



### Newsletter—December 2018

Our Mini-Retreat this year is on March 1, 2019. Archbishop Jerome ListECKi from the Diocese of Milwaukee will be our retreat master. He is well known to several of our members, including the Tendick's who arranged for him to come. All who know him speak highly of him.

Note that, because of a conflict with the American Association Retreat at the Bethany Retreat Center in Lutz, FL on the weekend of February 1-3, our February 1st Friday mass and dinner will be on February 8, 2019.

### First Friday Mass and Dinner

Our December 1st Friday was on December 7. We had 34 attendees, a very good number during the holiday season. We welcomed first-time visitor, Les Wagner, a candidate from the Federal Association from Richmond. Les told us that he was celebrating his birthday this month, so we serenaded him with our traditional rendition of the Happy Birthday song. Noreen Centracchio, who could not be with us, also celebrates her birthday this month. She would welcome cards. Noreen's address is 2575 Rue Du Jardin, Naples, FL 34105 If you send a card, please note after your signature that you are a member of the Order as she may not recognize your name.

We were delighted to have with us all three of our newest members, invested in October: Maria Joyce, Steve Orr and Ken Peach.

We gave special thanks to Chris and Tom Kroeger who earlier in the week had led our Lee County members in packing 15 re-entry backpacks for victims of human trafficking. The backpacks contain toiletries, a change of clothes, towels and wash cloths, a blanket and other useful items for those who escape a human trafficking situation with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Tom Kroeger arranges for the backpacks to be donated by a company on whose board he sits and the contents are provided through the generosity of our members. In that regard, we also thanked those who pledged donations at the November 1st Friday.



Additional thanks were given to Debbie and Jean Brunel for leading an outreach program for the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem at St. William the preceding week. Debbie spoke at all 5 masses over the weekend and Debbie and Jean collected \$2,700 in cash and whatever additional funds may be contributed by those who took envelopes home. Pete announced that Marissa Blackett from the Holy Family Hospital will be with us for April 1st Friday.



We acknowledged more than 15 of our members who the previous Saturday helped Hope for Haiti pack 75,000 meals for the hungry.



Ben Hirl and Steve Orr received their Order of Malta aprons for their participation in Power Pack

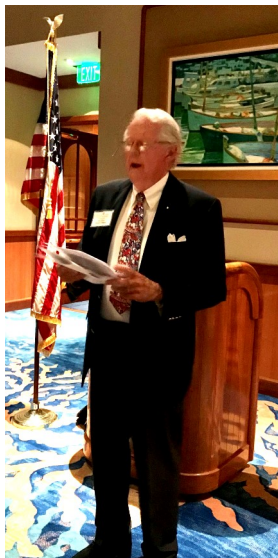


Dr. Al Cinotti, one of our longest tenure members, received his long overdue 40th and 45th anniversary pins



Separately, in a private ceremony between mass and dinner, Claudia Amen received her 15th anniversary pin

Anne Peach reminded us that the medical committee that approves malade applications for Lourdes will meet for their first review on January 28, she encouraged us to get completed applications in by January 21.



The evening concluded with choirmaster, Jim Dillon leading us in Christmas carols from a song-book compiled by Dick Copeland.

**Merry Christmas to all Naples Area Malta members!**

#### Future Dates:

January 1st Friday Mass and Dinner	January 4
American Association Winter Retreat, Bethany Retreat Center, Lutz, FL	February 1—3
February 1st Friday Mass and Dinner	February 8
Area Mini-Retreat Mass and Dinner with Archbishop Listeki	March 1 at 2:00PM

#### Ministries

**Respect Life:** Meets every Monday morning at 8:45AM in front of Planned Parenthood on Creech Road at Goodlette-Frank to pray the Rosary for and end to abortion. Contact BJ Barone for more information and parking instructions [BJB@bjbarone.com](mailto:BJB@bjbarone.com).

**Power Pack:** Meets every Wednesday morning during the school year at 8:15AM at Catholic Charities, Judy Sullivan Resource Center, 3174 Tamiami Trail East in Naples. Contact Tom O'Reilly at [toriiian@aol.com](mailto:toriiian@aol.com).

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Hospitalized:** We are bringing the Eucharist to those hospitalized at NCH North on Immokalee Road. If you would like to serve one or two days a month, please contact Maureen Reed at [icalone@hotmail.com](mailto:icalone@hotmail.com) or 239-593-6603.