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Foreword by the Grand Master



As Grand Master of our beloved Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, it is my distinct honour to present our 2024 consolidated International Hospitaller Report. Our Grand Hospitaller has done remarkable work to ensure this report is the premier annual publication of our Order. It details the wide array of charitable activities undertaken by our jurisdictions and their voluntary organizations.

While maintaining the Order's historical provision of aid to victims of leprosy, our jurisdictions responded to the ever-changing challenges of the modern world and supported a variety of other needs. Significant philanthropic donations and volunteer time were spent in the provision of diverse medical care to children, individuals with special needs, the handicapped, the elderly and those terminally ill. Notable relief and succour were also provided to the people of Ukraine, including on the ground support by multiple jurisdictions to Ukrainian hospitals through the donation of critically needed medical items and prosthetic equipment.

Throughout 2024, the Order of Saint Lazarus has touched the lives of many people throughout the world. As in previous years, its members have risen to the challenge of serving, in the words of Blessed Gerard Sasso, our first Grand Master, 'Our Lords the Sick' through their exceptional charitable work. This Hospitaller Report is an affirmation of the Christian values on which our noble Order was founded. I thank all our members for the abundance of their gifts and the quality of their charitable achievements so liberally displayed in this year's International Hospitaller Report.

Atavis et Armis,

Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg
50th Grand Master

Preface by the Grand Commander



"Time, talent, treasure."

Inherent in the mission and purpose of our chivalric Order is service to humanity: dedicated to the care and assistance of the sick and the poor, and to the support and defence of the Christian faith and the traditions and principles of Christian chivalry. And as we, the members of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, serve humanity, we do so through the provision of our time, our talent, and our treasure.

As you review this annual Report of the International Grand Hospitaller, I encourage you to consider how each of our charitable works fulfils these three themes. Not only have we individually and collectively provided funds to assist those in need around the world, but we have likewise provided of our personal time, and of our individual talents as well. Within these pages, you can take pride in the generosity of our members, as we give of our personal resources, supporting health care institutions such as leprosaria in Mexico and rural community hospitals in Africa. We have found ways to leverage our funds as we collaborate with other organizations, as force multipliers to maximize our impact. We have given and invested our time, to have a direct result for and on behalf of those we serve. And we utilize our personal talent, applying to our charitable efforts our professional skills, knowledge, and capabilities. As we attempt to quantify what we have provided, we estimate that we have provided over 30 million euros in 2024 alone, in funds and in donated time and talent! But that number only represents the WHAT of our charitable service. When one considers how much benefit and impact this has had in alleviating pain and suffering, and improving the lives of those we serve, we should take rightful satisfaction that we are addressing our mission.

This Report serves a two-fold purpose: to look inwardly, to reaffirm our actions over the year, and to serve as a documentation as we inform others outside our Order as to what we are able to accomplish. It commemorates the many creative and impactful ways we have found to serve! Thank you for your generosity, in giving of your time, talent, and treasure!

Atavis et armis!

HE RADM The Chevalier Kenneth Moritsugu
GCLJ, GCMLJ

The Hospitaller Function of the Order of St Lazarus



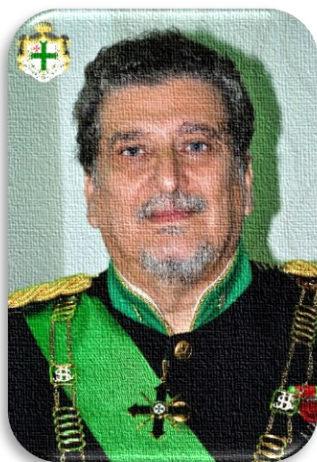
The International Order should strive to emulate the original Crusader spirit of its ethos. The 4th century Cappadocian Fathers of the Church emphasized the need of putting aside the prevalent stigmatization lepers were subject to in their communities and instead promoted the principle of providing care and support very much in line with Jesus's Parable of the rich man and Lazarus the leper [Luke 16:19-31]. The rich man did not directly commit a 'sin of commission' but rather a 'sin of omission' by ignoring the needs of his leper neighbour. The teaching of the Cappadocian Fathers led to the setting up of *Lazar* houses and eventually the establishment of the Order of St Lazarus of Bethany.

Are we not willing to shelter pigs and dogs under our roof? The hunters are often not separated, even at night, from their dogs. Look at the love that the peasant has for his calf. Even better, the traveller washes his donkey's hoofs with his own hands, brushes his back, carries out his dung, and cleans the stable. And will we disparage our own kin and race as baser than the animals? Let these things not be — no, my brothers! Resolve that this inhumanity will not triumph.

[Gregory of Nyssa, 481:203]

Lepers are still being stigmatized in our modern world. However, it is not only the victims of Hansen's disease who suffer from stigmatization. Many other groups are also targeted for discrimination and stigmatization because of their health, social, or economic status to be pushed aside to the fringes of our societies where we can conveniently lose sight of and ignore them. As Christians and modern-day Lazarites we are obliged to strive to emphasise and promote the spirit of Jesus Christ's teachings – to embrace those whom society has pushed aside and ignores. Those who suffer stigmatization in any form.

'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me.' [Matthew 25:40]



Let us as a Chivalrous Order of Charity strive to remain sensitive to the day-to-day suffering around us and of course strive to reduce the suffering we can influence.

Prof. Charles Savona-Ventura GCLJ
Grand Hospitaller

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General Overview

Thirty-three jurisdictions provided a Hospitaller Report for 2024.¹

- Grand Priory of America (including the Delegation of Mexico)
- Grand Priory of Australia
- Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)
- Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin
- Priory of Belgium
- Grand Priory in Canada
- Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic
- Grand Priory of England & Wales
- Grand Priory of Finland
- Grand Priory of France
- Grand Bailiwick of Germany [including the Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*] and the HDZ – German Dentists’ Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas ²
- Grand Priory of Greece
- Grand Priory of Hungary
- Grand Priory of Ireland
- Grand Priory of Italy
- Priory of Liechtenstein
- Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands [including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity*]
- Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello
- Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands
- Grand Priory of New Zealand
- Priory of North Macedonia
- Grand Priory of Norway
- Grand Priory of Poland
- Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

¹ The jurisdictions who failed to provide a report for 2024 included the Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold-Simoes, and the Grand Priories of Portugal and Romania. Reports from the Delegations of Denmark, Indonesia, Japan, and Ukraine are incorporated under the report from the International Grand Bailiwick.

² The HDZ works closely with the Order of St Lazarus, the two chairmen and two other curators being members of the Grand Bailiwick of Germany. The philanthropic work of the HDZ – German Dentists’ Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas – is considered separately in this report.

- Grand Bailiwick of Sicily
- Grand Priory of Slovakia
- Grand Bailiwick of South Africa
- Grand Priory of Spain
- Grand Priory of Sweden
- Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland
- Priory of Zimbabwe
- International Grand Bailiwick
- Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [*LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren*] and in Germany [*LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)*])

Sincere thanks are due to those jurisdictional hospitallers and heads of jurisdictions who have submitted their reports in a timely fashion and using the requested format. This has truly facilitated the process for bringing together the International Report.

Throughout 2024, the various jurisdictions made monetary or in-kind donations amounting to a total of €28,777,953, supplemented by 88,073 volunteer man-hours, equivalent to a further €1,321,095 [volunteer hours are estimated at a standard rate of €15 per hour ³]. The total hospitaller contribution of €30,141,048 compares very favourably with the figure reported for 2023 of €29,104,637 [showing a 3.6% increase in philanthropic work] confirming that the jurisdictions and their voluntary organizations have striven to maintain their charitable momentum though this could also be due to the increase in the voluntary man-hour value made for 2024. The majority of the donations [86.6%] derive from the activities of the voluntary organizations falling under the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe. Without this contribution, the national and hereditary jurisdictions contributed a total of €4,058,533 in monetary, in-kind and volunteer man-hour donations – showing an increase of 13.1% from the previous year [2023 contribution value €3,589,637].

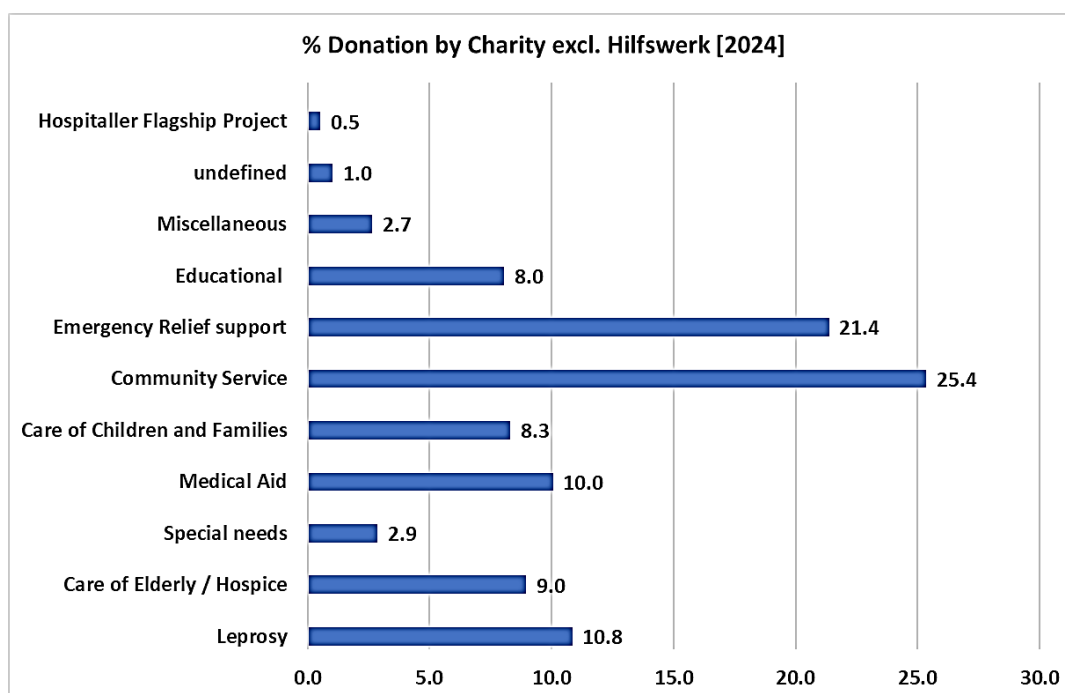
1. Value of Funding/Services Donated divided according to Charitable Activities

The table below shows the distribution of the value of philanthropic services being provided by the Order on an international level according to categories of charitable activities. It is evident that the greater part of the donations target palliative/aged care and medical

³ The value of volunteer man-hours has this year been augmented from the previous €10 to €15 per labour hour. The value of €15 is still significantly very much lower than the reported average hourly labour costs: European Region - €31.8; U.S.A. - US\$26.8 [= €25.7], Canada – Can\$34.9 [= €22.4] and Australia - Aus\$37.7 [= €22.8]

support for those with special needs, the sick and the elderly. A large part of these donations comes from the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe which as an organization specifically targets this section of the community it serves. Excluding the contribution by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, only 10.9% of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions targeted this charitable group.

	2023 National Jurisdictions €	2023 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2023 % total	2024 National Jurisdictions €	2024 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2024 % total
Leprosy	366,952	0	1.3	440,259	0	1.5
Elderly and Hospice care	299,769	25,515,000	88.7	363,654	26,082,515	87.7
Special needs	115,994	0	0.4	116,178	0	0.4
Medical Aid	288,594	0	1.0	407,882	0	1.4
Child and Family welfare	281,833	0	1.0	337,098	0	1.1
Community Service	905,019	0	3.1	1,029,112	0	3.4
Emergency Relief support	850,666	0	2.9	867,368	0	2.9
Educational	242,286	0	0.8	326,222	0	1.1
Miscellaneous	105,183	0	0.4	107,655	0	0.4
Undefined	133,341	0	0.5	42,000	0	0.1
Hospitaller projects				21,105	0	0.07
TOTAL	3,589,637	25,515,000	100	4,058,533	26,082,515	100
TOTAL	€29,104,637			€30,141,048		

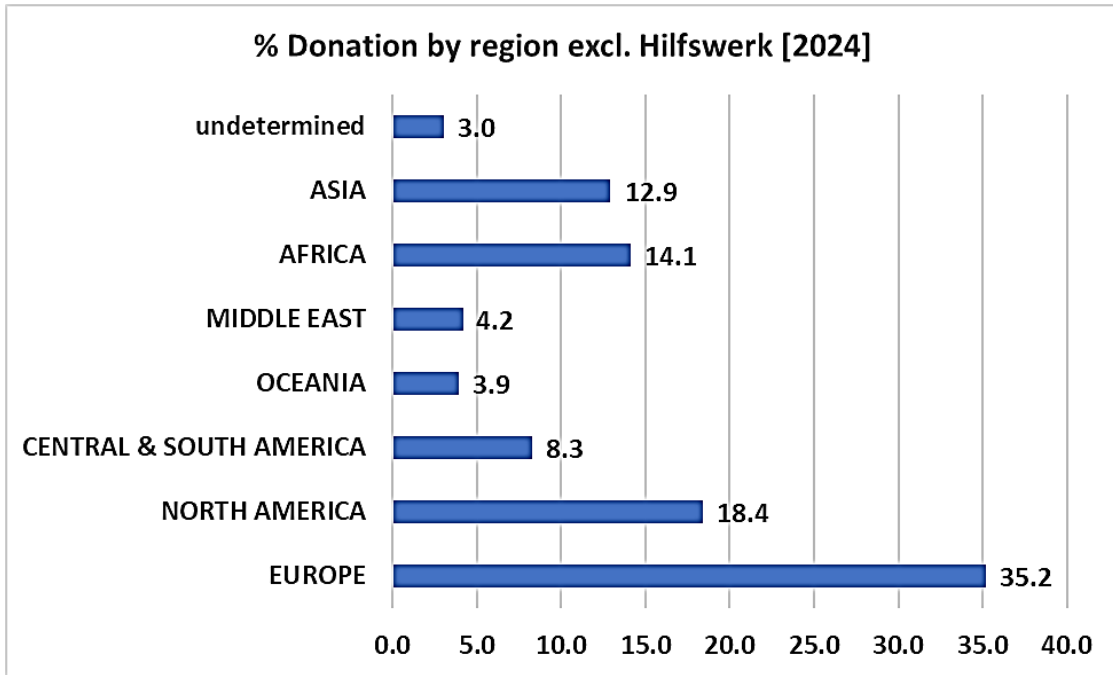


The wide vista presented by the ‘modern’ stated aims of the Order is reflected by the broad range of philanthropic activities supported by its jurisdictions. The traditional link with the victims of leprosy has been maintained, accounting for 1.5% of the total annual contribution [and 10.9% of the contribution made by the national jurisdictions]. Hansen’s Disease still remains a scourge in the developing world, despite the free-of-cost availability of the curative Multidrug Therapy regimen. Developing countries still see significant numbers of new cases being diagnosed annually. In addition, many prior victims of Hansen’s Disease remain marginalized and handicapped as a result of the chronic complications of the infection. However, because the demands of the modern world have changed significantly, the different national jurisdictions have supported various philanthropic objectives and not purely leprosy. The larger part of the 2024 philanthropic contribution, amounting to 87.8% of the total, has been targeted towards palliative support and medical care of needy members of society [the aged and terminally ill] reflecting the needs of the developed world.

2. Value of Funding/Services Donated divided according to Geographical Areas

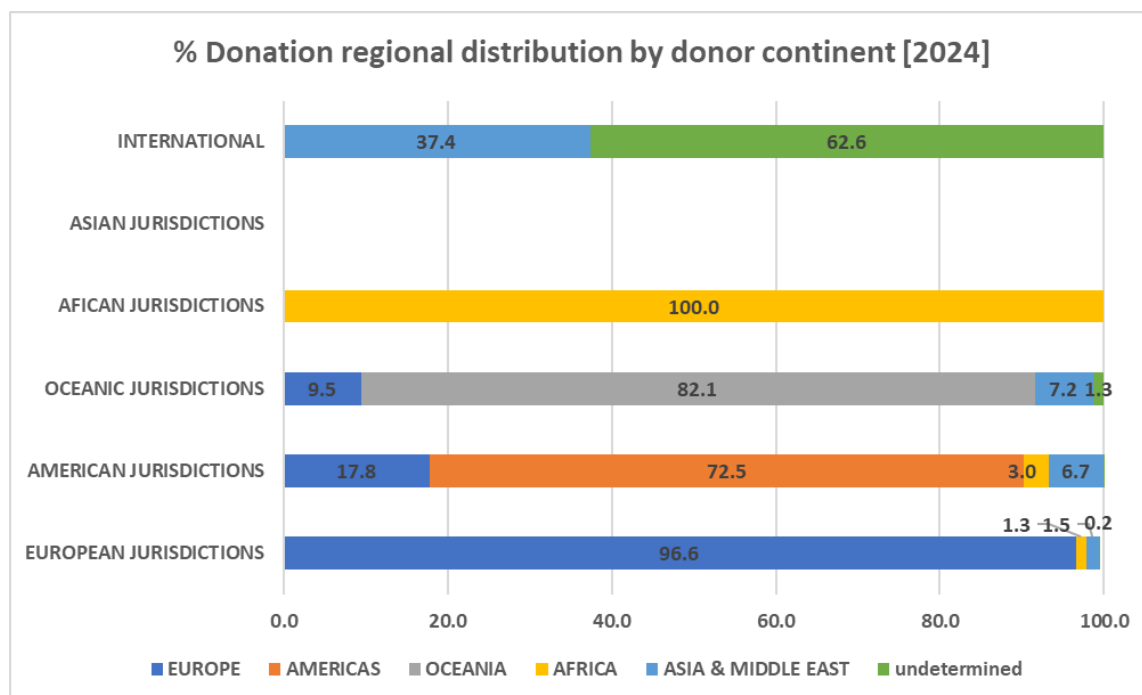
As in the previous year, the larger part of donations made by the Order during 2024 support charitable activities in Europe, accounting for 95.7% of the total amount – a trend emulating that of the previous year. A significant portion of these donations comes from the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe which as an organization specifically targets the region. Excluding the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, the European region still remains the largest recipient of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions receiving 35.2% of the total jurisdictional contributions [North America: 18.4%; Central & South America: 8.3%; Oceania: 3.9%; Middle East: 4.2%; Africa: 14.1%; Asia: 12.9%].

	2023 Total €	Total %	2024 Jurisdictional €	2024 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	Total %
EUROPE	27,575,764	94.7	1,064,187	26,082,515	95.7
NORTH AMERICA	383,742	1.3	557,206	0	1.9
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	204,959	0.7	250,281	0	0.9
OCEANIA	111,306	0.4	118,483	0	0.4
MIDDLE EAST	190,194	0.7	125,836	0	0.4
AFRICA	338,714	1.2	426,328	0	1.4
ASIA	240,373	0.8	391,077	0	1.3
undetermined			91,830	0	0.3



The targets for philanthropic support provided by the Order appear to have rather placed the developing world on the backburner with a greater proportion of donations in 2024 being targeted to needy persons or communities in the developed world, donations targeting projects in Europe [95.7%], North America [1.9%] and Oceania [0.4%]. The other main regional recipients were Asia [1.3%] and Africa [1.4%]. Most of the charitable donations made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions target charities within their own communities. Only about 3.9% of these donations target ‘missionary charities’ in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Central & South America.

There appears to be a trend for jurisdictions to direct their philanthropic activities towards the needs within their own regions. Thus the European jurisdictions overall directed 96.6% of their efforts towards charities in Europe. American jurisdictions overall directed 72.5% of their efforts towards charities in North and South America, Oceanic jurisdictions overall directed 82.1% of their efforts towards charities in Oceania, and African jurisdictions overall directed 100.0% of their efforts towards African charities. The Asian jurisdictions of the Order are globally represented by the International Grand Bailiwick.



3. Standardization of reporting

The preparation of the global report showed that standardization in reporting is essential to keep track of what charitable and philanthropic efforts of the international order are being targeted and that a clear classification of philanthropic activities needs to be used to ensure that more accurate annual comparisons can be made. The annual Grand Hospitaller report does not aim to report on all the activities carried out by the various jurisdictions but only those that are in some way linked to charity and philanthropy and thus should not include purely social activities. The following classification overleaf has been adopted.

Charitable activity	Definition
* Leprosy related programs	This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.
* Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	This category should include projects supporting the care of the elderly and of terminally sick individuals, aiming to provide comfort and promoting a better quality of life to individuals.
* Support to individuals with special needs	This category should identify projects aiming to ameliorate the lives and wellbeing of those individuals with special needs, including those with physical deformities or mental health issues.
* Medical Aid	This category should include projects supporting medical aid provisions or specialized equipment to institutions or individuals. It can also include actual medical service volunteer work done in the community.

* Child & family welfare support	This category should include projects targeting child and family welfare support projects. This may include support for orphanages and other institutions caring for children, and projects aiming to improve the lives of families in the community.
* Community support	This category should include projects aimed to support the community in general or sections of the community. Examples may include providing support for combatting drug abuse, supporting rape victims, food campaigns, shelter for the homeless, etc.
* Emergency Relief programs	This category should include projects that aim to support individuals or communities exposed to a natural or man-made disaster.
* Educational initiatives	This category should include support to promote education. This may involve bursaries to support individuals to follow educational targets or monetary or in-kind donations to assist educational establishments.
* Miscellaneous	This category should include any other charitable or philanthropic activity not covered by the preceding categories.

4. Flagship Projects of the International Order



At the end of 2023, the GMC decided upon the need to increase the annual oblation due to it from every active member, the increase from \$80 to \$90 incorporating an obligatory personal donation of \$5 towards the Flagship Project Fund. Unfortunately, this decision came into effect in April 2024 when many jurisdictions had already sent in their 2024 dues. This meant that the majority of jurisdictions only forwarded a voluntary donation to the fund. During 2024, the total contribution made by the jurisdictions amounted to €5,152, suggesting that only about 1,030 members actually contributed to the scheme. One would hope that this will be further augmented in the coming years enabling the Order to act as an international unified body to help deserving philanthropic projects chosen by a majority decision of all the jurisdictions. To assist the Grand Hospitaller in choosing the charity, a Standing Operating Procedure document has been drawn up which, along with planned restructuring of the Hospitaller Commission [cf. By-Laws 6.2], will ensure effective fair use of these funds.

In addition, further funds were provided by various jurisdictions for specifically identified projects namely the refurbishment project of St Louis Hospital in Jerusalem [€9,000] and the Bubaneswar Leprosy Hospital in India [€1,000].

The Flagship Projects supported during 2024 included:



- Support given to the Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bubaneswar in India [dedicated donation of €1,000 from Finland].





- Support given towards the refurbishment project of the Jerusalem St Louis Hospital managed by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition [donation of €15,000 from Flagship Project fund supplemented by a further €9,000 specifically donated by different jurisdictions. The Grand Bailiwick of Germany supported the project directly with a donation of €65,000].



Hospitaller Fund status:

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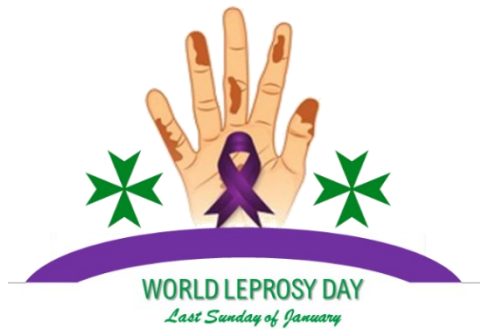
• Uncommitted balance as on 01/01/2024	13,268
• Committed – Papal Foundation Project	15,000 ⁽¹⁾
• Donation made towards Fund during 2024 [oblations]	5,152
• Donation made by the Grand Priory of Finland	1,000
• Donations made towards the Jerusalem St Louis Hospital	9,000 ⁽²⁾
• <u>Donation made towards Dr Rousselot Leprosy Hospital (Finland)</u>	<u>1,000</u>
• TOTAL CREDIT	44,420
• Donations paid during 2024	
○ Jerusalem St Louis Hospital refurbishment project	(24,000)
○ Dr Rousselot Leprosy Hospital in India	(1,000)
○ <u>Committed funds towards specific projects</u>	<u>(nil)</u>
• TOTAL DEBIT/COMMITMENTS	(25,000)
• Available balance as on 01/01/2025	19,420

⁽¹⁾ Because no update response was forthcoming regarding the Papal Foundation Project, a decision was made to release these funds to donate to another worthy cause.

⁽²⁾ The Grand Bailiwick of Germany donated the sum of €65,000 directly bringing the Order's contribution to this cause to €94,000.

Hansen's disease

✱ Leprosy related programs	This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.
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The historical links to supporting the victims of Hansen's Disease have been rather overshadowed by other no less deserving projects. However, it remains each jurisdiction's obligation to encourage support for sufferers of the devastating effects caused by Hansen's Disease. Despite the efforts of the World Health Organization, Hansen's Disease still remains a medical and social scourge in the developing world today.

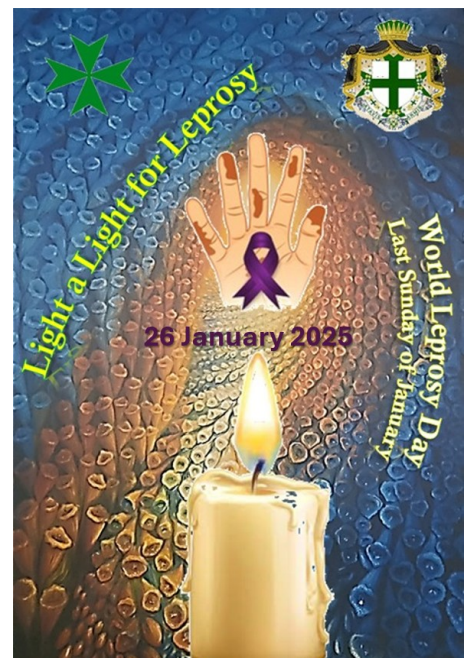
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- Monetary donation made: € 1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 250 hours

A monetary contribution €1,000 was forwarded as relief aid to support the Gandhiji Seva Niketan' Leprosy Surgery Centre managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bhubaneswar, in India. These funds were specifically made available by the Grand Priory of Finland.

During 2024, the Office of the Grand Hospitaller strove to further sensitize the membership to the suffering of victims of Hansen's Disease [Leprosy]. It set out on a campaign to encourage all jurisdictions to embrace WORLD LEPROSY DAY as an important one in their calendar and organize or encourage their members to '*Light a Light for Leprosy*' on this specially dedicated day. With this in mind, the Office prepared a reflective PowerPoint presentation to help participants to ponder on the stigmatization these victims endure and what our responsibilities as Christians and as members of the Order of St Lazarus are.

In addition, the Office of the Grand Hospitaller initiated the preparation and circulation of a dedicated quarterly newsletter '*Leprosy-Info*' aiming to provide relevant



medical, social, historical, etc. information to the members of the Order thus empowering them with the tools to combat the continuing stigmatization of those afflicted with Hansen’s Disease. The newsletter is further being circulated to the members of the Maltese Association of Dermatology and Venereology and to the medical professional staff of the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit. In his seminal 1597 work *Meditationes Sacrae*, the English philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon wrote that ‘Knowledge itself is Power.’

The Grand Hospitaller, in his professional capacity, delivered a keynote lecture entitled ‘*Lessons from leprosy in Malta*’ to the European Academy of Dermatology & Venereology [EADV] Spring Symposium, held in Malta on the 16-18th May 2024. He has also published an article in the [Gozo Observer](#) describing two late medieval head sculptures, found in Gozo, showing features associated with late-stage leprosy.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €139,141
- Volunteer hours given: 1,100 hours

The jurisdiction, through its sub-jurisdictions, the Commanderies of the Southeast and of the West and the Delegation of Mexico, supported a number of projects aiming to ameliorate and empower the victims of Hansen’s disease, targeting victims in India, Mexico and Hawaii. The projects amounted to about €89,684 given as monetary donations, €49,454 in-kind goods and service provision, and more than 1,100 volunteer hours.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the Southeast				
Rising Star Outreach (RSO)	Rising Star Outreach is dedicated to empowering individuals and families in India to rise above the stigma associated with leprosy. It further aims to provide screening services to identify and hence treat leprosy early.	US\$20,000 [€19,273]	-	-
Commandery of the West				
Kalaupapa Hansen's Disease Settlement, Moloka'i	Sister Alicia Damien Lau, OSF, ChLJ devotes countless volunteer hours in direct work with the patients who still live in Kalaupapa.	-	-	800+

Delegation of Mexico

<p>Centro Dermatológico Dr Pedro Andrade Pradillo owned by the Asociación Lazarena de México, A.C.</p>	<p>Provided for 1,303 visits by nuns to patients and their relatives referring 75 patients for further specialist care. Also distributed 409 food packages (donated by the Hérdez food packaging company), gave away medicines, vitamins and medical supplies (donated by Direct Relief), and gave away blankets (donated by Mr Ignacio Morales, MMLJ).</p>	<p>MXP\$ 830,741 [€39,512]</p>	<p>MXP\$ 527,560 [€24,727]</p>	<p>150</p>
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Staff and patients at the Centro Dermatológico Dr. Pedro Andrade Pradillo

<p>Instituto Dermatológico Guanajuatense de San Lázaro, A.C. in Irapuato and surrounding villages.</p>	<p>Provided for 713 visits by nuns to patients and their relatives. Also distributed 570 food packages (donated by the Hérdez food packaging company), gave away medicines, vitamins and medical supplies (donated by Direct Relief), and gave away blankets (donated by Mr. Ignacio Morales, MMLJ).</p>	<p>MXP\$ 565,459 [€30,899]</p>	<p>MXP\$ 527,560 [€24,727]</p>	<p>150</p>
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Staff and patients at the Instituto Dermatológico Guanajuatense de San Lázaro

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The members of the Commandery of Tasmania met together to celebrate World Leprosy Day, participating in a '*Light a Light for leprosy*' international event with an approximate 10 voluntary man-hours being dedicated to the event aimed at increasing awareness about the disease among the Order's members.



OLJ Tasmania members celebrating International Leprosy Day

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €4,216
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction made several donations amounting to €4,216 to charities working to ameliorate the suffering of victims of Hansen's disease, including the charity *Leprosy Relief Canada* to support the management of two mobile leprosy treatment clinics in India and Madagascar [Can\$1,000 eq. €649], the *RayJon Share Care* supporting work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic [Can\$5,000 eq. €3,243], and to the charity *Effect: Hope for Leprosy Care* [Can\$500 eq. €324].



RayJon Share Care donation

Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €112,722
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction undertook a number of initiatives to help combat the fight against Hansen's Disease and support victims of leprosy, making significant donations to recognized charities working in the field on an international level.

Beneficiary	Activity HANSEN'S DISEASE SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
THE ST LAZARUS CHARITABLE TRUST (Reg. Charity no. 286918)	Raises and distributes funds for the relief of leprosy sufferers throughout the world.	£5,657.50 [€6,725]	-	-
EMMS INTERNATIONAL (Scottish Charity no. SC032327)	Aims to heal the sick in some of the poorest communities in the world. The donation was made to assist in the detection, care and treatment of leprosy patients in Nepal. The funding is to provide treatment and rehabilitation by providing funding at Green Pastures Hospital Pokhara for one year, being six	£10,000 [€11,887]	-	-

	months at Shining Hospital, Banke, and six months at Shining Hospital, Surkhet. The donation also enables a two-day leprosy detection outreach camp.			
THE LEPROSY MISSION OF ENGLAND & WALES (Reg. Charity no. 1050327)	<p>Global Christian organization leading the fight against leprosy worldwide.</p> <p>Supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £25,041.25 [eq. €29,767]: Batticaloa, Sri Lanka - A project to provide and improve hygiene, the installation of wells to provide clean water, and to provide health clinics to detect, diagnose and raise awareness of leprosy in schools and to provide treatment. • £10,000 [eq. €11,887]: Champa Vocational training Centre, India - The first year of a three-year funded project to support young people affected by leprosy with vocational training to suit their abilities and provide them with the skills to gain employment. • £10,000 [eq. €11,887]: Emergency Food Aid Appeal, Myanmar - To provide emergency food aid for 631 families affected with leprosy in Myanmar. • 4. £100 [eq. €119]: Rainbow Children's Home, Vizianagaram, India - Home for children afflicted with leprosy or whose parents are so afflicted. • 5. £730 [eq. €868]: General funds. 	€54,528	-	-
LEPRA (Reg. Charity no. 213251)	LEPRA supports people affected by leprosy through prevention, diagnosis, disability aids and mental health support. Also continues strong partnerships with regional and national governments to ensure that those affected have access to reconstructive surgery, multi-drug therapy, eye care and physiotherapy. The donation was made in support of the Samarth Project (Phase 2), Madhya Pradesh, India, which is a one-year project to support the ongoing efforts of improving health care of those affected by leprosy and lymphatic filariasis.	£30,799 [€36,611]	-	-
The NEEM Tree Trust (Reg. Charity no. 1099077)	The NEEM Tree Trust supports the work of St Luke's Leprosarium, Peikulam in the District of Thoothukudi, India in caring for leprosy patients and their children.	£2,000 [€2,377]	-	-

NEPAL LEPROSY TRUST (Reg. Charity no. 1081952)	Works with people affected by leprosy and other disabled and marginalized people. It supports them without discrimination, to empower, rehabilitate and restore dignity and thus demonstrate their potential as active members in their community. At its Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital & Services Centre, the trust has established a model for the elimination of leprosy stigma in Nepal.	£500 [€594]	-	-
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Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has continued to solely support and maintain the past International Flagship Project supporting the *Gandhiji Seva Niketan' Leprosy Surgery Centre* managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bubaneswar, in India with an annual donation of €1,000 as relief aid made to the Grand Hospitaller Flagship Projects.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €8,546
- Volunteer hours given: 16 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory donated the overall sum of €8,546 and 16 volunteer man-hours to the 'Raoul Follereau Foundation' which continues to fight "against leprosy and all leprosy", such as ignorance and poverty, which tend to lead to exclusion.



Collection drive in support of the 'Raoul Follereau Foundation'



**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS –
Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung**

- Monetary donation made: €576
- Volunteer hours given: 7 hours

The Bayern and Baden-Württemberg sub-jurisdictions donated the sum of €576 and 7 volunteer hours to support the work of the German Dentists' Aid Organization for Leprosy Relief with victims of Hansen's Disease in India.

Germany : HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €125,899
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

 Leprosy related programs		
Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr Rousselot 	Balarampuram, India	€10,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency aid for leprosy villages destroyed by a cyclone, including the provision of a water pump 	Madagascar, Africa	€31,087
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St John's Health Services leprosy project - surgeries, medication, care 	India	€31,740
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation of leprosy patients 	China	€53,072

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €450
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

On the occasion of the International Leprosy Day the members of the Hungarian Jurisdiction participated in a one-hour event in Győr to commemorate the work of Raoul Follereau, Gerhard Hansen and Albert Schweitzer with an evangelical parable of how mercy can be practised.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity.*

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 65 hours

On World Leprosy Day, members of the jurisdiction, together with another socio-religious group Christ Our Neighbour Group, came together to participate in the '*Light a Light for Leprosy*' initiative. Sixty-five jurisdictional members and friends participated in this event (65 volunteer hours).

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 8,000
- Volunteer hours given: 310 hours

The jurisdiction has continued with its support to Kagando Hospital in Western Uganda, which cares for victims of Hansen's disease, with a donation of 40 volunteer man-hours. In addition, the jurisdiction also supported the organization *Women in Need* which cares for women in India suffering from leprosy, HIV and other problems with a donation of €8,000 and 170 volunteer man-hours. These funds supported the purchase of a much-needed ambulance.



New accommodation block at Kagando Hospital



Ambulances for 'Women in Need' supplied and maintained by the Grand Commandery

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €1,166
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the appeal of the Office of the Grand Hospitaller with a donation of £1,000 [eq. €1,166] towards the restructuring of essential services in the Belfort Leprosy Village in Madagascar.

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €8,193
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours



The jurisdiction supported the Fontilles Foundation to help provide five scholarships to assist dermatology specialist doctors from Bolivia, Brazil, Guinea and Romania to attain experience in managing Hansen's disease. The support involved a monetary donation of €8,193 and 50 volunteer hours. Fontilles and the Order of Saint Lazarus began their collaboration on the scholarship program for training healthcare personnel in the fight against leprosy in 2005. Since then, 39 people (28 medical graduates and 11 nursing graduates) have been awarded scholarships to take specific training courses in the fight against leprosy, held each year at the Fontilles Sanatorium.



Fontilles Sanatorium

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €5,000 to provide Christmas gifts to victims and their families.

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: € 480
- Volunteer hours given: 100 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *Mutemwa Leprosy Mission* with a monetary donation of €480 and 100 volunteer hours. The Mutemwa Leprosy Catholic and Care Centre is home to 34 patients living with mixed illnesses ranging from leprosy and AIDS to mental and physical disabilities. At Mutemwa the clinic onsite not only deals with the needs of the community living there but also oversees basic medical needs of the surrounding townships, with over 2,000 visitors per year. The community at Mutemwa relies solely on generous donations from pilgrim visitors and through the support that JBMS receives from its donors, to ensure that the essential provisions such as food, medical care, and clothing are maintained.



Mutemwa Leprosy Catholic and Care Centre

Care of the Elderly & Hospice care

✱ Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	This category should include projects supporting the care of the elderly and of terminally sick individuals, aiming to provide comfort and promoting a better quality of life to individuals.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €5,782
- Volunteer hours given: 4 hours

The Imperial Calcasieu Delegation of this jurisdiction supported the *Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home* with a donation amounting to US\$1,000 [eq. €964] and four volunteer hours. The Home provides comprehensive care to Louisiana Veterans in regard to healthcare, education, disability benefits, long-term care and burial honours.



Visiting the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home

The Commandery of the Southeast contributed the sum of US\$5,000 [eq. €4,818] towards the Grand Hospitaller Flagship Project in respect of the refurbishment of the palliative care hospital (the *St Louis French Hospital*) in Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €3,642
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

The Queensland Commandery supported the *Tweed Wedgetail Palliative Care Centre* with a monetary donation of A\$6,000 [eq. €3,642] and 20 volunteer man-hours. The centre serves as

a hospice for the terminally ill and further provides support to the families of those in palliative care.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Grand Hospitaller's Flagship Project donating the sum of €1,000 to help with the refurbishment of the *St Louis French Hospital* in Jerusalem managed by the sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition.

Priory of Belgium

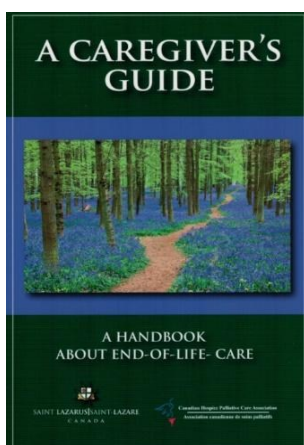
- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 32 hours

The Priory of Belgium supported the organization of workshops aiming at promoting iPhone and iPad support in the care of the elderly and in hospice care with 32 volunteer hours.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €93,473
- Volunteer hours given: 2,381 hours

The Grand Priory in Canada, with its various sub-jurisdictions, has continued with its philanthropic drive towards promoting hospice palliative care initiatives. The contributions are summarized in the table below. Other contributions related to educational support promoting hospice and end-of-life care appear under the heading *Educational Initiatives*.



An important ongoing hospitaller activity of the jurisdiction is the continuing publication and circulation of their resource *A Caregiver's Guide* published in English and French versions. In 2024, approximately 8,000 copies of the book were prepared, each valued at Can\$7 (eq. €4.54) – total cost €36,320.

This is supplemented by running the online course *Home Caregiver Support Program* (HCSP), in collaboration with St John Ambulance, initiated in 2013. The program is designed to provide much needed information and assistance to non-professional caregivers who are providing care for family members or friends suffering from chronic

or terminal illnesses. Caregivers can include other family members, partners, parents, children, and close friends. Patients are welcomed to do the program as well. The HCSP is free for caregivers and patients and it accepts registration online in both English: <http://stlazarus.sjatrainng.ca> and French: <http://stlazarusfr.sjatrainng.ca>. The programme ran four in-person workshops over two days during 2024. This required a total of 448 hours for organization and 1,777 hours for running the programme.

Another initiative aiming to support hospice care is the distribution of 'Comfort Bears' to those receiving palliative or end-of-life care. A total of 315 bears with an estimated value of Can\$10 each (eq. total €2,048) were donated by various commanderies to various individuals housed in different hospice organizations including Dulcina Hospice [60 bears], Cochrane and Area Hospice Society [25], Southwood Hospice (Intercare) [30], Thunder Bay Hospice [25], Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association [50], Foothills Country Hospice [50], Help Us to Understand Grief - H.U.U.G programme [12], Bright Shores Health Care [24], All Saint's Anglican Church, Waterloo [2], and individuals [37]. The distribution was estimated to require 16 volunteer hours.



'Comfort Bears' to those receiving palliative or end-of-life care

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services	Support was given to the NL Health Services to help them acquire emergency kits to be used by their volunteers who are working with the Nav-Care program to deliver end of life care to their patients. The kits will have a patch sewn on them to recognize the Order's contribution.	Can\$2,000 [€1,297]	-	-

Hospice and Long-term memory care facilities	45 Twiddle Muffs were distributed across many communities with an approximate value of Can\$40 (eq. €26) per muff in wool PLUS hours spent knitting. Twiddle Muffs are a tool to keep hands warm and busy and have been found to comfort those in the throes of Dementia.	Can\$1,800 [€1,170]	-	Knitting time unquantified
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Twiddle Muffs

Western Ontario Commandery				
Chatham Kent Hospice, Ontario	The Western Ontario Commandery presented donations in Memory of Jim Stokes, supported with additional matching funds from the National Matching Grant program.	Can\$4.700 [€3,049]	-	-



Chatham Kent Hospice donation

Emily's House, Toronto, Ontario	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can\$3,000, supported further by a matching grant of Can\$1,300 from National.	Can\$4,300 [€2,789]	-	
Maison McCulloch (Sudbury House) Hospice, Ontario	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can\$2,000, supported further by a matching grant of Can\$1,100 from National.	Can\$3,100 [€2,011]	-	
Toronto Commandery Hospice, Ontario	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can\$3,000, supported further by a matching grant of Can\$1,300 from National.	Can\$4,300 [€2,789]	-	
Hospice Palliative Care Ontario	The Commandery supported the June Callwood Awards with a donation of Can\$3,000, supported further by a matching grant of Can\$1,300 from National.	Can\$4,300 [€2,789]	-	5

British Columbia Commandery

Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Vancouver	In November, a cheque of Can\$4,000, partly supported by a donation of Can\$2,000 from a matching grant from National, was presented to Canuck Place Children's Hospice at their Dave Lede House location in Abbotsford, BC. A copy of the <i>Caregiver's Guide</i> was also presented. In December, Confrère Richards represented the Commandery and attended the public lighting of Canuck Place – Dave Lede House in Abbotsford.	Can\$4,000 [€2,595]	-	15-20
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Canuck Place Children's Hospice donation

Victoria Hospice	In Spring 2024, Confrère Paul Loofs attended the Victoria Hospice Donor Appreciation Tea and subsequently met with the Victoria Hospice Development	Can\$2,500 [€1,622]	-	-
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	Officer. A donation of \$2,500 was made to support ongoing work.			
Edmonton Commandery				
Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (Calgary) - AHPCA	The Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association engages in education, advocacy, and provision of resources to achieve comprehensive and quality hospice, palliative and end of life care for all Albertans.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-
Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation (Edmonton)	A monetary donation was made to support this charity.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-
Pilgrims Hospice Society (Edmonton)	A monetary donation was made to support this charity. Matching private donations were also raised.	Can\$3,500 [€2,270]	-	-



Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation donation



Pilgrims' Hospice Society donation

Calgary Commandery				
Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society, Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society, a volunteer organization established in 1998 to support efforts to enhance the quality of life of veterans in the Carewest Colonel Belcher Care Centre.	Can\$10,000 [€6,487]	-	-
Rosedale Hospice – Hospice Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the Hospice Calgary [Can\$5,000], which is one location with three centres of care: Children's Grief Centre, Living with Advanced Illness Centre, and Rosedale Hospice which provide hospice and palliative care support for all ages. A further donation (Can\$1,200) was made to support the <i>Hike for Hospice</i> event.	Can\$6,200 [€4,021]	-	15

Sage Centre - Hospice Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the end-of-life care and family support program	Can\$10,000 [€6,487]	-	-
Dulcina Hospice	Dulcina is a 26 bed hospice at St Marguerite Manor that focuses on easing the physical, emotional and spiritual distress which often accompanies people at the end of life. A music program was initiated and has proven very successful with both patients and families.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-
Manitoba Commandery				
Palliative Care Manitoba	The Commandery supported Palliative Care Manitoba, which provides support and education concerning palliative care, specifically by providing education for those offering respite for caregivers of people in palliative situations. Support is also offered for those suffering grief and bereavement.	Can\$2,000 [€1,297]	-	-
Thunder Bay Commandery				
Hospice Northwest	The Commandery supported the Hospice Northwest <i>Hike for Hospice</i> . Hospice Northwest is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate support and resources to clients and their loved ones, wherever they may need it.	Can\$2,650 [€1,719]	-	-
Montreal Commandery				
Maison Saint-Raphael, Quebec	The Commandery supported the Maison Saint-Raphael which serves as a private palliative and day care centre in Montreal. One member of the Order serves on the Board of Directors.	Can\$4,100 [€2,660]	-	100



Maison Saint-Raphael donation

Acadia Commandery				
Atalanta Hospice Society	The Atalanta Hospice Society is a charitable organization supporting accessible hospice care in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia. The donation served to help set up a new hospice facility.	Can\$500 [€324]	-	-

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €7,948
- Volunteer hours given: 120 hours

The support of hospices, hospitals and other social organizations is considered to be an important philanthropic role of the jurisdiction. In 2024, the jurisdiction made a monetary donation amounting to CZK100,000 [eq. €3,974] and an electric wheelchair worth CZK38,000 [eq. €1,510] to REHOS Hospice in Nejdek near Karlovy Vary.



Donation to REHOS Hospice

The St Zdislava Commandery supported the activities of the St Joseph's medical facility in Žírec (*Domov sv. Josefa*: <http://www.rehos-nejdek.cz/>) with a donation of CZK62,000 [eq. €2,464] to help with the construction of "smart apartments" as well as rehabilitation. The jurisdiction also actively supported the Mobile Hospice Forum with 120 volunteer hours. The Forum serves as the only umbrella organization for home palliative care operations in the Czech Republic. The support involves lobbying for new legislative submissions, and advocating for policies that improve social services and support vulnerable groups. In addition, by working closely with the Quality Monitoring Board, the jurisdiction ensures that the services provided meet high standards and continuously improve.



Support to Mobile Hospice Forum

Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €3,961
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported a number of hospices throughout England and Wales that provide specialist palliative care to patients and families. The overall contribution amounted to a monetary donation of £3,052 [eq. €3,628] and in-kind goods donations of £280 [eq. €333].

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €8,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €6,500 to the *Tampere Evangelical Parish* and *Vasa Evangelical Parish* which, through senior citizen charities like the 'Granny's Corner', offers services for 65+ olds, such as friendship activities, help in daily tasks, food support, and small gifts for Christmas. A further donation of €2,000 was made to two *World War II Invalids Associations* to help support the daily lives of their members with home help, massage, podiatric services and food for those in need. The mean age of the war veterans in Finland is now 99 years.



Assisting senior citizens

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €43,430
- Volunteer hours given: 3,427 hours

The sub-jurisdictions espoused a number of initiatives to support the elderly and those in need of hospice care.

Beneficiary	Activity Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory of France				
Hopital Saint-Louis des Francais de Jerusalem	Support for the needed refurbishments.	€5,000	Nil	Nil
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Aged or disabled persons	Provision of home nursing, psychological help and transport facilities when needed.	€31,630	Nil	3,163
End-of-life care	Support in setting up a project to enhance end-of-life care to those in need.	€4,800	Nil	264
Priory of Boigny				
Hopital Saint-Louis des Francais de Jerusalem	Support for the needed refurbishments.	€1,000	Nil	Nil

Petite Soeurs des Pauvres	Donation to help provide end-of-life support for poor elderly people, regardless of culture or religion.	€1,000	Nil	Nil
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Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*

- Monetary donation made: €1,450
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction donated the sum of €100, along with 1 volunteer hour, to support the refurbishment of the *St Louis Hospital* in Jerusalem. The Berlin-Brandenburg sub-jurisdiction donated a further €1,350 and 20 volunteer hours for the same cause.

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 7 hours

The jurisdiction donated a series of hygiene items (adult diapers, incontinence diapers and waterproof bed covers) with an estimated value of €1,000 to the MEROPEION NURSING HOME which operates as an Elderly Care Unit, supported through donations, offering housing, food and care to thirty-one elderly indigent ladies on low incomes. Seven volunteer man-hours were needed to purchase the items, for packaging & transportation to the nursing home and time spent on the spot.



Donations to the MEROPEION NURSING HOME

Priory of Liechtenstein

- Monetary donation made: €12,453
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CHF10,000 [eq. € 10,453] to help with the renovations being carried out to the building of the Kurhaus Marienburg (Marienburg Health Resort) - Schwestern vom Kostbaren Blut St Pelagiberg. Originally founded to offer accommodation to the numerous pilgrims who came to visit the 'Black Madonna', the institution became a place of retreat and retirement living in a Catholic environment. Three priests and five nuns live in the house permanently, while the house also accommodates permanent guests who spend their final years here. The partner organization, the Spitex HSAP St Pelagiberg, which is located in the house, provides support to enable them to cope with everyday life as their strength wanes and their infirmities increase. Unfortunately, occupancy rates have declined in recent years, while maintenance and operating costs have risen sharply, leaving Marienburg in dire financial straits.

In addition, the jurisdiction supported the Grand Hospitaller's Flagship Project donating the sum of €2,000 to help with the refurbishment of the *St Louis French Hospital* in Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity.*

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 105 hours

A monetary donation amounting to €500 was made to the *Pax et Bonum Care Home of the Elderly* in Mosta, Malta. Extant since 1963, it serves as a nursing home run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Heart of Jesus and provides care to 20 inmates. A team of lay staff strive to assist the elderly in personal care, housework, medication and spiritual, moral and social support.

The jurisdiction also maintained its annual participation in the activities organized by *St Mary's Parish Church* at Qrendi, Malta for the special needs of inmates and the elderly in the various dedicated hospices on the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The function includes the recitation of the Rosary, celebration of the Eucharist, and administering the Sacrament for the sick, the event closing with a Sacramental Blessing. Twelve members participated for the event [36 volunteer hours].



Participation in St Mary's Parish Church at Qrendi, Malta

The Commandery of Gozo continued with its visits to the *St Laurence Home for the Elderly* in Gozo during which the elderly inmates of the home are entertained with musical events, and organizing an animated celebration of the Eucharist, while members of the jurisdiction spent quality time talking with the inmates. These three activities involved a total of about 75 volunteer hours.



Pax et Bonum Care Home



St Laurence Home



Christmas entertainment at St Laurence Home for the Elderly, Gozo

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: €250
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €250 and 10 volunteer hours to support the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund* of the International Order involving *the St Louis Hospital*, Jerusalem.

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 48 hours

The Commandery of St Laurentzius has provided a total of 48 volunteer hours supporting the Sofienberg Senior Home in Oslo with the organization of weekly walks and social activities for the elderly.

Grand Priory of Poland

- Monetary donation made: €6,250
- Volunteer hours given: 5,000 hours

Four members of the jurisdiction support the management of the Hospice Managing Council of Krakow Hospice, working there as volunteers, one functioning as the president to the council, two others supporting the Revision Council. Between them, these members donated 5,000 volunteer hours, €5,000 in monetary funds and €1,250 in support for terminally ill persons.

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Grand Hospitaller's Flagship Project donating the sum of €1,000 to help with the refurbishment of the *St Louis French Hospital* in Jerusalem.

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours



The jurisdiction supported the *Zimbabwe Age Concern [ZANE]* with 10 volunteer hours. ZANE supports elderly people in Zimbabwe who have been very badly impacted by the economic turmoil of the last 10 years. Many of these have lost their pensions and their medical aid schemes. Many have been abandoned by their children who left for greener economic pastures. ZANE helps by providing volunteers to assist individuals with emergency medical help.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €150
- Volunteer hours given: 125 hours

Several members of the jurisdiction in various regions helped with projects providing care for the elderly. The activities involved frequent cooking for groups of elderly persons, transportation of individuals to medical/dental appointments, social excursions including museums and dinners, weekly grocery shopping and help in acquiring mobility support equipment. The donations comprised a monetary donation of €50, in-kind donations of €100, and 125 volunteer man-hours.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [*LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren*] and in Germany [*LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)*])

- Monetary donation made: €2,780
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

At the beginning of November 2024, it was brought to the attention of the jurisdiction by Bishop Krysztof Zadarko that there was a marked shortage of electrolyte solutions in the *Czeslaw Domin hospice* in Darłowo/Koszalin in Poland so that adequate fluid support could not be given to the seriously ill and dying patients. With the help of a German pharmacy, the jurisdiction provided 450 litres of saline solution and electrolyte solution. This required a monetary donation of €680, in-kind donation of €2,100 and 30 volunteer hours.



Donation to the Czeslaw Domin hospice

Individuals with special needs

✳	Support to individuals with special needs	This category should identify projects aiming to ameliorate the lives and wellbeing of those individuals with special needs, including those with physical deformities or mental health issues.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €5,782
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €5,782 and 50 volunteer hours towards projects aiming to support individuals with special needs.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Commandery of the South				
Bastion Community of Resilience	Virtual reality headsets were donated to veteran victims of brain injuries to enable them to be in an immersive environment in order to develop critical life skills such as behavioural strategies, coping mechanisms and emotional controls.	US\$3,000 [€2,891]	-	-
Delegation of Mexico				
'Unidos Somos Iguales' (United We are Equal)	'Unidos Somos Iguales' is an NGO whose mission is to achieve social inclusion of people with disabilities. The mission is fulfilled through recreational activities where young people with and without disabilities participate in what we call 'natural outings'.	US\$3,000 [€2,891]	-	50

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €11,231
- Volunteer hours given: 111 hours

The sub-jurisdictions initiated a number of schemes to support people with special needs.

Beneficiary	Activity INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory				
Wheelchairs for Kids	Wheelchairs for Kids is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization providing the transformative gift of mobility to children in impoverished and underdeveloped countries.	A\$3,000 [€1,821]	Nil	5

Australian Capital Territory Commandery				
L'Arche Genesaret Community	Provides community accommodation and support for adults with intellectual disabilities. While the charity is now supported by the NDIS, funding is still required to replace simple things that break or wear out.	A\$12,000 [€7,285]	Nil	100
Tasmania Commandery				
Gibson Unit, Calvary Saint John's Hospital	Supports the provision of holistic therapy for cancer patients, including massage therapy, music therapy, and provision of reading material.	A\$3,500 [€2125]	Nil	6

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 1,500
- Volunteer hours given: 165 hours

In an philanthropic project ongoing since 2021, six jurisdictional members have been providing a regular voluntary service amounting to about 165 volunteer hours in the *House of Compassion* in Vienna, visiting people with dementia and other needy people. In addition, the jurisdiction again supported, with a monetary donation amounting to €1,500, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to support their *Petrus Donders-Care-Palliative-Programme* in Manathoor/Kerala in India. This programme includes priority care of outpatients (in their home). If this kind of care is not possible, the care is given at a Palliative Station in a hospital.

Priory of Belgium

- Monetary donation made: €4,000
- Volunteer hours given: 576 hours

The Grand Bailiwick members have provided 32 volunteer hours to support individuals with special needs and elderly individuals with disabilities.

Members of the Priory of Belgium have provided a total of 576 volunteer hours supporting children with disabilities in the VUURTOEN School in Heist aan Zee in Belgium organizing workshops in watercolour painting and crochet lessons [80 hours], providing reading guidance [80 hours], and supporting the fund-raising activities of the school by making greeting cards and knit dolls [400 hours], and organizing a Spaghetti event [16 hours]. These activities were further supported by a financial outlay of €4,000.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €3,243
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of Can\$5,000 (eq. €3,243) to *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Quebec* to help with the provision of support and equipment for patients and families living through this form of motor neurone disease (MND).

Grand Priory of Finland


- Monetary donation made: €5,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the *Mieli Mental Health Finland* with a monetary donation of €5,500. The charity serves as a national chat-base for 12-29-year-olds in distress. The jurisdiction's donation provided the means to develop the app.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €9,910
- Volunteer hours given: 517 hours

The sub-jurisdictions initiated a number of schemes to support people with special needs.

Beneficiary	Activity Support to individuals with special needs	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory of France				
Community of Sisters of Jerusalem	Support to help in the rehabilitation of the Community's living space to allow accessibility for one of the sisters with special needs 	€2,000	Nil	Nil

Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Chambray handbasket team	Help given to handbasket team made up of individuals with special needs.	€270	Nil	27
People with special needs	Provision of support and legal help for individuals with restricted physical mobility.	€7,640	Nil	40
Priory of Boigny				
France Depression	Volunteer work assisting the management of a hotline providing psychological support and suicide risk prevention.	Nil	Nil	450

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity.*

- Monetary donation made: € 200
- Volunteer hours given: 1,600 hours

The jurisdiction, through the initiative of the Commandery of Gozo, continued with the triannual visits to the inmates of the *Psychiatric Ward in Gozo General Hospital* during which the long-term inmates of the home are given appropriate seasonal cakes and ice-cream, while members of the jurisdiction spend quality time talking with the inmates. These three activities involved a total of about 100 volunteer hours and in-kind donations amounting to approximately €200.



Christmas cakes to inmates in the Psychiatric Ward in Gozo General Hospital

Members of the jurisdiction are also closely involved with the management of the Archdiocesan Society *UMTAL - Ghaqda Maltija Ghat-Trasport Tal-Morda F' Lourdes* - which organizes pilgrimage visits for individuals with special needs to the Holy Shrine at Lourdes. These members not only help with the general organization, the jurisdictional hospitaller serving as the president of UMTAL, but also act as volunteer hands-on helpers to assist with transport and care for pilgrims during the trip. This required significant time amounting to a minimum of about 1,500 volunteer hours.



UMTAL team of volunteers

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 3,250
- Volunteer hours given: 271 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €2,250 and 251 volunteer manhours to support the voluntary organization *Hospice Malta* which deals with end-of-life and cancer support issues. The jurisdiction further donated the sum of €1,000 and 20 volunteer hours to *Dar tal-Providenza* which serves as a hospice providing care to individuals with severe disabilities.

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 32 hours

The Grand Bailiwick members have provided 32 volunteer hours to support individuals with special needs and elderly individuals with disabilities.



The Grand Bailiwick supported the Neurobionics Foundation based in Haaksbergen in The Netherlands which targets and promotes research in the treatment of patients with severe chronic pain [[https://neuromodulation.net/what-we-are-proud -of/](https://neuromodulation.net/what-we-are-proud-of/)]. Two of the three members of the management board are members of the jurisdiction.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €2,513
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The East of Scotland Commandery raised the sum of £1,155 [eq. €1,347] to support research into the pathophysiology and treatment of Parkinson's Disease, being carried out by the Neuroscience Department of the University of Edinburgh. The jurisdiction further supported the work of Lothiansound with a donation of £1,000 [eq. €1,166]. Lothiansound is one of many talking newspapers around the UK, which records articles from local newspapers and produces them on audio format on memory sticks. This enables blind or partially sighted persons, or others needing help, to listen to local news free of charge. It is run by unpaid volunteers.

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction activated the agreement between the V/O St Lazarus NPO and Samo NPO (Society for the Assistance of the Oncological Patient) for the provision of palliative care to terminally ill patients. Samo NPO has for the last 30 years been involved throughout the region providing palliative care to the terminally ill. The new protocol will allow such patients who are unable to access NHS services to enjoy the benefits of appropriate care, thanks to the service of volunteers.

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €6,000
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €6,000 and 30 volunteer hours to the Ichthyosis (ENI) Foundation which aims to support victims suffering from this condition.

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The St Peder of Lödöse Commandery has assisted the Fountain House Foundation in Gothenburg to raise €1,500 in order to support individuals with poor mental health.

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

- Monetary donation made: € 2,129
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified



The jurisdiction supported the work of the *Zürcher Lighthouse*, a palliative care organization in Zurich, with a monetary donation of CHF 2,000 [eq. €2,129]. The Zürcher Lighthouse offers terminally ill and dying people over 25 years old a peaceful place to be, with a high quality of life. An interdisciplinary team guarantees not only holistic care and assistance but also a last home.



Zürcher Lighthouse facilities

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: €1,740
- Volunteer hours given: 160 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *Malachi Paz Foundation* with a monetary donation of €660 and 136 volunteer hours. Malachi Paz Foundation assists children with autism and learning difficulties to achieve the highest attainable careers they can. Further support in the form of €1,080 and 24 volunteer hours was given to the *ZimCare Trust*. Founded in 1981, the Zimcare Trust is a private voluntary organisation supporting people with mental health challenges in Zimbabwe. Zimcare supports more than 1,000 people annually in 14 centres. Its mission is to facilitate an environment in which all learning and care programmes are anchored on individual needs so that each person is assisted to excel within his or her capacity.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction undertook programs to advocate for mental health issues, aiming to transform public opinion about mental health, providing tutoring and advice to students with mental development challenges to help them achieve a high school certificate, and the design & production of a pin to serve as a fundraiser initiative. This initiative required the monetary donation of €5,000 to support the fundraising initiative which raised a total of €35,000.

Medical Aid

✳ Medical Aid	This category should include projects supporting medical aid provisions or specialized equipment to institutions or individuals. It can also include actual medical service volunteer work done in the community.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €25,054
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The Commandery of the Southwest has undertaken to support the *St Lazarus United Methodist Hospital* at the Sebring-Mwanza Mission Centre, near Mwanza, Tanzania with a donation amounting to US\$26,000 [eq. €25,054] and 200 volunteer hours. In mid-April the donation from the Order of St Lazarus was used for septic tanks construction, skimming and painting, six toilet aluminum doors, wooden doors and framing for the doors. Additional items purchased were a pharmacy dispensing room showcase, surgical ward gypsum board fittings, PVC board fittings and floor renovation, roofing, repairs and other minor renovations for some rooms. This work started in early July 2024 and ended at the end of August 30, 2024. Additionally, the Order of St Lazarus has donated to the facility medical supplies, equipment, machines and consumables for a hospital in a shipping container full of equipment and other supplies from the US.



St Lazarus United Methodist Hospital, Tanzania

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €956
- Volunteer hours given: 68 hours

The Tasmania Commandery supported the *Whittle Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital* with a donation of A\$1,574 [eq. €956], and 68 volunteer man-hours to help purchase a Bluetooth mobile speaker for the use of patients, four hand-made quilts; and to support garden improvements with the addition of potted plants and re-design of the area.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

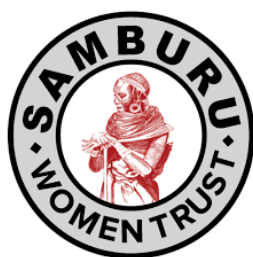
The jurisdiction has successfully secured several specialized adjustable wheelchairs for Brandýs nad Labem Hospital equivalent to €1,000. These wheelchairs will significantly improve the mobility and comfort of patients during their hospital stay.



Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €19,980
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the HoverAid Trust (Reg. Charity no. 1005977) which uses unique amphibious technology, namely hovercraft, to bring aid to remote places, where people have no easy access to medical care or clean water. The donation of £2,000 [eq. €2,377] was made to assist in delivering medical assistance to remote communities in Madagascar with no or limited access to healthcare services, and to provide medical aid to treat a wide range of health conditions, including leprosy.



In addition, the jurisdiction supported the SAMBURU TRUST UK (Reg. Charity no. 1109421) with a donation of £14,808 [eq. €17,603]. The Charity works for the relief of poverty, hardship and distress, the advancement of education and the protection and promotion of good health among the inhabitants of Kenya, in particular among the Samburu community of the Kirimun/North Laikipia area.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €1,390
- Volunteer hours given: 189 hours



The sub-jurisdictions supported a number of initiatives aimed at providing medical aid to various institutions.


Beneficiary	Activity Medical Aid	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Etablissement Francais du Sang and Hotel National des Invalides	Logistic help with blood donation campaign.	€320	Nil	32
Telethon	Support to help promote medical research.	€1,070	Nil	107
Priory of Boigny				
Association donneur de Sang	Logistic help with blood donation campaign.	Nil	Nil	50

Germany : HDZ - German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €278,610
- Volunteer hours given: ~2,800 – overall number of volunteer hours reported

✳ Medical Aid support, particularly dental related projects		
Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forwarding of scrap gold proceeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planet Action for FairDent toothbrushes: ○ Helfende Hände e.V., GDCI e.V. ○ Kleine Herzen Hannover e.V., Germany 	Africa Asia Germany	€18,000 €2,321 €9,518
• Funding for mobile dental care in Rio	America	€8,000
• Medical Support including transport to Ukraine	Ukraine, Europe	€4,300
• Herzenssache e.V., Mainz	Germany - Europe	€5,000
• Dental chair Bahnhofmission Magdeburg	Germany - Europe	€979
• (Ambulance) Transport Vehicle	Bugko, Philippines - Asia	€32,600
• Support [3 rd instalment] to OHCP Philippines	Philippines - Asia	€2,793
• Milagrosa Village Oral Health Care Program	Philippines - Asia	€2,778
• Construction of Medical Center	San Carlos, Bolivia – South America	€67,500
• In-kind donation of dental equipment Instruments	Bolivia – South America	€4,694

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind donation to the Lamay dental clinic 	Peru – South America	€2,326
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Center No. 16 Villa Zagala 	Argentina - South America	€20,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sterilization device for Guatemala health center 	Guatemala – Central America	€3,488
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-kind donation of 2,600 plastic teeth, articulator, and plastic curing lamp 	Haiti – Central America	€2,859
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of a dental department at Mua Mission Hospital 	Malawi - Africa	€24,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donation forwarded from Planet Action e.V., Germany 	Africa	€816
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eritrea Aid – Material costs, transport and project costs 	Eritrea - Africa	€10,535
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental Mobile - Repair costs, equipment for dental clinic and school in Eritrea; Toothpaste for caries prevention; Dental Instruments, Dental Clinic Asmara 	Eritrea - Africa	€22,397

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anaesthesia equipment for a hospital 	Ghana - Africa	€33,706
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Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €571
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Research For Life is a charitable organization that provides funding for medical research and awards fellowships for recently graduated PhD students. The Grand Priory donated NZD900 [eq. €467] to renew its Corporate Sponsorship for 2024. During the year NZD200 [eq. €104] was also donated to the Brain Research Trust.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €1,166
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

As in previous years the jurisdiction has continued to support Murambinda Hospital in Zimbabwe with a monetary donation of £1,000 [eq. €1,166] to help provide health care to the needy population living in an under-resourced rural area.



Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: € 23,000
- Volunteer hours given: 420 hours

The jurisdiction provided a number of medical adjustable patient beds and an electrical portable patient light to *BENETRIX n.o. – Dom SV. Lazára* [St Lazarus House] at a cost of €23,000 and 420 volunteer manhours. BENETRIX n.o. is a voluntary organization that aims to improve the quality of life of immobile, polymorbid people, and those with mental, physical and sensory disabilities who are dependant on continuous social care. It provides continuous care by a professional team (general practitioners and surgeons, autism diagnostic observation schedule personnel ADOS, nurses and health assistants, caregivers, social workers).



Visiting patients at 'BENETRIX n.o. – Dom SV. Lazára'

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €38,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has supported the running of a dispensary within the Fullbantang hospital service in the inner part of The Gambia with a monetary donation of €15,000. A further donation of €23,500 was made to Bombali Health in support of a hospital in the northeast of Sierra Leone.



Fullbantang Hospital facilities in Gambia



Bombali Health facilities in Sierra Leone

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

A donation of €5,000 was made to various medical research organizations and hospitals to help finance medical research targeting cancer, dementia and heart disease.

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Child & family welfare support

✳ Child & family welfare support	This category should include projects targeting child and family welfare support projects. These may include support for orphanages and other institutions caring for children, and projects aiming to improve the lives of families in the community.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)


- Monetary donation made: €67,454
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €67,454 and 50 volunteer hours towards projects aiming to support child and family welfare.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the Atlantic				
Infant Welfare Centre (IWC), Jerusalem	The Infant Welfare Centre (IWC) provides medical, dental, educational, and social support and training to over 2,000 people of all faiths by diagnosing and treating medical, dental, and nutritional issues and providing preventative care. A nursery houses babies from poor families and a kindergarten serves children up to four years of age by providing them with nutrition, medical care, and education.	US\$60,000 [€57,817]	-	-



Children at the Infant Welfare Centre in Jerusalem

<p>Friends of the Unborn Maternity Home- Quincy, MA</p>	<p>The Friends of the Unborn Maternity Home in Quincy Massachusetts is dedicated to the care of mother and newborn babies. Clinical assessments, mental health support services and supplies for newborn babies were supported through this local grant from the GPA.</p>	<p>US\$3,000 [€2,891]</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>50</p>
				

Commandery of the South

<p>Harry Thompson Center</p>	<p>The Centre is a daytime centre for individuals that are unhoused or in unstable housing. Its main areas of focus are hygiene, health, and housing. It has a need to replace the washers and dryers used in its shower services. The current washer and dryers are to be replaced with commercial models. The new equipment will allow the centre to expand its hygiene services.</p>	<p>US\$3,000 [€2,891]</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>Family REACH Alliance</p>	<p>The Alliance provides emergency shelter and supportive services to families with children who are experiencing homelessness. These families have many needs for items such as clothing, shoes, food and gasoline. These items are crucial to making the families comfortable and reducing stress while they work with the Alliance’s case managers to address homelessness.</p>			



Donation to the Harry Thompson Center



Donation to the Family REACH Alliance

Imperial Calcasieu Delegation

St Teresa Center for the Works of Mercy

The St Teresa Center for the Works of Mercy is a non-profit organization dedicated to corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It acts as both a soup kitchen, serving hot meals every Thursday, and as a food pantry. Our funds will assist with the cost of running both operations.



US\$1,000
[€964]

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Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €16,664
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The sub-jurisdictions espoused a number of initiatives providing child and family welfare support.

Beneficiary	Activity CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory				
Second Chances SA Inc., Adelaide	A program supporting the families of prisoners. This funding will go towards helping the children of prisoners to stay in the education system, diversion from the juvenile justice system and helping at-risk children of prisoners to become 'job-ready'. The charity also runs a second-hand furniture shop, to which donations of furniture were made.	A\$10,000 [€6,071]	A\$450 [€273]	50

Victoria Commandery				
Anglican Overseas Aid - Spafford Centre in Jerusalem	The Spafford Children's Centre, supported by Anglican Overseas Aid, is located in East Jerusalem and provides comprehensive support to Palestinian children living under challenging socio-economic conditions. Since its inception in 1925, the centre has been dedicated to the holistic health and empowerment of children by offering psychological, social and educational support. The centre focuses on treating trauma in children who have experienced violence or family stress and provides individualized tutoring to help them succeed in overcrowded school environments.	A\$17,000 [€10,320]	Nil	Nil



Donation to Spafford Children's Centre

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €973
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified



The jurisdiction supported *Kawartha Youth For Christ / Youth Unlimited* with a donation of Can\$1,500 [eq. €973]. Youth Unlimited / Kawartha YFC is a registered non-profit, non-

denominational, international Christian youth organization working through front-line endeavours young people in the Greater Kawartha area attain their full life potential as God

designed it. Youth Unlimited Kawartha has 9 full-time and 9 part-time staff and over 150 volunteers reaching out to hundreds of youths.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €20,604
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

A donation of CZK256,000 [eq. €10,173] was made to help organize Christmas parties and purchase suitable gifts for children in institutions in the Central Bohemian Region. The Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic also continued to support Christian orphanages in Syria with a donation amounting to CZK262,500 (eq. €10,431). The project, commenced in 2017 by the Community of Helpers of the Order of St Lazarus, involved the distant adoption of Syrian Christian orphans.

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €25,950
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the social projects of a number of parishes and congregations [9 parishes of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*; and 1 deacon congregation of the *Orthodox Church of Finland* (Constantinople Patriarch) with a monetary donation of €23,950 where Christmas presents in the form of euro-value gift vouchers were given to about 300 needy families with small children as part of the Order's annual '*Christmas Coin*' program. In addition, the members supported sports and music hobbies for a number of children in the region.



Charity workers around a Christmas tree and at a flea market table.

The jurisdiction also provided support amounting to €2,000 to *Tampere University Hospital* and the *Kouvola Cancer Society* to help families of children with cancer by providing the children with the means for learning and support to follow school classes when isolated in wards. Entertainment during hospital stays and excursions outside the premises, such as visits to an ice hockey ring, have also been supported.



Support activities directed at Tampere University Hospital and the Kouvola Cancer Society

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €1,940
- Volunteer hours given: 210 hours

The sub-jurisdictions espoused a number of projects aimed at providing child and family welfare support.

Beneficiary	Activity Child & family welfare support	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory of France				
Secours Catholique	Recovery of disposable sheets and snacks which were not used during the Olympic Games for use by children in need.	Nil	Nil	15
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Single-parent families and abused women	Assistance to help single-parent families and abused women with children find secure housing, essential transport and legal advice as necessary.	€940	Nil	94

Priory of Boigny				
Orphelinat les Saint Innocents de Lobogo, Benin	Donation towards the improvement of the institution's mini-farm to improve the protein intake of children under its care.	€1,000	Nil	101

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €3,500
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

In cooperation with the Hellenic Chef's Club Association, the Grand Priory supported the Women's Shelter of 'Palaio Faliro – Agios Alexandros', which hosts girls from 6 to 18 years old, from families with socio-economic problems, who have been there under legal order of protection. The support consisted of the provision of a lunch meal and the preparation of Easter eggs and Easter sweets with sugar paste. The donation involved in-kind items estimated at €3,500 and 10 volunteer man-hours.



Easter sweets preparation event at Palaio Faliro – Agios Alexandros

Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €20,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €20,000 to the St Joseph's Boarding School for Girls in Zambia to support the replacement of a water tank for cooking, washing and sanitation.

Water tank facilities at St Joseph's Boarding School for Girls in Zambia



Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Bailiwick provided the sum of €1,500 to support the distribution of fruit to school children of low economic status.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €389
- Volunteer hours given: 140 hours

The Auckland Commandery has continued its project of providing wool for the Sewing, Quilts and Craft volunteer group of the Auckland Regional Women's Correctional Facility. The wool is knitted into baby garments and the finished garment gifted to Auckland Hospital Neonatal Unit. In December last year, 150 items were donated. This year funding of NZD750 [eq. €389] and a donation of 140 hours of administration was provided by the Commandery.



Library : Auckland Regional Women's Correctional Facility

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €2,332
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified



The jurisdiction has supported the Kelbourne Park School and Nursery with a donation of £1,000 [eq. €1,166]. Founded over 100 years ago, the school and nursery supports children with additional needs. The donation helped provide for the building of a unit wherein the children can have their various medical procedures attended to in-situ. A further £1,000 [eq. €1,166] was donated to the charity Visible Fictions which helps children navigate difficult emotional experiences through drama and film. The donation supported the drive to extend the service to more rural communities in Scotland.



Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: € 133,000
- Volunteer hours given: 358 hours

Through the initiative of the jurisdictional hospitaller, Milan Čavajda, the jurisdiction provided assistance to various orphanages and socially disadvantaged groups through donations made by NGO KOBLOS o.z.



Donations to 'NGO KOBLOS o.z'

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: € 5,721
- Volunteer hours given: 231 hours



The jurisdiction has donated the sum of R23,157 [eq. €1,194] and 35 volunteer man-hours to the *PAEDSPAL* volunteer organization dedicated to the palliative care of children who generally fall outside any private institutional or state/public palliative care system. The jurisdiction this year involved itself in a peripheral sense by introducing two gifted youngsters from economically disadvantaged communities to Paedspal who became *de facto* ambassadors for the unit. Their mandate extends to family and community support, and they fill a very valuable gap in the palliative child/family care support space. In addition, several items were donated (including boxes of copy paper, 1 Braun thermal scan, 3 highspeed ear thermometer, an upper arm blood pressure monitor, 5 x 500ml pump hand sanitisers, 1 oximeter and pulse rate screening tool, 6 Luxell fan heaters, 1 digital baby weighing machine, 2 Taurus air coolers, and family waiting room biscuits).



Donation to PAEDSPAL

The jurisdiction also donated the sum of R8,076 [eq. €417] and 34 volunteer manhours. It further committed itself to a budgeted monthly-support programme amounting to R20,000 [eq. €1,031] to guarantee a regular supply of disposable nappies and Lactogin baby formula. A significant volume of items given to the Commandery was donated to the Home in support of their annual fund-raising fete to the *CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME* which provides full-time care for up to 49 babies and children from birth to five years of age who have been referred by social workers and placed here by order of a children's court. The

children are neglected, abandoned, abused or orphaned and are accepted at the home irrespective of HIV status, race or gender.



Donations to CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME



Further support in the form of food and basic feminine hygiene products, plus healthcare items with a value of R28,695 [eq. €1,480] and 50 volunteer manhours, was given to *SISTERS INCORPORATED* which plays a critical role in protecting, supporting and empowering women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence, abuse and the stigmatisation that is so prevalent and widespread in many South African sub-economic communities.

The jurisdiction also provided the *ST MICHAEL'S CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE (CYCC)* with a donation of R4,500 [eq. €232] and 60 volunteer hours to ensure the provision of essential school shoes, sanitary pads and hair care products. CYCC is an innovative Centre for young women from the surrounding area in the Cape Metropole. It houses up to 30 girls aged 13-18 who are protected under the Child Care Act. St Michael's aims to create an environment that allows girls to connect with the essence of womanhood, to develop strength, and to grow and flourish. They are focused on nurturing responsible, strong, and inspired women. St Michael's CYCC is a place for girls to overcome adversity and to tap into their richest potential, all within a supportive and nurturing environment. This home receives little public funding and relies almost entirely on donations and sponsorship.





Girls at ST MICHAEL'S CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CENTRE wearing donated shoes

The jurisdiction further donated a branded multi-purpose drawstring bag with essential toiletries and personal care items to each woman attending their sick children in *TYGERBERG HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD*. The donation amounted to a value of R12,500 [eq. €645] and 42 volunteer hours. The mothers usually accompany the critically ill child and often do not have sufficient provisions to care for themselves, not even the most basic personal hygiene items. In addition, the jurisdiction made a further donation of R14,000 [eq. €722] and 10 volunteer hours to sponsor the purchase of 104 tartan teddy bears so that they could be given to the youngsters in ward at the end of the year.



Donations to TYGERBERG HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €7,132
- Volunteer hours given: 70 hours

The jurisdiction supported the 'Exclavas de la Virgen Dolorosa' residence for single mothers with a donation of 427kg baby food items costing €5,352 and requiring 40 volunteer man-hours. In addition, fifty toys and a fridge were distributed during Christmas to children of families in need (generally supported by the Food Campaign of the jurisdiction). These were valued at €1,780; the project required 30 volunteer man-hours.



Toys for Children at 'Exclavas de la Virgen Dolorosa'

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €4,310
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours



A donation of €4,210 was made to the charity Nya Vingar to support vulnerable women and children in the community. In addition, the Olavus Rex Commandery helped fund a scheme with a monetary donation of €100 and 10 volunteer hours whereby children taken into an ambulance are given teddy bears wearing a black t-shirt with a green cross.

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

- Monetary donation made: € 3,194
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported *Project Asmara – Neonatology of ARCHEMED* in Mönnesee, Germany with a donation of CHF3,000 [eq. €3,194], which project supports the provision of services to a neonatal unit in Asmara, Eritrea. Several times a year, a Swiss and a German team consisting of paediatricians and paediatric nurses come to support the Eritrean nurses and doctors and to further develop the project.



Project Asmara – Neonatology Unit of ARCHEMED

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €100
- Volunteer hours given: 120 hours

Support in the form of a monetary donation of €100 and 120 volunteer man-hours was given to Restorative Justice, an organization that works with teenage children in trouble with the legal system, helping them to avoid being given criminal sentences.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [*LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren*] and in Germany [*LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)*])

- Monetary donation made: €3,600
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

In collaboration with a partner in Lutsk, the jurisdiction supported the kindergarten run by the aid organization *Way to Life* with a donation of €300 per month amounting to €3,600 annually. Relief supplies for the kindergarten were provided in September.

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Community Support

✳ Community support	This category should include projects aimed to support the community in general or sections of the community. Examples may include providing support for combatting drug abuse, supporting rape victims, food campaigns, shelter for the homeless, etc.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)


- Monetary donation made: €108,889
- Volunteer hours given: 8,010 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €108,889 and over 8,010 volunteer hours towards projects aiming to support the community in general or sections of the community.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Commandery of the South				
Cornerstone Buses Ministry	This organization charters buses to provide transportation for family members to visit loved ones who are in Angola prison.	US\$3,000 [€2,891]	-	-
Commandery of the Atlantic				
Cathedral of Saint Patrick Homeless Outreach Project, New York City	The Outreach Project has been designated to help the homeless, children and elderly people, and has also been used to purchase food supplies as well as necessities for distribution throughout Midtown Manhattan.	US\$5,000 [€4,818]	-	10



Saint Patrick's Cathedral Homeless Outreach Project

Commandery of the Southeast				
LAHIA (Love and Hope in Action)	This charity aims to reach the hungry, homeless and hurting through this ministry which helps meet the basic human needs of all who come through its doors.	US\$4,500 [€4,336]	-	-
Southwest Commandery				
Living Bank	The Living Bank helps to confront the critical shortage of organs available for life-saving transplants. This is done by offering programs that reflect a commitment to give the gift of life to those waiting for a second chance through organ transplantation.	US\$1,000 [€964]	-	-
Amy's House	<p>Amy's House is a hospitality house for prospective, current or former organ transplant patients and those who support them. The organization is a service of the Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO) which exists to help transplant patients and their families, support donor families and promote donor awareness.</p> 	<p>US\$23,000 [€22,163]</p> <p>US\$3000 from AASL matching grant.</p>	-	-
Children's Transplant Initiative	Children's Transplant Initiative provides housing and financial assistance to families of children who are prospective, current or former organ transplant patients at the Texas Medical Center. Its stated goal is to ease the burden and lessen the fears of children and their families undergoing the transplantation process. It supports an average of 31 families per year with seven apartments at zero cost to the families themselves.	<p>US\$5,500 [€5,300]</p> <p>US\$3000 from AASL matching grant.</p>	-	-
Commandery of the West				
Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St Augustine-by-the-Sea Kitchen, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii	This kitchen provides support to between 30 and 90 persons daily with a total of nearly 20,000 meals being provided throughout 2024.	US\$60,000 [€57,817]	unquantified	6,800+

Ka'u Catholic Community Food Pantry, Big Island, Hawaii	Between 30 and 50 persons per week were assisted, with a total of nearly 2,600 individuals being helped in 2024. This weekly pantry is wholly operated by The Reverend Father William 'Pila' Tūlua-Álvarez, ChLJ, OMLJ. He and his team raise the monies to operate the food pantry, and feed those in need.	US\$8,000 [€7,709]	unquantified	1,200+
Hope Street Coalition	Hope Street Coalition is a non-profit, grass roots organization that educates people about current public policy surrounding homelessness, as well as advocates for changes to public policy to integrate treatment and care of underlying conditions (often, mental illness and/or addiction issues) with housing to create a more impactful solution to the homelessness crisis.	US\$2,000 [€1,927]	-	-
Imperial Calcasieu Delegation				
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States [VFW Post# 7321]	The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is a non-profit veterans' service organization comprising combat veterans and eligible military service members. The VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans' services, legislative advocacy, and military and community service worldwide.	US\$1,000 [€964]	-	-

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €43,403
- Volunteer hours given: 310 hours

The sub-jurisdictions championed a number of initiatives to provide community support.

Beneficiary	Activity COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory				
Christchurch Church Emergency Community Welfare Fund	This provides support to lower economic families, suffering financial hardship in rent, utility bills, food, etc.	A\$3,000 [€1,821]	Nil	5
The Collective of Saint Mary Magdalene Inc., Adelaide	The Mary Mags Dinners program hosts a three-course meal every Saturday night for those living in poverty or sleeping rough in the central business district of Adelaide. The charity receives no government support; the food and all labour are volunteered.	Nil	A\$1,650 [€1,002]	235



OLJ members who cook and serve meals for the homeless at St Mary Magdalene's Collective

Vinnies Vans Library and Dining with Friends program	The Vinnies Vans Library and Dining with Friends program was supported by the sourcing and delivery of books (novels) for use by disadvantaged people.	Nil	A\$450 [€273]	15
Queensland Commandery				
Catholic Foundation Prisoner Release Support	Assists prisoners upon release to return to family and community, and to re-establish themselves in society.	A\$6,000 [€3,642]	Nil	20
Trinity Pantry	Holy Trinity Anglican charity provides meals, food parcels and financial assistance to homeless and others in community.	A\$6,000 [€3,642]	Nil	Nil
St Augustine's Anglican Parish Community Support Programs	Local Parish Community Support programs.	A\$1,800 [€1,093]	Nil	Nil
Western Australia Commandery				
Just Manna	An outreach service based at St Paul's Beaconsfield providing aid and accommodation to help refugees and the homeless. Its services also provide computers, household goods, meals, chaplaincy/pastoral care, Christmas hampers/vouchers, tutoring, clothing for Balgo and Halls Creek communities, restorative justice, swimming programs, school camps, and student support.	A\$6000 [€3,642]	Nil	5
New South Wales Commandery				
The Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd	Christian Ministry in rural and remote areas of NSW.	A\$5000 [€3,035]	Nil	Nil

Victoria Commandery				
The Wellington, Collingwood	The Wellington is a not-for-profit community drop-in centre located in the heart of Collingwood, a place for social interaction and support to redress disadvantaged, cultural and social isolation in the local community.	A\$13,500 [€8,195]	Nil	Nil
Anglicare Victoria	Anglicare Victoria's Lazarus Centre Breakfast Program operates out of St Peter's Eastern Hill, providing a vital service to Melbourne's rough-sleeping population. The program offers breakfast and fellowship seven days a week, from 7:30am to 9:00am, addressing the immediate needs of those seeking nourishment, company and comfort. Serving up to 80 individuals daily, the program extends beyond meals to include a lunch service every Friday, ensuring a consistent and supportive environment for Melbourne's most vulnerable communities.	A\$16,000 [€9,713]	A\$100 [€61]	Nil
St Mary's House of Welcome	St Mary's House of Welcome is an open access centre providing basic essential services to the homeless and those experiencing poverty, severe and persistent mental health issues, the marginalized and isolated. The centre offers an open access policy, welcoming anyone in need of practical assistance, including meals, social support, and connections to community resources. St Mary's House of Welcome aims to offer support, solutions and hope to chronically homeless and disadvantaged individuals in the Melbourne area.	A\$6,000 [€3,642]	Nil	Nil
The Green Cross Project, Inc.	The Green Cross Project, Inc., founded by the Victorian Commandery of the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, collaborates with Cohealth, one of Australia's largest community health organizations, to enhance access to essential health and support services. This includes medical, dental, allied health, mental health, counselling, and various specialist health services across Melbourne's central business district and its northern and western suburbs. The project utilizes Green Cross buses to reach areas of significant disadvantage, such as caravan parks, social housing and regions with poor public transport. More recently, GCPI has entered a new partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organization to provide important eye and cancer diagnostic services in rural and regional Victoria.	A\$6,000 [€3,642]	Nil	30

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 220
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction gave a monetary donation of €220 to support the social projects of the Parish of Heiligenstadt in Vienna.

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin

- Monetary donation made: €3,300
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Royal House of Godenu with a monetary donation of €3,300 to help dig a borehole to provide safe water to a township.

Priory of Belgium

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

Members of the Priory of Belgium supported with 10 volunteer hours the ‘Soup on the Pavement’ project which aims to help people connect and interact with one another.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €3,957
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the community services of the St John The Evangelist Church Parish in Montreal with a donation of Can\$1,100 (eq. €714). It further gave a donation of Can\$5,000 (eq. €3,243) to the *Beechwood Cemetery Foundation* to support the Wind Phone project.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €8,944
- Volunteer hours given: 80 hours

The jurisdiction undertook to organize charity collections (food, clothes, school supplies, etc.) and to purchase non-perishable food, drugstores items, cleaning and disinfecting agents

for socially and economically weak citizens of the Czech Republic and for refugees from Ukraine. This required a donation amounting to about €6,758. A number of charity concerts were organized in České Budějovice requiring 20 volunteer hours. The proceeds of these concerts, amounting to CZK55,000 (eq. €2,186), were donated to various aid organizations including a kindergarten for children with visual impairments, the home hospice Ledax, and the Early Care Society. A further 80 volunteer hours were donated to help support the Winter Emergency Measures for Homeless People implemented by the City of Prague. These measures provide shelter for approximately two-thirds of the 6,000 homeless individuals in the city. The remaining third are supported through outreach programs run by street workers.



Prague municipality team for solving homelessness

Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €2,563
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The sub-jurisdictions championed a number of initiatives to support the provision of community support.

Beneficiary	Activity COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
EMMANUEL HOUSE SUPPORT CENTRE, Nottingham (Reg. Charity no. 1077424)	Independent charity supporting people who are homeless, rough sleeping, in crisis, or at risk of homelessness in Nottingham.	-	£836 [€994]	-

Army Benevolent Fund (Reg. Charity no. 1146420)	To benefit persons who are serving, or who have served, in the British Navy, or their dependents, in any charitable way by the provision of grants, loans, gifts, pensions or otherwise.	£1,000 [€1,189]	-	-
Dignity in Dementia (C.I.C.)	Dignity in Dementia, established in March 2014, works with families, health and social care staff and community groups in Cumbria and Lancashire to educate and inspire, so that they are able to respond confidently and positively to people with dementia in a way that maintains and enhances their dignity.	£200 [€238]	-	-
The Samaritans (reg. Charity no. 219432)	The Samaritans offer listening and support to people and communities in times of need and stress, especially to potential suicides.	-	£60 [€71]	-
St Martin's-in-the-Fields Charity (Reg. Charity no. 1156305 /261359)	The St Martin's-in-the-Fields Charity supports homeless people in the UK. The donation was made via the BBC Radio 4 Christmas Appeal.	£60 [€71]	-	-

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €25,270
- Volunteer hours given: 2,829 hours

The sub-jurisdictions espoused a number of initiatives aimed at providing child and family welfare support.

Beneficiary	Activity Community support	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory of France				
Association Saint Armenie	Financial support for projects linked to the community in Armenia.	€4,000	Nil	Nil
Mont Sainte Odile Abbey	Financial support to help renovate a chapel.	€1,000	Nil	Nil
Penal Institution	A member of the jurisdiction provides services as an External Prison Assessor, contributing to the disciplinary committees in penitentiary establishments.	Nil	Nil	36
Communaute du Rosier de l'Annonciation	Support provided to organize a concert at the Basilica of Blois where benefits were donated to the sisters to carry out their mission of transmitting the Faith to children, mothers, young persons and the sick.	€1,000	Nil	200



Concert at the Basilica of Blois

Homeless persons	Support by 150 students who serve under the auspices of the jurisdiction to help distribute food packages and meals.	Nil	Nil	267
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Students supporting homeless persons

Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Secours Catholique	Provision of night patrols and social monitoring "SAMU Social" and other assistance for homeless persons.	€7440	Nil	644
Cemetery quarter 'Mort pour la France'	Cleaning of abandoned graves, including those of soldiers who died for France.	€370	Nil	37
Vétérans Association	Support to variously organized events to benefit veterans.	€680	Nil	68
Help to individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder [PTSD]	A jurisdictional initiative aiming to help PTSD individuals such as veterans, firemen, medical staff and victims of life accidents, providing a service of identification, orientation and follow-up by professionals.	€7,200	Nil	480

Family-in-need	Support was provided to a family-in-need of housing as a result of their home being burnt down.	€300	Nil	30
Refugees	Support was provided to refugees to help them find homes and assist with access to social services.	€850	Nil	85
ONG Solidarité Kosovo	Support to help the people of Kosovo.	€600	€210	60
Young people in difficulties	Support to help young people experiencing difficulties, by providing housing and legal advice as necessary.	€670	Nil	67
Parish of the city of Amboise	Management and animation of the social network of Amboise parish and other parishes in the diocese. Donation of gift basket to medical and firefighters on-call on the 31 December.	€550	€400	55
Priory of Boigny				
Restos de Coeur	Volunteer work assisting food campaigns organized by the charity.	Nil	Nil	800

Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, and the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*

- Monetary donation made: €5,850
- Volunteer hours given: 77 hours

The members of the Rhineland sub-jurisdiction donated 46 St Martin bags containing pretzels, coffee, butter, jam, fruit, chocolate, and a voucher to be used in a restaurant or at Aldi or Lidl outlets. The St Martin bags, with an estimated value of €1,000 and 12 volunteer hours, were distributed to individuals-in-need in the Düsseldorf Heerdt Parish. The members of the Berlin-Brandenburg sub-jurisdiction similarly donated the sum of €1,350 and 20 volunteer hours to support the "Bread & Soul" campaign of Rixdorf Parish in Berlin.



St Martin bags campaign the Düsseldorf Heerdt Parish



"Bread & Soul" campaign in Rixdorf Parish


The Württemberg sub-jurisdiction, with the support of DLS, assisted the Heilbronn Station Mission with a donation of €2,000 and 35 volunteer hours to provide sustenance to travellers passing through the station. In addition, the sub-jurisdiction donated €1,500 and 10 volunteer hours to support the community work of the parish of St Nikolai and Deutschordensmünster.



Heilbronn Station Mission

Germany : HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €3,015
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

 Community support programs		
Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heating cost subsidy for impoverished families in the Satu Mare region 	Romania - Europe	€3,015

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €4,500
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The jurisdiction supported the Community Pharmacy of the Municipality of Amaroussion of Athens, providing medicines and medical supplies with an estimated worth of €3,000 and 6 volunteer hours to the Community Pharmacy and to suffering fellow citizens in distress. In addition, the jurisdiction, through the intervention of its former Hospitaller who also serves as President of the Regional Office of the Hellenic Red Cross of Vyronas, donated 8 boxes of

baby milk and baby creams at an estimated value of €1,500 and 4 volunteer hours targeted for needy families with young children to the ‘Municipal Nursery of Kareas, Athens’ and the ‘Social Grocery of the Municipality of Vyronas, Athens’. A letter of appreciation for this donation was received from the Deputy Mayor of Social Protection and Solidarity in Vyronas.



Donations to the Community Pharmacy of the Municipality of Amaroussion

Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €10,600
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €8,100 to the Fr Francis Agricultural Project in India which aims to make Sagayapuram Village agriculturally self-sustaining by providing a borewell, fencing, and seeds and plants. A further €2,500 were donated to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre to support the community services being provided by the Sisters of the Daughters of Charity in Bethlehem, Palestine.

Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: €16,000
- Volunteer hours given: 3,350 hours

The members of the Grand Priory of Italy contributed a total of 1,800 volunteer hours to assist in the missing persons search, rescue and man-trailing activities carried out by the AVS OSLJ Dog Unit group of the Civil Protection Service in the Lombardia Region (Italy). Additional support was given with the medicine delivery service to people in need.



AVS OSLJ Dog Unit

Moreover, in support of Caritas Italiana – Centro Aiuto per la Vita [CAV] of the Lombardia Region, members of the jurisdiction assisted in the distribution of food to needy families, and in providing a care service for pregnant mothers and their children up to the age of 7 years old, estimated at a value of €10,000 and 750 volunteer hours.



Caritas Italiana – Centro Aiuto per la Vita

The jurisdiction further supported the opening of the Orthodox Church's 'Bottega della Carità' in Mortara (Pavia) to help the most vulnerable. The members of the jurisdiction contributed by collecting basic necessities – food, blankets and clothes – to an estimated value of €6,000 and 800 volunteer hours.



Donations to the 'Bottega della Carità' in Mortara (Pavia)

Priory of Liechtenstein

- Monetary donation made: €6,272
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction gave a donation of CHF6,000 [eq. €6,272] to the Second Chance Charitable Trust, Uganda to help with the construction of a water supply system. Second Chance Foundation (SCF) is a Ugandan Community Based Organisation (CBO) operating in Northern Uganda with its office in Gulu City. SCF envisions a world where young mothers are empowered to thrive through skills and knowledge, targeting thematic areas geared towards empowering the young mothers, namely: strengthening life skills and sexual reproductive health rights, livelihood enhancement and economic empowerment, education promotion and vocational skills, and in-school peer mentorship.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] - Order of Charity*

- Monetary donation made: €19,000
- Volunteer hours given: 1,450 hours

The jurisdiction this year has supported the *Sisters of St Charles Borromeo* in Tanzania with a monetary donation of €18,000 acquired through participation in the Weekend Mission Media Marathon organized by Fundazzjoni U. The Marathon required the participation of volunteers to help in the management of the event, amounting to 63 volunteer hours [approximate total volunteer hours needed for the activity = 336 hours]. This missionary

congregation is committed to aiding impoverished individuals and families across the globe. In Tanzania, they operate from two medical centres, delivering essential healthcare services to those unable to afford expensive treatments. The sisters aim to enhance their services by adding a dental facility to their impressive range of medical offerings. The Order of St Lazarus in Malta has pledged unwavering support to the sisters until the dental facility is fully built and operational, providing immense benefits to the area's poorest residents. The Weekend Mission Media Marathon netted a total of about €300,000 which was distributed among a number of deserving missionary causes (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction was €50,000).



Participation in the Mission weekend marathon organized by Fundazzjoni U

The jurisdiction also gave a monetary donation of €500 to support the work of the Grand Commandery of the Castello's project for the special housing unit project in Kagando; and a further €500 to the *Marsaskala Kummissjoni Djakonija* which helps families with financial difficulties. In addition, members of the jurisdiction regularly give their services to the Franciscan Soup Kitchen, providing about 600 hands-on volunteer hours during the year. A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports the Kirkop Parish, helping to distribute the Holy Eucharist to old, sick and house-bound people [1 hour three times a week], leading and animating the congregation during Mass [1 hour seven times a week], and supporting socio-religious groups within the parish [25 hours per month]. He also supports the jurisdiction by preparing a weekly spiritual reflection for circulation to all the members [1 hour weekly].

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 2,500
- Volunteer hours given: 300 hours

Supported by the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands [see above], the jurisdiction undertook to support the Sisters of St Charles Borromeo working in the *Kibao Medical Centre* in Tanzania with a total monetary donation of €19,500 (€1,500 donated by the jurisdiction) and 300 volunteer hours. In Malta, the jurisdiction also donated the sum of €1,000 to the *Foodbank Lifeline Project*.



Works on the Dental Clinic in the Kibao Medical Centre

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

- Monetary donation made: €8,469
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Bailiwick further supports various communities acting through a number of jurisdictional registered voluntary organizations. Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN) works closely with the residents of the villages led by the village elder, with the Indonesian foundation ‘Yayasan Caritas Kediocese Agung Ende’ and with the district authorities on Flores.

Organization	Function
Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN)	CFN is a charitable non-profit foundation with a recognised ‘ANBI (Public Benefit Organization) Status’ in the Netherlands. Five of the seven members of the Managing Board are members of the jurisdiction, while three of the four members of the Advisory Committee are also jurisdictional members. The organization focuses on helping people in need and on raising the standard of living in the rural areas of Flores, Indonesia. These village communities are generally deprived of proper hygienic facilities and have no access to clean

drinking water. The Charitas Flores Netherlands Foundation provides the legal and organizational basis for the 'EVIDENCE' [Educational Vigour against Infectious Diseases Employing Novel Combinations of Expertise] Project - www.charitasfloresnederland.nl
The project expenditure during 2024 amounted to Rp. 152,000,000 [eq. €8,469].

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €1,814
- Volunteer hours given: 48 hours

The Canterbury Commandery raised NZD1,500 [eq. €778] for the benefit of Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust. This organization provides free social and community services that strengthen the wellbeing of families and children, thus providing support to allow families and communities to thrive. The donation was matched by a similar amount from an anonymous donor and, as a consequence, a total of NZD3,000 [eq. €1,555] was given to this worthwhile charity. A donation of NZD500 [eq. €259] was further made to the charitable fund of the Parish Church of St Mark in Remuera, Auckland. On ANZAC Day members of the Wellington Commandery undertook a project to clean the graves of war veterans at Karori Cemetery. A total of 48 hours was contributed by members to this activity.



Karori Cemetery in Wellington

Priory of North Macedonia

- Monetary donation made: €27,544
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction, in cooperation with the company 'Pandev doo Skopje', has supported the local self-government unit of Gazi Baba Municipality in Skopje in its efforts to reconstruct a 457.50 m² area sports playground for the needs of youths on Metodija Antonov Chento Street by providing material and construction works necessary for the project. The overall monetary value of the donated material amounted to €13,200. Members of the jurisdiction identified the need for the playground and acted as intermediaries between the various groups.

A similar project, made within the framework of cooperation with the local self-government unit of Kisela Voda Municipality in Skopje, involved support given towards the construction of a parking lot serving parents and teaching staff in a kindergarten in Kisela Voda neighbourhood. The project was realized with a direct donation of €14,344 worth of material and construction works by the company 'Pandev doo Skopje'.

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: €18,669
- Volunteer hours given: 116 hours



The members of the Commandery of St Eysteinn collaborated with the Frelsesarmeen (Salvation Army Norway) to manage the big Christmas tree erected in the town square of Trondheim and to help collect donations from the public to benefit the poor, homeless and vulnerable. During December, the activity overall contributed to the collection of NOK 1,550,000 (€136,426), and required a total of approximately 190 volunteer hours, of which the jurisdictional members contributed 26 hours (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction = €18,669). The members of the Commandery of St Laurentius supported the work of Fyrlyset (a Salvation Army branch) to help the distribution of food to drug addicts and homeless people in Oslo with about 90 volunteer hours.

Grand Priory of Poland

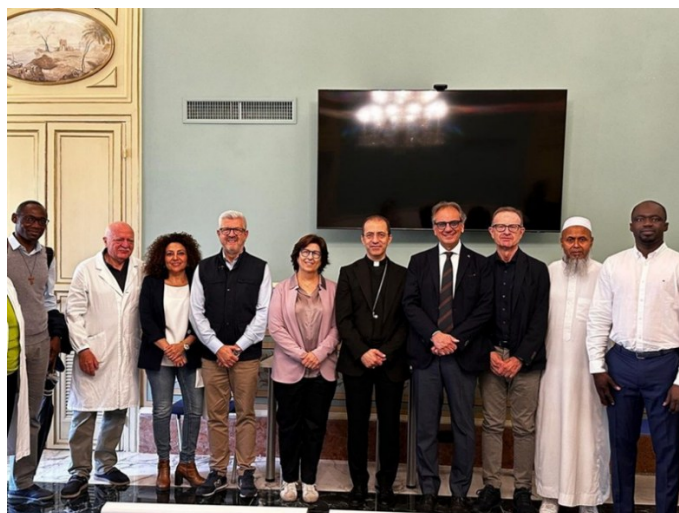
- Monetary donation made: €4,000
- Volunteer hours given: 350 hours

A physician member of the jurisdiction supported the St Albert Shelter for homeless persons of the congregation of the Albertine Brothers, working as a volunteer doctor to the homeless contributing 350 volunteer hours and a monetary donation of €4,000.

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: €79,724
- Volunteer hours given: 364 hours

The jurisdiction provided support to the 'Sanità Solidale' project, now in its fourth year, which assists and provides care for the most disadvantaged sections of the population, including immigrants identified through CARITAS. The project's network of collaborators has widened since the Triolo-Zancla Care Home is now also supporting the initiative, where basic check-ups, internist, gynaecological, cardiological and paediatric check-ups are carried out. The Casa di Cure Triolo-Zancla S.p.A., located in the Tribunali-Castellammare district of Palermo has been providing social and health services for more than 60 years under accreditation with the National Health Service, carrying out activities in the areas of General Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Neonatology and Long-Term Care. During 2024, a total of 584 persons received the services of the professional members of the 'San Lazzaro Onlus' and the volunteers of Caritas. The overall cost of the projects for 2024 amounted to €66,224 covering employment of personnel, clinic costs, and provision of lunches. In 2024, volunteers donated a total 364 man-hours.



'San Lazzaro Onlus' and the volunteers of Caritas

In addition, the jurisdiction organized the Christmas Solidarity Lunch, held at the Regional Command of the Carabinieri in Palermo and at the Tonnara Bordonaro Zaharaziz. The two events, held by the Grand Bailiwick of Sicily in cooperation with the Carabinieri Command of Sicily and Karol Strutture Sanitarie, with the support of Caritas, were attended by a large number of guests from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Present at the lunch at the Carabinieri, on 21 December 2024, were, among others, the Regional Commander of the Carabinieri Division General Giuseppe Spina and Monsignor Michele Pennisi, Archbishop Emeritus of Monreale and Ecclesiastical Grand Prior of the Order of San Lazzaro, as well as the Mayor of Palermo, Prof. Roberto Lagalla, the Lieutenant General of the Grand Bailiwick of Sicily Adv. Pietro Luigi Matta and the President of the San Lazzaro ONLUS, Dr. Giuseppe Canzone. The lunch at the Tonnara Bordonaro Zaharaziz on 23 December was attended by, among others, the Archbishop of Monreale Monsignor Gualtiero Isacchi, the President of Karol avv. Marco Zummo and the Senior Chaplain of the Grand Bailiwick of Sicily of the Order of San Lazzaro and the Grand Bailiff of Sicily. At the end of the meal, the Grand Bailiff presented the Islamic community with a precious bi-folio, framed and legible on the front and back, retrieved from a Kashmiri Koran, containing scriptures from Chapter 4 of Medina, An-Nisa (Women), vv. 86-91, where the way in which believers respond to hypocrites is discussed, and in particular where the command to forgive those who offer peace to believers is clear. The ceremony ended with the recitation of the Lord's Prayer, led by Archbishop Isacchi, and a passage from the Koran sung by the Imam. The cost for the lunches, estimated at €30 each (the average price of a lunch with starter, first course, second course, side dish, dessert and drinks) was estimated at €13,500.



Christmas Solidarity Lunch and donation of bi-folio of the Koran

Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: € 26,000
- Volunteer hours given: 850 hours

The jurisdiction supported a member of the jurisdiction, Chev. Jozef Mičo, to organize various projects such as: (1) a Summer Camp in Orava, (2) a ski trip in Terchováhel, and (3) the 'Úsmev as a gift' Concert, which is broadcast every year during the Christmas holidays on RTVS. It also supported the Distance Adoption Program managed by the *Slovak Catholic Charity - Charita Oščadnica*, carried out by families living in the parish of St Andrew in Spišské Hanušovce, in Kežmarok District in the Prešov Region of north Slovakia. These activities amounted to a monetary donation of €26,000 and 850 volunteer hours.



Summer Camp in Orava

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: €804
- Volunteer hours given: 64 hours

In partnership with Rotary Club Kirstenbosch, the jurisdiction supported the *ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAMME* with a donation of R12,586 [eq. €649] and 60 volunteer hours to prepare substantial parcels containing a variety of food-and-basic-essentials to two families in dire need identified by the parish priest. In addition, hamper donations amounting to R3,000 [eq. €155] and 4 volunteer hours gifted during Christmas to the clergy in the parish of St Michael and all Angels.



Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €96,800
- Volunteer hours given: 13,083 hours

The jurisdiction has continued to focus on its work to provide needy families in the community with food donations as part of the project 'Eating comes first', where every month food packages (comprising donations amounting to about 18,937 kg of food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning items) are distributed to 579 families. Toys were also distributed to the children of these families at Christmas time. This aid amounted to a value of about €95,000 and required 13,000 volunteer hours. Similar aid was forthcoming from the Andalusia Commandery of the jurisdiction with the donation of packages to 25 families equating to about €800 and 79 volunteer hours. A donation of €1,000 and 4 volunteer hours were given to CARITAS MARBELLA to support the community there.



'Eating comes first' volunteers

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €200
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

A member of the IGB supported a regional shelter for homeless individuals living in the community by helping with the collection and delivery of clothes, furniture, food and Christmas candles. This activity involved a monetary donation of €100, in-kind donations totalling €100 and 10 volunteer man-hours.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren] and in Germany [LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)])

- Monetary donation made: €1,680
- Volunteer hours given: 1,964 hours

The HGPE undertook the 'Socks' project, which provides hand-knitted socks, caps and scarves to the 'Association Poverty and Health in Germany e.V.' to be given to homeless people. The project during 2024 provided 280 pairs of socks and other items. It required a donation of €1,680 to purchase the necessary wool. In addition, 1,960 volunteer knitter hours and 4 organizational hours were required.



'Socks' project

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Emergency Relief programs

✳️ Emergency Relief programs	This category should include projects that aim to support individuals or communities exposed to a natural or man-made disaster.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €162,564
- Volunteer hours given: 7,000 hours

The jurisdiction supported a number of emergency relief projects. The projects amounted to about €42,111 given as monetary donations, €120,453 in-kind goods and service provision, and more than 7,000 volunteer hours.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Grand Priory of America				
Ukraine Humanitarian Relief 2024	The Grand Priory of America continued to respond to assist those adversely impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Our membership continued to work with collaborators in the area of medical supply deployment, amputation support supplies and rehabilitation equipment to coordinate an 11-day medical mission trip to Ukraine in September 2024 wherein the Grand Prior accompanied the team who transported supplies to help those affected by explosive limb amputation directly to several hospitals operating in Ukraine under the constant threat of bombardment by Russian soldiers.	US\$40,700 [€39,220]	US\$75,000 [€72,272]	3,000



Commandery of the West				
Lynnwood Food Bank	Lynnwood Food Bank in Washington is a community food bank serving over 3,000 households monthly, in connection with the local Church of the Nazarene, our donation will help continue to serve the local population.	US\$1,000 [€964] US\$500 from AASL matching grant.	-	-
Savage Freedoms Relief Operations	The project aims to assist with funding this organization's hurricane-related repair projects in western North Carolina, which include private road/bridge repairs not covered by Dept. of Transportation funding; potable water systems; temporary housing construction/rebuilding assistance to those without insurance coverage.	US\$2,000 [€1,927] US\$1,000 from AASL matching grant.	US\$50,000 [€48,181]	4,000+

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €20,311
- Volunteer hours given: 70 hours

The Queensland Commandery continued providing support to refugees who do not receive any government funding or support, with a monetary donation of A\$6,000 [eq. €3,642] and 20 volunteer hours. The jurisdiction further donated 50 volunteer man-hours in support to the *CRISP program* that aims, in May 2025, to raise money for support of a refugee family. In addition, the jurisdiction through the Order of St Lazarus Australia Foundation generated funds of approximately A\$5,000 [eq. €3,035] to support Order of St Lazarus emergency relief projects within Australia and overseas. The OSL Australia Foundation provided \$22,489 [eq. €13,652] in financial assistance to *Caritas Australia* to aid those adversely affected by the conflict in Ukraine. While Caritas Australia is one of many agencies supporting the wider Caritas network, it supports life-saving humanitarian aid. The Caritas Network does so via 54 aid centres, and has helped around 30,000 people in 2024, and over one million since the start of the war. Caritas Ukraine has 44 centres supporting over 75,000 Ukrainians so far this year and over three million since the start of the war.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction gave a monetary donation of €500 to support the victims who suffered flood damages in the Kingdom of Godenu in Ghana.

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Royal House of Godenu with a monetary donation of €1,000 to provide flood protection measures for school buildings.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €11,676
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Order in Canada was also pleased to facilitate a gift of the *Canadian Ukrainian Foundation* for the purchase of Kits for First Responders with a donation of about Can\$18,000 (eq. €11,676). These were delivered by a member of the Grand Priory in Canada in conjunction with The Grand Priory of America’s mission trip to Ukraine in September of 2024.



Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €13,094
- Volunteer hours given: 1,000 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CZK279,500 (eq. €11,107) and 500 volunteer hours to support the Humanitarian Aid project. In addition, the jurisdiction donated the sum of CZK50,000 (eq. €1, 987) to aid the victims of the flood in the Czech Republic.

The St John the Baptist Commandery further supported the St Lazarus Dormitory in České Budějovice, which hosted war refugees from Ukraine and Czech citizens in social need. The Order provided major financial support at a national level besides proving in-kind donations of furniture, household equipment, food aid, and toys for children. A total of 500 volunteer hours was directed at this endeavour.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, and the DLS – Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung

- Monetary donation made: €455
- Volunteer hours given: 4 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction donated the sum of €455, along with 4 volunteer hours, to support Ukrainian refugees families.

Germany : HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

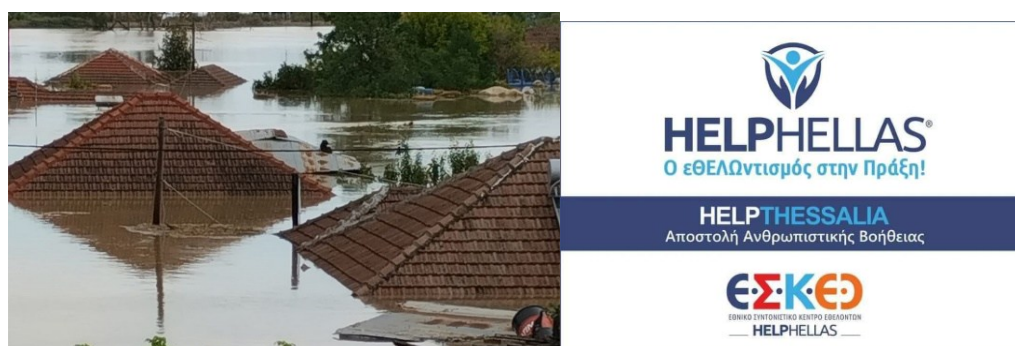
- Monetary donation made: €31,200
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

✘ Emergency Relief programs		
Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
• Soup kitchen in Lutsk, Western Ukraine	Ukraine - Europe	€7,200
• Food - emergency aid	Nsukka, Nigeria - Africa	€14,000
• Emergency aid for refugee children	Lebanon – Middle East	€10,000

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €20,000
- Volunteer hours given: 48 hours

The Grand Priory, following the unprecedented floods that affected the region of Thessaly, in collaboration with ‘HelpHellas Voluntary Organization’ which created the ‘HelpHellas for Thessaly Program’ donated items of humanitarian aid consisting of mattresses for beds, bed linen and pillows with an estimated value of €20,000 and 48 volunteer man-hours to assist the residents of the first repaired houses of the village of ‘Megala Kalivia’ which was completely destroyed by Storm Daniel.



Support to victims of Storm Daniel

Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €29,988
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €20,000 to the RCSI Irish Committee for Emergency Medicine Training to support a Fellowship in Global Health, related to trauma care in South Africa. In addition, the funds will provide specific support for a new doctor to provide voluntary services in South Africa. A further €9,988 were provided to support the Ukrainian Appeal circulated by the Office of the Grand Hospitaller as part of the international efforts to support the people of Ukraine.

Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 1,000 hours

The jurisdiction provided a total of 1,000 volunteer hours assisting the Helicopter Rescue Service (AREU), in cooperation with the Lombardia Region, to transport seriously ill patients to assigned hospitals.



Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 500
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

Support was given to the humanitarian work with *Ukrainian refugees* carried out by the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic [donation of €500 and 20 volunteer hours].

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: 40 hours

In collaboration with the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe, the Grand Bailiwick supported the project 'soup kitchen' with a donation of €1,500 and 40 volunteer hours.



The 'soup kitchen' project

Grand Priory of Poland

- Monetary donation made: unquantified
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Jurisdictional members provided assistance to flood victims in southern Poland in September.



Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €5,000 +
- Volunteer hours given: 52 hours

Over 220 people died in the mudslides in Valencia in October 2024, and many lost their livelihoods. The jurisdiction, through the 'Saint Lazarus Volunteers of Valencia' and the 'Hand to Hand NGO', has provided emergency aid in the form of 1,500 kg of food, cleaning supplies, cleaning equipment, boots, overalls and cleaning utensils. In addition the volunteers donated 50 hours. A further €5,000 and 2 volunteer hours were made available to CARITAS CASTRENSE of Valencia.

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €4,690
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €4,690 to support the needs of Ukrainian victims during the current war.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren] and in Germany [LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)])

- Monetary donation made: €406,130
- Volunteer hours given: 1,350 hours

The HGPE continued to be particularly active in its support to *Ukraine Aid 'Cura hominum e.V.'* in Bernau near Berlin. The personal membership of their Chancellor in the Ukraine aid 'Cura hominum e.V.' ensured that they were always informed about the proper implementation of the aid deliveries and that these were carried out properly. Ukraine Aid has been providing humanitarian aid in Ukraine for many years but, owing to the war, the activities needed to be increased during the year. Volunteers of the GPEU delivered about 235 cubic meters of relief supplies worth about €380,000 to Bernau. The relief supplies were previously picked up in the Alzey, Hürth and Göttingen area from private individuals, various companies, the Protestant parish of Alzey and the 'Hilfswerk deutscher Zahnärzte (HdZ)'. Every month, 2-3 trucks are loaded with relief supplies in Bernau.

In September, an international team of the Order of St Lazarus, consisting of members of the Grand Priory in Canada, the Priory of Belgium, the Grand Priory of America, the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and another volunteer, delivered 100 IFAKs, two oxygen concentrators

with batteries, 250 emergency blankets, 50 surgical skin staplers, 3 otoscope/ophthalmoscope sets and a large amount of non-prescription medicines for Kyiv, and a used dental X-ray machine, toothbrushes, a mobile treatment table, gloves, diapers, hygiene articles, detergent and wheelchairs for Cherkassy. For the collection and delivery of the relief supplies as well as the direct delivery in September 2024, a total of 30,653 km was covered by the GPEU volunteers, and more than 1,150 volunteer hours were contributed. Transport costs amounted to a total of €12,250.



In addition, since April 2023, the Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands and the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe have been jointly supporting a soup kitchen in the western Ukrainian city of Lutsk with €500 per month. Furthermore, food bags worth €1,500 per quarter are distributed to 200 people. The food bags are currently financed by the Stiftung 'Hilfswerk deutscher Zahnärzte'. A team of volunteers from the Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands and the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe visited the soup kitchen in Lutsk in August 2024. To support the soup kitchen, about 200 volunteer hours were contributed in 2024 and 3,600 km were covered. Monetary donations of €1,080 [re transport costs], €6,000 [re monthly donations], and €6,000 [re food bags], together with an in-kind donation of €800, were made towards this venture.

Educational initiatives

✳	Educational initiatives	This category should include support to promote education. This may involve bursaries to support individuals to follow educational targets or monetary or in-kind donations to assist educational establishments.
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Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €12,527
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported a number of educational initiatives with monetary donations amounting to about €12,527.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the Southeast				
Georgia Transplant Foundation Outreach	Georgia Transplant Foundation (GTF) is making tremendous strides in expanding organ donation awareness and outreach across rural Georgia. The GTF's Financial Assistance programs help cover non-medical expenses like lodging and transportation.	US\$5,000 [€4,818]	-	-
Commandery of the South				
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Logan County	Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund has a goal to reduce the number of impoverished single parents in Logan County by providing financial support to allow them to complete a career-focused degree or professional certificate. Also, it provides developmental programs to prepare them for a new professional career and how to manage their finances.	US\$3,000 [€2,891]	-	-
Jesuit Social Research Institute	The Institute at Loyola University, New Orleans sponsors a prison education program offering credit-bearing courses to incarcerated students and staff at Rayburn Correctional Centre. The program strives to bring the full Loyola experience to the prison and to prepare the students to develop the skills to lead meaningful lives when they are released from prison. It has started a scholarship program which funds a student's expenses for one year.	US\$5,000 [€4,818]	-	-



Course attendees at the Jesuit Social Research Institute

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €19,652
- Volunteer hours given: 225 hours

The sub-jurisdictions supported a number of educational initiatives.

• Beneficiary	Activity EDUCATIONAL	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Queensland Commandery				
McKillop School Fund	Assists underprivileged children from a refugee family to attend college. They would otherwise be denied a quality secondary education.	A\$6,000 [€3,642]	Nil	20
New South Wales Commandery				
Bush Children's Education Fund founded 50 years ago.	Provides financial support through bursaries (means tested and renewable) for students and three-year scholarships for tertiary education for selected students.	A\$9,900 [€6,010]	Nil	Nil
Tasmania Commandery				
Bethlehem House Support Project	Provides an Art Project for attendees living in Bethlehem House which is a short- and long-term housing facility. OSL volunteer transports art materials, prepares and sets up art programs, supports the volunteer artist and provides pastoral support for homeless men.	A\$270 [€164]	A\$1,200 [€729]	80

Disadvantaged Tertiary Students' Project & University of Tasmania students	Supplies stationery materials for disadvantaged tertiary students.	Nil	A\$3,500 [€2,125]	90
Tasmanian University Students' Association - Food Hub	Supports about 50 'severely struggling' university students through the daily provision of food for the TUSA Food Hub. A financial donation to the Food Hub allowed it to source food supplies in bulk.	A\$500 [€304]	Nil	10
Western Australia Commandery				
Street Chaplains WA	A scholarship set up to provide financial support and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia enrolled in vocational, undergraduate, or postgraduate studies with the School of Nursing & Midwifery at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome or Fremantle Campuses.	A\$1,000 [€607] A\$10,000 [€6,071]	Nil	5 20

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin

- Monetary donation made: €2,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction contributed €2,500 to the Royal House of Godenu as part of the 'Help Godenu' in Ghana (Africa) to assist with the tuition fees of children.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €12,474
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €12,474 towards projects to support educational initiatives within the communities they serve.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
MacEwan University/St Lazarus Canada Scholarship (Edmonton)	Edmonton Commandery supported the St Lazarus Canada Scholarship at MacEwan University.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-

2024 Toronto Commandery Bursary	The Commandery supported the Bursary for Ecumenism Recipients: Jordan Sandrock & Dr Barnett-Cowan	Can\$1,500 [€973]	-	-
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MacEwan University/St Lazarus Canada Scholarship



2024 Toronto Commandery Bursary

Northern Ontario School of Medicine	The Order in Canada has been building an endowment fund the proceeds from which will be delivered to an indigenous student undertaking the studies. The school is designed to attract, educate and prepare medical professionals dedicated to serving rural and northern urgent care, nursing stations and hospitals.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-
Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH)	The Commandery has undertaken to sponsor the registration of 10 students at the Palliative Care Conference offered by the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health.	Can\$500 [€324]	-	-
Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem Ecumenical Scholarship	The Manitoba Commandery supported the Ecumenical Scholarship administered by St Paul's College, University of Manitoba. Recipient: Thomas Macintosh	Can\$1,231 [€799]	-	-

Centre for Ethics in Health	Support to help run the Centre's speaker series.	Can\$1,000 [€649]	-	-
Canadian Council of Churches	Support for a member of staff directing the work on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.	Can\$5,000 [€3,243]	-	-

Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €1,783
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided medical student elective bursaries with a donation amounting to £1,500 [eq. €1,783] to the Huw Bartle-Jones Memorial Bursary, funded by the Commandery of Wales.

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €420
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction continued to provide financial support amounting to €420 to help a young lady in Tanzania complete her medical studies.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €1,200
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Priory of Boigny donated the sum of €1,200 to the 'Association Chrétien Solidarite' to help sponsor the education of six children in Lebanon.

Germany : HDZ – German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €220,352
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

✠ Educational initiatives		
Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
• Internship travel allowances		€9,000
• School books for Mogra Star Academy, Nairobi	Kenya - Africa	€54,050

• School Meals/Tuition Fees for Primary Schools in Fort Dauphin	Madagascar - Africa	€13,000
• 70 new secondary school desks in Antanimora	Madagascar - Africa	€8,674
• Support to the Evangelical Missionary Society, Hermannsburg	Africa	€5,351
• Examination fees for 18 catering students	Saigon, Vietnam	€25,800
• Support to Catering School including investment in fire protection	Saigon, Vietnam	€20,030
• Milagrosa Day Care Center Nutrition Program	Philippines - Asia	€5,405
• 2024 installment for study dental program	Philippines - Asia	€54,360
• Project support Haiti	Vietnam - Asia	€501
• Maintenance costs for Dr Horst Sebastian Village, Lamay	Lamay, Peru	€5,046
• Dental laboratory, dental technician training	Haiti – Central America	€8,760
• Education instead of deportation e.V. Project	Germany - Europe	€10,000
• Memorial Plaque Ferenz Agoston	Romania - Europe	€375

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €2,000
- Volunteer hours given: 3 hours per person

The Vác's St Nicholas Commandery awarded the St Lazarus prize to those graduating students at the Karolina Catholic Primary School, Cathedral Choir School and Elementary Art School who had studied well and led a faithful lifestyle. The event involved a donation of €2,000 in money and goods.



Prize-giving at Karolina Catholic Primary School

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta]* – Order of Charity.

- Monetary donation made: € 1,260
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided monetary support amounting to €1,260 to the *International Academy of the Order of Saint Lazarus* to facilitate the organization of the International Academic Meeting held in conjunction with the International Pauline Pilgrimage led by the Grand Master in Malta.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €259
- Volunteer hours given: 265 hours

During the year the Grand Priory has continued to sponsor the University of Otago Dermatology Prize valued at NZD 500 [eq. €259]. The prize is awarded to the first placed student in the dermatology component of the final examination for the medical degree. In addition, the jurisdiction donated unwanted books collected from private and public libraries to the Auckland Regional Women's Correctional Facility. This endeavour required a total of 265 volunteer hours.

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: €30,940
- Volunteer hours given: 189 hours



The Commandery of St Laurenzius in Oslo supported the work of Fretex [Salvation Army] to collect and distribute children's books to various kindergartens in the Oslo area. Throughout the year a total of about 2,380 books was distributed to nearly 2,000 children. With an average book value of NOK 150, the overall donation amounted to about NOK 357,000 (eq. €30,940) and involved 121 volunteer man-hours. The Commandery also supported the community with 68 volunteer hours helping with the renovation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of Linderud mansion supplying the services of a carpenter and a mason, and assisting with painting and other crafts, including the planning for Halloween and Christmas gatherings.

Grand Priory of Poland

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 500 hours

Jurisdictional members of the medical and legal professions provide information about the legal situation of sick persons for hospice carers. This necessitates about 500 volunteer hours.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €125
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

An IGB member supported the management of a public library, funded by municipal and provincial governments and providing service to 105,000 residents, by serving as chairperson to the board of appointed community residents. This involved a monetary donation of €125 and 200 volunteer man-hours.

Miscellaneous

✱ Miscellaneous	This category should include any other charitable or philanthropic activity not covered by the preceding categories.
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Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 700
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction made a monetary donation of €400 to repair the bell chair in the church steeple of the Roman Catholic Church St Jakob in the parish of Heiligenstadt in Vienna. The jurisdiction celebrates its investiture services in this church. In addition, the jurisdiction gave a donation of €300 to the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund* to support the international philanthropic activities of the Order.

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin

- Monetary donation made: €140
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €140 to support the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund* and the Flagship Projects of the International Order.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €5,514
- Volunteer hours given: [16,200] hours

The jurisdiction has supported various initiatives to promote ecumenism. It has donated the sum of Can\$6,000 [eq. €3,892] to the *Prairie Centre for Ecumenism* which is an organization centred in Western Canada that focuses on fostering unity and collaboration among Christian communities; the sum of Can\$1,500 [eq. €973] to the ecumenical Canadian Council of Churches to support its 80th Anniversary; and Can\$1,000 [eq. €649] to the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie to support the attendance of a bishop to the World Council of Churches’ Ecumenical Dialog.



Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €297
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction financially supported a number of Religious Communities and places of Christian Worship, including the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface, Plymouth, Devon - £100 [eq. €119]; and St Patrick's Church, Preston Patrick, Cumbria - £150 [eq. €178].

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €1,000 to support the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund* and the Flagship Projects of the International Order.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €2,000
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The Priory of Boigny supported AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED with a monetary donation of €1,000 to provide humanitarian aid to persecuted and struggling Christians in Armenia. The sub-jurisdiction also supported the work of 'Souche', which collects books for sale to finance charitable works, with 200 volunteer hours. It also made a donation of €1,000 to the Oratoriens de Nancy of the Congregation of the Oratory of St Philip Neri.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, and the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*

- Monetary donation made: €1,250
- Volunteer hours given: 12 hours

The jurisdiction made a donation of €1,250 and 12 volunteer man-hours to the Nicholas Monastery of the Oblates in Jüchen to support the renovation of the monastery. The money was collected from the proceeds of the entrance fees for a series of lectures on psychiatry delivered by Dr Joachim Gutzke.

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €400
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Priory donated the sum of €400 to CARITAS Hellas to support the needs of the humanitarian organization, through the Catholic Church of Saint John the Baptist in Athens.

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €57,800
- Volunteer hours given: 5 days + 9 hours per person + 15 hours

The jurisdiction organized a number of miscellaneous activities throughout the year.

Activity	Monetary donations	In-kind donations	Volunteer hours
2-4 February 2024: Three-day Spiritual Exercise Programme at Máriapócs National Sanctuary of Hungary, the St Michael Archangel Greek Catholic pilgrimage church	€1,300	€3,250	3 days/person
29 March 2024: Way of the Cross at Calvary Monument, Vác in collaboration with the Vác jurisdiction of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.	-	€1,000	2 hrs/person
29-30 June 2024: Participation in Holy Mass led by Pope Francis and celebrated in St Peter's Basilica; and in the Basilica di Santo Stefano Rotondo al Celio in Rome.	€1,700	€7,600	2 days/person x3 persons
08-17 September 2024: Pilgrimage to Rome & Investiture.	€6,000	€30,000	15 hours
19 October 2024: Attendance at the Golden Jubilee of His Excellency Dr Lajos Varga SChLJ, Auxiliary Bishop of Vác. As a token of respect and gratitude, the bishop was presented with a canvas painting in its original frame, made in Vác at the beginning of the century.	€550	€3,400	5 hrs/person
14 December 2024: St Lazarus Day celebration at St Florian Greek Catholic Church, Budapest.	€1,000	€2,000	2 hrs/person

Priory of Liechtenstein

- Monetary donation made: €1,045
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CHF1,000 [eq. €1,045] to support Radio Gloria - Christlicher Radiosender which has served as Switzerland's first Catholic radio station since

2004, broadcasting news about the church and society. The 24-hour program is easily receivable via digital radio DAB+, the cable network in German-speaking Switzerland, Swisscom TV, Internet radio and with the Gloria app.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity.*

- Monetary donation made: € 3,055
- Volunteer hours given: 1,540 hours

The jurisdiction provided monetary support amounting to €665 to the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund*. In addition, funds were donated to various churches and monasteries in Malta, including the *Monastery of St Peter* in Mdina [€1,690], the *Basilica of St Paul* in Rabat [€500], and *St Andrew's Scots Church* in Valletta [€200]. Members of the jurisdiction also participated in the vigil celebrations related to the *Feast of St Lucy* in Gozo, acting as Guards of Honour for the saint's reliquary. This involved a total of 40 volunteer hours. A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports various institutions by archiving and cataloguing their libraries and archives. This involves sessions of 10 hours three times weekly working with the *Province of the Franciscans Minor* at Valletta, the *Cathedral of Gozo*, the *Gozo Major Seminary*, and the *Order's Archives at the Torri ta' Lanzun*.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 1,250
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €250 and 10 volunteer manhours towards *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – Malta* set up in the memory of a past member of the jurisdiction, HE The Chev. Simon Walker. The fund was used to support research in Motor Neurone Disease. A further donation of €1,000 and 20 volunteer hours was made to *RITD Cancer Research* to support cancer research in Malta.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €5,704
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

In early July 2024 the 65th birthday of His Majesty the King of Tonga was celebrated through a series of significant events in Tonga. On 9 July 2024 members of the Trust were polled by

e-mail with the recommendation that the Grand Priory recognize this important event through a donation of NZD10,000 [eq. €5,185] to the Queen's Charity. The funds were transmitted, and generously acknowledged by Her Majesty. In addition, the Canterbury Commandery undertook a project to purchase and plant trees at the Kaiapoi Food Forest. The details of this are provided in the report from the Commandery with publicity in the local media. A total of NZD1,000 [eq. €519] was donated towards this project.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €400
- Volunteer hours given: 150 hours

A member served as chairperson to the board of a regional animal shelter which looks after lost and abandoned animals. The service, which includes the collection of pet food and other essentials, involved a monetary donation of €300, an in-kind donation of €100, and 150 volunteer man-hours.

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Lazarus Hilfswerk ⁴

- Monetary donation made: €25,752,515
- Volunteer hours given: 22,000 hours

The larger part of the hospitaller work of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe is carried out under the management of the voluntary registered organization Lazarus Hilfswerk and its subsidiary organizations. A significant amount of hospitaller work is directed towards care for the elderly, managing a number of care facilities and providing a varied spectrum of services. These Lazarus facilities take care of sick and disabled persons in their regions, supporting people through counselling, care, nursing and the lending of aids, thus falling under the philanthropic category of *Care of the Elderly & Hospice care*.

Lazarus-Einrichtungen in Ermland-Masuren – Poland

- Lazarus Hilfswerk Ortelsburg
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Groß Kleeberg
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Elbing
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Bischofsburg
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Elk

The above-mentioned Lazarus facilities look after sick and disabled people in their regions. They support people by providing counselling, care, nursing and the loan of aids. They also provide assistance and rehabilitation services. This involves cooperation with social welfare centres, health centres and other institutions working in the field of social welfare and health care with the aim of helping and caring for people in need. During 2024, LAZARUS took part in the implementation of the Caritas Pantry programme. The task was to obtain food products with a short shelf life from retail chains and distribute them to people in need. This was a great help to people in difficult material situations. Permanent aid went to those who needed it most (seniors, lonely people, and disabled). In addition, items were given to the homeless, and to single mothers in the form of food parcels and warm meals. A total of more than 3100 people were permanently assisted. LAZARUS cooperated with parish Caritas teams, eateries and other centres, which facilitated the rapid distribution of food. In 2024, they obtained a total of 305,282.28 kg of foodstuffs, worth PLN 7,087,266.73 from a network of shops – monetary donation: €37,500; in-kind donation: €1,715,015; volunteer man-hours: 22,000 hours.

⁴ While the Lazarus Hilfswerk serves as the NGO arm of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe, the donations made by the Lazarus Hilfswerk facilities are considered separately when discussing the overall total annual contribution made by the Order.

Lazarus Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.

LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V. was founded in 1973. The idea of the founding fathers was to revitalise the time-honoured aims of the Order of Knights in a contemporary form so that young people were to be given the opportunity to make a social commitment to the weaker members of our society. Over the past 50 years, the organization has grown steadily and today enjoys a good reputation among the general public thanks to its outstanding achievements in helping the elderly and young people. As a recognized non-profit charitable organization, LAZARUS Hilfswerk and its subsidiaries today offer a wide range of social services. One can find LAZARUS houses at five different locations in Germany. These also offer an outpatient care service at two other locations, while day-care centres are located at three different places in the Cologne administrative region. The primary goal on site is to create an atmosphere in which all those cared for, including residents, feel comfortable. Great importance is placed on providing a cozy atmosphere with a focus on individual needs and personal wishes. The Lazarus relief organization's facilities are valued by social security partners who regularly enquire whether the established offerings can be further expanded. In 2024, the turnover of Lazarus Hilfswerk and its commercial subsidiaries totalled around €24,000,000. Around 500 people are employed in the individual facilities of the Lazarus Relief Organization. Detailed information about the Lazarus Relief Organization can be found at <https://www.lazarus.de>. Since 2024, the Chancellor of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe has also been represented on the board of the Lazarus Relief Organization resulting in more efficient communication between the two bodies.

Hospitaller Voluntary Organizations

1. LAZARUS Hilfswerk



The humanitarian work of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (GPEU) is carried out by several registered LAZARUS sub-organizations, which are delimited from one another owing to legal regulations and organizational requirements. Thus, professional, social, humanitarian and youth care activities have established sub-organizations with their own legal personalities. This was necessary to enable contracts and agreements to be made as an official NGO within the European Community, the Federal Foreign Office and with social authorities. In this context, it is important that the employees of the Lazarus organizations have special professional qualifications depending on the job. Thus, besides acting independently, the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe acts through the following LAZARUS sub-organizations:

- **LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.** – a Christian ecumenical, non-profit aid organization (NGO) founded in 1972 by members of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and legally registered as an authorized independent welfare organization. After it was founded, the LHW received financial support from the Gold-Kraemer-Stiftung owned by Chev. Paul R. Kraemer and Kaethe Kraemer (Hereditary Commandery of the Rhineland). <https://www.lazarus.de>
- **Lazarus-Einrichtungen in Ermland-Masuren, Poland** – an offshoot of the German organization which has now successfully become independent but continues to receive support from the members of the GPEU.
- **Lazarus Hilfswerk – LHW e.V. in Liechtenstein** <https://www.lhw-li.org>

2. The St Lazarus Charitable Trust



The St Lazarus Charitable Trust is a registered charity (286918) in England and Wales. The Trust enables funds raised from individuals and by commanderies to benefit from the UK taxation regime applicable to charities which can increase the value of donations by 25%. The trustees manage the investment of the charity's capital and select suitable projects to support from unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are distributed in accordance with the conditions of the gift. The fundamental policy of the Trust is to fund charitable projects related to leprosy, though exceptions are made where appropriate. The Trust works closely with expert charities, especially The Leprosy Mission (TLM) and LEPROA, on a range of projects, including support for local initiatives in India, Nepal and other parts of the world where leprosy is prevalent.

3. Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity



NGO Number: VO/0980 [registered 30th June 2014]

- Volunteer hours given for management: 700 hours

The Order of Charity is a non-profit organization set up in Malta in 1967 with the goal of collecting monetary support for the assistance of lepers throughout the World. It forms part of the international Raoul Follereau Foundation established in 1946 by the world-famous anthropologist who died in 1977. The main aims of the Foundation are:

- to encourage social help to those suffering from leprosy and other chronic debilitating diseases;
- to ascertain that these people are treated as they should be;
- to help leprosy sufferers find their place in society; and
- to give financial help to leprosaria and missions working with them.

The Order of Charity in Malta organizes activities around the international day dedicated to sufferers of Hansen's Disease or Leprosy. Leprosy Day falls on the last Sunday of January. The Order's primary aim is to collect monetary donations. In its charitable endeavours, it circulates an annual newsletter among its 1,600 members, issues posters and circulars to all parish churches and church schools in Malta and Gozo, as well as a press release to the main newspapers, radios and TV stations. The donations made by the public and members of the Order of Charity are forwarded to twenty or so different world-wide associations who work among and for the needs of leprosy sufferers. In 2017 almost €31,000 was distributed among these organizations. A detailed account of money collected and how it was distributed is always included in the annual newsletter. The funds are also audited as part of the consolidated annual financial return of the Grand Priory. It is most appropriate that this Order of Charity has, from 2009, come under the jurisdiction of the Order of St Lazarus, which was originally founded to work in aid of lepers in the Holy Land. The Constitution of the Order of St Lazarus states that this Order dedicates itself especially to the support and needs of lepers, and the various jurisdictions of the Order of St Lazarus dedicate a substantial part of their philanthropy towards the world-wide fight against this devastating infection. It is managed by a six-member board appointed by the Grand Prior, who serves as the Hon. Executive President.

<https://www.saintlazarusmalta.com/ngo-order-of-charity>

4. Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio



Maltese Foundation of the Order of St Lazarus, NGO Number: VO/0835
[registered 31st July 2013]

- Volunteer hours given for management: 1,000 hours

The Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio is a voluntary charitable organization managed under the supervision and guidance of the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands. The main mission of the Foundation is:

- to raise funds for distribution and donation to Maltese or overseas charities, philanthropic bodies and any approved deserving individuals;
- to participate in activities and projects to generate assets for charitable and philanthropic purposes; and
- to practice and support the principles and values of Christian charity, protecting and assisting the weak, helping the poor, the aged, the very young, the handicapped and the sick in society.

The Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio is obliged to present the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands with information about the activities of the Foundation, together with an independently audited annual Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account. This forms part of the audited consolidated Annual Accounts of the Grand Priory presented to the mother organization: the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. It has a five-member board of directors chaired by the Grand Prior, who serves as the Hon. Executive President. The board members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Priory. The organization also has an event-organizing sub-committee of six members.

<https://www.saintlazarusmalta.com/ngo-or-do-sancti-lazari>

5. American Association of St Lazarus

The American Association of St Lazarus (AASL) is a US 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity which provides aid primarily to numerous leprosaria around the world and supports medical research into Hansen's disease. Other programs include support for organ and tissue donation/education programs and mental health and homeless initiatives in the United States, developing a small hospital in Tanzania and acting as a major sponsor of the Infant Welfare Center in Jerusalem. In addition, the AASL provides needed medical and humanitarian supplies to the people of Ukraine.

6. Deutsch Lazarus Stiftung

<https://www.deutsche-lazarus-stiftung.de>

7. Fundacion San Lazaro

<https://www.ordensanlazaro.es/fundacion-san-lazaro>

8. Saint Lazarus Kinderhilfswerk Schweiz

9. Lazarus Macedonia (LHO-MKD)

10. LAZARUS – Humanitarna Organizacija Macedonia

11. Charitas Flores Nederland

The foundation 'Charitas Flores Nederland' (CFN) acts as the charity organization of the Commandery of Holland and Zeeland. This means that the members of this commandery have organized their individual charity donations and efforts with priority in this foundation. The board consists of members of the commandery. In the Advisory Council, the Grand Bailiff of the Netherlands is represented by the Dame Herma Wijers. Hospitaller Chev. Hok Bing Thio supervises the projects of CFN scientifically, in collaboration with the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam and the 5 main universities in Indonesia. Brother Harry Kampen, Senior is chairman but will step down at the beginning of 2025 due to advanced age (85 years). Initially, CFN's focus was on the availability of clean water for the inhabitants of remote areas on the island of Flores in Indonesia and projects in the field of sanitation to prevent contamination and spreading of (serious) infectious diseases, but the project has now broadened. The construction of toilets in schools has brought CNF into contact with disabled children, for whom facilities are now being developed. As a derivative of the availability of water, agricultural and horticultural projects have also emerged, promoting food security and safety.

www.charitasfloresnederland.nl

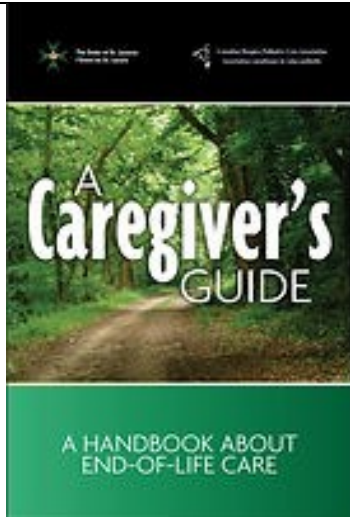
Hospitaller Resources

*'I can do things you cannot, you can do things
I cannot; together we can do great things.'*
St Theresa of Calcutta

One of the important roles of the Office of the Grand Hospitaller is to provide a Resource Library for general use by the various jurisdictions. The sharing of resources drawn up by individual jurisdictions would certainly augment the potential philanthropic value of any particular resource. Jurisdictions are invited to inform and provide the Office of the Grand Hospitaller with any resource publication which may be of use by other jurisdictions.

1		<p>The Office of the Grand Hospitaller – A historical review By Charles Savona-Ventura Format: A5, Paperback, 92 pages Published: The Office of the Grand Hospitaller – MHOSLJ, 2022 Available as a soft copy from: International website Available as a hard print-on-demand copy from: Lulu Ltd., U.S.A.</p> <p>Reviews the history of the development of the Office of the Grand Hospitaller and the philanthropic works of the Order during the period 2010-2019.</p>
2		<p>First Aid Manual By Charles Savona-Ventura (editor) Format: A5, Paperback, 154 pages Published: Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands – MHOSLJ, 2021 Available as a soft copy from: Grand Priory's website Available as a hard print-on-demand copy from: Lulu Ltd., U.S.A.</p> <p>A comprehensive first aid manual written by healthcare professionals that is particularly useful in supplementing First Aid training courses.</p>

3



A Caregiver's Guide – A Handbook about End-of-Life Care

By Karen Macmillan et al

Format: A5, Paperback, 190 pages

Published: Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada & Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association

Available as a soft copy from:

[Grand Priory's website](#)

Available as a hard copy from:

[The Grand Priory](#)

A handbook manual dealing with the issues related to end-of-life care. A French edition is also available.

4

The Order of St. Lazarus Grand Priory in Canada  St. John Ambulance  **SAVING LIVES** at work, home and play

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Home Caregiver Support Program Online

Managed by the Grand Priory in Canada – MHOSLJ in collaboration with St John’s Ambulance [Canada].

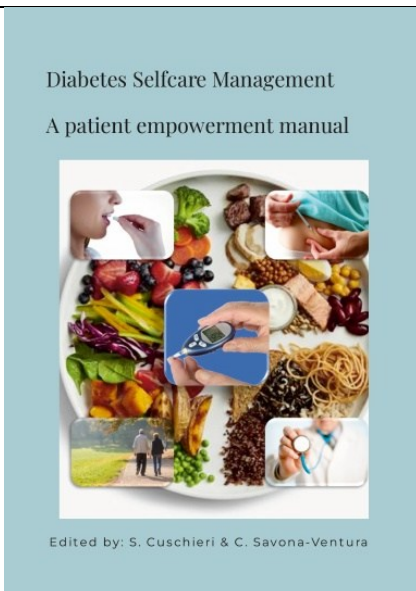
Format: online version of the Home Caregiver Support Program (HCSP)

Applications available from:

<http://stlazarus.sjatraining.ca>

The course is a useful training program for caregivers and patients facing end-of-life care situations. A French version of the course is also available.

5



Diabetes Selfcare Management : A patient-empowerment manual

By Sarah Cuschieri & Charles Savona-Ventura (editors)

Format: A5, Paperback, 106 pages

Published: Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands – MHOSLJ, 2022

Available as a soft copy from:

[Grand Priory's website](#)

Available as a hard print-on-demand copy from:

[Lulu Ltd., U.S.A.](#)

A self-empowerment manual written by healthcare professionals aimed at individuals living with a diabetic condition.

6



Leprosy-Info

By Charles Savona-Ventura [editor]

Format: A4, online

Published: Office of the grand hospitaller – MHOSLJ,
2024 *et sec*

Available as a soft copy from:

[International website of the Order](#)

A quarterly newsletter aiming at providing information [medical, social, historical, etc.] about Hansen's Disease.

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Best Practice Awards

'You need to be aware of what others are doing, applaud their efforts, acknowledge their successes, and encourage them in their pursuits. .'

Jim Stovall

The International Order and its individual jurisdictions have introduced schemes whereby the contribution of individual members towards the aims and objectives of the Order is recognized through specific awards. The Office of the Grand Hospitaller feels that the contributions made by individuals should be documented.

1. International Order: Donat Cross



The modern Donat Cross of the Order of Saint Lazarus was introduced by Grand Magistral Decree No. 68 in 1969. The regulations respecting the award of the Donat Cross were further detailed in 2016. These regulations defined the award as one that was due to members of the Order who have made 'generous charitable donations to the Order in the amounts indicated below (or their equivalent in other currencies) within a period of three consecutive years. These awards are not cumulative and a member must declare which award is being sought. Although Donat Crosses have descriptive abbreviations, they carry no postnominal letters

[Regulation No. 4: Protocol for promotion and awards in the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, 18.xi.2016].

Grade	Donation
Donat Cross First Class [DC1 st LJ]	US\$ 15,000 in contributions over a 3-year period
Donat Cross Second Class [DC2 nd LJ]	US\$ 10,000 in contributions over a 3-year period
Donat Cross Third Class [DC3 rd LJ]	US\$ 5,000 in contributions over a 3-year period

During 2024, the Grand Chancery approved the following six members of the Grand Priory of America to receive Donat Crosses for their contributions.

- * Joshua James Joseph Mitchell Barger, OLJ (West): DC3rdLJ
- * Dame Susan Tennant Kartzke, DLJ, CMLJ (South): DC3rdLJ
- * Richard Moore Myers, OLJ (South): DC3rdLJ
- * Chevalier Christopher Andrew St Victor-de Pinho, LTC, NYNG, KLJ, CMLJ (Atlantic): DC3rdLJ

- ✳ Dame Jennifer Sinclair St Victor-de Pinho, DLJ, OMLJ (Atlantic): DC3rdLJ
- ✳ H.E. The Reverend William D. Razz Waff, MG USA (Ret), GCLJ, OMLJ, DMin (Atlantic): DC3rdLJ

During 2024, the following three members of the Grand Priory of Greece received Donat Crosses for their contributions.

- ✳ Chevalier Athanassios Panopoulos, KCLJ - Hospitaller: DC1stLJ
- ✳ Antonios Chadzimichail, CLJ: DC3rdLJ
- ✳ Minas Chadzimichail, CLJ: DC3rdLJ

2. Grand Priory of America: Alan Weaver Hazelton Award

The Alan Weaver Hazelton Award was set up by the Grand Priory of America through the generosity of Chev. Robert Elwood Gamble GCLJ, KMLJ with the aim of recognising individuals who by their actions within the Order and in their community follow the traditions and ideals of loyalty, service and devotion to the Order. The annual award is conferred by the Grand Prior upon recommendation of an anonymous committee of three knights of the jurisdiction. All members and affiliates of the Order are eligible for this award which takes the form of a statuette of Saint Lazarus, suitably inscribed. In 2024, the Alan Weaver Hazelton Award was given to Dame Catherine Michie McHardy Bissell, DCLJ, DMLJ. She is a member of the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory of America.



Dame Catherine Michie McHardy Bissell holding the Award with the Grand Master and Grand Prior of America

Jurisdictions who have similar Best Practice Awards are encouraged to inform the Grand Hospitaller of the scheme and provide a list of awardees. This information will be shared with the membership in subsequent annual reports.

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