Annual Report



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The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (known more commonly as the Order of Malta) is a lay religious order of the Roman Catholic Church. Founded in 1099 AD, it is the fourth oldest order of the Catholic Church, and its uninterrupted history of 900 years is one of the longest of any order or organization. The founder of the Order, Brother Gerard, opened a hospital in Jerusalem to care for the pilgrims who had been attacked while making pilgrimage to the Holy City. The hospital was named in honor of Saint John the Baptist, and fellow serving monks who came from all over Europe joined Brother Gerard. They were called "Hospitallers", and the Pope formally recognized their small group in 1113 as the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The motto of the Order of Malta is the same as it was during the Crusades, *Tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperem*, which translates to "defend the faith and serve the poor". There are currently over 11,000 Knights and Dames of Malta around the world. The headquarters are in Rome, and its members belong to one of the 45 national associations. There are three such Associations in the United States. The American Association was founded in New York City in 1926, the Western Association was founded in San Francisco in 1953, and the Federal Association, based in Washington, DC, was granted its charter in 1974.

The Federal Association has a current membership of 763 lay men and women and 42 chaplains. There are 19 regions around the country where there is a cluster or group of Knights and Dames. In these areas, the Regional Hospitaller is the coordinator for all local spiritual activities and personal service projects. There are monthly Masses and other gatherings such as the Feast of St. John the Baptist and a Memorial Mass for Deceased Members. In addition to praying together, the expectation is that our Knights and Dames will work together at our volunteer projects. The goal is that every member of the Federal Association can, in some way, provide some comfort and some service to the poor and the sick.

For more information about the past and present of the Order of Malta and the Federal Association, please visit our website – www.smom.org.

This *Annual Report* will describe some of the highlights of 2004, and will attempt to show how the members of the Federal Association are faithfully perpetuating the mission defined by Brother Gerard nearly 900 years ago.

President's Letter



Dear Confreres,

I hope that each of you will take the time to carefully review the contents of this annual report. As I write this message to you, I have had the benefit of reviewing a draft of the annual report. I am struck by the significance and number of opportunities that our Federal



Association provides in helping our members become closer to the Lord. These opportunities come to life in the spiritual activities that are available, and perhaps in a more real way, by finding our Lord in the faces of the sick and the poor that we serve. As you know, the Federal Association has approximately 800 members. We are one of three associations in the United States and one of 54 National Associations, Priories, or Sub-Priories worldwide. Each of these associations is in the process of developing an annual report which will highlight their own individual activities. They show how significant an organization the Order of Malta is and how many people in need are helped. We are fortunate to have been drawn to the Order which provides us with countless opportunities to serve God by serving others and, in doing so, deepening our own spirituality.

As the President of the Federal Association, I tend to be involved with organization and administration on a daily basis, which often doesn't vary too much from many of my normal business responsibilities. Reviewing the contents of this report causes me to realize that even organizational and administrative activities can serve a higher purpose.

In last year's message to you, I mentioned the strategy session that occurred in Malta in February 2004 and the discussion regarding Defense of the Faith. I am pleased that we are making progress in this area, having formed a Defense of the Faith Committee. This committee is expected to make a presentation to the Board in June with its recommendation how we might initiate a program with particular emphasis on providing educational opportunities to our members.

As in any large organization, we have members who are involved on a continuing basis in both our spiritual activities and our service projects, and we have other members who rarely participate or perhaps are totally uninvolved. I would encourage our active members to constantly reach out to those members who are less involved. You will be doing them a great favor if you help reactivate those graces that led them to join the Order initially. Occasionally I

will hear from a member who says, "I have been a member of the Order for a number of years and nobody asks me to do anything." I hope those people who occasionally feel that way carefully read the contents of this annual report and, as a result, realize just how easy it is to get involved with the activities of the Order. Feel free to call me, the Hospitaller for your region, or the Malta office.

Our Order is special because of the number of quality people who are willing to remain committed to the organization. As I get to know more and more of our members, I am humbled and heartened by the quality of our people and their dedication. A wonderful example of this is Regis Boyle, who has been a member of the Order since 1988. Shortly after becoming a member, she assumed responsibility for and became Editor of the Federal Malta Review. Regis was a Professor of Journalism throughout her career. With regret, she has recently found it necessary to resign as Editor of our newsletter. We owe Regis an enormous debt of gratitude for the time and expertise that she has dedicated to this activity over the last 15 years.

Our Association currently has almost 800 Knights and Dames, and over the next two years will be adding over one hundred new members. Each one of these new members will be joining the Order through the grace of God and is therefore given a tremendous opportunity to become closer to Him. The organizational challenge to provide meaningful opportunities for service and spiritual growth is significant. As the President of the association, I have the opportunity to see the effect of the work of so many of our volunteers. Our Hospitallers, Members, and Chairpersons of our various committees are involved in a tremendous amount of activity and I thank them for their time and effort. Our small staff, led by Joe Dempsey, meets the challenge every day, often requiring involvement in late evening and weekend activities. The staff does an extraordinary job and is deserving of our gratitude.

Confraternally yours,

George P. Clancy, Jr. President

June 2005

Year in Review 04

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The Federal Association continued to grow in terms of membership and programs again in 2004. Thirty-two Knights and Dames were invested into the Order in September, and several new service programs were initiated around the country. Careful attention was given to the way the Association grows, and efforts were taken to ensure that all of our members feel included in the great work of the Order and our Association.

Some of the highlights of this busy year are described below:



New Hospitallers — Two new Regional Hospitallers were appointed in 2004: Jean Pierre van Rooy in Hartford, Connecticut and Michael Sullivan in Southern Maryland. In addition, the very large group in the metropolitan Washington area was split up, with Ann Fox being named Regional Hospitaller for the District of Columbia, and Lita Treacy was named the Regional Hospitaller for Montgomery County, Maryland. In every case the hope is that more programs will be developed, and more of our members will become engaged in the work of the Order.

International Strategy Meetings in Malta

— Several Federal Association members attended the International Strategy Seminar sponsored by the Order in January on the island of Malta. Several important topics were covered during the five-day program including: Strengthening Spirituality and Commitment, Better Formation of Members, Internal and External Communications, and the Formation of Young Members. Representing the Federal Association were Pat Clancy (President), Harry Grim (Vice President), Noreen Falcone (Chancellor), Patricia Lloyd(former Auxiliary), Shep Abell (past President), and Joe Dempsey (Executive Director). Kathryn Abell was one of the lead presenters at the conference on the spirituality of the Order.

Defense of the Faith — One of the major topics of discussion in Malta and here in the US in 2004 was "What should we do, as members of the Order of Malta, to defend the Catholic faith as proscribed in the Daily Prayer of the Order?" In Malta, the Grand Master of the Order said plainly that the actions of the Order should never be political, and that the best way for Knights and Dames to defend the faith is to live the faith as generous servants to



the poor and the sick. The Federal Association appointed a sub-committee of the Board (Harry Grim, CEM Martin, Kathryn Abell, and Monsignor W. Louis Quinn) to study these questions and recommend a program for the Association.





Investiture Weekend — His Eminence William Cardinal Keeler, the Archbishop of Baltimore was the principal celebrant at the Federal Association's Investiture Mass and Ceremony on September 18th. The Most Reverend Kevin Farrell, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, delivered a stirring homily for the group of nearly 500 gathered in St. Matthew's Cathedral. Thirty-two new members were invested as new Knights and Dames along with two new Magistral Chaplains. At the Annual Meeting of the Association, Rowena Morris, Kathryn Abell, and Rowland Morrow received the President's Award for their service to the Order and dedication to the Federal Association. Bill Page, the only two-time President of the Association, received the Grand Cross of Magistral Grace. Two new members of the Board of Directors were elected, D. Geoffrey Gamble, Esq., of Avondale, Pennsylvania, and Jack Demetree, of Jacksonville, Florida.

In addition, the Treasurer's Report and the Hospitaller's Report were made, and the Chancellor read the names of all members who died in the last year.

Mass for the Sanctity of Life — The first major "Defense of the Faith" initiative was a Mass for the Sanctity of Life that was celebrated by members of all three US associations of the Order in October. The Federal Association's Spirituality Committee prepared the liturgy and distributed it to Regional Hospitallers nationwide. The goal was to have members saying the same prayers at the same time in as many places as possible. Counting the four Masses celebrated by the Western and American Associations, the Mass for the Sanctity of Life was celebrated in 25 locations across the country. Some of the Masses were quite large (over 150 in attendance at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington), and others were quiet and more personal (14 in Charlotte, 15 in Syracuse).



Lourdes Anointing Mass – Kansas City — In March, the Knights and Dames in Kansas City sponsored their 8th Annual Lourdes Anointing Mass at Cure of Ars Churrch in Leawood, Kansas. Over 200 people from all over the region attended the Mass and ceremony, which included the Sacrament of Healing for the people designated as

malades (sick). Several of the Regional Hospitallers from around the country attended the service, as they were in town for their meetings the previous day. Using the format developed so successfully by our members in Kansas City, the Association is planning to sponsor these Masses in several other cities in the future.





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At the center of all of our activities and all our efforts to serve the poor and sick is our desire to follow the example of Our Lord. In 2004, our members continued to deepen their faith and explore ways in which they could better serve their church and those in need.



Federal Association members gathered for big celebrations like the Investiture Mass in Washington and the Feast of St. John the Baptist, which was celebrated in Arlington, Virginia in 2004. In addition, there are small gatherings like the monthly Masses (see box) in cities around the country throughout the year.

PRAYER CARDS AND PUBLICATIONS

The Spirituality Committee continued to produce the prayer cards that are mailed to the entire membership each month, and thousand of copies of the pamphlet *Prayers in Times of Sickness* were distributed to hospital chaplains all over the country. In 2004, the book *Malta Meditations* was published by W. Shepherdson Abell, the Chairman of the Spirituality Committee and a past President of the Association. Every member of the Federal Association received a copy of the book, and hundreds have been sent to the other US Associations of the Order.

MONTHLY MASSES

Atlanta — Holy Spirit Church – First Fridays – 8:30am

Baltimore — Shrine of the Sacred Heart – First Saturdays – 8:00am

Charlotte — St. Patrick's Cathedral – First Fridays – 7:30am

Chicago — St. Peter's Church – First Fridays – 8:15am

Columbus — St. Joseph's Cathedral – First Fridays – 7:30am

Dallas — Cistercian Chapel (during school year) – First Fridays – 7:30pm

Dallas — St. Monica's – Every Wednesday – 6:45am

Greensburg — St. Ann Home – First Saturdays – 9:30am

Houston — St. Cecilia's – Every Saturday – 9:00am

Jacksonville — San Jose Parish – Second Mondays – 12 noon

New Orleans — Malta Square – First Fridays – 8:00am

Northern Virginia — St. Agnes – First & Third Saturdays – 9:00am

Pittsburgh — St. Mary's Church (Stanwix) – First Fridays – 12 noon

Syracuse — Immaculate Conception Cathedral – First Fridays – 7:00am

Washington, DC Area

- Annunciation Second Saturdays 8:00am
- Blessed Sacrament (DC) Second Saturdays 8:00am
- Holy Redeemer (Kensington) First Saturdays 8:30am
- Holy Trinity (DC) Second Fridays 8:00am
- Little Flower Bethesda Second Saturdays 8:15am
- Our Lady of Mercy Second Wednesdays 7:00am
- St. Mathews Cathedral Third Wednesdays 12:10pm Mass

Wilmington

- Irisbrook Mansion Third Tuesdays (even months) 12:00 noon
- St. Joseph's on the Brandywine Third Tuesdays (odd months) 12:00 noon





WEEKEND RETREATS

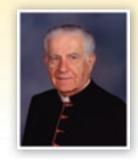
Florida Retreat — In January, the Most Reverend William Curlin (Bishop of Charlotte, retired) led our retreat in North Palm Beach, Florida. Eighty four Knights, Dames, spouses, and friends attended the retreat.

Faulkner Retreat — In October, Rev. William Byron, SJ, was the leader of the Faulkner Retreat at the Loyola Retreat House in southern Maryland.

Fall Retreat — For several years now, the Fall Retreat has moved around the country. Mundelein Seminary in Illinois, Bon Secours Retreat House in northern Maryland, and, in 2004, the Fall Retreat was held at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Rev. Mark Gruber, OSB, a professor of archeology and theology was the retreat director. Nearly all of the Knights and Dames from the Pittsburgh area attended the retreat, along with several from other cities across the country. The Fall Retreat will be held at the Solomon Episcopal Retreat Center in Roberts, Louisiana in November 2005.



Chaplain's Report



Reverend Monsignor W. Louis Quinn Conventual Chaplain

DAY OF REFLECTION

In 1999, the Federal Association began its "Day of Reflection Series" with a daylong program at Georgetown University in Washington. Over the years the topics discussed have been "Spirituality in the Workplace", "The Physical, Psychological, and Spiritual Effects of Aging", "Marriage – A Call to Spiritual Growth", "On Prayer", and in 2003 it was "Social Justice and the Order of Malta". In 2004, sixty Knights and Dames gathered at the Washington Theological Union to discuss and reflect on the topic "The Order of Malta and Service to the Poor Among Us." Smaller retreats and Days of Recollection were sponsored in Syracuse, Kansas City, Charlotte, Atlanta, and several other cities. These gatherings are always well attended and help develop the feeling of community so important to our Knights and Dames around the country.

Hospitaller's Report



COORDINATOR(s)



Susanne C. DuFour Hospitaller

The job of the Hospitaller is to oversee the Federal Association's programs of personal service to the poor and the sick and to encourage our members to volunteer in these projects. In twenty cities nationwide we have groups of members working together on service projects and gathering for Mass, often once a month. The local coordinator in these areas is known as the "Regional Hospitaller". Twice a year all the Regional Hospitallers meet to discuss our progress and new opportunities for service.

Once a year the Grand Hospitaller of the Order convenes a meeting of all the Hospitallers worldwide. These meetings are both inspiring and challenging. The inspiration comes from the common commitment we all have to the work and spirituality of the Order. The challenge is to meet the ever growing needs of serving the poor and the sick - identifying the needs and finding a way to provide the help.

We can be proud of the work of the Order and our Federal Association, but there is always more that needs to be done and our list of activities increases every year. We continue to serve the frail elderly in our assisted living facilities in Washington, Syracuse, and New Orleans. Knights and Dames visit the residents, plan parties, read the newspaper, and attend Mass and pray with them. At the Little Sisters of the Poor residence in Pittsburgh, Federal Association volunteers planned a party that included Easter egg dying followed by dinner for all the residents.

The Association's Domestic Clinic program is successful and continues to grow. We support fifteen clinics nationwide with two shipments a year of free medicines. These are medicines requested by the clinic administrators, and it allows

these clinics to save thousands and thousands of dollars a year. Knights and Dames who are doctors, dentists and nurses volunteer their services weekly at many of our clinics.

The Federal Association again joined Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April / October) in Charlotte, Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Wilmington, Charles County, MD, and Washington, DC. In Chicago, our volunteers restored the home of a 72 year-old grandmother complete with new windows and doors, a new kitchen and bath, rewiring and landscaping. She said "this feels like Christmas in April."

Our members feed the homeless both in body and spirit in projects all over the country. The St. Francis Soup Kitchen in Jacksonville is located in the basement cafeteria of what was formerly Immaculate Conception School. Between five and six hundred people are served a meal every Saturday midday. The food is prepared on Friday by volunteers and served the next day by other volunteers. Malta members are joined by others in the community in this project. In Kansas City, our members join with other partners in the community to host the annual Soup-er Bowl Luncheon which creates awareness of the hunger in the area.

Every Saturday in Dallas, our volunteers serve a picnic in a vacant lot for 75 to 150 homeless people. They provide food and clothing, jobs, shoes, blankets, prayer, and conversation. In Chicago, our members work once a month at the St. Thomas of Canterbury soup kitchen. Six to eight members and volunteers on the third Tuesday of the month arrive at the kitchen at 4:30, prepare the soup and then serve to approximately 300 guests. Their guests are a cross section of the city, from street people, to drug addicts, to men in suits, and families with young children. After they prepare the soup and salad, they gather and say a prayer. Guests are seated at tables and served. When the first serving is completed, people line up to take a quart of soup and some bread home for their next meal.

One of the Association's biggest service project and spiritual activity is the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year over 250 Knights, Dames, Malades, companions and volunteers traveled together to Lourdes. As always it was a special experience for everyone. This year marked Admiral Bill Callaghan's final year as the Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee after 18 years of devoted service. Bill was honored at the pilgrimage farewell dinner, and all the pilgrims got the chance to express their appreciation.





VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

PROJECT

REGION

REGION	PROJECT	COORDINATOR(S)
Atlanta	Marian Manor Home for Elderly Blessed Gerard Visitation Program Project MedShare	Kim Hanna Dr. Tom Lewis Marilyn Allegra
Baltimore	St. Elizabeth Nursing Center Gift of Hope (AIDS hospice) Lourdes Reunion	Margie Counselman John Danko Frank Locke, Lindsay Gallagher
Charlotte	Room at the Inn Christmas in April	Harry Grim Dr. Don Joyce
Chicago	Christmas in April St. Thomas Canterbury Soup Kitchen	Ted Makarewicz Art Malinowski
Columbus	Christmas in April JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner City Needs)	David Martin Bob Morosky
Dallas	Saturday morning lunch for homeless Thanksgiving Dinner for the Elderly	Bette Hoag David Holliday
acksonville	St. Catherine Laboure Nursing Home	Jack McCormack
Hartford	Malta House of Care	J.P. Van Rooy
Houston	Ride to Mass Program for the Elderly All Saints Nursing Home	Charles Scholz Pat Thornton
Kansas City	Christmas in October Anointing Mass for Sick Holiday Hunger Awareness Day	John McMeel, Dick Miller Bernie Dierks John Massman
New Orleans	Malta Square at Sacred Heart Malta Park Malta Court at Holy Angels	Jane Nalty Jane Nalty Jane Nalty
No. Virginia	Cherrydale Healthcare Center Mary's House Mass for the Sick	Sergio Micheli Carmen Egge Rowena Morris, Bill Wallace
Pittsburgh	Christmas in April Little Sisters of the Poor	Katherine Freyvogel James Haberman
Southern MD	Christmas in April	Michael Sullivan
Syracuse	Malta House Oxford Street Inn Francis House Hospice	Dr. Alfred Falcone Dennis Owen Noreen Falcone
Гallahassee	Holiday Meals Program (elderly)	John Koelemij
Wash DC	Malta House Gift of Peace Project SHARE Mass for the Sick	Joan Collins, Rosemary Carter Sandra McMurtrie, John Miller James Belson Ann Fox
Wilmington	Little Sisters of the Poor Residence	Geoffrey Gamble

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GRANTS PROGRAM SUMMARY 2004

EXPENSES SPENT PURPOSE

Domestic Programs

\$ 145,851 medicines
31,552 dental equipment
30,000 back-up emergency generator
20,000 dental equipment
19,500 home renovations
15,000 sonogram equipment upgrade
15,000 renovations for group home
15,000 van for school service organization
15,000 emergency funds, physical repairs
15,000 rehab / repairs
15,000 3rd year matching scholarship
11,075 asbestos removal, pipe insulation
10,000 educational materials for refugees
10,000 wheelchairs, medical equipment
10,000 parenting classes
13,368 emergency hurricane relief
8,000 new, handicap-accessible doors
7,500 food, kitchen upgrades
6,900 emergency funds
5,500 summer camp materials
2,500 production of promotional material
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Total.....\$ 423,716

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International Programs

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Task Force on Cuba\$	100,000
Holy Family Hospital (Bethlehem)	50,000
ADM Feeding Program	48,358
Cite Soleil (Haiti)	20,000
Cristo Sana Medical Mission (Nicaragua)	20,000
Oblate Brothers (Haiti)	20,000
Project Lifeline (Haiti)	20,000
Sacre Coeur Hospital, Haiti	20,000
Project Lifeline (DR)	15,000
Carmen Pampas Nurses Clinic (Bolivia)	10,700
Somos Amigos Medical Mission, (DR)	10,000
Travel/Administration	1,998
Donated Dental Equipment (various)	1,530
SMOM - Grand Magistry Program	1,000

hurricane relief, food
on-going support
15 shipments, 6 countries
summer feeding program
medical mission
mobile clinic
medicines
medicines
medicines
medicines
medicines
diesel generator
trips- Haiti & Dominican Republic
shipping donated equipment
charitable works of the Order

CLINIC PROGRAM 2004

Arlington, VAArlington Free Clinic

Baltimore, MDThe Shepherd's Clinic

Charlotte, NCMedAssist of Mecklenburg

Chicago, IL Garfield & Damen Clinics

Houston, TX
Casa Juan Diego Clinic /
Casa Maria Clinic

Jacksonville, FLChrist the King Health Clinic

Kansas City, MODuchesne Clinic

Western Maryland Mission of Mercy

Milwaukee, WI St. Joseph's Medical & Dental Clinic

> New Orleans, LA St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy

Syracuse, NYWestside Family Health Center

Tallahassee, FLNeighborhood Health Services

Washington, DC
Perry School Family Health Center
Spanish Catholic Center
Mercy Health Clinic
(Germantown, MD)

The Grants Committee reviewed over 60 grant requests in 2004. The requests came in from all over the country and, indeed, from around the world. There were requests for food, medicine, emergency cash assistance, generators, and vans. Every request was carefully reviewed by our committee to make sure that the program provides a direct service to the poor, and that there is no waste or chance of re-sale or mis-use.

Great care is used to s-t-r-e-t-c-h our budget, which is all of the money contributed to the Annual Appeal and a small percentage drawn down each year from our Blessed Gerard Fund. We try to get food and other materiel donated or at a discount, and we work very hard to arrange free or discounted shipping and storage. As the summary chart illustrates, we spent approximately \$725,000 in 2004. Our auditors estimate that translated into \$3,246,870 worth of food, medicines, relief supplies, and other materiel.

The Federal Association continues to support the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem. The hospital, a state-of-the-art maternity hospital owned and managed by the Order of Malta provides excellent pre and postnatal care and delivers thousands of healthy babies every year despite the near-constant conflict in the region.



Grants Committee Report

Margaret Counselman Chairwoman, Grants Committee

Listed below are a couple of highlights of the 2004 Grants Program —

Cristo Sana Medical Mission, Granada, Nicaragua -

A team of 25 volunteers, including 7 members of the Federal Association headed a medical mission to Granada, Nicaragua. Thanks to a grant of \$20,000 for medicines and equipment 10 physicians, 3 nurses, 2 technicians and various volunteers treated almost 1,400 patients at outpatient clinics in and around Granada during their one-week mission. Of the hundreds of patients seen close to one quarter were children, benefiting from the expertise of the two pediatricians traveling with the group. In the eye clinic, 300 people were treated by the ophthalmologists who also performed 20 eye operations during the week. The three general surgeons, including Dr. Frank Schmidt, performed 24 major operations, including two emergency procedures.

Domestic Clinic Program – The biggest single domestic program is the Association's national Clinic Program. In 2004 the program sent two large shipments of medicines – one in June and the other in December - to the fifteen health clinics listed below. The program spent \$145,851 for medicines worth a total of \$850,000, This total included a very significant donation from Schering-Plough. Through the Order's donation program, as each clinic saves on the

purchase of basic medicines, they are then able to deploy their and expand their own care and services in other ways.

ADM Feeding Program – Central America – Once again in 2004 the Federal Association was able to send over 700,000 pounds of food donated by Archer Daniels Midland to the poor in Central America. Programs feeding the poor in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Peru received very significant quantities of food, and thousands of hungry people were fed

Somos Amigos Medical/Dental Mission, Naranjitos,

Dominican Republic – In 2004 Somos Amigos received \$10,000 for a diesel generator to provide, reliable, uninterrupted and adequate power to a modest medical and dental facility. The medical team, made up of over 40 people including 6 physicians, 6 dentists, nurses, hygienists and translators provides consultations, on-site treatments, medications (six-month supply), and vitamins (six-month supply) at no cost to patients. The Somos Amigos mission in January 2005 successfully saw a record 800 patients.

Treasurer's Report





J. Paul McNamara Treasurer

For the fiscal year ended, December 31, 2004, the Federal Association's net assets remained stable at \$3,815,255, an increase of 8.6% over the prior year. As of year-end, the Association's operating cash balance was \$305,591 and once again, management and staff worked hard to manage our annual budget. The revenues in 2004 for the Association exceeded \$4,500,000. However, over \$2,439,000 of this amount is the value of donated food and medicine used by our various projects. The budget management process of the Association was able to report an operating surplus of \$19,000 for the year. As our Association continues to grow, our staff has been upgraded to meet the management requirements of the future.

A year-end analysis indicated that most of the Association's major activities were at the budget estimates approved by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors. Our in-kind donations to support our food and clinic programs continue to grow and run very efficiently. Most of the Association's spiritual activities and special events run at a close to break-even level, and the Annual Dues cover the cost of general operations and administration.

This year's Association's Annual Appeal was again very successful. Our members contributed just over \$745,000, which is down a bit from 2003. The percentage of our membership participating in the Appeal (70-72%) remains very strong. We will continue to focus our fundraising to support the excellent projects that the Association has either sponsored directly or supported through the grant programs.

The investment portfolio is a fairly conservative mix of stocks and bonds. Your Association's investment portfolios are directed by a committee, who includes - Thomas Roddy as the chairman, assisted by William FitzGerald, B. Francis Saul, and Agnes Williams. Our investment portfolio, which represents the majority of the Associations assets, grew 8.7% to \$3,269,118. The Association was also the beneficiary of a gift of a charitable remainder trust, in the amount of \$296,250, which should continue to grow in the future.

The Federal Association's finances were audited by Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell. We received a clean opinion that the financial records were fairly presented and conformed to generally accepted accounting principles. Copies of the report may be obtained from the Association office.







FINANCIAL REPORT AUDITED—MARCH 2005

INCOME	2004	2003			
Contributions					
Dues	550,837 699,024 88,679 3,900 53,570 2,439,725	526,615 791,898 118,385 0 68,583 2,388,911			
Lourdes Pilgrimage	440,175 81,790 82,580 7,475 100,123 4,547,878	294,643 107,790 83,857 6,416 28,635 4,415,733			
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EXPENSES	2004	2003			
Administration\$ Spiritual Activities	501,592 111,004	520,164 35,138			
Lourdes Pilgrimage	440,626 95,529 10,171 67,260 37,205 10,856 7,222 3,246,870	387,195 108,303 7,704 64,506 81,114 11,495 6,655 3,118,797			
Total Expenses\$	4, 528,335	4,341,071			
Net - revenue over expenses\$	19,543	74,662			
Investment Accounts	12/31/2004	12/31/2003			
Merrill Lynch – operating\$ Lourdes Fund Blessed Gerard Fund Malta House Fund	8,572 552,788 2,296,813 128,133	11,711 502,981 2,100,298 133,150			
Total	\$ 2,986,306	2,748,140			

2005 Annual Appeal



The 2005 Annual Appeal was, once again, a great success. More members participated, and more money was contributed than ever before. Five hundred and eleven Knights and Dames, nine Chaplains, and five friends contributed a total of \$814,000 – this total surpassing last year's appeal by over \$65,000. Nearly seventy per-cent of the membership participated; and the average contribution was \$1,550.

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Tsunami Relief Appeal



Two days after the Tsunami tragedy struck, ECOM (Emergency Corps of the Order of Malta) had teams of emergency workers in the region. They reported that what they needed most at that time was cash – cash to buy building and generators and food that was urgently needed at that time. On December 31st an appeal was sent to all of the members of the Federal Association asking them to make a contribution to help ECOM's work in the region. On January 6th the Association sent an initial contribution of \$50,000 from the Grants Committee and promised to send all the funds donated by our Knights and Dames. A grand total of \$127,000 was contributed by the members listed below, and that amount was sent to ECOM in March.

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