to provide our readers with the fundamental teachings of Jesus, to help them appreciate how they fit in as vital members of the Church.”* —Steve Caron, KM, Founder, *The Serving Brother*



Coming together before a Malta Walk.

*“Volunteering at the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence, provides our members a great opportunity to regularly put the mission of the Order into action.”* —Edward Delaney, KM

## Little Sisters of the Poor

In 2015, we began a hands-on ministry with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville. The Little Sisters of the Poor is an international congregation of Roman Catholic women that serves the elderly poor in more than 30 countries around the world.

On First Friday each month, Order of Malta members meet at 11:00 a.m. for Mass in the Little Sisters’ chapel, greet the residents and then help the dining staff serve lunch in the home’s two dining rooms. The Malta members also sit and talk with the residents, making connections and bringing smiles.

“We go to lift them up, but they do the same for us,” said Craig Gibson.

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## The Catholic Cancer Support Group

The Catholic Cancer Support Group started in 2009 at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville. The group began by providing spiritual as well as practical support to cancer patients, their families and friends. But the focus soon broadened to include support for anyone coping with an illness. Today, an additional four parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston have started programs. There is also now a group in Seekonk at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and one starting in Naples Florida. In Centerville, and soon to start in Seekonk, are small groups for those who seek support in addition to the monthly gathering.

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*“The Catholic Cancer Support Ministry has reminded people that a parish’s vibrancy and relevancy have everything to do with what flows—during the week—from Sunday Mass. We enter to worship and leave to serve.”*

—Malta Chaplain Fr. Mark Hession

## Cathedral Cares Nursing Outreach Program

Cathedral Cares is an initiative founded by Lynn Finn, DM and funded by Charlotte Flatley, DM. This ministry provides free health and nutrition screenings, vaccination clinics and other preventative-health help to seniors and low-income residents in Boston’s South End and surrounding communities. Headquartered at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Cathedral Cares relies on Order of Malta volunteers with either health-care experience or simply the desire to serve those in need.

This service is evolving to better meet the needs of the community, and volunteer leadership is needed.

*To learn more and get involved, contact Damien DeVasto at [djdevasto@verizon.net](mailto:djdevasto@verizon.net).*



## Malta Walk

The Boston Area conducts a Malta Walk every other Wednesday evening to serve the homeless. Starting from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, volunteers walk through adjacent areas distributing care packages. The walk is a way of engaging the homeless with conversation, care and hospitality. Through our fellowship and solidarity with the people we meet, we encounter Christ. While open to all members, this ministry has proven to be an opportunity for members in their 20s and 30s to live out their calling, encourage their friends to learn about the Order and strengthen their sense of community. The Boston Malta Walk was initiated in 2015.

*To learn more and get involved, contact Christopher Carter Lee at [quissett@gmail.com](mailto:quissett@gmail.com).*

*“Through the Malta Walk,  
we have drawn together people,  
particularly young people,  
to bring simple offerings of food, water,  
clothing and fellowship to our Lord’s poor.”*

—Christopher Carter Lee, KM  
Boston Area Auxiliary Coordinator

## Reports From Committee Chairs

### The Results of Leadership

*by Kathleen Watson, Hospitaller*

In my role as Hospitaller, I have witnessed the remarkable work, dynamic energy and tremendous growth of our Order over the past three years. We are grateful for Damien’s leadership as he continues to enhance the Boston Area’s effectiveness, allowing us all to reach our potential. Some of the highlights of the past three years include:

- **The Annual Advent and Lenten Masses** have been enhanced. The settings, presenters and liturgies are beautiful, as are the invitations that welcome members to attend. The result has been that the attendance of all events has increased.

- **Our communication with our members** has increased significantly. Our website highlights the way we serve in words and photos. We regularly update our calendar of events and provide access to media articles and Facebook posts. Posted on the site are links to our newsletter, which provides an in-depth look at our work. Also, the long-overdue updating of the database has allowed us to more effectively reach out to members and to manage the organization.
- **The recruitment process of new members**, handled primarily by Craig Gibson, Damien and Ed Delaney, has been newly energized. The efforts have yielded great success in numbers and quality of candidates. That, along with an improved preparation process, has resulted in the investiture of active and dedicated Knights and Dames each November.

### Membership and Investiture

*by Craig Gibson, Chair Membership Committee*

It has been a great joy to witness the Investiture ceremony each November as we welcome new members to the Boston Area Order of Malta. Each new member begins his or her journey with an interest in our work. A variety of factors might come into play. It could be a change in life circumstances; perhaps a pilgrimage to Lourdes; or a visit to an organization we serve, such as Cor Unum or Little Sisters of the Poor.

Once someone has shown an interest and has a member as sponsor, our job on the Membership Committee is to meet with both of them to bring into full focus and color what it means to be a member, from understanding the history of the Order, to enhancing one’s spirituality, to serving through ministry.

While the committee provides leadership, each member has a role to play in growing the membership. As we talk about our commitment to the Order in our parishes or among family, we may find a spark of interest from the people we know. In the end, what we all do as members is to plant seeds, then leave it in the hands of the Holy Spirit. Below is a list of our members invested over the past three years:

*“I’m so inspired by these men and women of Malta who quietly give their time.”*

—Raeanna Williams, DM





## 2013

- Marilyn Colman, Osterville, MA
- Msgr. James Moroney, Rector, St. John's Seminary, entered as a Deputy Chaplain
- Bishop Robert P. Deeley, then Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Boston, was installed as a Conventual Chaplain ad honorem. Bishop Deeley is now Bishop of the Diocese of Portland, Maine.

## 2014

- Robert Conway, Belmont, MA
- Gerald H.T. de Folan, Boston, MA
- John Granese, Marblehead, MA
- Christopher LaRossa, Newton, MA
- Gretchen Lee LaRossa, Newton, MA
- John LaRossa, Newton, MA
- Most Rev. Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester, NH (Conventual Chaplain)
- Vicki Regan, Weston, MA
- Harvey Rowe, Lynn, MA
- Joseph Williams, Windham, NH
- Raeanna Williams, Windham, NH

## 2015

- Steve Barrett, Kennebunkport, ME, and Naples, FL
- John Corcoran, Essex, MA
- Timothy J. Maynard, Coventry, RI
- Stacey Reisman, Marshfield, MA
- Gen Tanaka, Quincy, MA
- Mark Truchan, Hingham, MA



The Conways with Cardinal Dolan at the 2014 Investiture.

## Grants Update

*by Paul W. Sandman, Boston Area Grants Committee Chair*

We distribute grants from two funds. Boston Area Grants are funded through our local dues. We also make local grants that are funded from an allocation provided by the American Association. The allocation is based on the annual dues we pay to the Association.

### Boston Area Grants (Local Fund)

In the three years from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2015, the Boston Area made grants of \$15,650 to seven organizations:

- **St. John Seminary**, Brighton
- **Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary**, Weston
- **Lawrence Catholic Academy**, Lawrence
- **The Sisters of St. Joseph, Bethany Care**, Framingham
- **Malta New Hampshire Prison Ministry**
- **St. Mary, Waltham, After-School Program**
- **Regina Cleri, Boston, Residence for Retired Priests**. Grants of \$2,000 each in 2014 and 2015 provided by individual members.

### Boston Area of the American Association

The American Association allocates funds for charitable contributions to the Areas in proportion to their dues-paying memberships. In the three years from January 1, 2013, through December 31, 2015, the Boston Area of the American Association of the Order of Malta oversaw the distribution of more than \$130,000 in grants to nine local ministries in which Malta members are active participants. The members of the Boston Area Grants Committee from 2013 through 2015 were Pat Cahill, Jim DiStasio, Sue Downing, Ed Marshall and Dave Solimine.



Sister poses with the Little Sisters' new heated holding cabinet

## 2013

- **Lawrence Catholic Academy:** \$5,000 for the renovation of space to be used as a nursery-school classroom;
- **St. Francis House in Boston (homeless shelter):** \$5,000 for the purchase of a new oven;
- **The McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys in Leicester, Massachusetts:** \$10,000 to purchase a used van required for the transportation of residents of the school;
- **My Brother's Table, a soup kitchen in Lynn, Massachusetts:** \$6,000 to provide nutritious meals to children and families gaining literacy skills at the Lynn Boys and Girls Club;
- **Housing for All Corporation, in Hyannis—Strategic Grant:** \$45,000 as seed money to launch professional training programs in basic trades and skills needed on Cape Cod by the unemployed who are seeking jobs. A Strategic Grant is intended to alter the course of an organization by funding a large project that would produce major change and have a long-term impact.

## 2014

- **The Labouré Center of Boston Catholic Charities:** \$7,250 to support low-income residents of South Boston and neighboring communities. This enabled children with alcohol and substance-abuse issues in their families to attend a summer camp focused on developing skills to cope with those problems;
- **Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School in Lawrence:** \$10,000 to assist in the development of a program to train students in professional and technical skills needed for success in the workplace and in college;
- **St. Clare's Home in Hyannis, a halfway house for recently incarcerated women:** \$12,000 to purchase a used van for essential transportation to appointments and jobs.

## 2015

- **My Brother's Table, Lynn:** \$16,145 to purchase supplies, furnishings, security equipment and lab equipment for the expansion of a free clinic;
- **The Jeanne Jugan Residence in Somerville, operated by Little Sisters of the Poor, serving elderly residents:** \$15,950 for the purchase of new kitchen equipment to replace malfunctioning and inoperable items.

## Rhode Island Area Chapter

*by Victoria M. Almeida, Esq., DM, RI Area Chair*

We were recently pleased to announce the merger between the Rhode Island Area and Boston Area Order of Malta. We are excited about the merger for the following reasons:

- **The enthusiastic support** for the merger by the lay leaders of the Order and our clergy from both the Rhode Island and Boston Areas;
- **The institutional history** that Rhode Island originally was part of the Boston Area;
- **The strong bond and ongoing collaboration** between the two chapters in terms of ministries, spiritual development of members, service to the sick and poor and defense of our faith;
- **The homogenous compatibility** as well as the geographical proximity Rhode Island has with the Boston Chapter.

By combining the Rhode Island Chapter and Boston Area we position ourselves to build upon the past success while looking toward a brighter future.



Labouré Center runs a variety of programs that serve children and families.



David Solimine, Harvey Rowe and Brian O'Loughlin with My Brother's Table Executive Director Dianne Kuzia Hills at My Brother's Table.



## Financial Update *by Jack MacKinnon, KM, Treasurer*

Over the past three years the Boston Area's financial status has remained steady. Our strategy is to maintain a close relationship between revenue and expenditures. As a critical part of our mission is to serve the sick and the poor, any funds we raise are expended either in charitable contributions or in the administrative support needed to run the Boston Area. Consequently, as we accumulate funds through donations and events, we distribute them.

Reviewing our three-year financial spreadsheet, you will see line items that address:

- **Contributions:** In 2013 we distributed \$11,650 in charitable contributions from our local Boston Area fund. With much of that fund depleted, we did not make any donations in 2014 and 2015. The \$2,000 per year listed refers to grants made by individual members specifically for Regina Cleri. However, we ended 2015 with a positive balance. While we will want to have some cash on hand, we are able to increase charitable contributions in 2016. Since the beginning of 2016, we have donated \$10,000 to Labouré College for Malta scholarships and \$14,000 to help found Dismas House in New Hampshire. Dismas House is a Catholic transitional housing program for

women who were incarcerated. Both grants were made upon the recommendation of the Grants Committee.

A list of organizations supported is in Paul Sandman's report in this document. Paul's report also details Boston Area Grants funded through the American Association, which are not part of the Boston Area's financials.

- **Fundraising (Spiritual Bouquets, etc.):** Our fundraising efforts are undertaken in order to provide support for our various ministries. We have seen particular success with the Spiritual Bouquets, the St. John's Day event and the Annual Dinner.
- **Other Events:** Some events, such as the trip to New York for the annual Investiture of new members, are not significant fundraisers but are important activities for the Order of Malta.
- **Communications (Website, Newsletter, Secretarial, Postage, etc.):** Via our website and newsletters, we strive to keep our membership informed. The increased expense in that category reflects our commitment to that effort.

### Order of Malta — Boston Statement of Cash Flows/Activities For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

	Year Ended December 31, 2015			Year Ended December 31, 2014			Year Ended December 31, 2013		
	Receipts	Disbursements		Receipts	Disbursements		Receipts	Disbursements	
<b>Cash Balance — January 1</b>			<b><u>\$52,406</u></b>			<b><u>\$55,903</u></b>			<b><u>\$62,732</u></b>
<b>Activities</b>									
New York Reimbursement	\$2,960	\$2,960		\$3,140	\$3,140		\$3,080	\$3,080	
Spiritual Bouquets, Masses, etc.	6,985	1,555	5,430	5,345	1,073	4,272	5,235	1,115	4,120
Cathedral Cares		5,000	-5,000	-	5,000	-5,000	1,000	6,843	-5,843
Contributions	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,770	11,650	-8,880
Auxiliary		1,281	-1,281	50	1,564	-1,514	1,350	1,531	-181
Lenten Retreat	2,540	964	1,576	2,175	1,374	801	1,665	150	1,515
New York Dinner	11,700	11,870	-170	11,675	14,835	-3,160	15,145	13,701	1,444
St. John Day Events	10,366	7,059	3,307	10,195	6,279	3,916	10,095	6,485	3,610
Annual Dinner	17,280	11,987	5,293	11,175	6,237	4,938	12,970	9,422	3,548
Advent Event	5,020	5,008	12	3,130	3,590	-460	3,600	3,454	146
Recruiting Events/Lourdes Trip		362	-362		240	-240		514	-514
Bank Fees		733	-733		992	-992		919	-919
Website, Newsletter, Secretarial, Postage, etc.		6,865	-6,865		9,522	-9,522		7,842	-7,842
Executive Committee Meetings			0					301	-301
Interest	213		213	324		324	188		188
	<b><u>\$59,064</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,684</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,380</u></b>	<b><u>\$49,209</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,706</u></b>	<b><u>-\$3,497</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,098</u></b>	<b><u>\$63,927</u></b>	<b><u>-\$6,829</u></b>
<b>Cash Balance — December 31</b>			<b><u>\$56,786</u></b>			<b><u>\$52,406</u></b>			<b><u>\$55,903</u></b>
<b>Allocated as follows:</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	<b>January 1,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>January 1,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>January 1,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>January 1,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	<b>January 1,</b>
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Activities</b>		<b>Activities</b>		<b>Activities</b>		<b>Activities</b>		<b>Activities</b>
Cathedral Cares	\$10,051	-\$5,000	\$5,051	\$15,051	-\$5,000	\$10,051	\$10,051	-\$5,000	\$5,051
Auxiliary	1,723	-1,281	442	3,227	-1,504	1,723	1,723	-1,281	442
Free Cash	40,632	10,661	51,293	37,625	3,007	40,632	40,632	10,661	51,293
	<b><u>\$52,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,380</u></b>	<b><u>\$56,786</u></b>	<b><u>\$55,903</u></b>	<b><u>-\$3,497</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$52,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,380</u></b>	<b><u>\$56,786</u></b>

## Looking to the Future

### Boston Area Welcomes 11 New Knights and Dames

*On November 11 we will be welcoming into the Order of Malta eleven new Knights and Dames from the Boston Area. Our new 2016 members come from multiple backgrounds, professions and interests. And yet, they all have responded to a single calling: to live the Order's mission of serving the sick, nurturing their own spiritual well-being and defending the faith. Here we highlight our soon-to-be-Knights and Dames.*

**Theresa Brosnan of Barnstable** is a retired teacher who was introduced to the Order by Fr. Mark Hession and Edward Marshall of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Centerville. "I was drawn by the spirituality of the members and the work they do, in particular the prison ministry," Theresa said. "I was even more convinced after the year of preparation that this is the correct spiritual choice for me." Theresa was serving in prison ministry before she joined the order and continues to do so. She is a volunteer at St. Clare's in Hyannis, a Catholic transitional housing program for women who were incarcerated. She is currently working on establishing a similar faith-based program for men on Cape Cod.

**Matthew Alderman of Concord, Massachusetts**, is an architectural designer and consultant with a particular interest in church architecture. As someone who loves history, particularly the history of the Church, he had long known of the Order when he was

approached by a friend, David Ermine from Philadelphia, who was already a Knight, about joining. In Boston, Craig Gibson sponsored Matthew.

"The Order of Malta's tradition of prayer and service gives me an ideal to shape my life around and a challenging means to show God's love in concrete ways," he said. "I feel I have found my spiritual home here." Matthew has a long list of service involvement, from contributing time teaching about sacred architecture, to donating design work, to serving as a charioteer during the 2016 Lourdes Pilgrimage. He also participates in the twice-monthly Malta Walks.

When **Ginny Meskell of Weymouth** retired from teaching, her husband gave her the gift of a month in Paris to mark the occasion. During that month she traveled to Lourdes, coincidentally at the same time as the Order of Malta Pilgrimage. A few years later, having conducted some research and spoken to Damien and Ed, she applied for membership. Ginny had been giving of her time to others for years through her local parishes, teaching CCD, serving with her husband on Pre-Cana and Baptismal Outreach teams and being a Eucharistic Minister both in the parish and at Massachusetts General Hospital. "I was happy volunteering but felt I would be happier and feel a greater purpose doing it as part of a group. I also thought my



spiritual life would be strengthened with the help of others who may be on a similar journey. I am sure this is where I want to be and what God led me to on my lovely vacation in Paris!”

**Ray Bastarache of Lynn** is a retired educator, having been a teacher, principal, deputy superintendent and head of school. He heard about the Order from Harvey Rowe, a fellow volunteer at My Brother’s Table in Lynn. “I was looking to enhance my spiritual life, specifically by helping the sick and the poor,” Ray said. In addition to volunteering at My Brother’s Table, Ray is a St. Vincent de Paul Society member and president of his local Rotary Club, which professes service above self. He also makes an annual summer-mission trip to Appalachia. “Throughout Sacred Scripture, we are challenged to see the face of God in the poor, the sick and among our brothers and sisters,” he said. “Blessed Gerard saw God’s face and performed these acts of kindness that serve as the perfect model of what it means to be a Knight or Dame.”

**Mary Jo Kriz from Northboro** is a registered nurse and Executive Assistant to the Rector at Saint John’s Seminary in Brighton. She returned to school to obtain a Master of Arts degree in Ministry. “I am a nurse, and I am naturally drawn to caring for people,” she said. “I have been to Lourdes, and it was one of the most powerful spiritual experiences I have ever had. I look forward to returning to care for the sick.” Mary Jo has worked on Project Rachel retreats and has coordinated religious-education programs and retreats for young people. She has a

particular interest in serving prison ministry. “I have been involved in prison ministry for almost nine years at MCI Framingham,” she said. “I visit two women every week for an hour each to provide spiritual direction. It is most humbling to be on this spiritual journey with them—“but for the grace of God go I.” Mary Jo was sponsored by Marci Riley, introduced to her by Damien and Craig.

**David J. Houston, Jr.**, is a partner in Houston Insurance, the family business in Braintree, where he works with his two daughters, Robyn and Marci. He is also the Chairman of Blue Hills Bank in Boston, and he resides in **Weymouth**, along with his wife, Carole. Five years ago, David suffered a massive heart attack. Recuperating at home, he remembered an offhand remark made by a friend about the Order. “After research, it seemed that the Order was doing what I felt that I should be doing,” he said. The Order heeds the message of Jesus and brings light to those struggling in the darkness.” Knowing he would need a Malta sponsor, David contacted a fellow insurance colleague that he had recognized from a photo in the Boston Area’s newsletter, Joe Feitelberg.

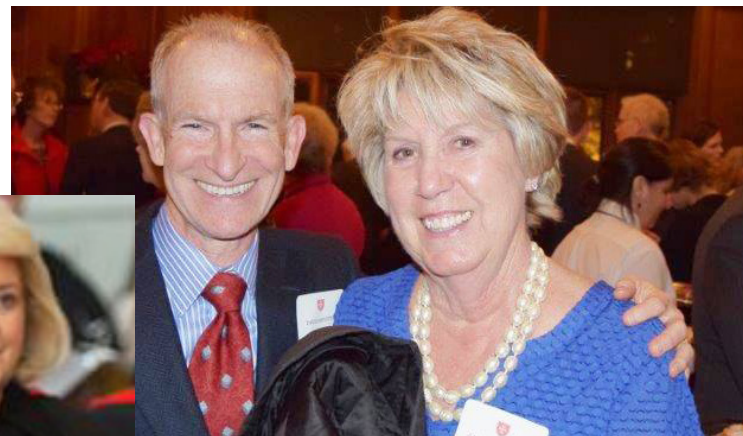
David is also active in The Sun Will Rise Foundation, started by his daughter Robyn Houston-Bean, which works with the issue of substance-use disorder. He also has supported Hand Delivered Hope, which delivers toiletries and clothing to those in active addiction in Boston.



Ray Bastarache and his wife, Marjorie.



Mary Jo Kriz at Archdiocese of Boston Ordination of Bishops.



David Houston and his wife, Carole.



**Christopher Carter Lee of Boston** is a genealogist, author, lecturer and adjunct instructor at Boston University. He became involved with the Order in 2004 while working for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Confraternity of Christian Doctrine as a college student. He volunteered with and served the Order during his time as an international affairs student at Georgetown and George Washington Universities and continued through post-Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy efforts and in ministries in New York and Boston. “I intend to pursue my vocation of service to the impoverished and those affected by war, globalization, natural disasters and displacement through a lifelong commitment to the Order,” he said.

Christopher coordinates the involvement of young people in their 20s and 30s in the Order’s Boston Area, including Order of Malta Walks. He recently served as Team Leader for the American Association at the Order’s 33rd International Summer Camp for Handicapped Youth in Krakow. He is also leading a new charitable effort with the Society of the Cincinnati, the oldest American and French hereditary, military order in the United States.

**Kevin Cronk of Norwell** is an Investment Manager with Alcentra LLC. He and his wife, Rachel, have a son, Connor, age 10, and a daughter, Madison, age 15 months. Their daughter Caroline, whom they affectionately call Calle, was with them for a short five years. The story of why he is joining the Order is intertwined with her short life and best told by him:

“In 2013, our 5-year-old daughter Caroline was battling terminal brain cancer. We had never heard of the

Order of Malta when we received the application from member of the Order Karen Deane for Caroline to join the Lourdes pilgrimage as a Malade with Rachael as her caregiver. We could not have imagined the impact that the Order would have on our lives in the days ahead. Although the pilgrimage itself was a very blessed time for Caroline and Rachael, we did not receive the miracle cure for which we prayed. Two months after returning from Lourdes, Caroline was called home to Christ. When she passed, Caroline was surrounded by her family. But there was another person at her bedside as well—her nurse from Lourdes, who was now staying with us around the clock to ensure that Caroline remained comfortable and at home in her final days. Several other Knights and Dames whom we had met only a few weeks earlier became like family during this time. Their love and support provided strength, comfort and hope in our darkest hour and beyond, and we count them among our closest friends today. I am joining the Order, not only to honor Caroline’s memory, but also to reflect the graces shared with my family by helping others in need.”

Kevin and Rachel have founded Hope For Caroline, a non-profit charity based in Norwell that has raised over \$1 million for pediatric-brain-cancer-research and supports families of children with brain tumors. Kevin serves on the parish council and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at St. Helen Parish. He was a pilgrim on the Order’s 2016 Lourdes Pilgrimage and has recently joined the Boston Area’s Prison Ministry.



Christopher Carter Lee.



Kevin Cronk and his wife, Rachel.

**Deborah and Robert Reardon** live with their three children in **Winchester**. Deborah is a former CPA and a current full-time homemaker. Robert is the CEO of ISG, Inc., which provides medical and fraud management services to the insurance industry. The Reardons first heard about the Order of Malta from their friends Craig and Nancy Gibson. Deborah said she is moved by the way the Order brings people together in both faith and the goal of serving others. “I love the idea of being connected with people who share my passion to help those in need and feel as connected as I with our Catholic faith,” she said. Deborah has worked with young children through inner-city schools and has delivered meals and visited with seniors. Robert has volunteered with local Catholic Schools, the Italian Home for Children and the ASPIRE program for children with autism run by Massachusetts General Hospital. “The Order has moved me to be a better Catholic, husband, father and friend, he said. “It consists of tremendous people doing tremendous work.”

**Megan E. Carroll of Wellesley** is a Financial Advisor at the Wealth Management and Financial Services firm The Bulfinch Group in Needham. She joined the Order of Malta Auxiliary 23 years ago. During her second year, she made a pilgrimage to Lourdes, where she believed that the Holy Spirit communicated to her during an interaction she had with an Italian Malade, a woman who did not share a common language with her. This opened her eyes and led her to devote more time in her life to helping the sick and the poor and to do her best to live her life properly and according to God’s

will. Megan has served as a board member of The Boston Liturgical Dance Ensemble and the Charitable Irish Society. She has been very involved with children’s charities and has volunteered with Cor Unum and Little Sisters of the Poor. “I am truly humbled and wish to thank my Sponsor, Jim O’Connor, GCMOb, and the Board for the privilege to join the Order of Malta in order to make a more formal commitment of my lifetime dedication to the service of the sick and the poor,” said Megan.

*Inspired by current members, moved by the spirituality of Lourdes, committed to serving God as well as those in need—however they were called, our new Knights and Dames have the will and capacity to enhance the work of the Boston Area. We are delighted to welcome them into the Order.*



Megan Carroll.



Deborah and Robert Reardon.



### New Members of the Order of Malta

To Be Invested Into the Order in November 2016:

- Matthew Alderman, Concord, MA
- Ray Bastarache, Lynn, MA
- Theresa Brosnan, Barnstable, MA
- Megan Carroll, Wellesley, MA
- Kevin Cronk, Norwell, MA
- David Houston, Weymouth, MA
- Mary Jo Kriz, Northboro, MA
- Christopher Carter Lee, Boston, MA
- Ginny Meskell, Weymouth, MA
- Robert Reardon, Wellesley, MA
- Deborah Reardon, Wellesley, MA



## In Memoriam

Over the past three years we have been saddened to lose a number of Knights and Dames. We remember them in fondness and are grateful for their contributions to our community.

### **The Honorable Robert Francis Arrigan, KM**

Narragansett, Rhode Island  
December 27, 2013

### **Mrs. Barbara M. Cleary, DM**

Boston, Massachusetts  
January 27, 2015

### **Mr. John J. Coleman, KM**

Milton, Massachusetts  
January 9, 2014

### **Mrs. Sheila Dunne Feitelberg, DMOB**

Boston, Massachusetts  
February 7, 2016

### **Mrs. Carolyn A. Lynch, DM**

Marblehead, Massachusetts  
October 1, 2015

### **Mr. John A. McGreavy, KM**

Tiverton, Rhode Island  
February 13, 2014

### **Mr. Paul J. McNamara, KM**

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts  
January 23, 2016

### **Mrs. Joan M. Mooney, DM**

Boston, Massachusetts  
July 8, 2016

### **Mr. Giles E. Mosher, Jr., KM**

Wellesley, Massachusetts  
February 12, 2013

### **Mr. Joseph O'Leary, KM**

Harwich Port, Massachusetts  
July 7, 2013

### **Dr. Jean M. Phelan, EdD, DM**

North Quincy, Massachusetts  
November 28, 2014

### **Mr. Robert H. Quinn, KM**

Dorchester, Massachusetts  
January 12, 2014


### **Mr. George C. Riley, KM**

Boston, Massachusetts  
April 4, 2013

### **Mr. John Joseph Shaughnessy, KM**

Milton, Massachusetts  
November 27, 2013

*Cum Deo*



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