

**THE MILITARY AND
HOSPITALER ORDER
OF SAINT LAZARUS
OF JERUSALEM**

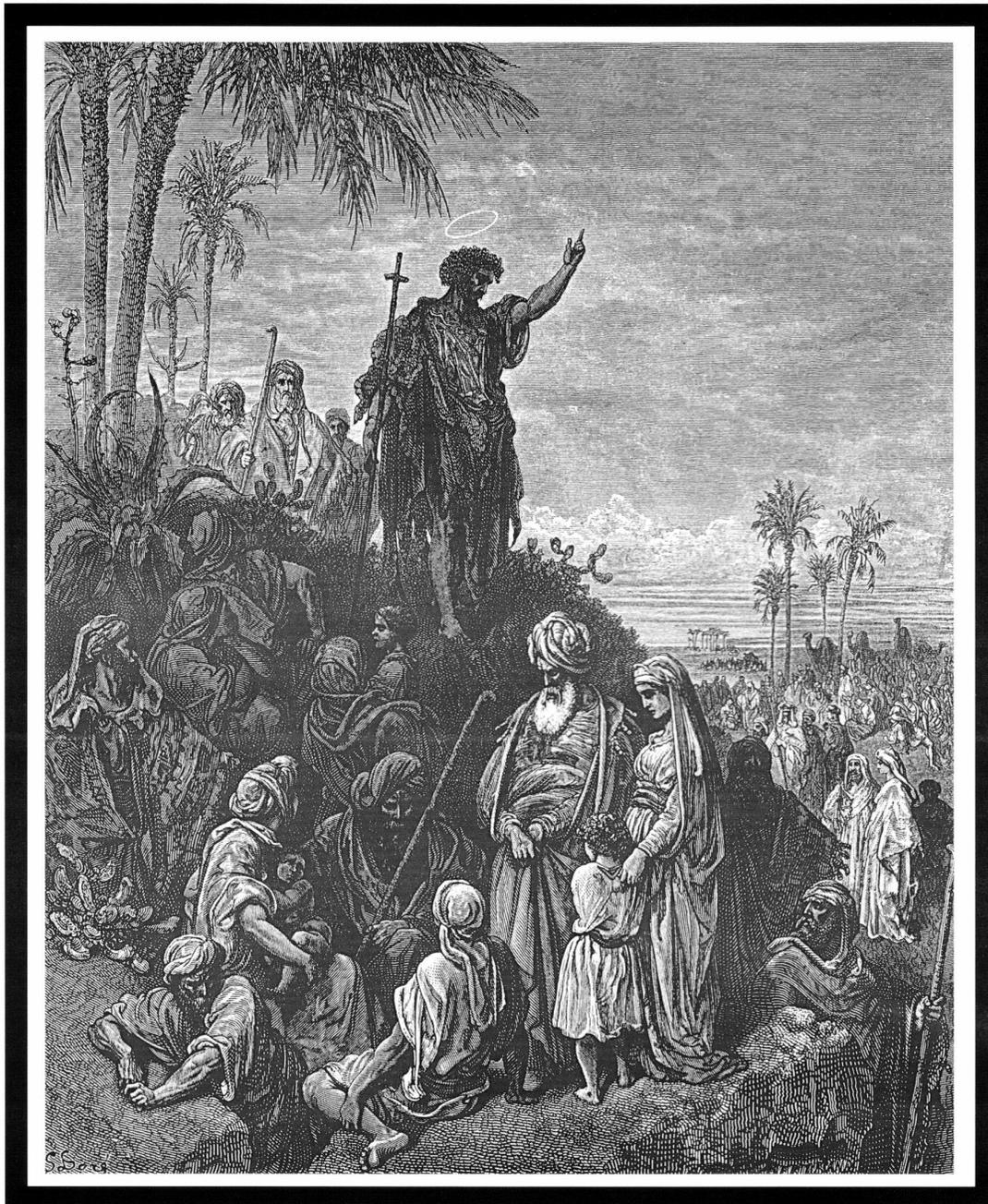
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John the Baptist in the Wilderness

SPIRITUAL MESSAGE

Basil's Ground Plan

by Very Rev. Monsignor George Appleyard, SCHJ, ONLJ, BD

By the time he died Basil had sketched, in some detail, a master plan for a Christian. With great confidence in the human mind to find its way into communion with its Creator, Basil was also very aware of those things which could derail a person's advance to eternal happiness. Basil set the wound left by the sin of Adam squarely in the mind of the human being. Basil's prescription, his antidote, for this wound lies precisely in a human being's recognition of his or her honor and dignity. As an order of chivalry we should take quite seriously some of Basil's exhortations in his homily #19. Quoting Solomon he repeats, "The human being is a great thing; even a pitiable person is something honorable." "Realize your own honor so that you do not become like senseless animals... (so that) turning away from a thoughtless (mindless) life we find happiness in the end."

The Archbishop of New Caesarea quotes the Book of Proverbs and says "The beginning of a good way is to do justice, for we advance toward the blessed life by just actions." In the Hexaemeron he says, "Piety (devotion) is the groundwork and basis for perfection." Basil sees the human being as having potential, not only with regard to his or her own development, but also as a force within God's cosmos. This gives Basil's notion of philanthropy two distinct arenas. There is not only the human response in the face of tragedy and need, but also in promoting those things which lead to an improvement of the human condition. In other words, Basilian philanthropy not only sends emergency relief to those who are the victims of earthquake and flood, but also lends itself to education and social improvement. Members of the Order of St. Lazarus, following this Rule, should make an active pursuit of justice an essential part of fabric of their daily lives.

It is an essential condition for membership in the Order that its postulants have been baptized. This is squarely in line with Basil's vision, for baptism brings us into the Church. Basil speaks of God summoning and assembling everyone by the proclamation of the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit of truth "who brings together through prophets and apostles those who are saved... Wherefore the Church has been collected from all classes of life, in order that no one may be left without its aid." He continues in homily #19 that the sharing of this calling unites these individuals in peace, so that those who were, up to this time, opposed to each other because of differences in life-style become habituated to each other in love through this gathering together. In spite of the varied background of our Order's members, this call to mutual charity and respect has an added insistence as members of one of Basil's communities (since we follow his Rule). But Basil goes beyond the simple gathering of members into the Body of Christ. He points to the immediate corollary: this whole process of sanctification leads to the charisms, gifts bestowed by God for the benefit of all. This may be a good time to recall those things listed in the Bible as gifts of the Spirit. I would interpret the list given in I Corinthians this way: preaching, teaching, and inspiration, healing, miracles and vision, then discernment, communication and interpretation. A

little later in that twelfth chapter of this letter Paul gives a list of individuals that the Spirit equips with such gifts: missionaries, visionaries, and teachers, miracle workers and healers, helpers, administrators and those who can communicate across several languages. While members of the Order are all helpers if they contribute to the Pentecostal Appeal, there are passed on to those in need and want. Some members of the Order might even become miracles workers without realizing it because the resources they provide (and I am thinking especially of those who have earned a donets cross) make such dramatic changes in the lives of people that it is truly miraculous.

Basil also lays great stress on the Eucharist. For us, as an ecumenical Order, this can be problematic. Obviously our members belong to different Christian communities with different interpretations of the Eucharist and different disciplines. But Basil wrote before the development of the modern day main-line Christian communities, and so his vision of the Eucharist may be applied across denominational lives and still have great depth. Basil, as a Biblical fundamentalist, takes at face value the words recorded in John's Gospel that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood we shall have no life (vitality) in us. He says Christian must nourish themselves on the Eucharist to maintain and nurture their Baptism commitment. In a letter to the patrician lady Caesaria, Basil mentions that he takes Communion four times a week. But it is not a mindless or mechanical eating that Basil has in mind, or even simply an act of devotion. In his tract on Baptism Basil asks the question, "In what way are these words useful to us?" and then answers by saying, "They help us, when eating and drinking (Communion) to constantly remember the one who died for us and rose again; thus, we are certain to learn how to follow-in the face of God and his Christ-the teaching handed down by the Apostle (Paul) when he says, 'the love of Christ urges (impels) us.'" In other words, participation in Communion is not simply an act of devotion, but an experience so intimate that it urges us on to even greater spiritual achievement in response to Christ our Lord, our leader. Always the realist, Basil warns, "Some might eat and drink-in other words, share in the imperishable remembrance of Jesus Christ-but not accomplish that which constitutes the main significance of that commemoration: the Lord's obedience unto death." Here, of course, our vows upon entry into the Order becomes so significant: we have promised to serve, to serve even in the most difficult of circumstances, even when the light fails. Our participation in the Eucharist is supposed to energize us to live our vows of service, even as Christ described his vocation by saying, "I am in your midst as one who serves."

Finally, in this ground plan of St. Basil, we come to consider the place of the community, our local Christian community, parish or church, and also the Order as a community. Community is a cardinal concept in Basil's scheme of things. Out of his own experience he took a position opposed to living a solitary life. He points out that, while it can be more placid and stable, it can also degenerate into pride because there

is no testing of virtue when one goes it alone. On the other hand, Basil sadly acknowledged that life in a community or group could also be turbulent, as recent history in our Order demonstrates. But Basil came down on the side of preferring community life and group effort. He subscribed to Stoic philosophy, and was very fond of the notion of sequence to explain, not only the moral and mental process, but the life of nature itself. He saw he world and human society as a social place, "a circle and a harmonious choir, since all are in unison and have mutually corresponding elements." (Hex. 4,5) Moreover, he fully embraced the Bible's statement that "it is not good for man to be alone," and thus he saw the community, the group, as the school that trains individuals in perfection and as the judge of authentic virtue. Because of his preference for community endeavor, then, Basil's Rule shows an attempt to uphold the highest standards of Christian virtue while acknowledging the need for adjustments and the occasional compromise. This is idealism without fanaticism or fascism; it is not a cult. As members of the Order we are expected to live as a community to the extent that our circumstances permit, to attend the gatherings of the Order and to be in contact with each other to lend support, as well as share in our common work.

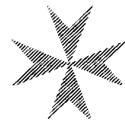
To recap Basil's master plan: individuals who have answered by faith the call to be incorporated into Christ by baptism must nurture that personal union with the Savior through participation in the Eucharist. This is not, however, the only form of spiritual nourishment the believer must embrace. He or she must pursue an authentic life of virtue which demands a concomitant purification from sin and illusion, leading to a full union with God. This is the first level of Christian community.

Beyond that, by joining the Order an individual pledges himself or herself to the work of the Order, and to cultivate the gifts of the Holy Spirit made available by baptism in the particular way the Order embraces and utilizes them. This includes almsgiving and personal service in whatever manner is possible for the individual. But this service should be embraced whenever possible-even if done alone-with the attitude that it is the Order at work, it is our common vow.

This real, palpable service of charity is the great hallmark of the Order. Basil says in the Hexaemeron, God "wishes us to cling to our neighbors with loving embraces like the tendrils of a vine, and to rest upon them. In keeping our desires always orientated to heaven like certain climbing vines, we will reach the very heights of the loftiest teachings." And this produces more than a practical benefit; it effects a transformation of those who are the recipients of this love. In his book On the Holy Spirit, Basil writes in chapter nine that the Spirit "makes them spiritual by fellowship with himself. Like a sunbeam falling on bright and transparent bodies, they also become brilliant and emanate a fresh brightness. Souls wherein the Spirit dwells, souls illumined by the Spirit, themselves become spiritual and send forth their grace to others."



The Grand Prior's Report



August 2006

Dear Confreres and Consoeurs,

During the past month, all of us have watched with horror the escalation of the fighting in the Middle East. As if the increasing anarchy in Iraq was not bad enough, Israel used a border skirmish as an excuse to invade Lebanon. Although this attack was described as a defensive action against Hezbollah's rocket installations in southern Lebanon, the Israeli Air Force extended their bombing missions to Beirut as well as to the Christian areas of northern Lebanon and the Beqaa Valley. The aftermath will require many years of reconstruction and countless dollars in aid.

Our Patriarch has been unable to visit Lebanon because the bridges and highways to his headquarters in that country were destroyed. Needless to say, he is extremely concerned about his new charges in the devastated areas, and he asked for our help. (See his appeal in this Newsletter.) There is still time for contributions to our Pentecostal Obligation; please remember the plight of our Patriarch's charges in the Middle East.

And now to happier news from our own country...All of you must have received the impressive invitation for our Grand Priorial Council in Houston during the month of October. The opportunity beckons to visit NASA and to share a few days with your friends in the Order of Saint Lazarus from all over the United States. I understand that we may expect a number of prominent visitors from afar to support the reunification of our Order. Your presence is needed to assure our success. Since I intend to retire as Grand Prior during this meeting, it would give me special pleasure to visit with each one of you.

Hans von Leden, GCLJ, GCMLJ, MD
Grand Prior

Agosto del 2006

Mis apreciados Hermanos y Hermanas:

Durant el último mes, todos hemos visto con horror el escalamiento de los combates en el Medio Oriente. Como si la creciente anarquía en Irq no fuera suficientemente negativa, Israel utilizó un incidente fronterizo como excusa para invadir el Líbano. Si bien este ataque fue descrito como un acto de defensa contra las instalaciones de "rockets" de Hezbollah ubicadas en el sur del Líbano y el Beqaa Valley.

Nuestro Patriarca se vió impedido de visitar el Líbano debido a que puentes y caminos que llevaban a su sede central habían sido destruidos. Innecesario es decir que nuestro Patriarca esta extremadamente preocupado por la devastación de las áreas a su cargo, y por ello nos ha solicitado ayuda. (Véase su solicitud en otra parte de esta Newsletter). Aún estamos a tiempo para las contribuciones de nuestra Pentecostal Obligation; por tanto, por favor recuerden las promesas a nuestro Patriarca para las áreas a su cargo en el Medio Oriente.

Ahora, ocupémonos de más gratas novedades en nuestro propio país. Todos ustedes deben haber recibido la impresionante invitación para nuestro Grand Priorial Council que tendreáa lugar en Houston durante el mes de octubre. Esto nos dará oportunidad ara visitar la NASA y compartir algunos días con nuestros amigos de la Order of Saint Lazarus provenientes de todas partes de Estados Unidos. Comprendo que podemos esperar contar con la presencia de numerosas personalidades de lejanos lugares para apoyar la reunificación de nuestra Order. La presencia de todos ustedes es necesaria para asegurar el éxito de dicha reunificación. Dado que tengo pensado retirarme de mi cargo de Grand Prior en esta ocasión, me daría un gran placer poder contar con la presencia de cada uno de ustedes en tal circunstancia.

Hans von Leden, GCLJ, GCMLJ, MD
Grand Prior
GG/TRNSL, 901/2006

This Spanish translation of the Grand Prior's Report by Atlantic Commandery Member, Professor Christian Garcia-Godoy, KLJ, MMLJ, JD



A Special Message From the Patriarch



P A T R I A R C A T
GREC MELKITE CATHOLIQUE
DE ANTIOCH ET DE TOUT L'ORIENT
DE ALEXANDRIA ET JERUSALEM

Prot. 366/2006D

During this terrible and tragic trial that Lebanon is going through, our convents and monasteries, like all our other institutions, are receiving day after day a continual influx of refugees coming from South Lebanon and the Beqaa.

In this situation we are looking to you for emergency help and launching this appeal to our whole diaspora to face up to its responsibilities to our brothers and sisters in order to serve them in Christ's name.

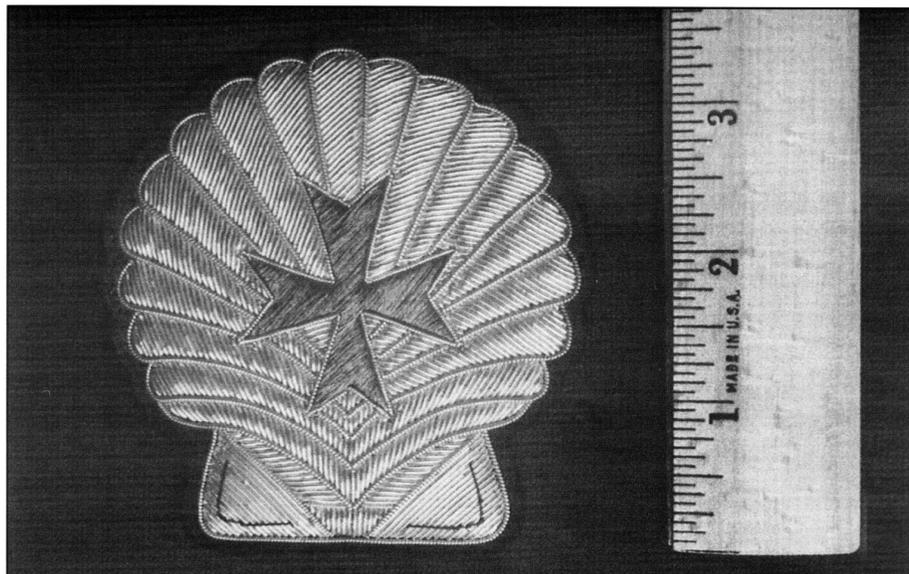
In the early stages we shall need financial help to buy necessities to cater for daily needs. For example, the needs per day for a refugee are reckoned at \$10 and a simple mattress costs today \$30.

Later on, say in about a month or two, we shall need help in kind of every sort, still being calculated.

Thank you, dear child, for relaying our appeal to acquaintances and friends whom we assure, as we assure your whole family, of our grateful prayer and the gratitude of our brothers and sisters who are refugees in their own land.

With my affection and apostolic blessing,

Gregorios III
Patriarche



Crusader's Medal and Embroidered Shell

Mexican Delegation Reports

On 2005 we are 17 permanent members plus, 2 Affiliated and there are 4 religious members; our Chaplain Father de Jesús Aguilar is the one who has a continuous activity.

The "Hermanas de la Caridad Dominicanas de la Presentación" collaborated with us until the last day of September 2005 at Morella's dispensary and then left, and starting January 2006 we had the new collaborators that belong to the "Instituto de las Hijas de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y Maria," besides in Morella we have one coordinator, 4 dermatologists, in our staff one general practitioner, a chemist who works two shifts, a secretary and a driver.

At Irapuato we still count with the Medical Direction of Dr. Juan José Salazar del Valle plus 3 dermatologists, a chemist and 2 nuns belonging to the Instituto de las Hijas de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y Maria, one administrator, one nurse, one secretary and one driver.

MORELIA

The number of leprosy consultations were 32 less than that on year 2004, but on the other hand 15 new patients were treated. The dermatological consultations increased in 143 in year 2005, but other specialties diminished, these are sent to external doctors. We had a good increase was in the lab tests because they were 1593 more cases that on year 2004.

These differences summarize; that we have more accuracy in our work and consequently each professional has more selected activities and it is necessary to stand out the big increment in the laboratory activities.

IRAPUATO

In the area of leprosy diagnostic we have seen an increase of 53 cases of which only 4 are new and the subsequent ones who had been estranged for personal reasons caused to have 660 more consultations in the year and regarding the lab we had and increase of 356 cases in the year.

Our nuns have also had an important increase in their house calls as in the treatments and spiritual visits.

Thank you very much
Severino Tarasco, GCLS, CMLJ, KMLJ, MD.
Delegate of the Grand Priory of America for Mexico

In 1977, the Crusader's Medal was created by the Grand Priory of America to re-establish an ancient tradition of awarding special recognition to members making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since that time, over 147 medals have been awarded and more than \$44,100 generated in donations which have been distributed in their entirety to St. Lazarus Health Center in Beit Hanina and the Infant Welfare Center in the Old City of Jerusalem. In awarding the medal, the Order has brought together members of both Obedience's from jurisdictions around the globe, thus uniting us in our request for spiritual enlightenment and solidarity.

At the time of inception, it was decided to have the Crusader's Medal replicate the scallop shell, thus perpetuating the form of the ancient Crusader's Shell. Superimposed upon this golden shell is the Crusader's Cross of the Order of Saint Lazarus which had its origin in Jerusalem. The ribbon from which the medal is pendant, has a broad center gold band; on either side are narrow bands of green and amaranthine red, the colors of the Order.

Early in 2003, an embroidered replica of the scallop shell of the Crusader's Medal was made available to those who had made such a pilgrimage under the aegis of the Order and who had donated the requested amount for the Crusader's Medal. Unfortunately, demand exceeded supply but now, after a year hiatus, these embroidered shells are once again available for a nominal donation of \$25 US which covers the cost of production by the Grand Priory of America. This \$25 will also be forwarded to the above noted recipients in the Holy Land. It is to our new Custos-Custodian of the Insignia, Chev. Albert James that we profusely

thank for all his efforts in procuring a maker of these handsome shells to offer to all members of the Order.

This beautifully rendered Embroidered Shell is worn superimposed over the Maltese Cross of our capes (or mantles) where all can see physical evidence of our participation at one time in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For those just returning from a pilgrimage, a simple indication that the Embroidered Shell is desired along with the Crusader's Medal and a donation of \$325 will suffice. (See page 75 of the 2006 issue of the Green Address Book of the Grand Priory of America for further information on requirements necessary prior to being awarded the Crusader's Medal.) Those who have made a pilgrimage under the auspices of the Order in the past and who have already donated the necessary funds for the Crusader's Medal and would now like the Embroidered Shell need only send the suggested \$25 donation to the Keeper of the Crusader's Medal, Dame Lee Stanley. (More is always welcome if you so prefer.) These embroidered shells will be available at the Grand Priorial Council Meeting in Houston, Texas in October of this year for those who have already donated the necessary funds for the Crusader's Medal and would now like to add the Embroidered Shell to their capes.

For further information or to order either the Crusader's Medal, Embroidered Shell or both, please contact:

Keeper of the Crusader's Medal
Dame Lee A. Stanely DLJ
PO Box 3756
Sequim, WA 98382-5060 USA
Phone and Fax: (360) 681-4300
E-Mail: 4boysma@attglobal.net

Saint Lazarus In Jerusalem

Dear Dr. Hans von Leden,
Heartfelt greetings from the Holy City,

As every year I am pleased to send You our Annual Report of 2005 concerning finances and activities of our <<Saint Lazarus Health Centre>> in Beit Hannina and the project budget for 2006.

Of course I would like to thank You personally but also in behalf of all the people working in the Centre and all those who take advantage and benefit out of Your love and sorrow for the Holy Land, the land where little seed was spread out. May our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ protect You and all the members and benefactors of the Saint Lazarus-Order and may He hear all Your prayers.

And we would like to assure You as well of our ceaseless prayer here at the Holy Places.

In this spirit I greet You.

Yours sincerely,

Archimandrite Mtanios Haddad

Patriarcal Vicar in Jerusalem

Grec-Melkite

Patriarcate



Supporters for Von Leden

In the March-April 2006 Newsletter (Vol. 37, No. 4) an article on "Heraldic Design" stated that Knights Grand Cross are entitled to a grant of supporters. These supporters (originally called "bearers" in Scotland), guard, support or bear up the shield of arms. In France, human supporters are called "tenants". Supporters, bearers, or tenants are considered one of the highest heraldic honours that can be awarded to an individual. Knight of the highest grade of various Chivalric Orders may be bestowed bearers for life. Such supporters are personal to each knight, as they do not descent to their children. The selected bearers may represent the career, profession, of real supporters of the honored knight; e.g. an army general may have two soldiers from his regiment, etc.

These armorial bearings with supporters have been affirmed, conferred, and duly registered with the Prioral Herald of Arms for H.E. The Chevalier Hans von Leden, GCLJ.

Compiled by:
Ernest E. Aitchison, Esqr.
Knight of Justice
June, 2006

The Arms of
H. E. the Chev. Hans von Leden
GCLJ, GMLJ, MD
Grand Hospitaller of the Order
Grand Prior of the American Grand Priory

Shield: Per fess Argent and Sable: in chief a cross Gules, in base three mullets of eight points Or two over one.

Crest: Issuant out of a Noble coronet Proper, two German horns, one Sable and the other Or, projecting from each of these three feathers counterchanged.

Supporters: On the dexter side the goddess Hygeia supporting with her exterior hand the rod of Aesculapius all Proper, and on the sinister side a crusader, armed at all points, of the Order of Saint Lazarus, all Proper.

Note: Hygeia was the Roman goddess of health. She represents the medical career and hospitaller work of Dr. von Leden. The crusader stands for the Prior's leadership in the Military Order of Saint Lazarus.

Annual Report 2005

The Saint Lazarus Health Centre of the Greek Catholic Melkite Patriarcate of Jerusalem completed its nineteenth full year of operation on December 31, 2005 for the needy and poor people of Jerusalem.

The Clinic serves all inhabitants of Jerusalem, whether Christians, Moslems and Jews. It also serves different Arab villages in the surrounding area of the West Bank. It opens five days a week from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Health Centre Staff consists of 6 persons.

- Sister Brigette (Director)
- Mary Abdel Nur (Staff Nurse)
- Sajida Himo (Practicle Nurse)
- Tania Jildeh (Secretary)
- Hanna Kouba (Gate Keeper)
- Salam Khalil Ibrahim (Cleaner)

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Atlantic Commandery members pose to memorialize the annual meeting. Seated, from left, include: Mark Arbeen, Almoner; Andy Johnson, Secretary; Marny Gilluly, Commander; Larry Lisle, Receiver, and Dwight Miller, Hospitaller. Standing, from left, include: C. W. Gilluly, Dick Flahavan, Luc Quinson, Herschel Abbott, and George Appleyard. Photographer John Keene is not pictured.

Atlantic Commandery Holds Annual Meeting

Philadelphia was the site of the Atlantic Commandery's annual meeting on Saturday, June 24, 2006 at the Hotel Windsor. The following members were present: Marny Gilluly, Commander; Richard S. Flahavan, Past Commander; Monsignor George Appleyard, Chaplain; Lorance D. Lisle, Receiver; Andrew M. Johnson, Secretary; Mark Arbeen, Almoner; Dr. Dwight Miller, Hospitaller; and members, C.W. Gilluly, Luc Quinson, Herschel Abbott, and John Keene, our newest member. Joining us for part of the weekend was Richard Harlow, who will be relocating to our area this summer. Richard will assume the duties of website coordinator and assist with the commandery newsletter.

The Atlantic Commandery voted to continue its support of the Infant Welfare Center in Jerusalem as we have since 2002. In the Washington, DC area, we agreed to continue sponsoring a "dinner out" program for wounded military men and women being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Other charitable opportunities are being investigated and potential action plans developed for the coming year.

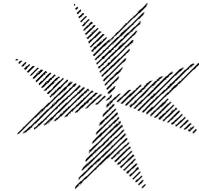
A meeting highlight was planning for the Grand Prioral Council's 2007 meeting. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland from October 11 to 14, 2007. Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join us for most enjoyable Grand Prioral Council meeting. The Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor is situ-

ated in close proximity to the U.S.S. Constitution, the Aquarium and other attractions to explore. The 2007 meeting promises to be a huge success, and the Atlantic Commandery members trust you will join us in Baltimore on October 11 to 14, 2007.

Atlantic Commandery members also sponsored a steak dinner for a roomful of wounded active duty servicemen and women and their families on May 5th. Most of the participants are patients from Ward 57 at Walter Reed (Orthopedic, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) who are amputees or have had traumatic brain injuries (TBI). It was a very moving experience, and Atlantic Commander members feel this is a way to support our wounded troops as they recover from their traumatic injuries received while defending our freedom.

Also attending to support the military men and women was actor Gary Sinise, co-star of "Forrest Gump" as paraplegic lieutenant Dan Taylor, and star of the TV series "CSI: New York."

The event organizer from the Veterans Administration wrote the following words of thanks: "Just wanted to send our sincere appreciation to the Members of Saint Lazarus for your generous and kind hosting of the weekly steak dinner for the wounded and injured service members and their families. Everyone I talked to had a wonderful time. You are very nice and gracious people." Signed, Jim Mayer, Veterans Administration.



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

With deep regret the Grand Chancellor on behalf of the Supreme Council and of the whole Order wishes to inform that our most beloved Brother

His Excellency
Chevalier

Reginald Saviour Richard Attard
Honorary Lieutenant Colonel, National Guard of Alabama, USA
Knight Grand Cross of Grace with Collar
Knight of Merit
Knight of the African Star, the War Medal and the Medal 1939-1945
Holder of several other Decorations
FIA, CPA, FAIA, MBIM, M Inst AM, MMIM, CSA
Grand Vicar and President of the Supreme Council
Grand Chancellor (ret.)
Vice Commander of the Commandery of the Castello (ret.)

After long and severe illness passed away 15 July 2006 early morning at the Capua Hospital, Malta, aged 81 years.

Born 12 January 1925 by John Attard, MBE, and Melitta nee Vincenti, Reginald Attard finished school in 1941 and served in the 2nd H.A.A. Regiment of the Royal Maltese Artillery. In April 1947 he married Liliana Demajo and worked as a teacher until 1953, later as a manager in Libya and Malta. In 1967 he opened his own certified public accountant office. He was also a founding member of the Malta Institute of Management. All his life engaged in charities Chev. Attard was a member of the Lions Club and the Casino Maltese. 1973 he joined the Order of Saint Lazarus. The 47th Grand Master, Don Francisco de Borbon y de Borbon, very soon appointed him a member of the Supreme Council and made him the Grand Chancellor. He was also the acting Vice Commander of the Commandery of the Castello. "Reggie" served the Order for more than three decades and he earned a lot of merits. Thankfully we promise to conduct the Order in the future according to his wonderful example and in his spirit.

We will always very thankfully remember our deceased Brother and our sincere condolences apply to his beloved wife Lily, to his seven children, to grand-children and grand-grand-children as well as to all his friends. May he rest in peace.

Commandery of the West Holds Spiritual Retreat

The Western Commandery's 2006 Spiritual Day of Reflection was held at the Immaculate Heart Retreat House in mid-June.

Father Gonzalez, our Chaplain, chose as his topic Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical Letter "Deus Caritas Est" (God is Love) which he described as being both very accessible to laypeople and ecumenical in nature and therefore being particularly applicable to our Order. He reviewed the different type of love-eros, philia and agape- and how the concept of love has been corrupted, misunderstood and misapplied in our modern society. Later in the day, Fr. Gonzalez discussed the Pope's message of caritas, the practice of Trinitarian love by the church community in the form of charity and how the Catholic church is expanding its ecumenical relationships. The Pope writes, "Christian charitable activity must be independent of parties and ideologies. It is not a means of changing the world ideologically, and it is not at the service of worldly stratagems, but it is a way of making present here and now the love which man always needs."

Several of the members attributed the success of the Day of Reflection to its wide range of topics and its open forum format. Acting as a reference and helping to suggest starting points for dialogues was an 80-page guidebook especially prepared for the Retreat containing the full text of the Pope's Encyclical Letter, additional material on ecumenism, material on ecumenism, material on ecumenism, material covering six contemporary issues, relating to Christianity, and a section of stories, poems and thoughtful passages upon which our members could reflect. During the conference for which Commander Tarnoff acted as moderator, the members present took turns expressing their thoughts, concerns and hopes and obtain instant feedback from their confreres and consouers.

At the end of the day, Fr. Gonzalez held a celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Mass) in the mansion's chapel, then the members were treated to a poolside reception that featured red and white wines from Napa Valley along side many different and delicious cheeses from around the world.

The Arms of the Subjurisdictions

Each of the Commanderies and Delegations of the Grand Priory of American of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem has devised its own coat of arms.

So that members of the Order may be aware of these arms and recognize them when they are displayed in Grand Prioral ceremonies, the Newsletter will publish an illustration and a description of each these arms in future issues.

Commandery of the Atlantic



Description of Arms: Per fess, chief, Azure, a demi-sun in splendor Or; base wavy of six, Argent and Azure.

Symbolism: The coat of arms depicts the sun rising over the Atlantic Ocean, symbolic of a new day, a new renewal of faith, and a new beginning in a new land - the rising sun, like the first settlers, traveling across the nation from east to west.

The Atlantic Commandery had its beginnings in the 1930s, when the first members of the Order in the United States were residence of New York and its environs.

Following World War II membership in the Order increased enough for the ruling authorities to divide the nation into four delegations: Western, Central, Eastern and Southern. In 1977 the membership became large enough to enable the delegation to become a full-fledged Commandery.

Current Commander of the Commandery of the Atlantic in Mme. Marny Alic Gilluly, the first women member to hold such an office in the history of the Grand Priory.

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Saint Lazarus In Jerusalem

Among the many services the centre offers are:

1. THE MOTHER AND CHILD CARE CENTRE:

In this centre a specialized doctor and nurse take of the newborn babies and of children under two years of age. These children are weighed and given the necessary vaccinations. Their parents are usually given medical instructions.

2. In addition, there is a medical staff of four physicians who come a week for two hours. They are:

- Dr. Ameen Qumber (E.N.T.)
- Dr. Hanna Safar (Pediatician) He comes twice a week and checks the newborn babies and children. He also checks the I.Q. of theses children.

- Dr. Johnny Dibsy (Dentist) comes twice a week for the whole of opening.
- Dr. Salim El-Anati (Medical interest)

Statistics 2005	
Pediatic visits	252
Specialist	177
Immunizations	1768
E.N.T.	68
Medical	456
Nurse visits/Treatments	143
Dentist	1020

- Total number of patients registered = 351
- Total number of patients = 1517
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Ecumenism as an Aspect of Chivalry

By Truman Stacey

Chivalry may be defined as "The knightly system of the Middle Ages and the ideal qualities which inspired it: Nobleness and gallantry of spirit, courtesy, respect for and defense of the weak."

Such a definition, however, overlooks one of Chivalry's most ingrained ideals: its religious fervor. Chivalry and Knighthood were products of Christianity, and its ideals were based on the messages of the Gospel.

John of Salisbury (deceased 1180 A.D.), English bishop and classical scholar, is quoted as defining the mission of Knighthood thus: "To protect the Church, to fight against treachery, to reverence the priesthood, to fend off injustice toward the poor, to make peace in your own province, to shed blood for your brethren, and, if needs must, lay down our life..."

"To protect the Church" is listed first among the obligations of Chivalry, along with its unspoken concomitant, to follow the Faith of Jesus the Christ.

Chivalry in our world today finds its expression not in armored knights, but in the Knightly Orders which have survived from the Era of the Crusades, and those established in their image.

The essence of 21st Century Chivalry is brotherhood, and the origins of the ideal of brotherhood will be found in the monastic communities of the Church. The word "order," from the Latin "ordo," referred to an association of a limited number of persons who took upon themselves certain obligations and who subjected themselves to certain rules.

The first Knightly Orders patterned themselves after the monastic Orders, with the difference that their vocation was practiced in the world rather than in a monastery.

These new Orders brought to the world the same striving toward a virtuous, spiritual and honorable life in defense of the Church and the distressed.

The whole of Knighthood finds its life and its historic roots in a shared community of brotherhood in which its members share a bond even though they individually may differ in place, in

nationality, in language or in age.

Included in this bonding together is a common mission, a common identity and a common leader. The Grand Master is the accepted head of any Order, but in every Christian Order the Savior is the real Master: The Divine Master. As such He commands an allegiance of all Christian Knights, and the Knights, through their lives, pay Him homage.

What better and more complete way to pay such homage than to accept as a vow the obligation to work toward bringing into fruition that prayer by which He addressed the Father before He suffered: "I pray not only for these (the disciples) but for those also who through their words will believe in me, that they all be one."

The goal of Christian unity is one which should galvanize every Knight or Dame of every Christian Order.

The divisions within Christianity today have persisted for centuries and the realization of Christian unity must lie far into the future. Each journey, however long, begins with a first step, and the ruptures of the past need not dissuade or deter an individual Knight or an entire Order from taking those first steps.

What are the first steps? They are plainly discernible: Contrition, penance, and prayer.

The individual Knight and his Order must reflect upon the sins and the misdeeds of the past, and express remorse for them, and to resolve to do penance for them. As Christian Knights each and all share in the guilt and the sins of our fathers if we do not act to make reparations. "For those who know the Will of God and do it not, the greater the punishment." How often have we looked within our own hearts and detected but the faintest glimpse of the Holy Spirit?

A call to conversion must be followed by a call to action. Reparation demands a physical act, a sacrifice, a conscious sin offering, such as a pilgrimage, a journey to one of those places of spiritual radiation which have seen the intervention of the Holy. Not all Knights may travel to Jerusalem, or Compostela or Lourdes, but

pilgrimages may also be made to a cathedral or other historic church, or to a church dedicated to the Knight's own patron saint. Thus the Knight on pilgrimage prefigures the concept of the Christian life itself as a pilgrimage.

Binding action together is prayer. Many times one overlooks the significance which must be attached to prayer. The first fruits of prayer must be a deepening of the faith and knowledge of the Knight's own Faith, so that he may recognize those gifts Christians have in common. All Christians agree to one baptism which unites all with Christ and the Church. In baptism all are brothers and sisters -- separated, perhaps, but still brothers and sisters. All Christians have a deep respect for the Word of God. All have faith, hope and charity with the other gifts of the Paraclete.

In the offering of brotherly prayers for unity the knight must learn truthfully about what other Christian Churches believe and practice. The Knight must make every effort to avoid expressions, judgments and actions which do not honestly and accurately express the beliefs and actions of the Churches of others.

Individual prayer is demanded of all, but communal prayer is even more necessary. Members of an order should adopt communal prayer for unity regularly. The faithful praying together can move the heart of God.

Formal interfaith gatherings to pray for Christian unity are also needed, and an Order of Knights may well sponsor such gathering. Such prayer gatherings will have good fruit in developing cooperation for the common good, such as social service, works of charity, and the search of peace, justice and freedom from oppression. Will not such cooperation over the years produce a closer coordination of belief? In an age of terrorism and violence is it not true that schisms leave the Faith weaker in repelling the common foe?

The goal, therefore, may be accepted as a quest by the modern Knight, and one prays that those who do so may encounter what Saint John of the Cross calls "the fire that consumes and yet does no harm."

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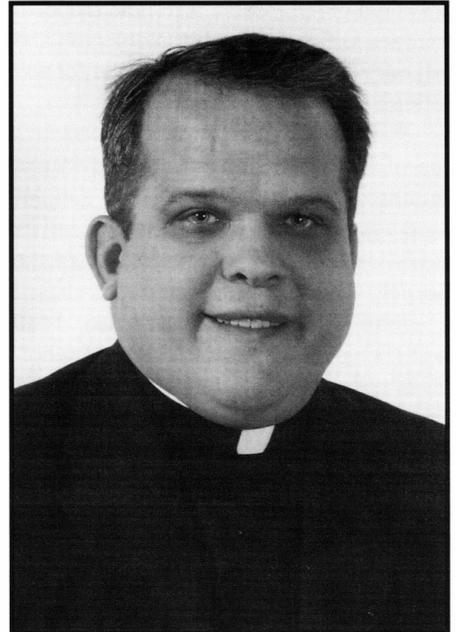
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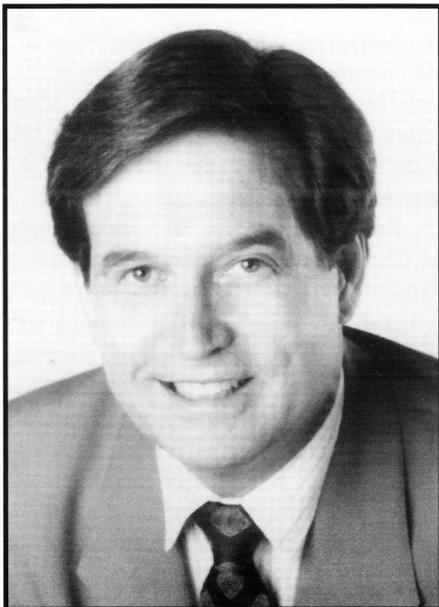
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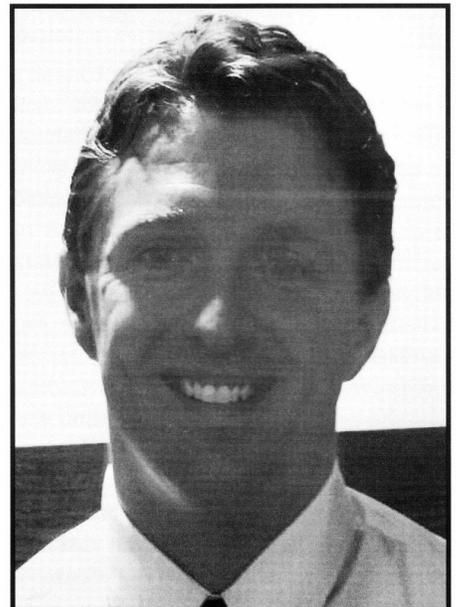
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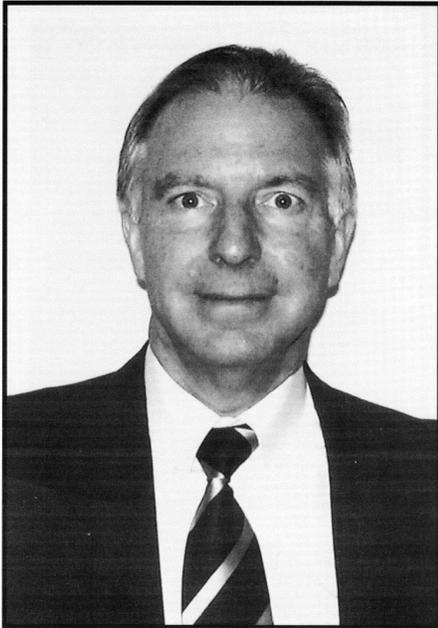
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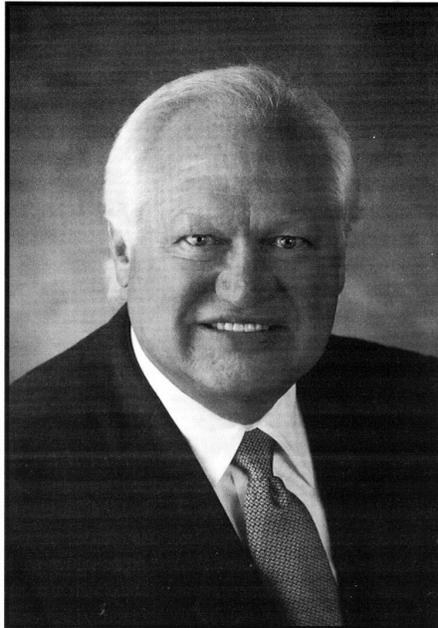
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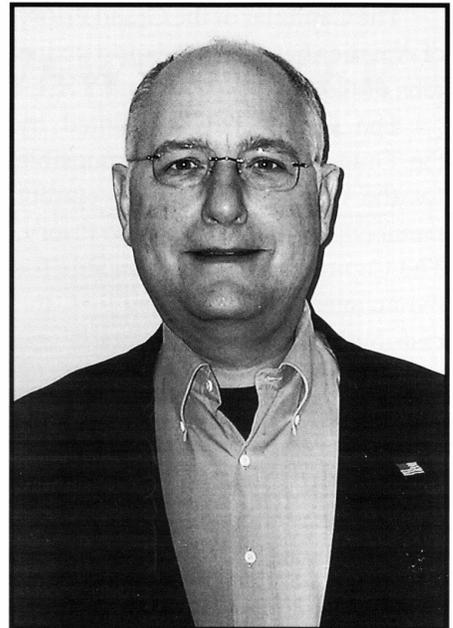
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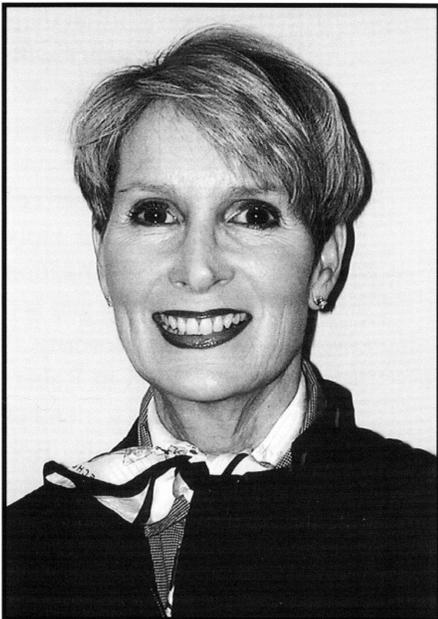
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Priory's Capitular has demanding position

The Capitular of the Grand Priory of America has one of the most taxing jobs of the organization.

The Capitular is appointed by the Grand Prior and is responsible for the maintenance of the current membership roll of the Grand Priory. The Capitular is also responsible for the maintenance of mailing lists, the distribution of "The Green Book" and carries out other duties as directed by the Grand Prior. The Capitular also has the job of preparing and delivering in print-ready form the annual roster of the Order to the Scrivener for the preparation and distribution of "The Green Book."

Because of the scope of this position the Grand Prior has appointed co-capitulars: Charlotte Hust and Charlotte Peters-Haynie, both of Houston, TX.

Charlotte Ann Campbell Hust (Chari) is taking the torch from Eileen Moschel as Capitular.

Chari is a 6th generation Texan who was born in Houston, but grew up in Corsicana. She attended both Texas Tech University and Texas Woman's University and received her Bachelor of Nursing in Houston. She also is a charter member of the International Flying Nurses Association, and holds her private pilots license. Her senior year was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honorary Society.

Upon Graduation she married Robert Geoffrey Hust, M.D., and settled in Houston. She then began working as a pediatric nurse for 4 private doctors, then later while working on her masters in nursing, began working in Ob-Gyn at St. Luke's Hospital and a private physician. She became a mother

in 1982 to Robert David Hust, and Michael Allen Hust in 1986. So begins time for others.

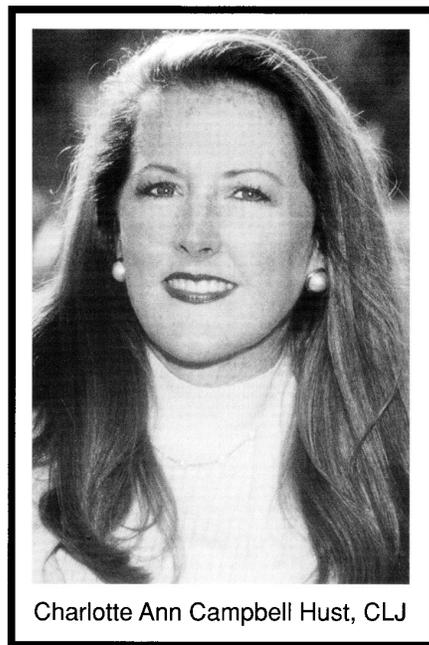
Chari has been involved in philanthropy all her life. She has been involved in the American Heart Association since 1996. She has been live auction chair for the Heart Rock Ball, has been Finance Chair, Program Chair and Vice-President of the American Heart Association Guild of Houston. In 1999, she received the "Robert J. Cruikshank" Volunteer of the Year Award, and has served on the Advisory Board. Both Bob & Chari Hust were honored at American Heart Associate's 2004 Red Heart Ball as Medical Honorees.

Chari has served of the Board of The Arbor School, a school for handicapped children. She is a National Board of Director for Life Teen International, a Catholic youth ministry movement. She is on the International Board of Military Community Youth Ministry, ministering to our military's teens all over the world. In 2005, she traveled to Liptovsky, Mikulas, Slovakia with the military's teens on their spring break to build playgrounds for the orphans and poor schools in Slovakia. Chari is traveling to Colone, Germany later in August to attend ECYC, European Catholic Youth Conference, again to be with military teens.

Chari serves as a member of the Presidents Cabinet at Franciscan

Editor's Note

The next issue of the Newsletter will contain a biographical sketch of the other co-Capitular: Chaerlotte-Peters-Haynie.



Charlotte Ann Campbell Hust, CLJ

university in Steubenville, Ohio where her son David is a graduate. She is involved with The Language and Catechetical Institute in Gaming, Austria for Eastern European students to further their faith in their countries. She also volunteers with the American Cancer Society, St. Thomas High School, and her parish St. Thomas More.

Chari is also a member of The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, Foundation for Life, Texas Right to Life and is a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Chari Hust is married to Robert Geoffrey Hust, MD, also a member of the Order of St. Lazarus. Bob is an interventional cardiologist with Houston Cardiovascular Associates. They have two sons, David and Michael. David is in graduate school at University of St. Thomas in Houston. Michael is a junior at Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX. Chari and Bob reside in Houston, TX.