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PARAGUAY — The Order of Malta Ambulance Corps give a demonstration of first aid during the visit of the Grand Chancellor to Asuñcion

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VISIT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

U.S.A. (New York)

In July the Grand Chancellor made a visit to New York and Washington.

The main purpose of the visit in New York, was to meet Mr. William Fitzgerald, Knight of Magistral Grace, and with him make contact with various officials of the United Nations, and particularly with the head office of UNICEF.

An official visit was made to UNICEF Headquarters on July 12th when the Chancellor was accompanied by Mr. Fitzgerald and H.E. Señor Josè Soriano, Minister of the Order to the Philippine Republic.

Following the signing of a tripartite agreement in Manilla in September 1972, between the Order of Malta, the Philippine Government and UNICEF, it has now been agreed that the Order will undertake a further expansion of the plan for aid to lepers in the Philippines. Minister Soriano confirmed this decision at the meeting with UNICEF in New York.

Mr. Fitzgerald has been designated by the Grand Magistry as representative of the Order to UNICEF and will also maintain contact with other important departments of the United Nations.

During the visit of the Grand Chancellor to New York, he was received by H.E. Cardinal Cooke, and also was entertained by a number of Hungarian Knights, resident in the New York area.

U.S.A. (Washington)

In Washington the Grand Chancellor renewed contacts with the Organization of American States, (O.A.S.) in the person of Ambassador John Jova, Knight of Magistral Grace, and with officials of the State Department, including Ambassador Melady, Knight of Magistral Grace, recently returned from Uganda.

A reception was given at the home of Mr. William Fitzgerald at which a large number of members of the Order were present.

Official calls were made to the new Apostolic Delegate H.E. Mons. Jean Jadot and the recently appointed Archbishop of Washington, H.E. Mons. Baum. On both occasions the worldwide activities of the Order were discussed. Through the initiative of Fra' Charles Pallavicini and Chevalier Charles Noska, a visit was made to Philadelphia to meet His Eminence Cardinal Krol, who graciously received the Chancellor at his office and invited him to lunch. This was followed by a long and interesting discussion about the Order.

Amongst other personalities in Washington the Grand Chancellor was received by the Ambassador of Italy and the Ambassador of Jordan.

As in New York, contact was made with the group of Hungarian Knights who continue to set a good example by their devotion to the Order and their various charitable activities.

Canada

While in Canada the Grand Chancellor had many opportunities of meeting the Honorary President Count Robert Keyserlingk, Bailiff of Obedience with the President Judge Marc Lacoste, Grand Cross of Obedience, and other members of the Canadian Association. Various projects for Canada and abroad were discussed.



PARAGUAY — Upon arrival at Asuñcion the Grand Chancellor was greeted by the Ambassador of the Order. Also present at the airport were the Foreign Minister and the Ambassador of Paraguay to the Order

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The Prince and Grand Master with nurses of the Italian section of the Pilgrimage of the Order to Lourdes

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U.S.A. Washington

On Wednesday 10th July the Grand Chancellor left Rome for the United States.

In Washington he had meetings with Mr. William Fitzgerald and Mr. William Joyce, Knights of Magistral Grace, to discuss matters concerning the formation of a Southern Association of the Order in the United States.

On the 12th July Mass was celebrated by the Archbishop of Washington, H.E. Mons. William Baum, at which the Ambassador of Italy, H. E. Egidio Ortona, Knight of Magistral Grace, was present. The Ambassador invited the Grand Chancellor, Archbishop Baum and other members of the Order to luncheon at the Italian Embassy.

Later the Chancellor was guest of honour at a supper party given by Hungarian Knights resident in Washington.

The Grand Chancellor arrived in Guatemala on the 15th July to preside over the meeting of Heads of Missions of the Order of five Central American countries.

Although this was not an official visit, the Chancellor was greeted at the airport by the Minister and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, by the Head of Protocol of Guatemala and by the Ambassador of the Order, H.E. Peter Velez de Silva, who was the Chancellor's host.

Guatemala

During the course of his stay in Guatemala City the Grand Chancellor was received by the President of the Republic, H. E. General Kjell Eugenio Laugerud Garcia: He also paid courtesy calls on the Minister of Foreign Affairs, H. E. Adolfo Molina Orantes, and the Minister of Public Health and Social Assistance, H. E. Dr. Julio Sinibaldi, and had a cordial discussion with both Ministers.

The Apostolic Nuncio, H.E. Mons. Emmanuel Gerada, Conventual Chaplain ad honorum of the Order, gave a dinner in honour of the Grand Chancellor on the evening of the 17th July.

The next day His Excellency the Nuncio celebrated Mass for members of the Order, which was followed by an investiture ceremony for three new Knights. This now makes a total of eleven members of the Order in G u a t e m a l a and plans for the establishment of a national Association are already in hand.



GUATEMALA. - The Grand Chancellor with Heads of Missions of Central American countries.