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President's Message

very five years our Federal Association is visited representatives the Government Council of the Order of Malta's Grand Magistry to examine and report on our progress in meeting the needs of its Members and of the Order as a whole. We began preparing early in the year for the visit which began shortly before and continued during our Investiture Weekend in October. The process of preparing gave us an opportunity to examine all aspects of our Association.

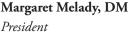
For example, over the years our Board of Directors approved policies covering a variety of topics. This year the board gathered these policies, made improvements in some and added new items, creating one comprehensive document to help guide our leadership and Members in the governance of our association. We also looked at all the recommendations of the long-range or strategic planning task force, whose work began in 2010. Proudly, so many of the objectives we targeted were accomplished.

Our historian Henry Lane Hull often begins his presentations on the history of the Order of Malta by emphasizing one word—pilgrimage. This term pilgrimage conveys a two-fold message. Just as the founders of our Order began their work by caring for sick and injured pilgrims, we continue this mission in providing hands-on work with the poor, the sick, and incarcerated. And as we take part in these hospitaller works, we ourselves are pilgrims on a spiritual path of sanctification. This two-fold message is

particularly evident when participating in our international pilgrimage to Lourdes and to our domestic pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help. Both pilgrimages are increasing in the number of participants every year.

This year we were honored to welcome the Prelate of the Order, Msgr. Jean Laffitte, for our first chaplain's convocation held at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. Our chaplains play a vital role in aiding us on our spiritual journey. Those participating agreed that these periodic gatherings were valuable to helping chaplains fulfill their roles.

As you read through this annual report, you will see how our membership is growing, our works are strong, and our finances are positive. I am grateful for the many Members who step up to leadership positions in their regions, to committees and to our Board of Directors. Each day I am also reminded of the outstanding performance of all of our staff members in helping our Association to achieve its goals. Together, our members and staff, work to ensure the betterment of our Federal Association as well as our worldwide Order of Malta. This combination has me looking at our past year with pride, as you will note in our Annual Report. It also has me looking at 2017 with well-founded confidence and expectation.





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Margaret Melady, DM

Spiritual Life

Vice President's Report on Spirituality

Fra' Tom Mulligan, Vice President

uring formation for membership and throughout our life within the Order of Malta, we hear that our eight-pointed cross symbolizes the Beatitudes given to us by Jesus during the Sermon on the Mount. As with everything in the Gospels, Jesus is trying to show us by his word and by his life that our status of being "blessed" is truly dependent upon our behavior. If I am a kindly and well-behaved person, then my reward will be "blessedness" which leads us to total beatitude, an exalted happiness, in the Kingdom of God.

Of course, we can all be well-behaved people, but then that is a minimal requirement. The Beatitudes go beyond the challenges of just obeying the Ten Commandments and being financially or otherwise supportive of the works of the Church and our commitment to the Order of Malta so that good things can be accomplished.

One of the reasons we as Members of the Order respond to our calling is to make an even more serious commitment to our personal sanctification, and choosing to perform the Works of Mercy is a good motivation and means towards reaching that end.

Living with an understanding that we are called to see Christ in the other as well as be Christ to the other means that Christ

is alive and out there on the streets, not just residing in the tabernacle. We are called to view all of life from the perspective of Jesus himself as he taught us.

One of the major themes Pope Francis has woven through his papacy from the beginning has been pastoral accompaniment. Frequently the example of Jesus walking with the disciples on the road to Emmaus has been used to illustrate this type of accompaniment. Jesus listened, comforted and consoled. He also instructed the disciples within the context of the Scriptures before he shared the Eucharist and departed from them.

Accompaniment implies openness, dialog, free expression of one's convictions and a calm and attentive listening. The Works of Mercy are one important means of encounter, and accompaniment has the potential for a much deeper means of encounter. Rev. James Bradley, a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, has said that it goes beyond simply making statements of fact to offering the same truths in a manner that those lacking a basic faith foundation might be able to understand. Pope Francis has said that to accomplish this, we must go beyond the ability to recite rules and the Creed to be disciples of Jesus who know the faith, love the faith and live the faith. And striving to gain our own salvation we attract others to join in the journey, putting those who we are accompanying on the way to Christ.

There is a great need to show people who we are, what we believe and how we behave towards others; and this need can be seen most everywhere we look. There are many faces of Christ in today's world, ranging from family members, the disabled and aged, the widowed and divorced, inactive Catholics, teens and young adults and those within the broad range of the needy whom we are serving -- the sick and the poor -- who are all waiting to be engaged. At the same time, there simply are not enough priests, campus ministers or those otherwise trained to serve who are available. In our workplaces and in our neighborhoods, we encounter a growing number who are unable to relate to our God and the transcendent as they and their families have become immersed in relativism, scientism, and materialism -- substituting natural motivations and values while living in the absence of God. This is the "field hospital" we need to staff.

What better opportunity for the Members of the Order of Malta than to be available in so many ways by being at the right place and time for their neighbor. Members can speak and be heard and then, hopefully, listen themselves as they walk alongside, sometimes leading and sometimes supporting from behind, much as Jesus warmed the hearts of those disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Pastoral accompaniment is a changing experience. Everyone receives. Everyone gives. We learn more about who we are and how we might just become a little more present and available to those we accompany. We learn to accept God's will because the moment we harmonize our will with his, he will guide us. And by grace, we learn more about who Jesus is, the companion on the road who is always present to us.















20**16** Hospitaller Report

Bob Signorelli, KMOb, Association Hospitaller

he year 2016 was an active one as the Federal Association started new initiatives, opened a new region, and grew in membership.

We had four hospitaller meetings in 2016: two in person, in conjunction with formation weekend and investiture in Washington, D.C., and two by teleconference.

Our spring in-person meeting included presentations from our executive director, Deacon Michael Stankewicz, our Communications Committee and from various regions.

Our fall in-person meeting was attended by Dominique Rochefoucauld, our grand hospitaller from Rome, who gave the hospitallers an overview of the Order's activities across the world. Other presentations covered the Federal Association strategic plan, electronic voting, spirituality, finances, Lourdes, and a Haiti lighting initiative.

We have 29 regions in the Federal Association, with Austin/San Antonio being the most recent addition. Six hospitallers began serving their second three-year term, and four hospitallers started their first three-year terms. Hospitaller installation Masses were held at various times with most being held at regional Christmas Masses.

The Federal Association has three main priorities which every region implements: (i) spirituality; (ii) works and projects; and

(iii) membership development, which includes both education of current Members and recruitment and development of new ones.

Spirituality

Each region is required to have a monthly Mass, a St. John the Baptist feast day Mass, a Sanctity of Life Mass, and a Mass for deceased members.

In addition, all regions are encouraged to have a Christmas Mass, Lourdes pilgrimage Mass, and anointing Mass. Regions are encouraged to have Lenten and Advent reflections given by their chaplains as well, along with a monthly holy hour. Many regions implemented the holy hours this year.

A reception or dinner usually follows every spiritual event.

Membership Development

Every Member has the obligation to invite persons they believe worthy of joining our Order. We all know outstanding Catholics, and sometimes all it takes is an invitation to have someone say "yes" to choosing this as their path to sanctification. At year-end our Federal Association had 1,038 members, of whom 47 were newly invested. Also this year, 14 Members passed away. Please keep them in your prayers.

In addition to recruiting new Members we are charged with educating our current membership. Many regions hold educational forums where they study the Bible, books related to the Catholic faith, regulations and commentary of the



Ranking	Region	# of Member
1	Montgomery County	118
2	Northern Virginia	113
3	Washington, D.C.	112
4	Houston	52
5	Chicago	51
6	Atlanta	49
7	Dallas	48
8	Baltimore	46
9	Charlotte	45
10	Kansas City	42
11	Pittsburgh	40
12	Jacksonville	35
13	Lancaster	29
14	Syracuse	28
15	New Orleans	27
16	Hartford	25
17	Central North Carolina	24
18	Columbus	19
18	Memphis	19
20	Richmond	14
21	Delaware Valley—Wilmington	13
21	Lafayette	13
21	Milwaukee	13
24	Southern Maryland	11
25	St. Joseph	10
26	Delaware Valley—Philadelphia	9
27	Des Moines	5
28	Tallahassee	4
29	Austin/San Antonio	2

Order, Vatican documents such as *Lumen gentium* from the Second Vatican Council and the *lectio divina* method of prayerful contemplation of scripture.

Works and Projects

Regional works of defending the faith and caring for the sick and poor are central to the Order. Without great projects it's difficult to bring in new Members. Projects where Members can work together are imperative.

Regions were encouraged this past year to assess all their projects for relevance and Member interest, and to consider pursuing new ones. This was a significant part of the discussion at hospitaller gatherings throughout the year.

As you can see by the listing below, we have a very active membership, with 95 projects serving over 70,000 needy people. Over 60% of our membership actively participates in regional projects.

Number of Regions: 29
Number of Projects 97
Average per Region 3.3
Population Served 70,000
Members Active 610
Auxiliary, Family Active 360



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2016 Hospitaller Report continued

Here is the array of projects in which regions participate, Initiatives Underway and their respective levels of participation.

Projects	# of Regions
Food Distribution	25
Food Kitchens	22
Prison Ministry	19
Nursing Homes	14
Defense of Faith	13
Clothing Distribution	12
Elderly Care	9
Anointing Masses	8
Communion to Hospitals	8
Home Rebuilding	5
Uninsured Clinics	5
Children's Homes	4
V.A. Participation	4
Mobile Medical Vans	2
Housing for Poor	2
Pregnancy Help	2
Medical Supplies	2
Education for Undocumented	1
Radio Programming	1

We have many new initiatives taking place across our association, including:

- Forming a strategic plan for each region;
- Starting new projects where many Members can work together;
- Increasing hospitaller input into association awards;
- Project ID worn in projects by all Members, volunteers, and auxiliary; and
- All regions having a membership recruitment plan.

Finally, our mission is to encourage all regions to work in an entrepreneurial fashion to promote these goals of our Order. We do this in an environment where as a family we do good works together, socialize together, pray together, and someday meet in heaven together.

Thank you for making the Federal Association a model for the world.





20**16** Treasurer's Report

Peter Scudner, KM, Association Treasurer

he Federal Association had positive financial results in 2016 that permitted it to focus on its mission and fund its works. This presentation is an excerpt from the Audited Financial Statements.

The Association collects about one-third of its revenue from members' dues, which it spends on the administrative services to members and support of the international office in Rome. It spends about another one-third on major programs including the Lourdes Pilgrimage and Investiture, which are primarily self-funded by participants with some subsidy from the Association. Monies raised by the Annual Appeal are about 20% of income and are distributed in the form of Grants to Regions and International Projects each year.

The Association staff managed our expenses effectively, resulting in net income before contributions and investment income of \$214,000. With investment gains and additional gifts added, the Association net income exceeded \$800,000. Net income is used to fund reserves and future grants.

2016 Financial Report—Based on Audited Financial Statements

Federal Association:

Income:		Expenses:	
Membership Dues	\$ 1,397,380	Operations/Administration	\$ 841,969
Committees	65,590	Assessments to SMOM	308,558
Sale of Merchandise	5,475	Committees/Other	89,808
Administrative Sub-Total	\$ 1,468,445	Administrative Sub-Total	\$ 1,240,335
Events/Spiritual Activities	40,983	Events/Spiritual Activities	66,324
Investiture	192,522	Investiture	213,327
Lourdes Pilgrimage *	957,974	Lourdes Pilgrimage	957,644
Domestic Programs *	31,750	Domestic Programs	-
Events/Activities Sub-Total	\$ 1,247,385	Events/Activities Sub-Total	\$ 1,237,295
		Subtotal - Net Income Before Contributions, Investment Income, & Grants Committee	214,044
Charitable Giving			
Annual Appeal	783,862	Grants/Hospitaller Program	
Testamentary Gifts & Change in Value Investment Income	156,697 315,925	Grants Committee*	626,182
Association Revenue and Support	\$ 3,948,158	_	
		Association Expense	\$ 3,103,812
		Association Net Income	\$ 844,346

Investments—

Ass'n & Lourdes Endowment Trust

Operating Account	\$ 63,683
Malta House (DC) Fund	127,989
Lourdes Fund**	2,383,249
Blessed Gerard Fund	2,746,873
Total Investment Accounts	\$ 5,321,794

^{* \$150,000} was designated to the Lourdes Pilgrimage and has been reflected in this report as Lourdes Pilgrimage Revenue and Grants/Hospitaller Program. \$25,000 was designated for Prison Ministry and has been reflected as Domestic Program Revenueand Grants/Hospitaller Program. These amounts are not considered revenue and expense for GAAP audit purposes but were included in this report as a better reflection of the financial results from these programs.

2016 Investiture

he Federal Association of the Order of Malta invested 47 new Knights and Dames, hailing from 16 of its regions during Investiture. Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington was the principal celebrant at the annual Investiture Mass held at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, DC.

The event anchored a weekend that gathered Members from 28 regions for the annual Members' meeting with the Association leadership, presentation of awards and a Defense of Faith talk by Paul Clement, former Solicitor General of the United States. The weekend concluded with the annual Gala Dinner.

Speaking to nearly 300 Members, family, friends and newly invested at the Investiture Luncheon in the Mayflower Hotel, Cardinal Wuerl provided a powerful message about the various challenges to our Catholic faith.

"Once there was a time when our culture and the mores of our society supported our faith and everything the Knights of Malta stand for. There was a sense in which our culture was, in its own way, a conduit for our faith-based values that were in fact shared by so many Christian and other faith communities. That is no longer true today," the Cardinal said in his remarks. However, he added, "Our highlighting of Catholic identity is a way of helping all of us recognize who we are, what our rights are, but more importunately, what our responsibilities are in living out the Gospel mandate. This is long struggle ahead of us and one that, I believe, is not optional or secondary or tertiary to our mission as Church".

Also at the Investiture Luncheon Federal Association President Dr. Margaret Melady presented the Cross *pro Merito Melitensi* awards to Collins Whitfield, KM and Robert (Bob)







Smith, KM. She also presented the Cross of Commander pro Merito Melitensi to Dr. Hans-Martin Sass, former commander of the Subcommandery of the Johanniter Order in the United States, a role in which he worked closely with the Order of Malta Federal Association. Additionally, President Melady presented Erica Meloney and Aleksander Johnston with Outstanding Auxiliary Awards, recognizing their contributions to the Federal Association Auxiliary efforts.

The Federal Association was pleased to welcome throughout the weekend the Grand Hospitaller of the Sovereign Order of Malta, His Excellency Dominique Prince de la Rochefoucauld-Montbel, as well as His Excellency Don Juan Tomas O'Naghten y Chacon and Ambassador Jacques Mandat-Grancey of the Sovereign Order of Malta Government Council.















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Lourdes Pilgrimage-2016

Jeff Ludwig, KM

he third sentence of our daily prayer states in part: "Be it seating on our chartered aircraft, as a courtesy to candidates or mine to practice charity towards my neighbor, especially the poor and sick." These are noble words but can sometime seem abstract in the 21st century. The Lourdes pilgrimage allows our Members, candidates, and volunteers to live this vow in a very real and concrete way. Our Order has a long history of serving Malades and pilgrims, first to Jerusalem and for almost 60 years to Lourdes. The international Lourdes pilgrimage is the largest gathering of Knights, Dames, and volunteers who are dedicated to the care of our neighbors the poor and sick.

On the evening of April 27, 103 Malades and their companions boarded our charter aircraft in Baltimore with approximately 200 pilgrims from the Federal Association and departed for the 2016 Lourdes pilgrimage. Approximately 40 veteran Knights and Dames traveled separately to Lourdes either as members of the advance team or, due to limited

new members who were fulfilling their commitment to make the pilgrimage. It was awe-inspiring to observe our beloved Malades as they met their team members for the first time, a little nervous, hopeful, but somewhat unaccustomed to sincere love and devotion as the teams held their first meetings. Once airborne and at cruising altitude, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore led our Malades and pilgrims in praying the Rosary, something not many had ever experienced before.

After arrival at the Tarbes airport and transport into Lourdes, we all gathered in the Rosary Basilica with the two other US associations for the opening Mass.

Throughout our week in Lourdes the weather was a bit cold, not warming up till the last few days. But thanks to a large number of cold weather jackets made available, our Malades and pilgrims were able to stay warm during our outings. In fact, Saturday morning during the Grotto Mass, we were treated to sun, rain, wind, and snow—all in less than an hour.

As the week progressed it was a joy to observe the closeness and attachment of our Malades and their companions with their team members. It was a blessing as well to share the healing grace that our Malades and their companions experienced.

Our Malades apply to join us on pilgrimage because of a particular malady they are facing, some in the form of terminal cancer, others in some other form of ailment they have suffered for years. Lourdes is a place of healing in mind, spirit, and even the body. One of my favorite stories from the pilgrimage involved a Malade returning from Lourdes and excitedly proclaiming to his pastor that he had been healed. The priest looked lovingly into the eyes of his parishioner and replied, "But you're still in your wheelchair." The Malade responded with joy, "I know Father, but I'm not angry about it anymore!"







"I was one of the 48 very grateful Malades that had been selected for the 2016 Lourdes Pilgrimage. I would just like to let all of the Dames and Knights of the Order of Malta know what a wonderful, blessed, spiritual week my husband and I had, and for those that are going on the 2017 Pilgrimage know each and every one are in our prayers everyday they are on this year's Pilgrimage. To the Malades chosen this year, I wish each one as much of a blessed and spiritual experience as Randy and I had last year. All of the Order of Malta members are always in our prayers. I can never express how much being a Malade means to me. The calm and peace of being at Lourdes will never be an experience that can be repeated. Prayers and thanks are always in our hearts for ALL OF YOU. May the 2017 Malades experience the same calm and peace. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Carol & Randy Barta, 2016 Malade and Companion















Lourdes Pilgrimage-2016 continued

























"We still have some Lourdes water that we drink and share with visitors. People back home have asked us about the journey and we have recounted the many, many special friends we made. The love and kindness — true love, the kind your mother gives you — we received. We talk about all the sights and special meals where we gathered to share stories and where our bonds of friendship were forever forged.

Recently Meta was asked if she was disappointed that she did not receive a miracle of healing from our Lady, and Meta began to share with the room of visitors that she had received many blessing and that her very special miracle from our Lady was the most precious of all time.

The pain has departed her body, her mind is still mostly clear as she continues to dance with her daughters and goes on walks with her girlfriends. She does use a wheelchair, but the fact remains that she continues to amaze us with her strength and her never failing smile!

May God continue to bless you and your family. With much love from Meta and our Family!"

Meta & Jim Wilt, 2016 Malade and Companion



Before There Was a Federal Association: Three Who Brought the Order of Malta to Washington Henry Lane Hull, KM

n the late 1960s metropolitan Washington was the home of three Knights of Justice, a number second only to the city of Rome. The three were Frá Olgerd Paris Michael de Sherbowitz-Wetzor, Frá Cyril Toumanoff, and Margrave John Charles Pallavicini, then in simple vows, later to become Grand Commander of The Order. Until the establishment of the Southern (now Federal) Association in 1974, the three, along with association founder, William H. G. FitzGerald, constituted the Order's presence in the nation's capital, and through them the Order came to be known to many Washingtonians.

Frá Olgerd was born on March 31, 1896, in Nice, France, a child of a Russian noble family. Olgerd was educated privately, and learned to speak many languages, as his family had homes across Europe. As a young man he entered military service with the outbreak of the First World War, holding the rank of lieutenant in the Tsarist Army, and thereafter in the White Russian Army that opposed the Bolsheviks.

After the collapse of the White Army Olgerd came to America, and enrolled in graduate study in history at Harvard University. He wrote a doctoral dissertation on the 14th-century Jagiellonian Union of Poland and Lithuania, receiving his Ph.D. in 1936. He then accepted appointment to the history faculty of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. While in Boston he completed the residency requirements and became a naturalized American citizen.

During his time at Harvard he came to know his distant cousin, Cyril Toumanoff, the only child of Prince Leo Toumanoff, who had been a major general in the White Army, and thereafter became Rare Book Librarian at Harvard.

Olgerd and Cyril traveled to Europe in the 1930s in order for Olgerd to complete research on his dissertation, and for Cyril to learn medieval Georgian at the University of Brussels and medieval Armenian at the University of Berlin. Upon their return to the United States Olgerd transferred to Georgetown University in 1939, and remained there until his retirement in 1966 as a professor of history.



In 1955 Olgerd and Cyril, the latter of whom had converted to Catholicism in 1934 while in Belgium, were received into The Sovereign Military Order of Malta as Knights of Honor and Devotion in *gremio religionis*, the Latin term that translates as "in the lap of religion", indicating that a member is not affiliated with a priory or national association, but rather holds a status that rests upon his or her Catholicity. They petitioned to be admitted as Knights of Justice, were accepted, and completed their novitiate under Rev. Gerard Yates, S.J., the former dean of the Graduate School at Georgetown University, later a chaplain of the Order in *gremio religionis*, who in 1974 became one of the first members of the newly formed Southern Association, now the Federal Association.

On July 9, 1967, they made their solemn profession of vows before Frá Angelo de Mojana in the Chapel of the Grand Magistry. Their picture attending the Saint John's Day festivities at the Villa Malta in 1969 appeared in the June 1970 edition of National Geographic.

Frá Olgerd died on October 29, 1969, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington. Five years later the Grand Master and the Sovereign Council approved the founding of the Southern Association. By that time Fra' Cyril and Fra' John Charles had moved to Rome. Now nearly a half-century later the Federal Association has three Knights of its own in solemn vows. Frá Olgerd, Frá Cyril and Frá John Charles were the pioneers in bringing the Order to Washington, and the many blessings and successes we have experienced as a religious community rest upon their shoulders.

Malteser International Americas

President of Malteser International Americas

"I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead. My entire attention is on the finish line as I run toward the prize to which God calls me – life on high in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-15)

ast year I was especially blessed to be elected to the board of Malteser International Americas, the relief organization of the Order of Malta.

This year, it is an honor to have a greater impact and lead the organization as president. It is through Malteser International Americas that the Order is able to touch the hearts of many and provide relief to little children and their families who are suffering. Very simply, we are compelled to better the world around us, aiding those who need it most.

As Knights and Dames, our Catholic faith and the Order of Malta call us to help others through their darkest times, and restore hope and opportunity for better and healthier futures. Prompted by our faith to serve, we help to empower people to live lives with dignity.

In fact, in one of the greatest teachings of dignity and respect, Jesus commanded:

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets." (Matthew 7:12).

It is by supporting Malteser International Americas that we can defend our faith, touching the lives of those who are less fortunate, and restoring basic dignity.

Through its US-based headquarters, Malteser International Americas builds on a 60-year tradition of service to the poor and vulnerable. In the Americas and around the globe, the organization is recognized as a leader in the humanitarian field. Dedicated emergency relief teams go wherever they are needed, including many of the humanitarian crises that were in the news in 2016. These included providing aid in the last hospital in Aleppo, Syria, preventing pregnant women from becoming infected with Zika in Colombia, and providing Haiti with critical aid in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. Wanting to see our work in action, I recently visited the communities Malteser International Americas has been building up in Colombia and Haiti, and directly witnessed the devastation, malnourishment, and inadequate resources children and families live with every day. While we are doing an exceptional job, more help and resources are needed.





With the Malteser International Americas' maternal health care program in Colombia, we are on the ground helping 5,000 children and mothers who are suffering from acute malnutrition. Also, in Mexico, we are giving HIV-positive mothers medicine to protect their babies from contracting the disease. In Peru, every day, we make homemade, nutritious meals for children to eat after school at a community soup kitchen. For many children, this meal is the only one of the day.

In my new leadership role, I promise to share the work of this dynamic relief organization with Knights and Dames in all three U.S. associations so they can learn about Malteser International Americas and its life-saving work. Many Members of the Federal Association are already making a difference. Construction is underway in Louisiana as volunteers for the newly created Lafayette Home Repair Program rebuild the city together after the devastating flood in August. This program is made possible in part by Malteser International Americas. It is through collaboration and support that we can all make a difference in the lives of many in their darkest time, together.

There is much excitement as the organization takes a major stride and relocates to New York City to be closer to the United Nations, key influencers, international humanitarian partners, and other NGOs. With the support of Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Malteser International Americas will relocate in July of 2017 to the Archdiocese Building of New York. From a place of more opportunity, Malteser International Americas will continue to act on Catholic values and beliefs, thereby defending the faith through service to the poor.

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Barbara Lauahlin, DM, Grants Committee Chair

embrace challenge or offer words of guidance. Her philosophy of life guides us on the Grants Committee. As we convened to determine the allocation of funds for the various works of mercy we were especially aware of Mother Teresa's caution that "I am not sure exactly what heaven is like. But, I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, he will not ask 'How many good things have you done in your life?' Rather, he will ask 'How much love did you put into what you did."

Members of the Federal Association received grant applications from 20 unique programs requesting a total of more than \$400,000 in support. In each was clear evidence of the love with which Knights, Dames, their families and friends support those whose health, age or financial circumstances place them among those most in need of loving care. With approximately \$200,000 available to fulfill grant requests, the Committee identified 13 programs best qualified for support. Weighing heavily in the decision to fund selected applications was the history of program success, high level of participation by Members of the Order in both hands-on and governance roles, as well as the impact of the grant on assuring the success of the program. The year 2016 saw the completion of two multiyear grants to programs selected for recurring funding. Feed the Hungry in Dallas and St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Memphis

other Teresa never failed to lead by example, both addressed our mission to practice charity toward the sick and the poor. While it has been the committee's practice to allocate approximately 20% of available funding to programs located in South and Central America as well as the Caribbean basin, the limited funds available required a focus on domestic programs for the present. Likewise, new multi-year grants were deferred to future grants cycles.

> The diversity of programs is matched by the diverse locations in which they are conducted. In Milwaukee, the Order will fund the upgrading of technology in an emergency support center. Kansas City will apply its funds to repairing roofs in economically challenged areas. Hartford will continue the mobile medical screening and treatment program which has become a model for other regions. Potomac, MD will provide on-site activities to those who are physically challenged. Hopeville, GA is committed to the renovation of the facilities for the Pregnancy Aid Center. These are but a few of the various ways in which Members of the Order of Malta apply the wisdom of Mother Teresa that "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

> Members of the Grants Committee are most grateful for the generosity of Knights and Dames in support of the annual fund, your professionalism in submitting applications to the grants cycle, and for the love you show through the array of programs that serve the lives of others in small ways that have great impact.







Prison Ministry

Michael McGarry, KM & Collins Whitfield, KM, Co-chairs of the Prison Ministry

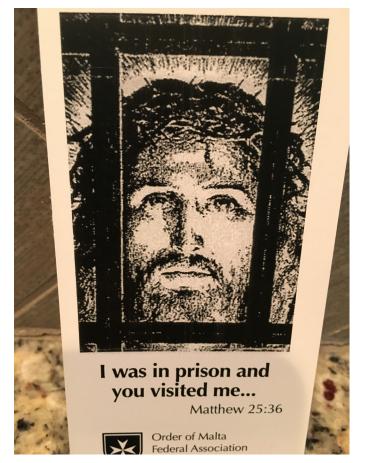
he Prison Ministry Committee was approved as a knowledge of the love of Christ for all of us. After all, prisoners standing committee in 2014 but even before that a number of Members of the Order were already involved. The year 2016 was one of significant progress. Before we set out our activities and successes it is important to reflect on why we engage in prison ministry.

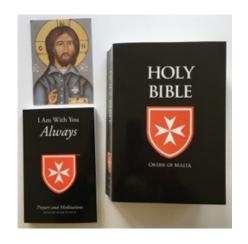
Those men and women who are incarcerated have broken the law; some have committed heinous crimes and they either deserve their loss of freedom or are too psychologically, emotionally and intellectually damaged to safely leave prison and re-join society at large.

We all should be involved in prison ministry in one form or another. The reason is simple but to understand it takes thoughtfulness, some exposure to the incarcerated, and a sure

are some of the poorest and sickest in our society. No woman or man in prison was born a criminal. Think of two-year-old toddlers and their joy in life, innocence, love of themselves and smiles or laughs that unconsciously anticipates a wonderful life ahead. When we look a prisoner in the eye and see their pain and suffering, it is incumbent upon us to remember how they started in this life. They are in prison because their environment destroyed how they started out. Most often their parents failed them, society failed them and they failed themselves. In prison ministry we can give them something back, specifically, an understanding of God's love, the peace of Christ and the sense that even though they may never get out of prison they are not forgotten and they are forgiven.

In 2016 we increased the number of Members directly involved in prison ministry to 200, of which 150 participate in an anonymous pen pal correspondence program. We have Members involved in a restorative justice program at the maximum security prison in Green Bay, WI. We continue to distribute Bibles, in English and Spanish, prayer books, prayer cards, and the Serving Brother newsletter. We also have Members helping facilitate a Rosary initiative whereby inmates throughout the country pray the Rosary every night. More Members are packaging Christmas gifts for inmates and their families. We are participating in a re-entry home in New Hampshire. We are preparing guides for those recently released and others in need, providing current information for public and private resources related to food, shelter, clothing, medical care, licenses, etc. Lastly, we have been working on a prison ministry website which will be up and running in early 2017.





Our Lady of Good Help Pilgrimage

August 4-7, 2016 Kate Signorelli, DMOb

he Federal Association pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help near Green Bay, WI took place August 4-7, with 145 attending, including 48 members of the American Association. Also joining us were 22 special pilgrims (referring to the poor, sick, or those carrying a heavy burden), three Fra's of the Order, and several priests. Bishop David Ricken of the Diocese of Green Bay also attended the pilgrimage, celebrating the Masses and the Anointing of the Sick with the priests.

Dinner the first night included a presentation on the history of the shrine by Rev. Peter Stryker. Many questions were asked and Bishop Ricken gave a wonderful explanation of the process the Church uses to determine whether apparition is worthy of belief.

Friday morning Mass was celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. Bishop Ricken blessed the pilgrimage medals, which were designed by Cara Aghajanian, DM and approved by the Federal Association Board of Directors as the official medal and ribbon for the pilgrimage.

On Friday afternoon we went to St. Norbert's College and the National Shrine of St. Joseph. The Anointing of the Sick took place at Old St. Joseph Church on campus. There has been a church dedicated to St. Joseph at that site for about 300

At dinner that night we enjoyed a talk given by Rev. Edward Looney of the Diocese of Green Bay who has written books on the Blessed Mother, including a book on Our Lady of Good

The Western Association sent a representative to the 2016 pilgrimage in anticipation of joining next year.

The Irish Association and the Canadian Association have also expressed interest in attending our next pilgrimage, scheduled for August 3-6, 2017.

When the Federal Association approved the pilgrimage on December 2, 2015, a committee was formed to organize it. Gratitude for a job well done in this year's pilgrimage goes to the committee and to Federal Association staff Nadia Mohammed, Program and Communications Manager, and Deacon Michael Stankewicz, Executive Director.





















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ecently the Federal Association received a favorable report resulting from a visit by the Grand Magistry. Every five years, representatives of the Government Council review the organization, activities, policies, and overall operations of each of the 48 national associations of the Order throughout the world. Required by the Code, these visits promote sharing of best practices, and ensure that national associations operate in compliance with the requirements of the Order's Constitution and Code as well as policies promulgated by Rome.

The Federal Association's visitation occurred during Investiture Weekend in October, 2016. Juan O'Naughten from the Cuban Association and Ambassador Jacques de Mandat-Grancy from the French Association led the visitation team. The visitors met extensively with all the Federal Association officers, and interviewed select board members, committee chairs, regional Hospitallers and staff. Organizational documents, board minutes, financial records and other documents were provided to the team in advance, along with written responses to a series of standard questions asked of all associations during the visitation process. Areas of interest included membership growth and development, Hospitaller works, formation, and the spiritual well-being of the Members. Upon completion of the visitation, President Margaret Melady received a report highly complimentary of the works and operations of the Federal Association.



The visitors also made a few recommendations and suggestions that have been submitted to the board for consideration. Specifically, they recommended developing more signature works to promote public awareness of the Order of Malta and its charism, recruiting younger members, and developing more robust volunteer corps. They further urged partnering with a Latin American Association of the Order to promote a work in a poorer Latin American nation. Other recommendations included more regular visits by national leadership to the various regions of the Association and development of continuing formation programs for Members. And the visitors recommended establishing an ethics committee to review all Hospitaller works conducted by the Association to ensure that our projects comport with Catholic moral teaching. The report of the visitation team and the Association's response are accessible on the Members section of the website.



e have had an excellent year as chaplains representing our principal chaplain, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who continues to inspire us with his commitment to the Order of Malta. The highlight of this past year was our Chaplain Convocation held at the Dominican House of Studies July 6-7. We were blessed to be joined by Bishop Jean Laffitte, titular bishop of Entrevaux, prelate of the Order, who shared fully in our discussions and challenged us to take even more seriously our responsibilities as spiritual directors for the Members and for the Order itself.

I wanted to list and thank all those chaplains who were able to join us for this year's convocation. Each added perspective and guidance through shared discussion. I think we challenged each other to become even more faithful to the ways of the Order and to be seen as a greater resource for our Members, particularly those who are new or just beginning the year of formation:

- Associate Chaplains: Frank Bognanno, Joseph McQuaide, Christopher Nalty, Patrick Rush, Richard Woy
- Magistral Chaplains: Edward Dillon, John Enzler, Andrew Fisher, Douglas Mosey, Richard Mullins, James Watkins
- Associate Deacon Chaplain: Jeffrey Drzycimski
- Conventual Chaplains ad honorem: Timothy Broglio, Gregory Polan
- **Knights of Justice:** John Dunlap, Thomas Mulligan, James-Michael von Stroebel
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- Non-Federal Association Chaplain Clergy: Brian Harrington, Michael Letteer, Jeffrey Trexler
- **Staff:** Madeleine Shakotko, Deacon Michael Stankewicz

A number of good ideas were shared in our opening discussions, many that should be implemented in years to come.

All of these ideas need further discussion but they set the stage for more active participation of our chaplains for the good of the Order. Here is what we came up with:



- Encourage chaplains to come to the Investiture;
- Invite chaplains, especially new associate chaplains, to formation activities;
- Encourage chaplains to come on pilgrimage to Lourdes and to Our Lady of Good Help;
- Establish better means for chaplains to communicate with each other:
- Regarding spiritual direction, chaplains are not expected to take responsibility for each Member's spiritual direction, but need to help Members with spiritual resources;
- One chaplain suggested that we have a morning session for new chaplains as part of either the formation day or the Investiture Weekend;
- A chaplains meeting, or informal get-together, should be held during the Investiture Weekend;
- For chaplains visiting for the day of formation, Msgr.

 James Watkins offered his rectory as a place to stay; and
- Set up a mentoring program for new chaplains by phone or Skype, with experienced chaplains, similar to what we already do for new priests in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

This was the first time the chaplains have met as a group in my memory. I think it is fair to say that everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, the sense of community and the effort to work together on behalf of our Members.

Thank you to Deacon Michael Stankewicz, President Margaret Melady, and the office staff for their great efforts on behalf of all of us who hope to provide even greater spiritual direction in the coming year.

Lafayette Flood 2016

Marla David, DM, Lafayette Region Hospitaller

o one in south Louisiana will forget the epic flood of August, 2016. Although this devastating event left 146,000 homes damaged, the humanitarian effort in reaching out to families, friends and total strangers has been unsurpassed. Such heroism is catching, and as a result many who could not help themselves are being aided.

The Washington Post noted that this "no-name storm" dumped three times as much rain on Louisiana as Hurricane Katrina. Rainfall peaked at 31.39 inches in one day. The storm dropped the equivalent of 7.1 trillion gallons of water. By comparison, Hurricane Katrina dumped about 2.3 trillion gallons of rainwater in the state.

Characterized as the worst US natural disaster since Hurricane Sandy in 2012, tens of thousands of Louisianans were forced into shelters. The Coast Guard and National Guard, along with emergency responders and regular civilians known as the "Cajun Navy," helped take more than 20,000 residents to safety. Because this unique storm system invaded and stalled over areas generally considered high ground, 80% of the flood victims did not have flood insurance. Many of these people have relied on the generosity of family and friends for housing while trying to rebuild their lives, shuffling to different family homes every few weeks as needed.

Because this storm affected largely rural areas, news coverage quickly faded. For most of the country, the flood victims were







soon forgotten as the country refocused on the presidential election. But, as is so often the case, the Order of Malta did not forget and the outpouring of support from the Federal Association has been humbling. Here is what the Order has done:

- The Order of Malta's Global Fund for Forgotten People issued an emergency grant of \$10,000 to the Lafayette region for the purchase of disaster relief tools and supplies. Lafayette used these funds to fully outfit two new Diocese of Lafayette Emergency Assistance trailers with all tools, equipment and supplies needed for home repairs.
- The Kansas City region sent over \$7,600 of cleanup equipment and funds to the Lafayette region for distribution in the Diocese of Lafayette and the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
- Malteser International Americas and the Montgomery County, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia, Syracuse and Lafayette regions contributed many thousands of dollars that were used to purchase mold remediation chemicals and other supplies.
- The Hartford region facilitated the sending of 58 handmade quilts which have been personally delivered to victims.
- John Reilly, KM and Ravi Triptrapp of Malteser International Americas came down to survey the damage in November.
- The Lafayette region joined the Long Term Relief
 Coalition of South Louisiana, which led to a partnership
 of the Federal Association with Catholic Charities of the
 Diocese of Lafayette and Rebuilding Together Acadiana.
 Plans were made for the Federal Association to begin in
 2017 a home repair program in the Acadiana Region
 of South Louisiana similar to the New Orleans Home
 Rebuilding Program following Hurricane Katrina.

It has been a blessing and privilege to be a part of this process and to experience hope rising on the faces and in the hearts of these downtrodden people. Caring for our Lord's the poor and sick, crossing all barriers of race, class and creed brings joy to this world. Faith in action is what we are called to be.

New Orleans Home Repair Program

John F.X. Reilly, KM

he Order's service to poor homeowners through the New Orleans Home Repair Program continued in 2015 and 2016. The program began in March 2006 in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, when the Order, Malteser International, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Rebuilding Together New Orleans, and Marriott International joined to help poor homeowners clean up, repair, and return home.

In 2015, our volunteers worked in the Indian Village neighborhood at the home of Claudette Tauckerham, her daughter, and her grandson. Thirty-six volunteers worked on demolition, drywall, carpentry, and painting.

The New Orleans City Council, recognizing the Order for its 10 years of post-Katrina service, declared in a Proclamation that "the citizens of New Orleans are indebted to the members of the Sovereign Order of Malta for their humble service and dedication to the people of New Orleans."

In 2016, the tenth anniversary of the Order's service in New Orleans, 34 volunteers repaired the home of Rufus McKnight in the Carrollton neighborhood. The volunteers attended daily Mass at the Marriott hotel with an Order chaplain and also celebrated Mass with the students and faculty of nearby St. Peter Claver School.

A highlight of the workweek was a visit to the city's Notre Dame Seminary, where the volunteers attended Mass with the seminarians and ate lunch with them in the refectory afterward. Archbishop Emeritus Alfred C. Hughes, Conventual Chaplain *ad honorem* who lives at the seminary, fondly recalled the

he Order's service to poor homeowners through the New Orleans Home Repair Program continued in Katrina and praised the Order for their dedication to the city's 2015 and 2016. The program began in March 2006 in needy homeowners.

In 11 years, nearly 1,100 volunteers served more than 32,000 hours to repair the homes of 58 needy families.

As 2016 drew to a close, the Order began planning a 2017 program to help the poor, uninsured homeowners of south Louisiana whose homes were damaged by torrential rain and flooding in August, 2016.









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To support the signature work of our worldwide Order, the Federal Association started the Lourdes Endowment Fund with a very generous gift Admiral William Callaghan and his wife Elizabeth in 2013. The Lourdes Endowment Fund provides an opportunity for our entire Association, even those who cannot attend the pilgrimage, to participate in the care of our beloved Malades. The fund supports the participation of our Federal Association—sponsored Malades so that the charism of our Order, to serve the poor and the sick, can continue for generations. As we work together to build the fund, we ensure the future spiritual fruits of the Order's pilgrimage to Lourdes not just for ourselves but also for those we have been called to serve.

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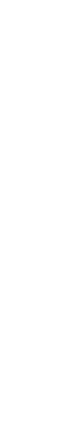
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