

Dear Confreres,

As members of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, in this season of giving thanks and celebrating our Faith, we realize the tremendous blessing God has given us by being a part of this unique religious community. Our own Geoff Gamble said it best years ago when he referred to our service as a “living honor” If we do nothing with it, it withers and dies. We must not allow that to happen to the fervor that gripped us as we stood in Saint Matthew’s Cathedral on our individual day of investiture.

To sustain the fervor, is to serve the Order. Time, talent and treasure are all part of our capacity to serve. Allowing your talents to be recognized and called on is also a way to serve. It is not self-aggrandizing to make your talents available to our Faith community when it needs you.

As we enter 2014, the Nominating Committee of the Federal Association of the Order of Malta is compiling a list of talented Dames and Knights who are willing to serve the Order to which they gave their promise. Will you allow yourself to be among that group?

The Nominating Committee is reaching out to our regional Hospitallers and members of the Board of Directors to identify men and women whose acquiescence will create the first pool of individuals who agree to serve our Order. They may be asked to serve on a committee, on the Board or on an ad hoc committee. It is not because they deem themselves special, it is because they said “yes” when pledging themselves to our Order.

Please recall your day of Investiture, that special day in your life. Think about your sponsor and your conversations with him or her and then say “yes” again by volunteering your services or when asked to make yourself available to our Order.

Yours in service to the Order,

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Chair, Nominating Committee