

The Priory in the United States of America of

THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM

# The Sixty-Third Service of Investiture & Rededication

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York

The Priory in the United States of America of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem expresses gratitude to The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, OStJ, Rector of Saint Thomas Church, for the hospitality and kindness of Saint Thomas Church in hosting the sixty-third Service of Investiture and Rededication.

The Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys is directed by Dr. Jeremy Filsell, Organist and Director of Music. The organist is Mr. Maks Adach, Associate for Musical Studies and Assistant Organist.

#### Music before the Service

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Please remain seated for the entrances of a Bailiff Grand Cross and of the Choir.

Feierlicher Einzug der Ritter des Johanniter-Ordens Richard Strauss (1864–1949), arr. Max Reger (1873–1916)

A New Commandment William Mundy (c. 1529–1591)

John 13:34

<sup>&</sup>quot;A new commandment give I unto you," saith the Lord,

<sup>&</sup>quot;that ye love together, as I have loved you, that e'en so ye love one another."

#### The Procession

Cross and Lights

The Banner of the Order of St John

Master of Ceremonies

*Marshal* Representatives of The Johanniterorden

Marshal
Representatives of The Sovereign Military Order of Malta

Banner of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group Hospitaller of The Order Chief Executive Officer, St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group Chairman, St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group

> Banner of the Priory of Canada Chancellor of the Priory of Canada

The Banner of The Priory in the United States of America

*Marshal* Knights and Dames

Banner of the St John Volunteer Corps

Marshal
Priory Chapter and Officers

Master of Ceremonies

Readers

Chancellor of The Priory

The Cross of The Priory

Verger Rector of Saint Thomas Church

Sub-Prelate of The Priory

Bailiff Grand Cross

Banner Esquire

Marshal Chancellor of The Order Banner Esquire

Director of Ceremonies

The Sword of The Priory

The Prior Banner Esquire

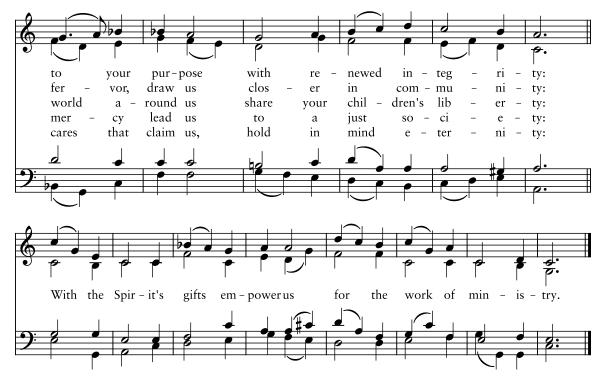
# The Order of Service

#### All stand.

Hymn







Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril V. Taylor (1907–1991)

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)

The Sub-Prelate of the Priory receives the Banner of the Order, the Banner of the Priory, the Cross of the Priory, and the Sword of the Priory from their bearers and lays them upon the altar saying

GOD who art the help and shield of all who trust in thee; we lay upon thy Table the Symbols of loyalty, honor, and devotion. May all who look upon them be reminded of our duty to thee, to our Country, and to our Order, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Bidding

# The Sub-Prelate says

GRACE be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We meet in the presence of Almighty God to worship him in spirit and in truth; to give him thanks for the long history of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and its Foundations; to pray to him for Members of the Order past and present; to ask his blessing on its continuing work for all in sickness and distress; and to dedicate ourselves afresh to his service.

May Almighty God bless us with his grace; may Christ our Lord give us the joy of life eternal; and into the fellowship of the redeemed may the Spirit of Truth and Love bring us all. *Amen*.

All sit.

The Welcome

The Rev'd Canon Carl F. Turner, OStJ Rector, Saint Thomas Church

# The Prior's Greeting

Nigel G. Heath, KStJ

#### The First Lesson

Colosssians 3:12–15

**P**UT on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

#### **Choral Meditation**

Set Me as a Seal Nico Muhly (b. 1981)

Simeini chachotam al libecha Simeini chachotam al z'roecha Ki azah chamavet ahavah.

Set me as a seal upon your heart As seal upon your arm For love is as strong as death Many waters cannot quench love Neither can the floods drown it.

Song of Solomon 8:6–7

#### The Second Lesson

Matthew 5:38-48

JESUS said to his disciples, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also; and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

All stand.

# Hymn

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"



Music: Sebastian Temple (1928–1997), arr. Martin Neary (b. 1940) Words: Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1181–1226), adapted by Sebastian Temple

All sit.

# The Homily

The Rt. Rev'd C. Andrew Doyle, OStJ
The Sub-Prelate of the Priory &
IX Bishop of Texas

#### All stand.

# The Laying Up of the Banners

#### The Sub-Prelate and the Prior will move to the altar, and the Sub-Prelate shall say

We are gathered to lay up the Banners of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and of the Priory in the United States of America. There is no more fitting location to lay up these emblems of duty and service than in the House of God, where praise and prayer are offered.

#### The Sub-Prelate, taking the Banners from the altar, shall hand them to the Prior with the words

These Banners, formerly carried in the service of the Sovereign Head of the Most Venerable Order, I now deliver into your hands for safe keeping. May all who look upon them be reminded of their duty to God and to the Sovereign Head, and of their Service to Humanity, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*.

#### The Prior, taking the Banners and then delivering them to the banner bearers, shall reply

I receive the Banners of the Most Venerable Order and of the Priory in the United States of America for laying up. May they remind all St John people of the devoted duty and service of past generations.

During the hymn, the old Banners are retired and the new Banners of the Order and of the Priory are processed through the nave to the altar.

# Hymn

"Lord, for the years"



Music: Lord of the Years, Michael Baughen (1930–2014)

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

# The Consecration of the New Order and Priory Banners

#### The Prior addresses the Sub-Prelate saying

On behalf of all members of this Priory in the United States of America of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, we ask you to invoke God's blessing on our new Order and Priory Banners.

#### The Sub-Prelate says

We stand before God this day to ask a blessing on these Banners, and to pray that they may be abiding symbols of our duty towards our Sovereign Head, our Order, and be signs of our resolve to guard, preserve, and sustain the great traditions of the Order in its mission of service to humanity, of which we are the proud inheritors.

#### Laying his hand upon the new Order and Priory Banners, the Sub-Prelate continues

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate our Order Banner and our Priory Banner, that they may represent all St John people in this Priory in the United States of America, and that they may be signs of our duty towards our Sovereign Head and our Order in the sight of God. *Amen*.

# The Order and Priory Banners are presented by the Prior to the Sub-Prelate, who in turn lays them upon the altar, and then says

O Lord, who rules over all things, accept, we pray, what we have done in your name this day. Grant to all who follow these Banners, now committed to their care, your gracious favor in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

All sit. During the Anthem, an offering is taken for the work of the Order of St John.

Anthem

Angel Voices Robert Chilcott (b. 1955)

Angel voices ever singing, round thy throne of light, Angel harps forever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless thee, and confess thee Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine; Thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design; Craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine. In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee; and for thine acceptance proffer, all unworthily, hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit Thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Holy, blessed Trinity! Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott (1832–1909)

# The Investiture

#### The Chancellor of the Priory addresses The Prior

Prior, is it your wish to conduct an Investiture?

#### The Prior responds

It is.

#### The Chancellor addresses all Postulants

All the Postulants will rise.

# The Prior rises and addresses the Postulants being promoted or admitted as members of the Order of St John

Confrères, do you severally promise to pay due obedience to the Governing Authorities of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, as laid down in our Royal Charter, in all things consistent with your duty to the Sovereign Head and to your Country?

#### The Postulants

I do.

#### The Prior asks the Postulants

Will you do all in your power to contribute to the dignity, prosperity, and utility of the Order, combating everything that is prejudicial to its well-being and devoting yourselves, so far as you are able, to the objects and purposes of the Order, more especially the care of the sick and injured; and will you conduct yourselves as true men and women of honor?

#### The Postulants

I will, God being my helper.

#### The Prior addresses the Postulants

By virtue of the power vested in me on behalf of His Majesty our Sovereign Head, I am about to invest you as a Dame, Knight, Commander, Officer, or Member of the Order of St John.

In conducting the ceremony today, I am acting on the instructions of His Majesty King Charles III, the Sovereign Head of our Order. The name of each one of you has been submitted to, and approved by, His Majesty, and it is in His name that you are to be invested in the Order of St John.

The Order into which you are about to be invested is a Christian Order of Chivalry. Its roots go back many centuries, to the first hospital in Jerusalem. The Order of St John has a long and fascinating history. The nature of the Order as a Christian Order, however, is not just about its foundation and history; it is a present reality. You are, today, to be invested into that present reality. If you are a Christian or of another faith, or of no particular faith, you are invited to take part with the other members of the Order in a journey, during which we hope your commitment to the Christian aspects of our Order will deepen or be brought to life.

Remember that the Cross you will receive is the sign of Mankind's redemption; that its arms symbolize the four cardinal virtues: Prudence, Temperance, Justice, and Fortitude; and that its points stand for the eight beatitudes, which spring from the practice of those virtues. May its whiteness ever remind you of the purity of life required of those who fight for the defense of the Christian faith and live for the service of the poor and suffering.

If you are of another faith, we equally welcome you, and we hope that you will wish to learn more about the Christian faith as you make your journey alongside us. We respect those of all faiths, and we are delighted to have you with us in our service of the poor and the sick. May God bless you in your journey.

#### The Chancellor

The Postulants will now be seated.

Of a Dame and Knights

The postulant Dame and Knights stand.

# The Prior addresses the postulant Dame and Knights

By virtue of the powers vested in me on behalf of His Majesty our Sovereign Head, I am about to receive and invest you as a Dame or Knight of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem. Remember that the mantle with which you are about to be invested is the outward sign of your duty to act in the defense of the Christian faith and in the service of the poor, the sick, and the suffering.

The Dame and Knights are invested with their insignia and clothed with their mantle.

The Prior formally receives the duly invested individually, taking them each by the right hand and greeting them

Rise, Confrère. We receive you as a Dame/Knight in this Most Venerable Order.

The new Dame and Knights are taken to their places.

#### The Prior continues

We have received you and now welcome you in the grade of Dame and of Knight. May you ever be a worthy and faithful member of our Most Venerable Order, be loyal to your country, and true to your honor. We wish you all prosperity and heavenly blessings. May God protect you.

#### The Chancellor

All postulant Commanders will stand.

#### The Chancellor addresses the Prior

Prior, I present these persons now for the honor of being invested in the grade of Commander by you in accordance with the Statutes of our Order.

In their turn the postulant Commanders, when named by the Chancellor, come forward to be invested with the insignia appropriate to their grade in the Order. After receiving their insignia, the newly invested return to their seats.

Of Officers

#### The Chancellor

All postulant Officers will stand.

#### The Chancellor addresses the Prior

Prior, I present these persons now for the honor of being invested in the grade of Officer by you in accordance with the Statutes of our Order.

In their turn the postulant Officers, when named by the Chancellor, come forward to be invested with the insignia appropriate to their grade in the Order. After receiving their insignia, the newly invested return to their seats.

Of Members

#### The Chancellor

All postulant Members will stand.

#### The Chancellor addresses the Prior

Prior, I present these persons now for the honor of being invested in the grade of Member by you in accordance with the Statutes of our Order.

In their turn the postulant Members, when named by the Chancellor, come forward to be invested with the insignia appropriate to their grade in the Order. After receiving their insignia, the newly invested return to their seats.

#### The Chancellor

Prior, this concludes the Investiture.

#### The Covenant Dedication

#### When all have been duly invested and recognized, the Prior says to the congregation

Will you who have witnessed these vows do all in your power to support the duly invested in their commitment to the faith and the service of mankind?

#### The congregation answers

We will.

#### The Sub-Prelate concludes by praying

AY the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the Kingdom of Christ. Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have committed themselves to follow Christ and to serve in his Name through the Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem. Grant them courage, patience, charity, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### The Award of the Service Medal of the Order

#### The Chancellor addresses the Prior

Prior, is it now your wish to present the Service Medal of the Order?

# The Prior responds

It is.

#### The Chancellor addresses the Prior

I present these persons now for the honor of being awarded the Service Medal of the Order.

In their turn the recipients, when named by the Chancellor, rise, come forward to receive the Service Medal of the Order, and return to their seats.

#### Choral Reflection

The Road Home Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have
wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the aire there's
a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

Michael Dennis Brown (b. 1940)

#### All stand.

#### The Sub-Prelate leads all in saying together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Sub-Prelate prays

For the Order

Lus in our work and effort as members of The Most Venerable Order to give, and not to count the cost; to fight for the right, and not to heed the wounds; to labor, and to ask for no reward, save the joy of knowing as Confrères that we are doing thy Will, to serve our lords, the sick and the poor, for our Savior Christ's sake. *Amen*.

# For the Sovereign Head

Let us pray to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, that He would bless and preserve our most Gracious Lord, King Charles III, the Sovereign Head of our Order, that under Him the Order may be godly and quietly governed. *Amen*.

#### For the President of the United States and the Nation

A LMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite, have mercy upon this whole land; and so, rule the heart of thy servant Joseph, the President of the United States, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may above all things seek thy honor and glory. *Amen*.

# For the Other Orders of St John

WE give thanks to thee for the work of the Blessed Gerard, founder of the first hospice in Jerusalem. By thy continuing grace, do thou bless and preserve our Order and all our Confrères of The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, The Johanniterorden, and the Orders of St John in The Netherlands and in Sweden. *Amen*.

# For the Hospital in Jerusalem

A LMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people, bless, we beseech thee, the work of St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. Especially accept our thanks for its work done with skill

and faithfulness during this troubled time; and grant that it may continue to be a center of light and healing to all who come within its walls and to those touched by its outreach; through him who is the Light of the World and the Great Physician, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# For the Confrères Departed

LET us pray God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for all those our members who have departed this life, particularly our Confrères:

Richard Raymond Albrecht, KStJ The Rev'd Canon James Robert Carter Jr., CStJ Dana Ann Case, DStJ Ethelyn A. Chase, DStJ The Hon. Robert A. Collier, Jr., OStJ Charles James Frankel III, OStJ Mary Cox Garner, OStJ Peter Seipp Goltra, KStJ Mrs. Donald Lewis Harrison, DStJ Odelia Hurston, MStJ William Leete Hutchinson, OStJ Lucille McIntyre Jewett, DStJ The Very Rev'd Alan William Jones, ChStJ William J.D. Jordan, MStJ Mrs. Edward H. MacKay, OStJ Virginia C. Mars, DStJ

The Hon. Juliette Clagett McLennan, CStJ Carl Sheaff Meyer, KStI<sup>†</sup> Albert Fenner Milton, OStJ The Hon. Ibrahim M. Oweiss, PhD, CStJ Mrs. William H. Pardoe, DStJ<sup>†</sup> Manning M. Pattillo, PhD, OStJ<sup>†</sup> Elizabeth Ann Paul, CStJ David F. Paulson, MD, MStJ James Michael Rockett, CStJ Howell Sasser, Sr., KStJ<sup>†</sup> Christine Martinoff Smith, OStJ The Rev'd Paul Weeghman Smith, CStJ William Henry Told, Jr., KStJ Daniel Egan Tomai, OStJ William Robert Van Luven, CStJ †Muristan Society

And staff members of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group:

Jamil Al Baba Zeinab Al Wadedey

Beseeching O Lord our God, from whom neither life nor death can separate those who trust in thy love, and whose love holds in its embrace thy children in this world and the next: so, unite us to thyself that in our fellowship with thee, we may be united to our loved ones whether here or there. Grant them mercy and the light of thy countenance so that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected. Give to us courage, constancy, and hope, through him who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy son our Lord. *Amen*.

For Peace

Lin freedom and in peace: Give to us and the people of all the nations a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that all of your people may use their liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

# The National Anthems

A fanfare is sounded, the standards are lowered, and the national anthems severally of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the United States of America are sung.



Music: Thesaurus Musicus, ca. 1743 Words: Unknown, ca. 1745



Music: To Anacreon in Heaven, John Stafford Smith (ca. 1750–1836) Words: Francis Scott Key (1779–1843)

#### The Act of Rededication

#### From the altar the Sub-Prelate bids the Members of the Order, saying

Let us dedicate ourselves and all that we are to God's service, remembering our Christian calling, and our covenant obligations as members of this The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

#### All the Members of the Order say together

Look upon our lives, O Lord God, and make them thine in the power of thy Holy Spirit; that we may walk in thy way, faithfully believing thy Word and faithfully keeping thy commandments; faithfully worshipping thee and faithfully serving our neighbor; to the furtherance of thy glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

#### The Sub-Prelate blesses the Members of the Order and the congregation, saying

O forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*.

The Sword of the Priory, the Cross of the Priory, the Banner of the Priory, and the Banner of the Order are removed from the altar by the Sub-Prelate and are returned to their bearers.

Hymn

"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"



Music: Lauda Anima, John Gross (1800–1880)

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), after Psalm 103

#### The congregation remains standing in place until the recessional is complete.

#### The Recessional

Final *from* Première Symphonie, *Op. 14* Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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Bailiff Grand Cross

Banner Esquire

Chancellor of The Priory

The Cross of The Priory

Verger
Rector of Saint Thomas Church

Sub-Prelate of The Priory

Banner of the Priory of Canada Chancellor of the Priory of Canada

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# The Banner of The Order of St John

# *Marshal* Knights and Dames

Newly Invested Members of the Order

Masters of Ceremonies

# 2024 Appointments

As Dame of Grace

Maxey Jerome Roberts

As Knight of Justice

Dr. Glenn Miller Davis

As Knight of Grace

Dr. Charles Stebner Mosteller

As Commander

Robb Aley Allan Richard David Batchelder, Jr. Thomas Edward Kearns Cerruti Benjamin Markham Faucett Jill Patricia Hooper William Henry Hurd Erwin Wilcox Morrison Edward Thiravej Ploysongsang Armi Helena Williams Dr. Ward Curtis Worthington III

As Officer

The Honorable Robert Brown Aderholt Captain Edward Richard Ahlborn, USN, Ret.

Evan Russell Baker James Robert Borynack Brady Daine Brim-DeForest Pamela Devereux Byron Charles William Cargill III Kristin Johnson Ceva

Matthew Phillips Eversmann Courtenay McCormick Fain

The Rev'd Donald Allston Fishburne Colonel Andrew Joseph Frank, USA, Ret.

Dr. Suzanne K. Freitag Julian Steatham Gangolli Stephen Wilhelm Gauster-Filek Thatcher Lane Gearhart

Thatcher Lane Gearhart Brett Anthony Gordon Ann Batson James Stephen Benjamin Jeffries

The Rev'd Deacon Paul Stewart Kahn

Steven Allen Lommel Andrew Joshua Markus The Rev'd Dr. Roy Abbott Martin, Jr.

Daniel Lee McKinney Dr. Michael Eugene Miller Albert Fenner Milton

Frank Edward Morgan II, MBE

Nickey Louis Oates

Marquiss Taylor Pattinson

James I. Perkins

Charles De Bardelebeun Perry, Jr. The Rev'd Chris Rankin-Williams The Rev'd Steven Christopher Rice

Dr. Hudson Clyde Rogers

Jennifer Sinclair St. Victor-De Pinho

William Scott Stafford Lloyd Gregory Stanford

The Rev'd Joel Edward Strauch

Ryan Dale Taliaferro Margaret Ogden Tunnell

Lieutenant Commander Ryan Bradford

Weddle, USN Frank Joseph Wood Adolfo Zaralegui

#### As Member

Albert Gillis Allen III Hunter Thomas Allen Non Apiwatchart

Maurine Bleker Beinbrink Ramsay Gamble Behnam Charles Brady Blaydes Kate Luce Bourgeois Scott Eugene Buchanan Carol Steib Butner

William Wymond Cabell II

Rory Capra

Allen Gladwell Carter Jr. Gabriela Franco Cleveland Dr. John Querin Cook

Colonel David L. Corrick, USAF, Ret. Dr. William Ekengren Cramer

Dr. John A. Das

The Very Rev'd Richard James Datos-Robÿn

Edward Hilary Davis
Dr. Susan H. Day
Dr. Hung Quoc Doan
Charles Thomas Eden
Michael William Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Ruth Foster

Jan M. Gannon

Jun Ge

Dr. David Grabovac

The Rev'd Alexander DeWitt Graham III Major Brian Thomas Grisham, USA

Darren John Justin Guillot

Kevin John Hanratty James Dunegan Harris, Jr.

Kelly Sutton Harris Anne Thomas Hines Robert Galen Hoak

Dr. Benjamin Shinn Horne III

Alexander Byron Jacobs Jorge Jaramillo

Dr. Chad Michael Krouse Dr. Richard L. Lindstrom

The Rt. Rev'd Edward Stuart Little II

The Rev'd Canon Alistair John Eyre Newburgh

Macdonald-Radcliff

Carol Lloyd Mahaffey Beverly Jo Pipe Maher Kevin A. Maher, Sr. Marcus Sebastian Mason Scott August McLaughlin

The Very Rev'd Bruce Dodson McMillan

The Rev'd Ian Bruce Montgomery

Sara Jean Mooney R. Hal Moorman

Stephen Timothy Morgan Louis George Morin Robert E. Morris, Jr. Susan Taylor Morris

Captain Austin Wayne New, USAF

Joseph Mulala Nguramo George Hamlin O'Kelley III The Rev'd John Milo Palmer III

William Paul Perry, Jr. Mary Holman Pinckney James Williams Quiggle IV Dr. John Franklin Renfro III Helen E. R. Sayles, CBE Dr. Harold Ellis Shaw, Jr.

Sarah Andrews Holbrook Slaughter

Charles Thomas Stanford Martin Patrick Starr John Stewart Steiner Nancy Anne Stratford Thomas Ross Taylor Pamela Ann Tudor Clyde Cebron Tuggle

Jonathan Allen Underwood

Marsha J. Vande Berg William Taylor Wagner

David W. Walker Sarah Luce Watkins Brandi Barber White William Hudson White Marguerite Ramage Wyche

Frank R. Yoke III Karen Anne Zupko

# Receiving the Order Service Medal

Julian Victor Brandt III, KStJ First Bar 15 years qualifying service, 2006–24

Randolph Marshall Bell, CStJ 10 years qualifying service, 2011–24

Kathryn Spotswood Lines Cox, DStJ 11 years qualifying service, 2006–24

Hardwick Smith Johnson, Jr., KStJ 11 years qualifying service, 1995–24

Paul Anthony Martin, CStJ 10 years qualifying service, 2002–24

Ronald Caroll Plunkett, CStJ 10 years qualifying service, 2012–24

Maxey Jerome Roberts, DStJ 10 years qualifying service, 2011–24

Susan Goldwater Keenan Wright, CStJ 10 years qualifying service, 2013–24

# Achieving 25 Years of Service

Mrs. Fred Bialek, DStJ
Andrew Dean Brooks, KStJ
Theodore Wayne Brown, CStJ
Patricia H. Dresser, DStJ
Marilyn E. Finklea, CStJ
John Christopher Harvey, KStJ
Geraldine Kennon, CStJ
The Rev'd Peter R. Lawson, OStJ
Virginia C. Mars, DStJ
John Flavian Mevi, MD, CStJ
Ivan S. Poutiatine, KStJ

Mrs. Henry I. Prien, DStJ
Mrs. Mark L. Rippel, CStJ
James Michael Rockett, Esq., CStJ
Captain Richard Arthur Saber, USN, Ret., OStJ
The Rt. Rev'd Mark S. Sisk, DD, KStJ
Mrs. Kendall B. M. Squires, DStJ
Philip Henry Terzian, MStJ
Carol Jackson Upshaw, CStJ
Phoebe Dent Weil, M.Div., CStJ
Mrs. James E. Wiley Jr., CStJ
James McIlhenny Wintersteen, KStJ

# The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem

Nearly 1000 years ago, before the first crusade, the Abbey of St. Mary in Jerusalem set up a hospice to care for sick pilgrims and their companions. It was attached to a small church nearby in the Muristan district of the city, dedicated to St John and run by monks led by a Brother Gerard.

When Godfrey de Bouillon, the leader of the Christian Kingdom founded in Jerusalem in 1099, learned of the work these monks were doing to care for the sick irrespective of creed, origin or means, he gave Gerard and his brethren resources and a building to establish a larger, independent Hospital. These "Brothers Hospitaller" so excelled at this mission that in 1113 Pope Paschal recognized them as the Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, granting it independence from all secular and religious authority other than the papacy. "Hospitallers," as both Brothers and Sisters were called, took vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, and dedicated themselves to serve "our lords, the sick and the poor."

Some who travelled to the Holy Land gave time and talent to religious institutions there before returning home. The Order of St John used these volunteers to protect the people they cared for in Hospitaller properties and to set pilgrims safely on their way. Offered the chance to become monks in the Order without surrendering their vocations as knights or roles as sergeants, many accepted.

By the middle of the 12TH century, the Order of St John had become a military-religious order, now often called the Knights Hospitaller, whose members vowed to care for the sick as well as to defend Christianity. The Order flourished across the Crusader states and Europe, with the devout and many others who had been to Jerusalem giving money and property to the Order to carry out God's work. The Order's leaders wove these gifted estates into a supply chain supporting its operations in Jerusalem and the hospices and hospitals it operated wherever it went.

The Order of St John began to be granted property in Britain in the 1140s, and from 1185 the English, Scottish and Welsh estates were run from its Priory at Clerkenwell, London. In 1540, King Henry VIII, who had broken with papal authority and dissolved other religious orders in England, did the same to the

Order, confiscating the lands given it. This spelled the end of the medieval English Priory.

The Order of St John continued in western and central Europe facing other challenges, especially expulsion by the Ottoman Turks from its sovereign domain of Rhodes in 1522, the Great Siege of its new headquarters in Malta in 1565, and its most difficult period after the loss to Napoleon of Malta in 1798 when its members were scattered.

In the wake of the Order's losses, the strongest contingent of members who were in France after the Napoleonic Wars sought to revive the British branch. These members were determined that the Hospitaller tradition of caring for the sick should return to England and from there return to the Levant. Out of this grew the St John Ambulance Association, founded in part to cope with the large number of workplace and transport accidents an Industrial nation produced. The Association trained ordinary people to give assistance on the spot, published manuals, ran First Aid classes, and formalized examinations for First Aid certificates. Proving immensely popular, the Association spread from factories to villages to more affluent suburbs. Thousands were certified and banded together as "Ambulance Corps" (in 1877) and the "St John Ambulance Brigade" (in 1887). These two foundations of the Order would later merge as "St John Ambulance." Often working with the Red Cross, St John trained volunteers and reserves in times of conflict and set up an extensive network of medical and welfare services in times of peace.

In 1882, the British Order acquired land and set up an Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem to treat the high incidence of eye disease in the region. Flourishing today, the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital serves the many in need of treatment through its hospitals, clinics, and mobile outreach units.

In 1888, in recognition of its work, Queen Victoria made the British Order of St John a Royal Order of Chivalry with the title "The Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem." King George V, an enthusiastic supporter, added "Most" to the formal title in 1926 to permanently recognize the immense sacrifice St John personnel made in World War I. The English monarch is always the Order's

Sovereign Head; the Sovereign Head is His Majesty King Charles III, and the Grand Prior is HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, GCStJ.

In the 20TH century, separate Priories of the Order were established in Scotland, Wales, South Africa, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. They were joined by the United States in 1996. In October 1999, as part of major constitutional changes in the Order, the Priory of England and the Islands was created. In this century, Kenya, Singapore, and Hong Kong became Priories. The leaders of the eleven Priories, along with the five Great Officers and the Chairman of St John Eye Hospital Group, form the ruling body of the Order, the Grand Council. Additionally, there are 27 St John Associations around the world.

The Order's International Office, founded in October 1999, supports the Grand Council, acting as a link between the Priories, St John Associations, and St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. It also has programs that support St John Associations, many of which are in developing countries. The International Office is situated near St John's Gate, which dates from the early 16TH-century Priory of England at Clerkenwell and houses the Order's Museum and Library. Visitors are always welcome, whether

In 1957, a group of U.S. citizens, whose close British ties over the years had acquainted them with the Order of St John and its work, expressed a desire to have a more active role in this work. That year an American Association of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem was established. Among its early pioneers were Captain Douglas Fairbanks, Jr, actor, producer, and naval officer; Brigadier John W. F. Treadwell, President of the English Speaking Union; R. Townley Paton, prominent ophthalmologist and philanthropist; The Right Rev'd Horace W. Donegan, Episcopal Bishop of New York; Hugh Bullock, industrial executive; John Judkyn, founder of the British American Museum in Bath, England; Edward K. Warren, financier; Lewis W. Douglas, Ambassador to the Court of St. James; Fanny Moore, philanthropist and mother of Bishop Paul Moore of New York; and William V. Griffin, one of the founders of Time, Inc. The American Association grew until, having achieved and sustained significant international impact, it was elevated into the Priory in the United States of America in 1996. they are members of the Order or not. Across the road, the 12TH-century Crypt Chapel of the Priory Church, having survived the dissolution of 1540, is used to this day for the Order's religious services. Following World War II, the Parish Church of St John, located above the historic crypt chapel, was acquired by the Order, rebuilt, and is now used for the Priory of England Investitures.

Over the years, Florence Nightingale, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and the late King Hussein of Jordan have all been active in the Order. The Order has become a major international charity, accredited to the United Nations and open to persons of all faiths who can support the Christian principles of the Order's work. Its membership numbers some 21,000 worldwide, with over 250,000 volunteers and professional staff in over 30 countries who provide vital services such as First Aid, ambulance and rescue services, disaster response, home-based care, and care homes for the elderly. True to its medieval roots, the Order's mission continues to be to prevent and relieve sickness and injury and to act to enhance the health and well-being of people all over the world regardless of race, creed, or ability to pay. We are today one of five Orders of St John headed by a member of a royal family.

# The Priory in the United States of America

The Priory in the U.S.A. was formally established at a dedication ceremony held in the National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., on May 11, 1996. The Grand Prior, HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, GCStJ presided and handed the instruments of foundation to its newly recognized Prior, John R. Drexel IV, GCStJ, who succeeded his father John R. Drexel III, KStJ, as leader of the U.S. organization. In 2008, the Priory Headquarters relocated from New York City to Washington, D.C., and A. Marshall Acuff, Jr., GCStJ, succeeded John R. Drexel IV, GCStJ. Palmer C. Hamilton, KStJ, became Prior in 2014, succeeded by Nigel G. Heath, KStJ, on St John's Day 2020.

The Priory in the U.S.A. has over 1,600 Members, with strong, active groups across the country. The Priory assists the Order in humanitarian projects worldwide, although supporting the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is its primary mission. Over the years, the Priory has raised tens of millions of dollars and has facilitated substantial donations

of medical supplies and equipment, as well as the expertise and time of medical personnel, to support the work of the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. In 2023 alone, the Priory donated over

\$3,200,000 to the Hospital Group, raised through Members' generous contributions along with external support. For more information, visit the Priory's website at www.saintjohn.org.

Built by Queen Victoria in 1882, the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital opened in Jerusalem, fulfilling the Order's desire to return to the Holy Land to exercise charity. To this day it retains its reputation as a humanitarian center of excellence for high quality eye care and education in the Middle East. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hospital Group was the sole eye care provider to have remained open in the Palestinian territories.

Early in Hospital history, the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rafil Meir Panisel Haham Bashi, issued his blessing in a manuscript dated 2ND Hesvan 5646 (October 11, 1886). The spirit of common purpose remains alive today in shared academics and collegial professorships with the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem and other humanitarian organizations.

The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group is a heavily subsidized, fee-based establishment of the Order of St John. It is the only charitable provider of eye care in the region. About 75% of its income is derived from donations and grants, and it provides diagnosis and treatment to thousands of people most in need without regard to race, religion, national origin, gender, age, creed, or ability to pay. The main facility is in East Jerusalem, with additional hospitals in Hebron and Gaza City, permanent clinics in Anabta and Kufor Aquab, and mobile outreach vans providing screening and treatment to remote areas of the West Bank and Gaza. In 2017, an additional clinic was opened in the Muristan, the original site of the Hospital founded by the Blessed Gerard. Training local doctors and nurses to become ophthalmic specialist and conducting research are the other primary objectives of the Hospital's ethos. In this fashion the Hospital Group invests in the region by steadily enhancing resources and knowledge. In April 2008, the Eye Hospital became the first Palestinian hospital to be awarded the three-year Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation. JCI is a U.S.-based organization that has established safety and quality service standards for health facilities worldwide.

# The St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital

Over 3.5 million Palestinians live in the region, with 1.7 million in Gaza. The incidence of irreversible blindness there is 10 times higher than in the West, yet 80% is preventable. Diabetes, corneal opacity, glaucoma, cataracts, and severe allergic eye disease are rampant. In particular, children under 10 years of age suffer from developmental eye conditions, representing 25% of the Hospital's patients in the West Bank and 50% in Gaza. The Hospital treats men, women, and children of all ages and nurtures health care prevention programs for families that can change the lives of a generation, affecting their personal and financial future and the region's peaceful development.

Over 135,000 pediatric and adult outpatients were treated in 2023 for eye disease, and nearly 5,966, sight-saving operations were performed. The patient volume continues to climb year after year. The Outreach Program, established in 1982, takes first-class ophthalmic care through mobile clinics to underprivileged populations in remote villages of the West Bank and Gaza, many of whom have no access to any other primary medical care. In 2023, the mobile Outreach team treated 11,209 patients and educated over 7,500 through its outreach program. The work of the Hospital Group can be seen to encourage peace and cohesion between communities in the Holy Land since it provides a vital service to everyone, irrespective of where they are from or their religious identity.

As was its medieval precursor, the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group remains a force for good in the Holy Land, serving our lords, the sick and the poor. Its work echoes and puts into practice the great principles of the Order of St John: *Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum* (For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity). For more information, visit the Hospital's website at www.stjohneyehospital. org.

# The Order of St John Service Medal

The highest award that one can be granted by the The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem is membership in the Order itself. The Order and the U.S. Priory award other forms of supplementary honors, of which the Order Service Medal is one of its most prestigious. The Sovereign Head of the Order authorizes the award of the Service Medal to recognize long and efficient service to the Order, its Establishments or its Foundations.

All who have committed to serve our lords, the sick and the poor, through the work of the Order and are inspired to dedicate themselves continuously and consistently through the selfless generosity of their time and talent may be considered for the Service Medal. Regardless of grade level or financial generosity, the medal may be awarded to any who are known to be eligible whose conduct is consistent with the values, objects, and purposes of the U.S. Priory and the Order.

#### Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue, New York City

Open 365 days a year, the Church of Saint Thomas sits in the very middle of Manhattan on Fifth Avenue, the busiest commercial street in the world, and is an oasis of prayer in the "city that never sleeps." People come to worship; to seek advice; to marvel at the building; to light a candle; to learn; to be still for a little while.

The current building on 5th Avenue is the fourth iteration of a church dedicated to Saint Thomas, one of the twelve Apostles of Jesus. The parish has not been very fortunate with buildings since two of them were destroyed by fire, which is possibly why, in 1905, the Vestry decided to build the fourth church of stone (and some steel). And what a church they commissioned! The architects, Ralph Adams Cram and Bertram Grosvenor Goodhue created a Gothic masterpiece as authentic and sumptuous as any of the great Gothic churches of Europe because there was to be nothing false about it; it was to be built in the same manner of any great medieval church or abbey—stone upon stone, and a ribbed vault that bears its own weight. At 95 feet tall, the vault is almost as tall as the nave of Westminster Abbey, which has the tallest nave in England. Cram and Goodhue had visited the great churches and cathedrals of Europe and, with masterly skill, created what is arguably the finest Gothic church in North America. It can never be described as 'Gothic revival' or inspired by Gothic, for, as the 11th Rector, The Rev'd Canon John Andrew KStJ, famously said after visiting the building for the first time, "Not neo-Gothic. Gothic. Mysteriously, the flame of Gothicism had leaped five centuries and four thousand miles, to burn gloriously on Fifth Avenue."

The church building is the result of a collaboration between some of the finest craftsmen and women of their age: stone-masons, carpenters and wood carvers, glaziers, metal-workers, and textile-designers. Everything was designed in such a way as to create a harmonious whole that could rival any of the ancient churches of England; with its unique Choir of Men and Boys, it sings the praises of God:

"Architecture was, as always, the beginning; but it was far from being the end. Stone carving came to floriate shaft and cornice, pinnacle, panel, and niche; Sculpture to crowd every aperture with saints and angels; Painting and gilding to make all burn with radiant fire; Glass-making to pierce the opaque walls and set there fields of apocalyptic glory; Needlework to hang rich arras over cold stone, to clothe altars, shrines, and priests in iridescent vestments; Mosaic to sheet arch and vault in burnished gold and azure and vermilion; Metal work to fashion screens and candelabra of iron and bronze and brass; Joinery to raise wainscot of intricate tracery; Goldsmithing to furnish shrines and reliquaries and sacred vessels of precious metals and precious stones; Poetry to create great hymns and canticles; Drama to build up a supreme ritual; Music to breathe the breath of divine life into all."

From Church Building – A study of the Principles of Architecture in their relation to the Church by Ralph Adams Cram. Second Edition 1914. Pub. Small, Maynard, & Company, Boston. Page 219.



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