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Our Vision

OSMTH's raison d'être is expressed through the Brussels Declaration:
"Aiding humanity on the pilgrimage through life."

Vision and Commitment

Christian Ethos, Spirituality and Chivalric Values.

Domestic Charity and International Humanitarian Aid

Human Rights and the respect for Human Diversity

Interfaith Dialogue and Bridge-Building

ROYAL PATRON



H.R.H. Princess Elisabeth zu Ysenburg und Büdingen

Her Highness Princess Elisabeth zu Ysenburg und Büdingen, Princess of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg has been the Royal Patron of the Grand Priory of the USA since 1996. She was a guest at several SMOTJ events and, with the encouragement of BG Chev. Patrick Rea, was formally invested as a member of the Order in 1995 in the Priory of St. John the Baptist. She accepted the role of patron for the Grand Priory within a year and is the first royal personage to assume that position since the death of HRM King Peter II in 1970.

She has honored the Grand Priory by attending, supporting and partici-

pating in a large number of the SMOTJ events since then. She was awarded the Grand Cordon of the GPUSA Order of Merit in 1996. Subsequently, she agreed to become the Royal Patron of the *Sovereign Military Order Temple of Jerusalem* (OSMTH).

Princess Elisabeth is the widow of His Serene Highness Prince Ferdinand Heinrich of Ysenburg and eldest daughter of Prince Friedrich Ferdinand of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Glücksburg. Her mother is Duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. She is the great granddaughter of Grand Duchess Anastasia Mikhailovna of Russia, wife of Grand Duke Friedrich Franz III of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and daughter of Grand Duke Michael of Russia, younger son of Tsar Nicholas I of Russia.

Princess Elisabeth is descended twice from Empress Catherine II “the Great” of Russia. Also, she is a great-great-granddaughter of King Christian IX of Denmark and a great-great-great-great granddaughter of King George III of Great Britain, America’s last King. Princess Elisabeth of Ysenburg is a third cousin of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II of England.



Patriarch Nourhan Manougian is the 97th Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem serving the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem of the Armenian Apostolic Church. He is the 97th in the succession of Armenian Patriarchs of Jerusalem succeeding Patriarch Torkom Manoogian, who served for 22 years (1990–2012). Manougian was elected as the 97th Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem on 24 January 2013.

Patriarch Nourhan Manougian was born on 24 June 1948 in Aleppo, Syria. His baptismal name was Boghos. After completing his primary education at the Haigazian School of Aleppo, he studied at the Theological Seminary of Antelias in Lebanon from 1961. He went to the Jarankavoratz Theological Seminary of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem in 1966. He was ordained a deacon in 1968 and in 1971 ordained as celibate priest by Patriarch Yeghishe Derderian.

In 1972, he became Pastor of the Armenian community in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1974, Father Manougian returned to the Middle East and served as the pastor to the Armenian communities of Jaffa and Haifa in Israel. He also taught at the Sts. Tarkmanchatz School in Jerusalem's Armenian Quarter.

In 1979, Father Manougian served the Armenian Community in Almelo, the Netherlands. In 1982 he studied at The General Theological Seminary, upon invitation by the Primate of the Armenian Church of America, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian. Father Manougian graduated in 1985. During his time in America, Father Manougian served as Pastor to communities in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Springfield, Massachusetts, and Houston, Texas.

In 1998, Father Nourhan Manougian was elected as the Grand Sacristan of the Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem and in 1999 ordained a Bishop. In 2000 he was ordained as Archbishop by Catholicos Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians. In 2009 he became Patriarchal Vicar, supervising the Patriarchate. On 24 January 2013 Archbishop Nourhan Manougian was elected as the 97th Armenian Patriarch of Jerusalem. On June 4, 2013 he was officially enthroned.

Since his enthronement, His Beatitude Archbishop Nourhan Manougian has undertaken already several renewing projects, such as renovations of St. James Cathedral; as well as participating in the extensive renovations of the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the

RELIGIOUS PROTECTOR



Archbishop Nourhan Manougian
Armenian Patriarchate of Jerusalem

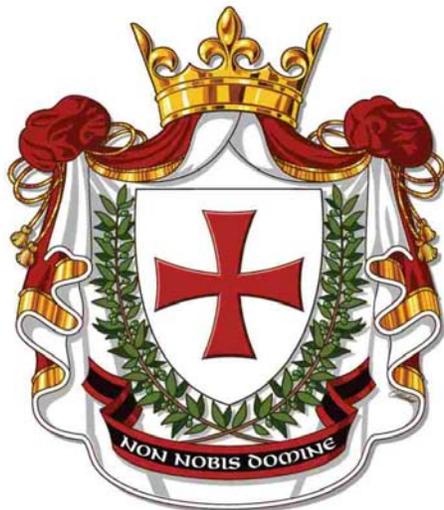
Edicule in the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. On February 6, 2014, His Beatitude Nourhan Manougian received the Honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree from the General Theological Seminary in Manhattan, New York.



GRAND MASTER



Patrick E. Rea
Brigadier General - US Army (Ret.)



Allow me, on behalf of Order Supremus Militaris Templi Hiersolymitani, to introduce you to our inaugural annual report where you will find an overview of who we are and what we do as Knights and Dames in the twenty-first century.

Our Order was founded on the principles first adopted by the original Templar Knights in France in the Year 1118 and carried out in those early days from their home in the Temple of Solomon in the Holy City of Jerusalem, provided for them by then King of Jerusalem Baldwin, the Second. In these modern times, OSMTH is international in nature with members from over 40 nations, ecumenical Christian in our religious beliefs welcoming Members of all Christian religions, and focused on matters of human rights, political and religious freedom, and humanitarian aid to the world's less fortunate. We are officially recognized by the United Nations in Special Consultative Status and furnish OSMTH Official Delegations to the United Nations in New York City, Vienna, and Geneva.

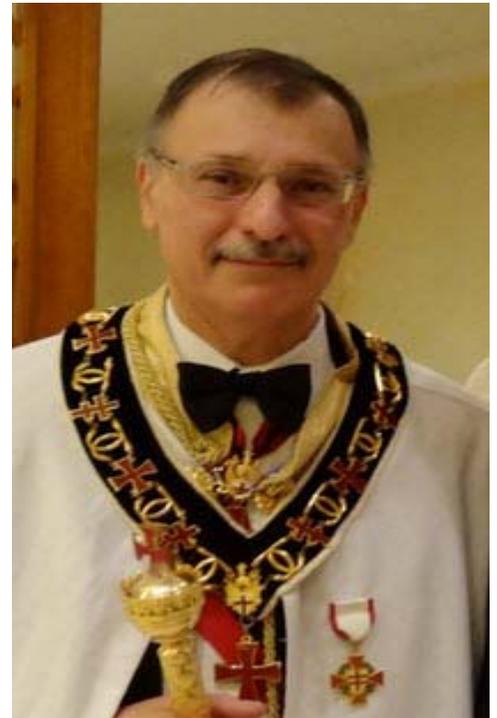
Please take the time to look at the humanitarian projects in progress and supported by the member Grand Pories. We welcome your visit to the website and encourage you to explore membership in one of the Grand Pories.

As the Grand Commander (CEO) of the Order for the years 2013-2016, and on behalf of more than 6,000 members worldwide of Ordo Supremus Militaris Templi Hierosolymitani (OSMTH) – the Knights Templar International, I wish to share with you what I see for our future as Templars of the 21st century.

The world faces challenges that are far beyond any single individual's apprehension. We, as members of a Christian ecumenical humanitarian chivalric order, are devoted to facing some of these challenges for the betterment of Humanity.

As a United Nations recognized Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in special consultative status, we do fully support the UN Millenium Development Goals. Through our official delegates at the United Nations, and in many NGO committees, we defend and advocate for Human Rights, the Empowerment of Women, Peace, the mutual understanding between the different faiths and the different religions, and access to clean and safe water for all. Through our twenty-one National "Grand Priories" and our numerous entities in other countries worldwide, we also support many humanitarian and charitable programs, both in our home countries and abroad. Without ostentation or media coverage, because, after all, our motto is: « Non Nobis Domine, Non Nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da Gloriam » "Not to us Lord , not to us, but to thy name give glory".

GRAND COMMANDER



BG Dr. Marcel de Picciotto



GRAND PRIORY OF ARGENTINA



Grand Prior Dr. Ramiro Anzit-Guerrero

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand Priory Nuestra Señora de Luján through its Commandry Santa Rosa de Lima, established two years ago, the "Welfare Program for Soldiers of Christ Victims of Terrorism " This program aims to help soldiers who have been injured by the actions of terrorism in Colombia, Peru or Argentina, this aid materializes both attending their families, such as payment of their studies, vacation or any other assistance whether material or spiritual. At the moment, we have worked with these courageous soldiers of Christ paying the holidays to them and to their close relatives in the beaches of Santa Marta (Colombia), as a means to overcome its combat stress, while trying to give restraint.

In 2016 Professional Soldier Miguel Antonio Burbano Hurtado, who was at the Hotel Zuana Beach Resort with his wife Paola Andrea Calderón and his son Johan Burbano Calderón, benefited from the generosity of this program.

We are helping to the Archbishopric of Añatuya, specifically the PARISH OF SAN PEDRO AND SAN PABLO, in the town of Quimili, in charge is Father Eugenio Milewicz. In this charitable work, 150 elderly people are assisted and daily feeds more than 200 children in need in one of the poorest regions of the country. We donated two tons of clothing, sheets, books, food and medicines.

In November 2016, at the Catholic Cottolengo Don Orión (Catholic Religious Congregation "Little Work of Divine Providence", known as Obra Don Orión), in the town of Claypole (Province of Buenos Aires), Knights and Dames of this Grand Priory, together with personnel from the Reserve of the Argentine Army, performed the weeding and cleaning of an orchard in the place and provided lunch to 50 residents of Cottolengo.

Don Orión cares for abandoned people with severe mental disabilities and physical malformations. The services of Don Orión have been present in Argentina since 1922, dedicating its work to the most abandoned and unprotected of society. Since then they are committed to continue the work of founder Luis Orión. They do it daily in the 12 Cottolengos and Homes where 1,500 people with disabilities reside, giving them attention through interdisciplinary teams of professionals.

Actually we have Knights and Dames in Argentina, Colombia, Perú and Uruguay. The long-term goal of the Grand Priory is to continue the growth of the Order in Latin America, identifying men and women of high Christian values bring into the Order, and secondly to have a closer relation with the Catholic Church as Legate to this Christian denomination.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS



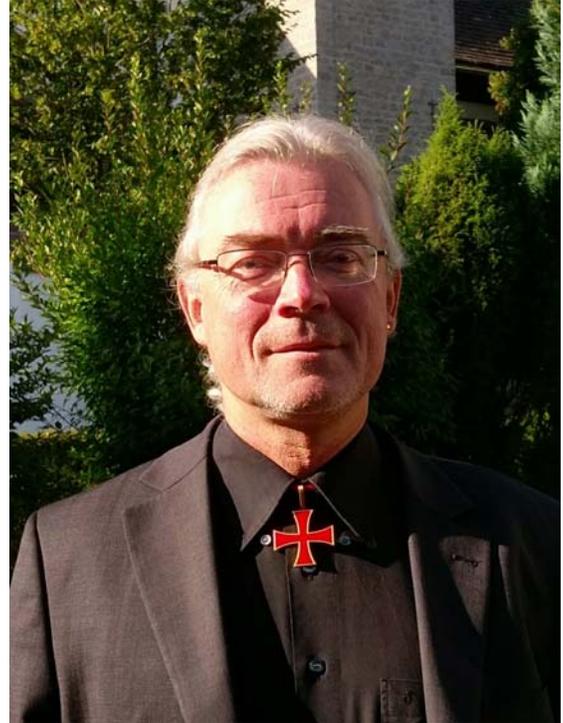
Throughout the year 2016 we supported the Organisation Partnerhunde (Assistance Dogs) with donations. The money we raised came from the earnings which we could achieve with the selling of our Templar wine. For each bottle we sold, we could donate

€2,50 to this Organisation, which is training dogs to support disabled people in their daily routine.

At our new meeting place, the Palais Palfy Gallery, which is situated in the centre of Vienna, we started with our library project during the summer. We were lucky to receive many book donations from members and friends and are looking forward to open the Knight Templars library soon. This will enable our members to improve their knowledge about the orders history and the purpose and activities of the modern order.

In October we held an investiture at the St. Salvator church, which is the 2nd oldest church in Vienna. In the month of December we were engaged in two caritative projects. We donated an office equipment (furniture, computer etc.) for a Kindergarten. For the second project we raised money, through selling Templar punch during Christmas. The profit we donated to a man who is paralyzed on one side to buy himself a new washing machine.

GRAND PRIORY OF AUSTRIA



Grand Prior Dr. Hubert Poell

At the end of the year we started a new project in cooperation with the Old Catholic Church, which we will extend in the future. We started to supply homeless people with food, including warm soup and tea/coffee which is especially important during the periods of cold winter weather. Many food producing factories and bakeries gave us their support to collect the products which they donated.



GRAND PRIORY OF BELGIUM



Grand Prior Somville Francis, MD



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Foundation Annie Mwenda, Kipushu Congo, Africa. Donations of Medical Material
 - * Sewing machine
 - * Knitting Machine
 - * Nursing uniformes
 - * Médical Equipment
 - * Médical supplies
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 - * Sewing machine
 - * Nursing uniformes
 - * Médical Equipment
 - * Médical supplies
- ◇ De Regenboog VZW (clothes for poor people in the region of Antwerp, Belgium)
- ◇ Donations of entrance tickets of an amusement park (Bellewaerde) to the orphanage of Vleteren (BE) in addition pancakes and drinks were donated as well to complete their day.
- ◇ Donations of didactics materials to “ De Zandloper” a school for disabled children.
- ◇ Support to the solidarity meal of “ Broederlijk Delen” in Merelbeke (BE)
- ◇ In addition to this many voluntary man hours where made in several branches like aiding and visiting the elderly, monitoring the sick on special vacation trips organized by the health insurance.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

According to the Institute for Life and this Institute, for children and the elderly with cancer and we started in São Paulo with The Saint Bartholomew Comenda, having the coordinator our Orthodox Chaplain John Alexander and all work at no cost to our Order.

We used a large number of volunteers in this work and sent the needy to the places of care of the Institute and bringing together great names of the place We believe it to be an event of charity and solidarity, from the humanization of the treatment of children and adolescents assisted anxiety by institution.

We have joined our national chaplain Geraldo Bellocchio of the Catholic Church to have our headquarters for our projects. This base is in the Parish of St. James the Apostle in the Lins de Vasconcelos neighborhood in Rio de Janeiro.

We are developing free courses for the Lins community in Vasconcelos, where we have courses in electricity, refrigeration, craft courses and we will implement more courses with partners and social partners in the future.

Our Brother Templar Alexandre Camanho belongs to the Latin American Water Council, where they promote discussions about the importance of the environment and sustainability through clean water and we also believe that we can collaborate in the dissemination of such expressive work.

We are developing with the Pedro Jorge Foundation, the Foundation of the Attorneys of the Republic of Brazil, where they work in social projects and at personal expense. The Grand Priory in this case opens The way and begins to direct where best to apply the social program next to this Foundation.

GRAND PRIORY OF BRAZIL



Grand Prior Machado Yrapoan

GRAND PRIORY OF BULGARIA



Grand Prior MG Roumen Raltchev

The greatest achievements of 2016 were the elevation of the Priories in Russia and Ukraine to the Grand Priory status after the unanimous voting of the Grand Magisterial Council, held in Sofia, and the Installation of the Grand Commander Elect, Deputy Commander Elect and Chancellor General Elect.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ 8th Spiritual Gathering of Grand Priory of Bulgaria was held on 11-13 March 2016 (Stara Zagora). There were 11 lectures on spiritual and biblical topics.
- ◇ 6th Scientific Conference on "Christian Denominations - Past, Present, Future" organized by the Institute of Medieval History of Great Priory Bulgaria
- ◇ "Knight in Me" – The National Children's Drawing Contest and "Knight's act" – The National literary competition for students of the middle and upper course of education, both included in the official national timetable of extracurricular activities of the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Bulgaria. More than 16000 children and students participated. The Fund for Gifted Children with the Grand Priory of Bulgaria awarded 8 scholarships.
- ◇ Biannual Knight and Dames pistol shooting tournament of The Templar Magazine – spring and fall quarterly editions.
- ◇ 8th Anniversary National Celebration of the GPB's admission as a full member of the OSMTH (August 18, 2008) was held on 20.08.2016 in the town of Pazardjik.
- ◇ We continued joint activities on issues raised by The Middle East crisis, as per our signed agreements with the Bulgarian Red Cross Organization and the State Agency for Refugees with the Council of Ministers.
- ◇ XXII spring & XXIII Fall Convents of GP Bulgaria were held. We were proud to host OSMTH GMC – fall 2016.
- ◇ The Grand Priory of Bulgaria organized and hosted a meeting of Army General Mikhail Moiseyev – Chairman of Russian Union of Veterans – the All-Russian Public Organization of Veterans with Major General Jeffrey Phillips – the executive director of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States of America and representative group of OSMTH. Parallel meetings with Bulgarian Reserve Officers' organizations were arranged meanwhile.
- ◇ The Grand Prior of Bulgaria headed GPB's delegations of the National Convents of Russia, Ukraine and Serbia, as well as a visit to the Templar Business Forum, organized in Thessaloniki by Grand Priory of Greece.
- ◇ The Grand Prior of Bulgaria visited The Kingdom of Jordan, where His Excellency worshipped sacred places alongside the Jordan River and went to The Evangelical Lutheran Church to meet Rev. Deacon Jonas Bodin.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand Priory of Canada continued to focus on localized charity activities in the areas of the various Priories. Of particular note is the growing momentum of the fight against Human Trafficking. Several awareness presentations and fundraisers have garnered success. Also, several years of collecting and distributing used hockey equipment to underprivileged First Nation's children in Northern Canada, has recently overcome some significant logistical support issues.

A group in Toronto founded the Global Resource Epi-Centre Against human Trafficking. It is a collaboration with its global network alliance seeking to bring about a world free of human trafficking in all forms. The group increases public awareness, promotes research, improves professional skills, and wide ranging information and intelligence sharing to fight against human trafficking.

The "Hockey Knights in Canada" project is a home-grown national program. In northern Canada, the outrageous cost of living absolutely prohibits obtaining equipment for youth to have recreational activities. With the assistance of the Priory of St. James, the Priory of Simon Peter collects gently used hockey equipment and ships it to the north to enable the establishment of minor hockey associations. The countless hours spent and miles driven collecting, sorting and warehousing equipment were not calculated.

Windsor Essex County Interfaith Group meets at Iona College at the University of Windsor. This group was originally founded by the Priory in 2005 to bring together all faiths. Historically the group meets every month and three Knights sit on the symposium steering committee. The primary external activity of this group is a yearly symposium in which a selected focus issue is assessed and discussed within the framework of six different faith traditions; Islam, Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Sikhism. The Windsor Priory provides a specially designed "Interfaith Medallion"

GRAND PRIORY OF CANADA



Grand Prior Peter Kelly

to recognize and thank the presenters and speakers at the Symposium. The Knights Templar are viewed as the symposium facilitators and instrumental in bringing the faiths together. In recent years the Interfaith group has diminished and is currently in the rebuilding stage.

Shoes for Street People is a program adopted by each of the Priories to collect unwanted shoes from their communities and distribute them through community services programs. Each year over 2000 pairs of shoes are collected and given to needy men women and children.



GRAND PRIORY OF CROATIA



Grand Prior Dr. Djuro Crnjak

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The previous year for Grand Priory of the Republic of Croatia represented a qualitative strengthening of the membership. Croatian section of Templar Academy actively participated in social and public life through lectures confirming Templar heritage at home and abroad and thus attracting new members to the Order.

The online newsletter that will follow the work of the Grand Priory of the Republic of Croatia was established during the year and we expect it to go live in this year. One of the efforts of the Grand Priory is to revive the Templar tourism in the parts of Croatia where Templar heritage is present with special focus on the Istrian city Vizinada encouraging brand "Templar City".

In October we remembered the victims of the destruction of the medieval order of the Templars in 1307 and held a ceremonial laying of wreath in front of the Church of St. Helen the Crusader in Kastav. An ecumenical relation of the Order with the archpriest of the Macedonian Orthodox church in Croatia has been strengthened with

presence on the services in the Orthodox Church. Ecumenical meetings are deepened through lectures and meetings with the Baptist church in Rijeka as well.

In the second half of the year we collaborated with Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers meeting (CIOR) where he exchanged thoughts and deepened relations with other American and Bulgarian Templars.

Activities of the Order are focused at spreading ecumenism and humanitarian activities. At the end of the year the humanitarian activity to the "Children's Hospital for Chronic Diseases Gornja Bistra" was carried out. Through the sales of organic cosmetics, soaps and gingerbread in own production of Commandery "Bl. August Kazotic" from Sestine and through the donations are collected funds that were invested in the purchase of food for children, natural fruit juices, rice, honey, tea and other necessary supplies needed for children with special needs.

Sustained support to the elderly in the tradition of the Templar hospice was continued primarily through giving and volunteer work of our members.

Grand Priory donated and organized the visit to the educational concert in National Theatre in Rijeka to students in weaker financial situation. Financial support for drugs and living is provided to the person suffering from cancer as well as material (food and clothes) and financial support to the family in need from Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Volunteer and humanitarian work was provided through the help of a family in Slavonia that lost their home in the fire.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Greenland (Native part of the Danish Kingdom / Crown of Denmark)

During our work with the “Easter Psalm Book” we initiated contact with the office of the Bishop of Greenland, and we are in good relation with the church. The Secretary of the Bishop is presently working on setting up a general public introduction meeting.

The Faroe Island (Native part of the Danish Crown)

The situation is here very much like described above for Greenland, though somewhat slower moving. It is an area of strong faith, and it most certainly has a potential. We are working on setting up a meeting there with the Church Leaders, as this is the door in, in effort to be well received.

Kingdom of Jordan

This is by far the mentored entity where the Danish Grand Priory has invested most time and effort in order to expand and grow our Order. Danish Knights have often visited the country and explored possibilities on several occasions. The first steps have been undertaken to make the Order visible in the landscape of Jordan. The Danish Grand Priory has been a strong supporter of the development of the Baptismal Church at Bethany beyond Jordan. Both in the construction phase and afterword. A major undertaking is to support a Church in Amman and the complex of Churches surrounding the Lutheran Church at Bethany with Solar Power Systems. A future program is the construction of a Christian School in Amman, to support the present congregations and to emphasize the importance of a Christian presence in Jordan/the Holy Land which equally supports the our Chaplain General Bishop Younan that the key for a peaceful future is Education.

We supported the Church of the Lutheran Congregation of Jordan, in their efforts to develop and grow the community centre used by Christians and Muslims alike.

We are very pleased on the steady developments in Jordan, as this is an overall important country in the Middle East – delicately positioned – that need all the Christian support it can get.

Syria

Due to the war and very unstable situation of the country we have not been able to be on ground for support and development. However we asked for the mentorship due to the fact that the best way to enter Syria after the war, to among others to assist rebuilding christian schools and churches.

GRAND PRIORY OF DENMARK



Grand Prior Chev. Lars Karstensen



GRAND PRIORY OF FINLAND



Grand Prior Chev. Juha Viljamaa

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Priory of Finland held an investiture ceremony in Merikarvia netting new members who will be transferred to a future commandery there.

The Spring convention and investiture was held in Tampere and the Autumn convention, Templar Forum and investiture was held in Turku

Other activities in the year included a Templar ideology seminar in Helsinki, a spiritual day in Hattula, a social event of golf in Ypäjä and a Grand Priory sponsored trip to Malta

Estonia

Priory affiliated with OSMTH – two commanderies

Both commanderies are active with interesting events to attract new members.

Latvia

Commandery affiliated with OSMTH
Finland became mentor in 2016

Mentorship is still in the starting position
Commandery officers will be appointed in next year

New candidates have been located and the plan is to have an investiture in Latvia in the future.

National Charitable Organisations

Finn Church Aid

Salvation Army

Scouts

The Finnish Federation of Settlement Houses

Sopimusvuori (provides mental health rehabilitation)

Children in need of help

To support young persons' multicultural, accultural and religious dialogue adaptation

Promoting/Facilitation of Pilgrimages

Baptism Site Church



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Priory of France continued the work of the Order through Commandery events and holding grand council meetings. We acknowledge that the mentorship program is a cornerstone of the development of the Order in new countries and report below our mentoring of Templars in many countries.

We recognise the United Nations as being one of the major forums where the voice of the Order can be heard, and the unique status of our Order as the only Templar organisation worldwide recognised by the UN in a Special Consultative Status. We report the UN activities of our members below.

The Paris Commandery has been recruiting new members and the Grand Priory has made additional financial commitment to OIKOCREDIT.

Through publication of a Knights manual and a Silent Knight guide, we share the tenets of membership and encouragement of a valuable program within GP France.

Mentorship of the Philippines resulted in the formation of a Commandery and signature of memo of understanding with the Office of Civil Defence. The main activities in support of the Philippines has been support to schools and continuation of the water purification project.

Mentorship of a Commandery in Poland began in 2016.

National Charitable Organisations:

- ◇ French Red Cross
- ◇ Doctors without Borders
- ◇ Foundation of a library in a dialysis center
- ◇ Clean Water Programs

GRAND PRIORY OF FRANCE



Grand Prior Chev. Jean Pelegrin

UN ACTIVITIES

Partnership with CoNGO on the NGO Working Group on Human Rights Education and Learning at the UN in Geneva (attended all meetings of the working group).

Vice Chair of the NGO Committee on the Environment (UN Geneva) is held by Grand Commander BG Dr. Marcel De Piciotto.

Active Membership in the NGO committee on Human Rights (UN Geneva).

Active membership in the NGO committee on Spiritual Values (Geneva).



GRAND PRIORY OF GERMANY



Grand Prior Chvse. Elke Bruns



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2016 German Knights and Dames have been actively engaged in humanitarian and social projects.

- ◇ Refugees Brenkhausen
- ◇ Support Coptic Monastery Brenkhausen
- ◇ Medical equipment for different projects in Bulgaria, Croatia, Rumania and Ukraine
- ◇ Relief missions to countries in Eastern Europe
- ◇ Child and youth protection
- ◇ Geriatric care centers
- ◇ Hospice
- ◇ Firefighters
- ◇ Supporting starving people
- ◇ Supporting Special Olympics
- ◇ Supporting German Red Cross and Malteser Children's home
- ◇ Support service in a women's prison in Berlin
- ◇ Kindergarden
- ◇ Nursing home
- ◇ Animal welfare
- ◇ Nature protection
- ◇ Water well projects in Africa
- ◇ Orphanage in Togo
- ◇ Member "Mentor Group" Latin America

GP Germany has been represented at national and international OSMTH-Meetings and activities throughout the year including (but not limited to):

January – Sebastianus Octav, Augsburg

February – St. Ansgar-Vesper, Hamburg/ Cyprus – "Famagusta – the forgotten town"

May - Trinitatis Vesper, Moenchengladbach

June – National Convent GP Germany, Coptic Monastery Brenkhausen

August – One-week-Meeting German Dames / Knights / Friends, Coptic Monastery Brenkhausen

October – "Rose Servise" Monastery Church "Vom Frieden", Cologne

November - Bishop Anba Damian, Coptic Monastery Brenkhausen

December Bernhardis-Vesper and Advent Celebration in the Cistercian Monastery of Langwaden/National "PRO MERITO" for Wolfgang Bosbach (member of the German Bundestag)/Memorial Service after the terror attack in Berlin

GRAND PRIORY OF ITALY



Grand Prior Paolo Nicola Corallini Garampi



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The main activities of The Grand Priory of Italy have focused on diffusion of Templar history, knowledge, and immortal values, through Conferences organized by our Templar Academy. We Published a book on Templar symbolism and tutored the Templar members in Italy and in our mentored countries. Specific seminars for leadership of Preceptories and Commanderies were held.

Organisation of charitable activities.

Our charitable activities include the Catholic Church, institutions for assistance and care of the elderly and the poor, hospitals, students and orphanages through our Commanderies. We also supported a Dental Medical Office for free assistance and therapy for poor patients identified by the Social Services of the City Hall.

NETHERLANDS

The Priory in this Country is active and working well.

ROMANIA

The recognised Commandery in this Country is very active, strong and slowly but safely growing. During 2016 the Commandery organized, under the guidance of The Grand Priory of Italy, Chapters and Conferences using format of the Templar Academy.

SLOVENIA

The recognised Commandery in Slovenia is working very actively and doing a great job in philanthropy.

REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO

In this small Republic we have several members with more to be invested soon.

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Membership in the NATO Grand Priory is composed of military officers and defense officials of NATO member countries and Partnership for Peace states.

The purposes of the NATO Grand Priory include furthering the concepts of Christian chivalry of the original Knights Templar Order, and pursuing humanitarian objectives in the modern world. Significant changes of the organisation of the Grand Priory have been implemented in 2015 and 2016. Convent and investiture was organized 7. August in Madrid, Spain following the CIOR/CIOMR (Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers/Medical Reserve Officers) summer meeting.

The NATO Grand Priory decided to donate to the Jordan River Project and to the Franciscan missionaries serving the Holy Land.

GRAND PRIORY OF NATO



Grand Prior Chev. LtCol. Prof. Lasse R. Braathen



GRAND PRIORY OF PORTUGAL



Grand Prior Col. Dr. Antonio Andrade

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ Clothes, toys and newborn products
- ◇ Delivery of 950 books to institutions
- ◇ 125 medical screenings
- ◇ 1000 visual screenings for children
- ◇ 150 orthopedic consultations
- ◇ Funding to a school in Mozambique through an association – AFIM
- ◇ Volunteers work in São Tomé in the area of disease prevention, screening and training
- ◇ Volunteer work in the direction department of APDH (Portuguese Association of Development)
- ◇ Voluntary work in Pulmão Foundation and in AAPHSM (Associação de Apoio aos Profissionais do Hospital de Santa Maria)
- ◇ The total estimated value of volunteer work is 1350 hours
- ◇ Funding Support to humanitarians associations



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Priory of Russia was elevated to Grand Priory status in October.

GRAND PRIORY OF RUSSIA



Grand Prior Aleksandr Sharavin



GRAND PRIORY OF SERBIA



Grand Prior Chev. Dragutin Zagorac

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

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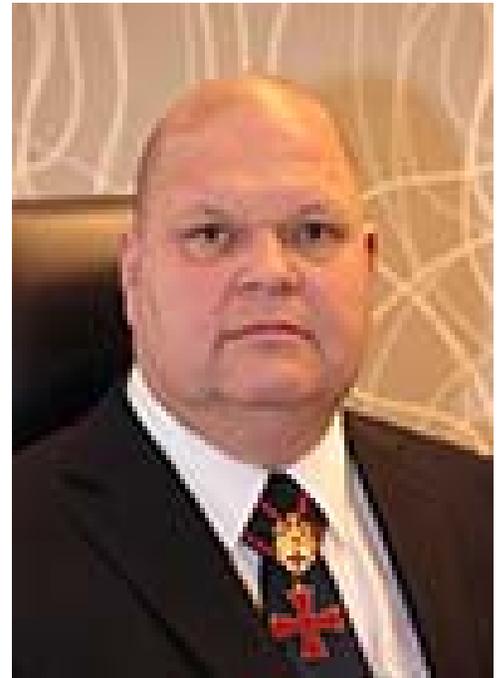
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Our main achievement is a donation to Peacekeepers of the year. GP Sweden cooperates with the UN Swedish Mission which pursues a wide range of Sweden's international objectives, including promoting development and respect for human rights, protecting health and the environment, negotiating freer and fairer global trade, and ensuring speedy and effective responses to humanitarian disasters.

We provide donations to Red Cross (www.redcross.se) and clean water program through Solvatten (www.solvatten.se) which is a combined portable water treatment and water heater system that has been designed for off-grid households use in the developing world.

Finally, donations were made to support veterans through VRR Veteranstöd (www.VRR.nu).

GRAND PRIORY OF SWEDEN



Grand Prior Peter Svård



GRAND PRIORY OF UKRAINE



Grand Prior Col. Mykola Sergiienko

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Priory of Ukraine was elevated to Grand Priory status in October. The Grand Priory continues to support wounded fighters who took part in anti-terrorist operations what is the major focus of Priory. These fighters are now in Ukrainian hospitals. The Kiev and Zhytomyr military hospitals become the most help. The Priory helps with medicine, medical equipment as well as with meals for the wounded fighters. They are also provided with the post-operative care service.

Now the assistance for these hospitals totals more than 10.000 €. Furthermore, Knights and Dames of the Order invested more than 2.000 hours of personal time to care for seriously injured . They also help them to return to a normal life, with employment as well as with households.

The Grand Priory began support of the children's boarding school in Pereiaslav-Khmelnitsky with plans to continue in 2017 by providing food, clothing as well as in computer equipment.



2016 HIGHLIGHTS

The Grand Priory of the United Kingdom held a successful number of investitures during the year under review, the largest being at our Annual General Assembly in March. We continue our charitable focus on the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and within the United Kingdom. Our two charities, the Templar Pilgrimage Trust and Templar Heritage

Trust continue their excellent work. Individual Preceptories and members carried out a range of interesting fundraising this year which were all successful. The GPUK held its annual Dinner at Canterbury Cathedral, where we were mentioned in Evensong prayers by the Dean of the Cathedral who wished our national and international Order good wishes for 2017. Later that evening the Vice Dean and his wife were our guests at dinner.

The Grand Priory held a History Event with a lunch and visit to Rosslyn Chapel, Midlothian in the summer and a successful retreat in September at Douai Abbey.

The Grand Prior extended the hand of Templar friendship to several overseas visitors this year including trips to Rosslyn Chapel.

Ireland

One member currently registered in the UK will move to Ireland once his temporary work overseas ends.

Australasia

This year elected a new Preceptor and local Chapter to advance recruitment and charitable works.

Charities

- ◇ Royal British Legion
- ◇ PCC of St Michael & All Angels: South Yardley and Guiting Power
- ◇ Smile Train UK
- ◇ Marie Curie Bradford
- ◇ Prostate Cancer UK

GRAND PRIORY OF UNITED KINGDOM



Grand Prior Chev. George Maclean

- ◇ Salvation Army
- ◇ MSF UK (Doctors Without Borders)
- ◇ Promoting/Facilitation of Pilgrimages
 - * Walsingham: Anglican National Shrine and Roman Catholic National Shrine
- ◇ John Aves Educational Project
- ◇ Foundation for Relief & Reconciliation in the Middle East
- ◇ McCabe Educational Trust: Palestinian charities



GRAND PRIORY OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Grand Prior Patrick Michael Carney

2016 HIGHLIGHTS

As stated in the words of the Investiture ceremony, as well as in the Articles of Incorporation of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, the primary charitable and humanitarian mission of the Autonomous Grand Priory of the United States of America is to aid Christians at Risk, especially in the Holy Land. The Grand Priory of the United States (GPUSA) continued programmes that aid Christians around the world, especially in the Holy Land with a fall 2016 Pilgrimage. It was a tremendous success, with 35 pilgrims and Father Peter Vasko as our guide and spiritual advisor. An advance party had meetings with many of the key leaders including Patriarchs Theophilos and Manougian, Bishop Shomali of the Catholics, the Vicar Custos of the Franciscans, Bishop Younan and Archbishop Dawani of the Anglicans. Bishop Younan and Sister Martha both came to dinner at the Christmas Hotel and gave moving speeches about their work and the trends in the Holy Land. We also met with Father Nabil Haddad in Jordan before departing for home from Amman.

GPUSA raises funds nationally for the

Christian community in the Middle East from American Knights and Dames largely through our Jerusalem Mite program. The Jerusalem Mite primarily targets local programs to help stabilize the Christian population in the Holy Land and rebuild a foundation for its continued survival. The Christian schools and colleges we support are educating over 3,500 boys and girls in the Holy Land. In addition, GPUSA members personally have provided scholarships to 27 high school graduates since 2013, all of whom scored in the top percentiles on standardized academic tests. Our college scholarship recipients were able to complete their education, thus broadening their understanding of the world in which they live and raising their value to future employers.

GPUSA promotes a dialogue based on the principles of peace and justice among and between the faiths of the Sons of Abraham and the other great religions of the world, to establish better understanding and greater tolerance through articles published on Abraham's Tent website: <http://abrahamstent.smotj.org/>.

GPUSA provides humanitarian aid to Christians and all peoples in need around the world, through physical, financial, and moral support. When GPUSA received an emergency call for support from Sister Martha in 2016, American Knights and Dames provided \$25,000 to make repairs to electrical equipment and computers.

The involvement of the GPUSA UN delegation includes working membership in the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO).

Individual priories within the United States tend to concentrate their charitable donations on worthy organizations within their local communities. Members of the individual priories contributed thousands of hours of volunteer services to charitable and humanitarian endeavors.

The Autonomous Grand Priory of the United States has answered the call of Christian brothers and sisters in harm's way in the Holy Land and across the Middle East, as well as significantly increased its charitable work at home to benefit citizens of all faiths.

We Are Expanding: Mentored Units

Armenia

Australia

Columbia

Egypt

Equador

Estonia

FYRom

Georgia

Holy Land

Jordan

Latvia

Mexico

Netherlands

Peru

Philippines

Poland

Romania

Slovenia

Spain

Uruguay

