

# THE ORDER

The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem



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# Spiritual Message

By: The Rt. Rev. Archimandrite, Msgr. George Appleyard, VG, EGCLJ, CMLJ, GCrLJ

The Old Covenant mandated that “three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God in the place he chooses:” the feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover), the feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the feast of Tabernacles. Most Americans know that Jews celebrate Passover, their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The other two festivals, commanded in Exodus 23, repeated Leviticus 23, and in Deuteronomy 16, began as harvest festivals: grain at Pentecost and fruit at Tabernacles. In the text of Deuteronomy it states, “You must celebrate the feast of Weeks (Pentecost—fiftieth day) with a voluntary offering from your hand in proportion to the way that the LORD has blessed you.” Twice in the book of Exodus (23:15 & 34:20) it was mandated that, “You must not appear before me empty handed.”

As Christians, we are released from the rigor of the law, but not its purpose and certainly not its spirit, for Jesus said that he had come, not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. (Matthew 5:17) We might also consider another of our Savior’s well known aphorism, to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s. Rendering to Caesar in our taxes does not dispense us from the second part of the mandate, to render to God the things that are God’s.

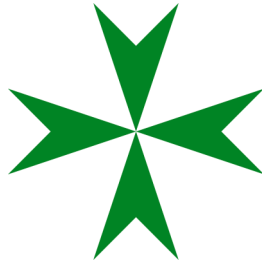
We may give charity at any time, as we choose. However, in joining the Order of St. Lazarus we made a pledge to make an offering “from our hand” at Pentecost, the second of the pilgrim feasts and the day when Heaven gifted us with the Holy Spirit. And here it would be good to remember that if the Old Law commanded an offering “in proportion to the way that the LORD has blessed you,” should we do no less—not only in the New Covenant—but in the extra gift we made to God in joining this Order. No one forced us, we swore it freely, delivering to us what St. John refers to as “grace (*charis*: gratuitous favor) on top of grace.” (John 1:16) So our gifts to God through the Order should be a reflection of our awareness of God’s generosity to us. Have we taken an accurate measure of God’s largess? Or have we overlooked it and taken it for granted?

Pentecost began in the Old Covenant as a thanksgiving celebration for the grain harvest, and it also seems to mark the first time a farmer could bring to the Temple the prescribed first fruits. (Cf. Deuteronomy 26) One aspect of the Jewish celebration of Pentecost is the use of greenery in decorating synagogues and homes for the feast, making our response to the Pentecostal Appeal—as our means permit, and even as little as the poor widow did (Mark 12:42)—a token gesture of our true love for him in Christ Jesus. We pride ourselves on wearing the Green Cross, but if we do not “render to God,” is our emblem counterfeit, and wearing it a fraud?

Enjoy devotionals from Prelate Msgr. Appleyard at [www.st-lazarus.us/gpa/devotion.php](http://www.st-lazarus.us/gpa/devotion.php)



# About The Order



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus is one of the orders of chivalry to survive the downfall of the Kingdom of Jerusalem and the attempts by the Crusader knights to win control of the Holy Land from the forces of Islam. In theory the Order remained a military one, but with the exception of a brief period in the 17th century it played no military role after 1291. The Order of Saint Lazarus is one of the most ancient of the European orders of chivalry. At the very least it dates back to the time of the Crusader knights. From its foundation in the 12th century, the members of the Order were dedicated to two ideals: aid to those suffering from the dreadful disease of leprosy and the defense of the Christian faith.

Today the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem is an international self-governing and independent body, having its own Constitution; it may be compared with a kind of electoral kingdom. According to the said Constitution the Order is nonpolitical, oecumenical or nondenominational, as its membership is open to all men and women being practicing members of the Christian faith in good standing within their particular denomination. Its international membership consists of Roman-catholic, Anglican, Protestant, Orthodox, United, Old Catholic, New Apostolic and other Christians, upholding with their lives, fortunes and honour the principles of Christianity. Traditionally it is organized as a Christian Chivalric Order. The Order is registered in London in accordance with the laws in England.

It is both a Military Order of Mercy and a Hospitaller Order dedicated to the care and assistance of the poor and the sick. Its aim is to preserve and defend the Christian faith, to guard, assist succor and help the poor, the sick and dying, to promote and maintain the principles of Christian chivalry and to follow the teachings of Christ and His Holy Church in all its works.

With the exception of the present Teutonic Order ("Deutscher Orden") the Order of Saint Lazarus is today the smallest of the orders of Christian chivalry. It is made up of approximately five thousand members in the five continents. The Order sees itself as an oecumenical Christian order whose genesis goes back to the Holy Land, to the crusades and to the Kingdom of Jerusalem.



# The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem

Grand Priory of America

*Office of the Grand Prior*

03 April 2017

TO MY COLLEAGUES IN THE ORDER:

I am writing you to encourage you to attend our upcoming Grand Prioral Council meeting in Pasadena, California, in September 2017. I have enjoyed spending time with many of you at previous meetings, but regret that I have not seen more of you.

The Grand Prioral Council meeting is our annual gathering, at which your leadership has the opportunity to share information about OUR Grand Priory and OUR activities in pursuit of our mission of service. It also is the opportunity to share YOUR views on critical aspects of our Order, to have an impact on the activities of our Order, and to determine how we expend our resources in pursuit of our hospitaller mission, through the American Association of St. Lazarus. Every year, we award a quarter of a million dollars of our funds to projects that are identified by our colleagues, and our annual meeting is an ideal time to hear about our awardees, and to learn about how our funding has facilitated their activities. Those who have taken advantage of attending the GPC will attest to the excitement and enjoyment of our spiritual focus, during our Vigil and Investiture ceremonies, as well as our gala social events – all of which provide every attendee the opportunity to meet new colleagues and to refresh old acquaintances.

When you attend the national meeting, you are expanding your view and your reach of our Order, from the local commanderies, to the national Grand Priory, to our International Order. It provides every member a place alongside our brothers and sisters, to renew our vows of service as a group, during church services. It establishes a time and a place where we convene to stand watch as postulants enter our ranks, and take their oaths of service. It provides an opportunity to share in the recognition of our colleagues who have served faithfully, in their promotions and awards. And it provides an opportunity to renew and refresh your individual commitment and enthusiasm for activities of our Order.

Four years ago, when I became your Grand Prior, I articulated six priorities for us in the Grand Priory of America:

- Address the dual mission of our Order and of the GPA:
  - Spiritual/ecumenical
  - Secular/hospitaller
- Grow the GPA: recruit and retain the right individuals for membership
- Foster solvency
- Administer with transparency
- Communicate effectively and frequently
- Function efficiently and effectively

We have reported the substantial progress of each of these at our annual meetings, and this meeting will follow the same format.

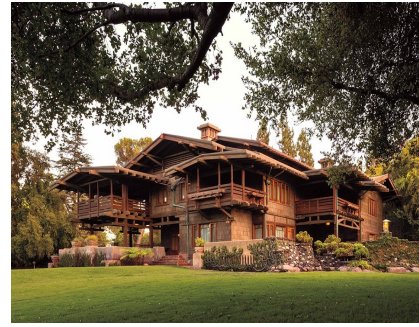
But you won't have the opportunities I outlined above, unless you are present in Pasadena. Hence, my encouragement to you, to make every effort to be there, be seen, and have your perspectives heard. Because our strength is in you, our members; and to the extent you are active and involved, our Order will continue to grow and thrive.

See you in Pasadena!



**H.E. RADM the Chevalier Kenneth P. Moritsugu, GCIRLJ, GCLJ-J, GCMLJ, MD, MPH**

# PASADENA 2017!



## One Event. One Anthem. One Calling.

- ✍ The Huntington Museum and Gardens
- ✍ The Gamble House
- ✍ The Norton Simon Museum

- ✍ Tournament of Roses House & Wrigley Gardens
- ✍ A Foodie's Paradise
- ✍ Vast array of destinations, attractions & shops

These are just a few of the things you can experience in Pasadena, one of the top travel destinations in the country. Art. Shopping. Gardens. Architecture. Theater. Pasadena has it all. The City of Pasadena is located just 10 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains.

Pasadena is unique in that it is home to 16 historically designated districts, such as Bungalow

Heaven and Garfield Heights. Brimming with over 1,000 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, it is home to the Craftsman Style of architecture. And there are more Craftsman and Bungalow houses concentrated in Pasadena than anywhere else in America. The Greene & Green masterpiece, The Gamble House, is nestled on a single block with five other of their greatest works. Tours are available!

The shopping districts of Old Town Pasadena and South Lake Avenue are not only beautiful, they feature quite a range of shops. From antique stores, to galleries, to jewelry, to specialty shops, it is a pedestrian-friendly bonanza. Old Town is just a block from our hotel. If all that walking makes you hungry, don't worry. As the birthplace of Julia Child, Pasadena was destined to be a foodie's paradise. With 500 restaurants, Pasadena is more than equipped to delight the food-savvy crowd, serving up diverse offerings that cover the gamut of food categories and international cuisines. There will be a few names that you recognize, but it is the restaurants that you look up on the internet that will dazzle you. The Arroyo Chop House, Trattoria Neapolis, Bar Celona, Vertical Wine Bistro are just a few of the gems you will find.

Ever want to see "Blue Boy" and "Pinkie," those famed masterpieces of art? Bet you didn't know that they were in Pasadena.

The Huntington Library, Museum, and Gardens are world class.

There are 207 acres of spectacular gardens to roam. A library that features a Gutenberg Bible,

Chaucer's manuscript of "Canterbury Tales," and Benjamin Franklin's handwritten

"Autobiography." And then there are four separate museum buildings scattered about the garden. The Norton Simon Museum, just blocks from the hotel is another treasure, filled with paintings from the Renaissance to Picasso.

Amongst all the relaxing, you are also invited to attend the 2017 Grand Prioral Council Meeting from September 21st to 24th at the Hilton Pasadena. Our guaranteed room rate is \$169 per night, and you can come a few days early or stay a few days late at that same low rate. That is less than our 2011 hotel rate. And, they are fully remodeling the hotel.

The Grand Commandery of the West is pleased and excited to be your host and is arranging optional tours for members, family and other attendees.

Please check out our website at "<http://west.st-lazarus.us>", and we look forward to seeing you this October.

*Richard Payatt, KCLJ Commander, Grand Commandery of the West*



# THE 2017 GRAND PRIORAL COUNCIL



GRAND PRIORY OF AMERICA

THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM

*Hilton Pasadena, Pasadena California*

*September 21-24, 2017*

## Schedule of Events \*

### Thursday, September 21, 2017

- 3:00pm -5:30pm **Registration** & Information Desk Open
- 12:00 pm -5:00pm *Optional Tour #1: The Huntington Museum*
- 4:00 pm -5:30pm Postulant Orientation (*Required for postulants*)
- 6:00 pm -7:00pm **Grand Prior's Hawaiian Reception**
- At Will Commandery Dinners

### Friday, September 22, 2017

- 8:30am -4:00pm **Registration** & Information Desk Open
- 9:00am -4:00pm Armiger Sales Open
- 9:00am -11:30am Meeting of the Commanders
- 9:00am -11:30am Meeting of the Almoners and Hospitallers
- 9:00am -11:30am Meeting of the Chaplains
- 8:45am -11:45pm *Optional Tour #2: Gamble House Architectural Tour*
- 12:30pm -2:00pm Official Grand Prioral Luncheon
- 2:00pm -4:00pm Custos distributes medals
- 2:00pm -4:00pm Meeting of the Marshals
- 2:00pm -4:00pm Meeting of Board of Directors, American Association
- 2:00pm -4:00pm Meeting of Internet Commission
- 5:00pm Buses depart for Vigil Service (required for postulants)
- 6:00pm -7:00pm **Vigil Service:** *St. Andrews Catholic Church*
- 7:00pm Take buses to the Vigil Dinner
- 7:30pm -10:30pm **Symbolic Communal Vigil Dinner** at Hotel



## THE 2017 GRAND PRIORAL COUNCIL



(Schedule cont.)

### Saturday, September 23, 2017

- 8:00am Ecumenical Morning Prayer Service
- 8:30am Member Orientation in Order of St. Lazarus (*Strongly recommended for postulants*)
- 8:30am-12:00pm **Registration & Information Desk Open**
- 9:00am-12:00pm Armiger Sales Open
- 9:00am-12:00pm Custos distributes Medals
- 9:00am-11:30am **Grand Prioral Meeting** – followed by meeting of:
- American Association of the Order of St. Lazarus**
- 12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch on Your Own
- 3:15pm Buses Depart for **Investiture** (*Meet at front entrance*)
- Attire: Men** – St. Lazarus Gala or Mess Dress, White Tie, or military dress; Decorations and Mantle.
- Women** – White Tie evening dress or military uniform, Decorations and Mantle.
- 4:00pm **Investiture** at Pasadena Presbyterian
- 5:30pm Buses load for return to Hotel
- 7:30pm-10:30pm **Investiture Reception** – followed by
- Formal Dinner and Gala Ball** - Featuring Grammy Award Winning Artist Ian Whitcomb

### Sunday, September 24, 2017

- 8:30am-10:00am Farewell Coffee and Donuts at Registration
- 9:00am-10:00am Mass in San Marino Room – and at local churches

\* *Schedule subject to change until event begins.*



# The Festival of Saint Lazarus in Havana

## *The GPA Goes to Cuba*

By: Richard Payatt

This past December, the Grand Priory of America sent representatives to Havana, Cuba to review and audit previous donations to the Leprosarium at the Church of Saint Lazarus. Five years ago, money was donated to obtain washing machines for the leprosarium, and to provide funds to restore the laundry facility. The visit was timed to coincide with the Festival of Saint Lazarus, which takes place at that same church of Saint Lazarus on the Feast Day of the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

Arriving at the Church of Saint Lazarus, we were given a tour of the facilities, and visited with Father Sergio Cabrera who is in charge of the church and hospital. The general state of the services at the leprosarium are at best minimal. Simple basics like rubber gloves are absent. Hence our donation of ten washing machines to assist in the cleaning of the clothing and linens of the patients and work uniforms of the staff makes a vast difference in the quality of the sanitary environment there.

The Order's donation also went to the restoration of the buildings in which the laundry machines operate. It is of note that more than half of the buildings on the grounds of the leprosarium are damaged and uninhabitable, or even usable for the simplest storage use. So, again, our donation made a very large difference. In the photo, you can see that the washing machines have been set up on concrete platforms. Presumably this is to protect them from flooding if the waters reach above the already raised foundation. We had the opportunity to walk through the wards and to meet with several of the patients. For Amanda and me, at least, this was perhaps the finest hour of our time in Cuba. So many of the patients were happy just to have somebody speak to them, even if the speaker only spoke English that was unintelligible to them. Their faces lit up just the same. As a part of our work in the Order, we all know in our gut that these patients are the forgotten people of the world.

Here in Cuba, that seems to go double. If the government could spend less on them in some Dickensian way, I have little doubt that it would do so. The state of this 93 year-old patient's habit volumes.

Our trip also included some wonderful moments. At Father Cabrera's invitation, we returned to the Church of St. Lazarus for the Festival of St. Lazarus as honored guests. In Cuba, St. Lazarus is not only the patron Saint of lepers and the sick, but also the patron Saint of the poor. On his feast day, the poor of Cuba come to the church, packing it to the walls with people seeking intercession, or even a miracle. Dressed in burlap sack clothing trimmed with purple ribbon, the penitents walk or crawl upon their knees to the door of the



church. Beyond even this, Lazarus has been conflated with the Yoruba deity Babalú Aye, who also heals the sick. Figurines of Lazarus are placed around the church by the penitents. These little plaster images are dressed in burlap, and offerings of candles, flowers, and coins are laid before them. The atmosphere at the festival is almost carnival-like, and too bizarre to describe in less than a short story.



We also enjoyed a trip around the nation by bus, stopping at the Bay of Pigs, Cienfuegos, and Trinidad. In Havana, we attended mass at the Cathedral, toured medical facilities, visited several Catholic social projects, and even had a little time for additional churches and museums. Our company was delightful, and it was a pleasure to travel together. Each evening we would have Reflections after dinner, and then the crew would wander the city in search of a good mojito or daiquiri. Cuba is an impoverished country, which should come as little surprise. There are widespread food shortages in Havana and a lack of basic services. But in an odd way, to see Cuba in its dilapidated glory made for a very enjoyable visit.



# ICD Sponsors Givers Candlelight Celebration



On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Imperial Calcasieu Delegation partnered with the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency (LOPA) and the Southern Eye Bank to conduct the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Givers Candlelight Celebration in Lake Charles, LA. This celebration was to honor organ, tissue & cornea donors. The date was chosen because it was the end of National Eye Donor Month (March) and the beginning of National Donate Life Month (April). Saint Patrick Hospital Convent Chapel was used as the setting for this celebration.

The celebration started with welcomes from the Delegation Hospitaller, Nila Halloran; Grand Priory of America Chancellor, Chev. Hugh Straub; Saint Patrick Hospital Representative; LOPA Representative & Southern Eye Bank Representative. The highlights of the program were the donor family speaker, followed by the recipient speaker and then the candle lighting ceremony, which included the reading of donor names. Also, appropriate musical interludes were played throughout the program. Refreshments were served after the celebration. The program, to include refreshments, lasted about two hours.

Members of the Delegation were used to start the lighting of the candles. They started from the

back and went down each isle to light the 1<sup>st</sup> candle in each row and the participants then passed the light on. Once all the candles were lit, the reading of the donor names began. After each name was read, a bell was sounded and if that family was present, they stood. This was a very moving and solemn part of the program. The speaker from a donor family and the recipient speaker were also very moving in their presentation. Many of the participants were brought to tears during one or more parts of the program.

Because of HIPAA, LOPA and the Southern Eye Bank did the inviting of the donor families and recipients in the local area as well as coordinating the speakers. With the responses received, we were expecting about 50 people, to include Delegation members, to attend. The pleasant surprise was that 75 people turned out, which resulted in standing room only in the Chapel.

This Celebration was a tremendous success and well received. Now that the bugs and the overall flow of the program have been worked out, the public will be invited to the next Givers Candlelight Celebration.

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

An interview with H.E. The Chev. John Francis Byrnes, Jr., PA , GCLJ, GCMLJ, BrCrLJ

Q. Tell us a little about your background and professional life.

A. I grew up in an Air Force family and was born in Japan, and after the usual moves around the world we settled in Satellite Beach, Florida. I received my BA degree from Rollins College (Winter Park, Florida) in 1976 and my Physician Assistant training and BS degree from the University of Florida in 1979. For the last 38 years I have worked in Orlando as a surgical physician assistant, first in cardiovascular surgery for 13 years and later starting and managing a large PA medical group.

Q. How did you first learn about the Order of St. Lazarus, and what attracted you to join it?

A. I was involved with the Physician Assistant Foundation, the philanthropic arm of our PA profession, for many years and concluded as the President of the Board of Trustees. Interestingly, our Grand Prior, Ken Moritsugu, was a member of the Board at that time and at a meeting I noticed a certain lapel pin he was wearing. I asked him about it, and with his all too familiar grin he said the now infamous James Bond line, "If I tell you I have to kill you". At that point I was naturally intrigued, and when Ken explained what the Order was about my keen interest in history and my love for philanthropy made this a very simple decision.

Q. You serve as our Grand Prioral Hospitaller, which puts you in charge of our Order's charitable activities. So many of us write a check without really knowing where that money goes. How would you put a human dimension on a member's

donation?

A. It's always difficult to explain in words or photos how our contributions help those in need unless you are able to see it for yourself. However, as this is impractical for many of us it is very important that we be as transparent as possible in identifying and funding programs and providing the appropriate follow-up to our members. As our brochures state, our sole mission is "helping the sick, the poor and the afflicted", and when you see the smile on a leprosy afflicted person after needed treatment or can rest in the knowledge that you have expanded the transplant donor list by enrolling friends, family and members to allow others to have a second chance on life it can't get more human than that.

Q. I know you've spent some time personally in India, working directly with one of our major charitable partners, Rising Star Outreach. How would you describe that experience or others you may have encountered?

A. When Anna and I went to India we didn't quite know what to expect, but I can clearly say that it exceeded any ideas we may have had about the country or our mission to Rising Star Outreach. The first thing we noticed at RSO was the friendliness and dedication of the staff and the happiness of the kids and families. Our trips to leprosy



villages were emotionally draining but medically fulfilling, and every night we both felt that we truly made a difference to the people we saw that day. Our funding to RSO has been very well utilized, impacts countless hundreds of people in so many ways and engages the local population to more openly interact with leprosy afflicted people by helping to remove the social stigma associated with this disease

Q. What other organizations or causes grab your time and attention?

I have been involved with the Florida Citrus Sports Association for more than 25 years, and annually organize medical providers to provide physical exams for local disadvantaged kids. Being an adventurous individual, I have also participated in multiple medical mission trips to Eastern Europe over the years, including Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova.

Several years ago, a fellow member of the Order, John Moriarty, invited Anna and myself to the Gasparilla Parade in Tampa, Florida, commemorating the pirate invasion of Tampa in the late 1800s. His son, Doug, is the leader of the Peg Leg Pirates and a former member of the Order himself. Each float in the parade (more than 120) must support a charitable endeavor and the Peg Leg Pirates sponsor and support amputees, both kids and adults, in the Tampa Bay area. Anna and I were so impressed with this group that we joined as fellow pirates ourselves, and the Southeast Commandery very generously agreed to be a sponsor of the group as well. Finally, as an avid University of Florida gator fan, we attend every home game and bowl trip in our Ambugator – an ambulance appropriately “gatorized” for tailgating!

Q. With a very busy medical practice, how have you found the time to be so active in the Order and these other organizations?

A. While time is a very precious commodity, it's easier to find it for interests that are close to your heart.

Q. As a recipient of the Order's Hazelton Award for Humanitarian Service, what can you say to our members about public service?

A. Receiving this award was a very special thing for me and it was an incredible honor to be recognized by our Order. As I mentioned during the ceremony, this award to me recognized the work of many and not just one person, as our strength is based on the dedication and efforts of the Order as a whole. I would only say that public service should be part of everyone's life, and no matter how small a donation or how little time may be available every contribution helps someone in need.

Q. What advice would you give to a new member of the Order?

A. Look around, meet people and get engaged in our mission and vision. Everyone has a voice and is a valuable member of our Order.

Q. If you could wave a magic wand, what would you see our Order doing 10 or 20 years from now?

A. I would like see the Grand priory of America having annual contributions exceeding \$1 million, a membership into the thousands and an organization so busy with world-wide humanitarian programs that we have a full-time staff and member working trips to our programs on a regular basis.

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# Mexican Delegation



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On September 9th, 2016 six of the members of the Mexican Delegation (the Marrons, the Salas and García Morenos) joined with five members of the Commandery of the West (the Payatts, Mitch Lathrop, Connie Bessada and Paul Lee), to tour the wine making region in the north of the Baja California Peninsula, near Ensenada. We had a wonderful trip, and had a chance to taste excellent wines from grapes cultivated in the Valley of Guadalupe, as well as some fine artisanal cheeses nearby. The sightseeing was fabulous, and a high point of the trip was the last brunch we had on Sunday 11th at a wonderful restaurant located next to the Pacific Ocean.

On December 17th, which as we all know is the Day of Saint Lazarus, we had a wonderful mass celebrated by our dear chaplain Father José Aguilar, ChLJ, CMLJ, and then almost thirty of us had a fine meal at a nice restaurant in the trendy Polanco area of Mexico City. At these events we were very fortunate in having Connie Bessada attend, which provided an opportunity for several of us to strengthen our friendship with her.

As to the work of our two clinics in Morelia and Irapuato, I am happy to report that they have been as active as ever in providing medical and pastoral care to persons afflicted with leprosy and their sequels, as well as distributing packaged food to them and their families. In addition, last December we gave away blankets to those who were most in need, thanks to the generosity of an unexpected donor, a very well-known lawyer named Ignacio Morales.

I may add that last October we set up an alliance with an organization that also works in eradicating leprosy, centered in Monterrey, in the State of Nuevo León. In the context of this alliance, Dr. Guadalupe Cepeda, an eminent leprologist from the University of Nuevo León (UANL) who works for them, has provided us with clear guidelines about the kinds of food that patients who have contracted Hansen's disease should and should not eat, in order to help them get their health back as soon as possible. We have included these guidelines in our webpage, and will distribute them in printed form to our patients in each clinic over the next few weeks.

Finally, I may add that we intend to organize a couple of trips over future week-ends to visit each of our clinics and interact with the nuns in charge of them and possibly some of our patients, who would be invited to join us for a Sunday mass. It is to be hoped that a sizable group from our Delegation joins us on these trips.

# **In What A Variety of Ways We May Serve & Benefit Others**

Rev. G. J. Zollikofer

**1 Peter 4:7-11**

**“But the end of all things is at hand: be you therefore sober, and watch to prayer....”**

*Doing good to others rejoices every human heart that is not totally callous and corrupt. Doing good to others engages the approbation of every man.*

**I. HOW GREAT IS, FIRST, THE DIVERSITY OF SITUATIONS AMONG MANKIND, AND HOW VARIOUS THEREFORE THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE INDUCEMENT TO BE USEFUL TO ONE ANOTHER IN DIFFERENT WAYS!** How many classes and descriptions of persons fill up the interval between the monarch or the prince and the meanest of his subjects! And how various their destination; how various the sphere of action assigned them; how manifold the good and useful that each may contrive, adopt, and do therein! If the government is watchful over the public tranquility and safety; if the magistrate maintains the laws in their due respect, and protects the individual and his property; if one preceptor teaches the child the elements of human knowledge, another instructs the youth in the higher branches of science; if the statesman is attentive to the several exigencies of the country and provides for its great concerns; the countryman produces a plentiful supply of food from the furrows of his plough and the fields he industriously cultivates; the manufacturer and the mechanic work up and improve the products of the country; the tradesman brings them into circulation, and the merchant barter the surplus against those of other nations; thus thousands of hands are set in motion which none of those could perform without neglecting their own, and which are equally indispensable with theirs. And how much good now may every one do, if he does what belongs to him with willingness, with fidelity, with a heart benevolently affected towards his brethren, participating in their happiness and cheerfully concurring to promote it!

**II. CONSIDER AGAIN HOW DIFFERENT THE WANTS OF MANKIND AND HOW VARIOUS THEIR SUFFERINGS, AND THENCE JUDGE IN WHAT A VARIETY OF WAYS ONE MAY SERVE AND BE USEFUL TO ANOTHER.** Here are wants of the body — food, raiment, lodging, health, strength; there wants of the mind — information, knowledge, wisdom, virtue, inward peace, pleasure, hope, content. Here is the want of necessities; there the want of the commodious, the elegant, the agreeable. Here are corporeal sufferings — weakness, debility, mutilation, decrepitude, pain, sickness, lingering death; there are sufferings of the soul — vexation, trouble, anxiety, grief, dejection, doubt, remorse, pangs of conscience, melancholy, despondency, peril of despair. Here is the want of advice, there of support; here of courage, there of prudence; here of means and implements of trade, there of abilities for it; here of understanding, there of alacrity and application; here of moderation, there of patience; here of modesty and diffidence, there of self-importance and confidence. And thus the matter stands in numberless other cases. The necessities of the one are not the necessities of the other; the sufferings of the one are not the sufferings of the other. What is wanting to the former is possessed by the latter. Every one may therefore in various methods give "rod receive, administer relief and accept relief, comfort and be comforted, serve and submit to be served, communicate benefit and satisfaction and enjoy benefit and satisfaction.

**III. CONSIDER THIRDLY, HOW NUMEROUS AND VARIOUS THE CAPACITIES AND POWERS, THE GIFTS AND ACQUIREMENTS OF MANKIND ARE, AND THENCE JUDGE HOW GREAT THE VARIETY OF WAYS IN WHICH THEY MAY SERVE AND ASSIST AND BENEFIT EACH OTHER.** No one is exactly that which another is; no one has precisely that which another has; no one knows all that another knows; no one can and may do whatever another can and may. One has understanding; and how various the species of it are! Here is a profound, collected, there a comprehensive and excursive; here a quick but volatile, there a slow but solid understanding. Another has authority and strength, and how various are these in their kinds! Here is strength of mind, there strength of body; here the power of beauty, there the power of eloquence; here the command of oneself and the passions, there the authority of the ruler and the commander over his subjects; here impetuous, overwhelming, there mild, insinuating, yet more irresistible force. And who is able to recount the infinite variations of human capacities and powers and endowments and their analogies to each other? One has ingenuity, an extensive, strong turn for invention; the other has judgment and dexterity in execution. One quickness and pliancy to the business of the present moment; the other persevering, indefatigable patience for intricate and tiresome undertakings. One an ardency to animate all around it; the other cool consideration and resolution to put a stop to this devouring flame. And now let each exchange his capacities and endowments and possessions against those of the other; now let every one apply the particular talent entrusted to him, as often as he has the proper motive and opportunity for it; what a blessing would the prodigiously various commutation of kind offices, of assistance and support, of benevolence and beneficence, be to all in general and to each in particular!

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RE: GPA Officer Appointment

Since April 2016, H.E. Chevalier C.W. Gilluly, GCLJ, has faithfully served as Commander of the Commandery of the Atlantic. I am pleased to appoint Gregory James Duncan-Peters as his successor, effective immediately.

The Grand Priory of America thanks C.W. for his commitment and dedication to our Order. We thank Greg for enthusiastically renewing his chivalric vow - "I shall serve."

In Christ and St. Lazarus,

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