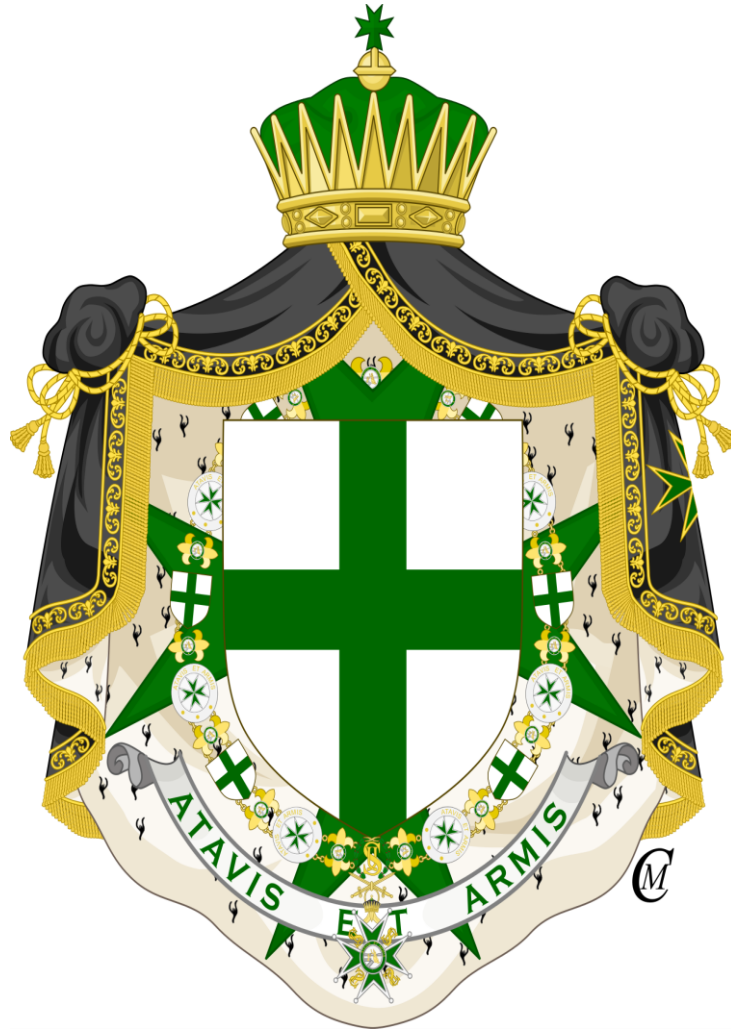


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Foreword by HE The Most Honourable The Grand Master



August 2016

Dear Consoeurs and Confrères,

The Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, a noble Order of chivalry, remains today what, in essence, it has always been – a Christian organization guided by its chaplains and dedicated to providing significant social and hospitaller efforts on a worldwide basis.

An enormous array of charitable work by the jurisdictions of the Order is highlighted in this 2015 Hospitaller Report. It is a compilation of the many good deeds carried out by the Order's jurisdictions. This report is a strong confirmation of the ever increasing commitment each year by individual members of the Order and its jurisdictions.

Historically, the Order of Saint Lazarus has supported and provided care for people suffering from leprosy. Support of those suffering from leprosy in different countries has continued in 2015. In addition to the traditional emphasis on leprosy, our jurisdictions have greatly expanded their charitable endeavours to a much broader spectrum of work, including care for children, support for the needy and disabled, hospice and palliative care. Excellent work is also being achieved to provide community service, food campaigns and organ transplantation awareness. In addition to extremely generous donations, members of our jurisdictions have volunteered an enormous amount of time and effort to conduct their hospitaller efforts and touch many lives throughout the world.

A military order such as ours, born in the Holy Land, has survived many successes and setbacks. Our Order is uniquely positioned to act as a beacon of Christian benevolence. It remains firmly committed to Christian values and

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following the teachings of Christ through assistance to those suffering from leprosy and other afflictions, the sick, the elderly and all those in need.

We greatly anticipate the next meeting of the jurisdictional hospitallers of the Order in Monreale, Sicily in June 2017. It will undoubtedly propel our Order to achieve even more significant hospitaller accomplishments in the future.

Atavis et Armis

The Marquis of Almazan

Carlos Gereda y de Borbón,
Marquis of Almazan
Magnus XLIX Magister



Address by the Grand Commander

August 2016

Dear Consoeurs and Confreres,

In front of you, you will find the Hospitaller report of our Order for the year 2015. I would like to thank our Grand Hospitaller and all other people who were involved in the preparation and production of this 6th consolidated report about the hospitaller and charitable activities of our Order. It is our intention to have a Hospitaller report like this every year. It is also our intention to publish hospitaller projects of the jurisdictions of our Order on our Website. For our Order it is important to tell what the goal and purpose of our Order is and to show to the people how we are trying to achieve this. It is also important for the different jurisdictions in our Order to learn about the activities of other jurisdictions and maybe to find ways of working together. This hospitaller report describes the outstanding charitable contributions of almost 100% of our Order's jurisdictions. I am sure that every year there will be improvements in making our efforts more known to the public.

Drs Ronald H.M. Hendriks, GCLJ-J
Grand Commander of the Order



INTRODUCTION

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2015 International Hospitaller Report. This report provides a summarized and consolidated account of the charitable and hospitaller activities of the national jurisdictions of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem.

One of the most striking features of the report is the diversity of charitable activities undertaken in the name of the Order. While the alleviation of leprosy remains a core focus of the Order, an important feature of the current report is the wide variety of endeavors undertaken to provide support for disadvantaged members of society.

In compiling this consolidated report charitable contributions have been divided according to the following core activities: Leprosy, Palliative Care and Medical Support, Care of Children, Support for the Handicapped, International Activities, Emergency Care, Food Campaigns and Support for the Poor and Homeless, Community Service and Miscellaneous. Clearly there is some overlap between several of the activity categories and where this has occurred, the decision as to which category the activity belonged was taken arbitrarily. The other option was to include many of the projects under more than one heading; however, it soon became obvious that to do so would result in a report of unwieldy proportions. This should be taken into account when searching for individual projects. In order to simplify the search process an index of each of the contributing jurisdictions is provided and this is cross-referenced to each of the charitable activities reported by the jurisdiction.

It should be noted that the majority of jurisdictions have recorded the cash value of their contribution. When the donation consisted of materials and/or services an attempt has been made to provide an equivalent value in cash. For those jurisdictions where this was not provided then the total number of person/hours contributed have been given under each entry.

In general, members, either through direct donation or through fund raising activities, have derived the funding disbursed by the Order. There are two exceptions to this. The first of these involves the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk (GPEU/LHW). This group was founded in 1971 and its activities have now been incorporated into the German Healthcare system. Over recent years the GPEU/LHW has been involved in the management of homes for the elderly and those requiring nursing care, as well as an ambulance service for the handicapped. In addition GPEU/LHW facilitates group activities for children with educational problems. In 2015 the total expenditure for GPEU/LHW 2015 was 8.44 million Euros. The second group within the Order that derives funding assistance from a secondary source is the Grand Bailiwick of

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Germany, who work in close association with the Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte (German Dentist Relief Organization or HDZ). This latter group has an international charitable focus and undertakes projects worldwide. While it cannot be claimed that the work undertaken by GPEU/LHW or by the Grand Bailiwick of Germany in concert with the HDZ has evolved entirely from funding generated by the Order, both of these groups do incorporate the name of St Lazarus in their activities. For these reasons reports on the contributions of both the GPUE/LHW and the HDZ/Grand Bailiwick of Germany are included in separate sections following the Miscellaneous section of the report.

It would be invidious to specify the total contributions from each of the national Jurisdictions, as there is a wide variation in both member numbers and national economic conditions. The amount contributed in terms of cash, kind or time is, however, given under each entry as this provides an indication of the level of contribution received by individual charities. In the body of the text the individual contributions are provided in the local currency rather than in Euros or US dollars, as fluctuations in the exchange rate would have the effect of diminishing the value of the data. Converting all currencies to Euro equivalents, assessing the value of non-cash contributions and crediting hours contributed at 10 Euros/hour provides some indication as to the global contribution of the Order. Utilizing these criteria the total amount contributed by the Order over the period of the report is 1,532,583 Euros excluding the 643,000 Euro contributions of the HDZ and the annual turnover of 8.44 million Euros of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe.

It is appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of many who have assisted in the preparation of this report. The outstanding work of our Vice Grand Chancellor (Administration), Dame Marny Gilluly, cannot be overstated and I am most grateful for her contribution. I must also acknowledge the support of The Most Honourable, The Grand Master, Drs Ron Hendriks our Grand Commander and John Byrnes the Deputy Grand Hospitaller, as well as the editorial support of Dame Mary Ettari the Deputy Vice Grand Chancellor (Administration), C.W. Gilluly the Grand Marshal and Gareth Vaughan the Secretary to the Grand Magistral Council. Considerable credit must be given to the contributions of each of the National Hospitallers who have provided detailed reports on the work of their respective jurisdictions. In total 34 reports were received from the 35 Jurisdictions of the Order, with individual contributions from the Grand Priory of America, the Grand Bailiwick of Austria, the Grand Priory of Australia, the Priory of Belgium, the Grand Commandery of Boigny, the Grand Priory in Canada, the Grand Commandery of the Castello, the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic, the Grand Priory of England and Wales, the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe, the Grand Priory of France, the Grand Priory of Finland, the Grand Bailiwick of Germany, the Grand Priory of Greece, the Grand Priory of Hungary, the Grand Priory of Ireland, the Grand Priory of Italy, the Priory of Liechtenstein, the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands, the Priory of Macedonia (FYROM), the Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands, the Grand Priory of New Zealand, the Priory of Norway, the Grand Priory of Poland, the Grand Priory of Romania, the Hereditary

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Commandery of Rurich, the Grand Bailiwick of Scotland, the Hereditary Commandery of Sighartstein, the Grand Priory of Slovakia, the Grand Bailiwick of South Africa, the Grand Priory of Spain, the Grand Priory of Sweden, the Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland, the Hereditary Commandery of Wallendorf and the Priory of Zimbabwe. Most importantly, sincere thanks are due to each and every member of the Order as it is your enthusiasm and hard work that has contributed to our continued success.

Brett Delahunt ONZM GCLJ MD FRCPA FRSNZ
Grand Hospitaller

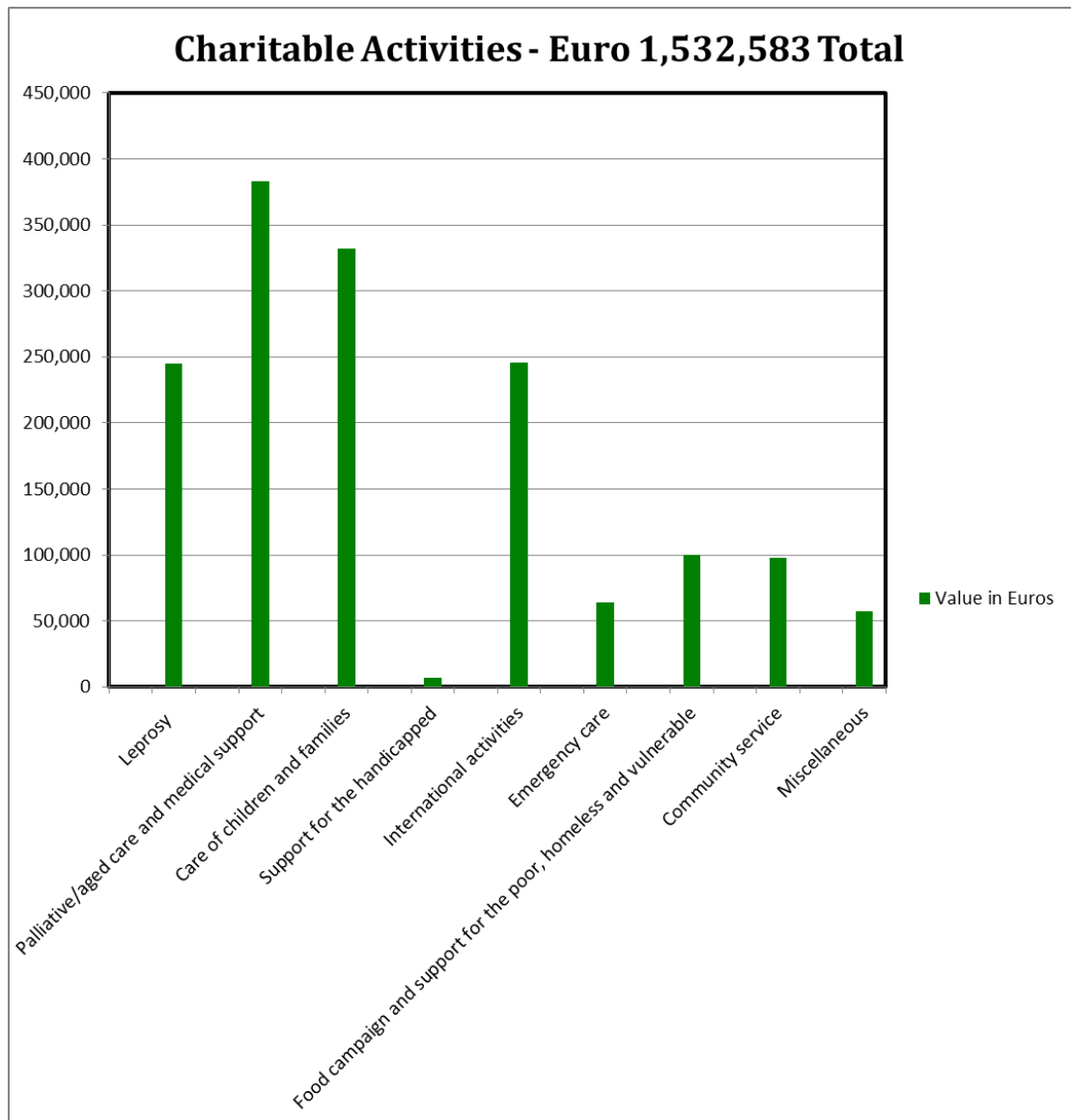


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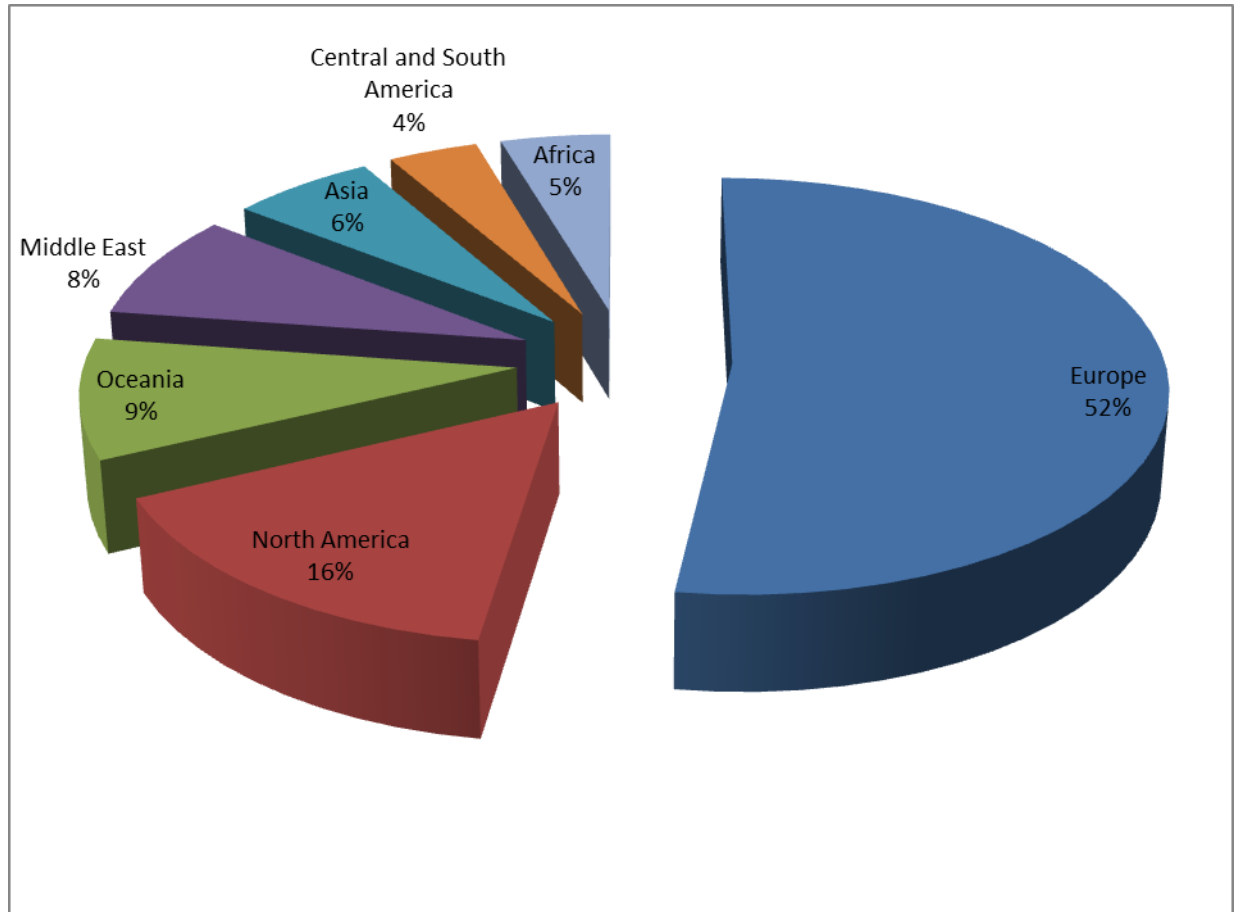
Value of funding/services donated divided according to charitable activities

<u>Charitable Activity</u>	<u>Value in Euros</u>
* Leprosy	245,070
* Palliative/aged care and medical support	382,949
* Care of children and families	332,373
* Support for the handicapped	7,100
* International activities	245,735
* Emergency care	63,963
* Food campaign and support for the poor, homeless and vulnerable	99,934
* Community service	98,128
* Miscellaneous	<u>57,331</u>
* Total	1,532,583

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Value of funding/services donated divided according to geographical areas



Geographical Distribution

Value in Euros

* Europe	801,916
* North America	239,658
* Oceania	143,084
* Middle East	125,625
* Asia	93,332
* Africa	70,943
* Central and South America	<u>58,025</u>
* Total	1,532,583

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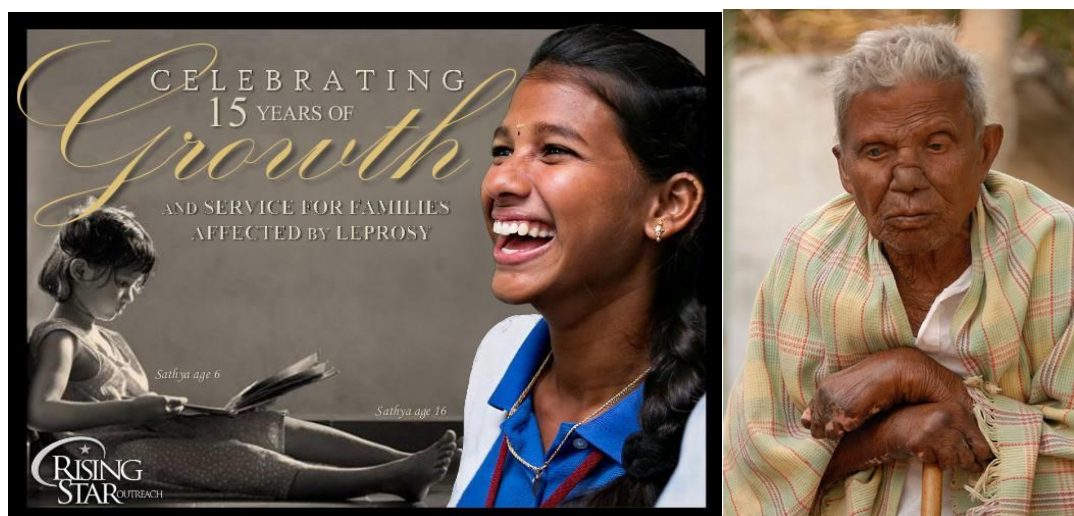
Leprosy

Grand Priory of America

Emory University Hansen's Disease Clinic and the University of Miami Hansen's Disease Clinic are two of the thirteen Hansen's Disease clinics in the United States, supported in part by the United States Public Health Service. The Grand Priory provided funding to support patient travel and the purchase of supplies and other materials needed for the care of leprosy-afflicted patients. In 2015 the Grand Priory contributed USD 10,000 in total to these clinics.

The Commandery of the Midwest supported the University of Illinois Hansen's Disease Clinic that provides treatment to those in the Midwest who have Hansen's disease. USD 1,000 was contributed for the purchase of specially made shoes, transportation of patients and/or continuing education of staff working in the clinic.

Rising Star Outreach is a non-governmental organization, founded in Atlanta and based in Chennai, India, dedicated to the treatment of leprosy afflicted patients in southern India. The Grand Priory made a grant of USD 45,000 to this organization this year and, to date, has contributed over USD 450,000. The Commandery of the Southeast donated an additional USD 1,000 of Commandery funds for an emergency appeal from Rising Star Outreach flood Relief. This was to provide assistance following record flooding in India that seriously impacted the Organization's mission to Leprosy patients and their families.



Courtesy of Rising star.org

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The Commandery of the Southeast donated USD 800 as travel funding assistance for an intern physician from the University of Miami Hansen's Disease Clinic to travel to the International Hansen's Disease Conference in Carville, La.

The Grand Priory, along with the Delegation of Mexico, has supported three leprosy clinics in Mexico for many years. Combined, these clinics serve many hundreds of leprosy-afflicted patients and their families in rural Mexico. To date, the Grand Priory has contributed well over \$1 million USD to our colleagues in Mexico who serve those in need. In 2015 the Grand Priory contributed USD 60,000 to the clinics.

The Mexican delegation works in two centers located in downtown Morelia and in Irapuato that are managed by nuns belonging to the order "Hermanas de los Sagrados Corazones de Jesús y María". They have been in Mexico for 25 years and have been working with the Order of St Lazarus since the late 1990s. Members of the Delegation of Mexico have made an additional contribution of USD 620 – USD 1,500 per member to the clinic programs.



Staff and patients in the leprosy clinic

Sisters tending to a patient

Grand Priory of Australia

A donation of AUD 10,000 was made to The Leprosy Mission Australia to support the detection and screening of leprosy in Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Grand Bailiwick continued financial support of the China Leprosy Service in the Peoples Republic of China, where the Order of Jesuits (Societas Jesu, SJ) is responsible for 18 leprosy stations. The donation of the Grand Bailiwick was again Euro 1,000, specifically for the building of new sanitary facilities for a boarding school. The school supports more than 300 healthy children of lepers living in a closed village nearby. This boarding school is situated near the village Shih Zhong in South-China, Province of Yunnan.



300 children having an early morning workout

Donation of Euro 10 of each member was given to the Saint Louis Hospital in Jerusalem as announced in the last year's report. Charitable contributions were also made to assist the lepers in Romania (together with the brothers and sisters of the Order in Germany).

Grand Priory in Canada

The Grand Priory contributed C\$10,000 to the Leprosy Mission for Naini Hospital, India, via Effect Hope, previously the Leprosy Association of Canada. Mercy Home at the Leprosy Mission was established in 1876 to house leprosy sufferers who had been rejected by their families. Annually 19,000 leprosy patients visit the hospital, with an outpatient service of 86,000 patients per year. In addition to the Grand Priory donation, a further grant to the Leprosy Mission of C\$1,000 was made by the Western Ontario Commandery.

The Grand Priory contributed C\$10,000 to the Little Flower Welfare Association of India, via the Jules Legere Foundation, Canada, while a further donation of C\$1,000 was donated by the Western Ontario Commandery. As reported on the Association's website, of the 1,000 inhabitants of Little Flower, 140 are inpatients at the hospital (in addition, 30,000 outpatients come to the hospital for treatment once a month), 150 are children (110 boys and 40 girls) in the boarding school from the surrounding leprosy colonies, while 700 are village inhabitants, of whom 175 are children of school age. There are about 2,000 more inhabitants in the surrounding leprosy colonies. Those attending Little Flower for medical treatment, or who are admitted to the hospital if necessary, send

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their children to the boarding school in Sunderpur.

Grand Commandery of the Castello, Malta

A grant of Euro 570.00 was made by the Grand Commandery to fund a university course for a young leprosy sufferer in Nagpur.

Euro 7,704 was contributed by the Grand Commandery to fund a workshop on the manufacture of sandals for leprosy sufferers in Dattapur.

Due to delays obtaining planning permission, the workers are producing sandals in a temporary workshop. Work on the new building will hopefully start in the next two months.





The ambulance the Grand Commandery purchased last year is in constant use.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

A donation of Euro 333 to an Indian Leprosy Centre and a further donation of Euro 370 for the provision of bandages to leprosaria was made by the Grand Bailiwick.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

The first of two grants to the amount of GBP 6,500 were made to LEpra in support of a contact-tracing project in India. This project supports mobile teams of community health workers and medical officers who visit remote areas with limited services. The officers conduct surveys with families of those newly diagnosed with leprosy. An additional grant totalling GBP 700 was made to LEpra by Commanderies of the Grand Priory.

A grant of GBP 3,000 was made to the Vidiyal Trust. This is the first of three grants made in support of Canon Pat Atkinson's work with Leprosy sufferers in a government home and clinic in one of the most deprived areas of India.

Funding of GBP 3,300 was made in support of emergency work in Nepal, amongst leprosy sufferers, following the earthquake in April last year.

Grants totalling GBP 30,000 (being a third instalment of three annual grants) were made to The Leprosy Mission in support of the Bankura Old People's home in West Bengal. This home caters for elderly people affected with leprosy. A

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further grant of GBP 500 was made by an individual Commandery of the Grand Priory.

The Leprosy Mission has provided leprosy services in Bankura, West Bengal, since 1902. The staff at the Bankura Mercy Home, known locally as a “snehalaya”, care for people who are seriously affected by leprosy and disability, many of whom are elderly.

Although many residents of the snehalaya no longer have leprosy, they have been permanently damaged by this disease, and need both care and support. Tragically, many of them have been abandoned by their families and left with no-one to care for them as they become older and more frail.

The snehalaya is a lifeline for these people. By supporting it, they have been supplied with vital medical treatment, clothing, nutritious meals and specialist care.

In 2015 this project supported and empowered 36 residents who are affected by leprosy. At the start of the year, the home was caring for 37 residents; however, one of them has since left to re-join their family. This was wonderful news for both the staff and residents of the snehalaya. It gave them a real sense of joy and hope and was a great demonstration of the healing work that takes place there. It showed that, whilst at the snehalaya, the residents are restored emotionally and given independence and confidence to rejoin their families and reintegrate into their communities.



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The residents of the snehalaya practicing self-care



The residents working in the gardens

Funding from the Order provided the 36 residents remaining at the snehalaya with the care and provisions they needed in their daily life. In particular, grants from The Grand Priory enabled;

- Daily medical care from trained nurses, and visits from physiotherapy technicians twice a week. The residents were examined on a daily basis and wounds caused by leprosy, such as ulcers, were treated and bandaged. Protective footwear and prostheses were supplied to restore the residents' mobility and prevent them from causing further damage to their feet. Visits are undertaken twice a week by doctors and treatment is provided for minor health issues.
- The residents were taught to soak their ulcers and use oils to keep their skin soft and supple, preventing further complications. This important

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practice not only protects the residents physically, it also restores their dignity and independence as they learn to look after themselves.

- Clothing and three nutritious meals a day are provided for each of the residents; some of the food being grown by the residents themselves in the vegetable garden.
- Support for the residents to obtain ration cards and disability pensions from the local government. Fifteen of the residents have already been given voter ID cards and the process to obtain the ration and disability pension cards is underway.

Just like a family, the residents are encouraged to support each other and be actively involved in decision making at the snehalaya. Eighteen of the more physically able residents help with the maintenance of the home by carrying out small duties. These simple actions bring the residents together as a community and help to restore their sense of purpose and dignity. A popular duty is the care of the flower gardens and vegetable patches where pumpkins and tomatoes are grown. The residents love being outside and getting physical exercise during these activities. Nulu Munda, one of the older residents, even cycles to the local



Vocational Training Centre to bring back food from their kitchen. Residents take part in worship and daily devotionals, which encourages unity in the group and gives them an opportunity to support and care for each other both emotionally and spiritually.

Christmas celebrations

The local community was invited to take part in Christmas celebrations with the residents of the snehalaya. Incredibly, around 600 people from the local community came to the Christmas dinner and spent time getting to know the residents. This was a significant step in the healing journey of the residents, many of whom were abandoned by their families, friends and communities because of leprosy.

Although leprosy can be cured with multidrug therapy and some of the physical damage it causes can be healed with specialist treatment, many people are left with emotional scars that never heal. One of the most traumatic effects of this disease is the isolation it causes. The coming together of the residents of the snehalaya with the local community at the Christmas celebration helped to reduce stigma around leprosy and showed the residents that, despite the heartache and pain they have experienced in the past, they are now accepted as part of a wider family.



The residents and local community at the Christmas celebrations.

Sustainability

The success of the Christmas celebrations will have lasting effects. Not only did these events break down social and emotional barriers, they also raised the profile of the snehalaya and its activities in the region. Many of the guests who attended the celebrations were influential in their local communities and have committed to support the snehalaya with its fundraising activities.

However, the vegetable cultivation has been extremely successful and it is an enjoyable activity for many of the residents. In the future, the snehalaya will encourage the residents to get involved with cultivating mushrooms, rearing rabbits and chickens, and fish farming. These activities will provide food for the residents and generate an income for the home.

Stories from the snehalaya

Hashu, one of the residents, wanted to share the story of how he has been helped by the Order:

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I was born and brought up in Ramnagar in Purulia district, West Bengal. When I was 22 I started noticing patches on my leg so I went to The Leprosy Mission's Purulia Hospital.

There I was diagnosed with leprosy. At that moment, everything in my life changed.



Hashu being cared for by the nurses

I was thrown out of my work and I had to leave Purulia and go to Kolkata. Despite being abandoned by the people I cared about in Purulia, I was lucky enough to find new people to love in Kolkata. There I was blessed enough to get married and have a baby boy. I was so happy at that time – my life began to look normal again. But then tragedy struck and my whole world was turned upside down. My 5 year old son was kidnapped. As a father, I felt helpless. I was so desperate to get him back, I did everything I could. I reported it to the police and used all my strength searching for him. But it was all in vain, I lost him.

After this, things changed again. My life could never be the same without my son. Every day I was reminded of him. Me and my wife moved to Simonpur, a leprosy colony near Purulia Hospital, and built a house there to live in. We tried to make a fresh start and leave behind the place where we lost our son, but I had no idea that our new life would bring with it new suffering.

We had only been in Simonpur 5 years when my wife died. I was heartbroken and I think this was the final straw for me. I started to give up hope. I sold the house we had shared together and as my heart lost strength, so did my body.

I was diagnosed with high blood pressure and leprosy made my hands and legs severely deformed. Then I lost my eyesight; my world was plunged into darkness.

In 2015, I was diagnosed with diabetes but this was too late for me. It had already caused an ulcer to form on one of my legs.

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I couldn't have made it without the staff at Purulia Hospital and Bankura Mercy Home. They looked after me so well and gave me medicine for my diabetes and blood pressure, which I still take now. They have been the family that I lost.

My life has had so many dark moments when I've almost given up all hope, but I've found healing at the snehalaya. I love to sing and dance with my friends there and I try every day to live my life to the full. It's the only way I can forget the pain of my past.

Being part of this community has made such a difference for me. Together we pray and hear the gospel – these times inspire me to keep living.

Narugopal

Narugopal Ghosh, a 66 year old man affected by leprosy who had been abandoned by his family. Narugopal came to the snehalaya when he was 32. He has been cared for for more than 30 years.

I can hardly imagine what my life would have been like without my home at this snehalaya. It has been a hard journey but I am so happy with the treatment I've been given here. I am so grateful for the support and generosity that has been shown to me. Now I have a home and a family to be part of.

He told us that he still feels very much at home at the snehalaya and loves being part of the family there. One of his favourite things to do is tend to the beautiful flower gardens.

In 2015, Narugopal was given a cataract operation at Purulia Hospital. If he hadn't been treated, Narugopal could have gone blind and the operation saved his sight.



A voice of hope

Every few months, the residents of the snehalaya take part in a cultural evening. They join with the nearby Vocational Training Centre for music, dancing and a communal supper. These evenings have a powerful impact on every person involved as they come together to sing Bengali folk songs of praise and share a meal. Narugopal particularly enjoys these times and the unity and joy they bring.

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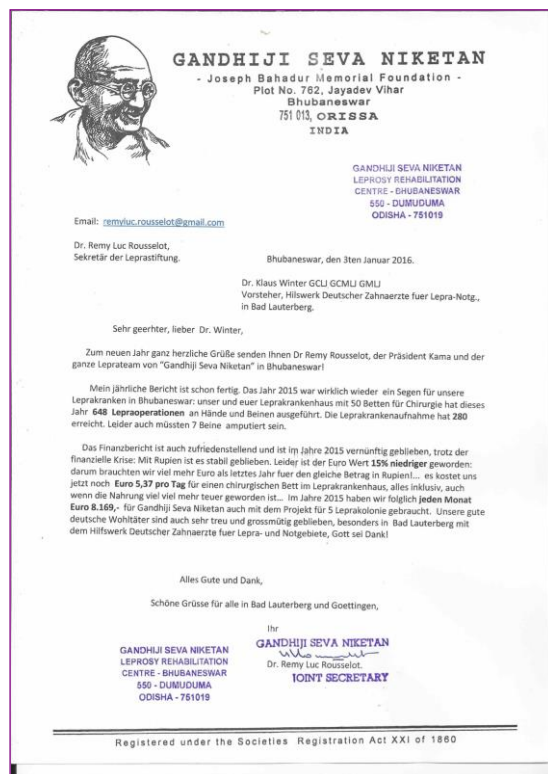
The evenings give him a chance to share his story; it inspires others and shows them that the devastating effects of leprosy can be overcome. His life now sends a message of hope to all who hear it.

Grand Priory of France

The Grand Priory of France provided an electric generator and dentistry equipment to the Leper centre in Benin.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

The Foundation of the German Dentists' Relief Organization (Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte – HDZ), which enjoys links with the Order of Saint Lazarus, transferred 5,000 Euros to the Indian leprosy clinic headed by Dr Rousselot in Bhubaneswar.



Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

The Grand Priory provided support for the Victims of Leprosy both locally and internationally, mainly through their philanthropic affiliate, the Order of Charity. The total contributed to these projects was Euro 54,500.

The Order of Charity raises its funds through their regular donations from its registered members, and Members of the Grand Priory are all automatically



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members of the Order of Charity. The Order has this year made a record income as a result of the money generated by the weekend TV Marathon held in 2015. This alone generated a total of Euro 15,000. The Grand Priory also fully supports the activities of its affiliate, both through direct financial donations and through administrative support. These funds are then used to support a number of internationally-based and Maltese-sponsored organisations working directly with lepers to ameliorate their lives. In particular donations were made to: Lepra U.K. Artificial hands project - Euro 11,000; Capuchin Fathers - Euro 5,000; Conventual Franciscan Fathers - Euro 5,000; Ann Catania (Philippine Mission) - Euro 5,000; Sr Maria Consaga (Nigerja Mission) - Euro 5,000; RAISE FOUNDATION (Gesu fil-Proxxmu – Ethiopian Mission) - Euro 1500; CIOMAL (Switzerland) - Euro 5,000; Associazione Italiana Amici Raoul Follereau - Euro 5,000; Damien Dutton Foundation, Belgium - Euro 5,000; Association Française Raoul Follereau - Euro 5,000; and Donation to two Maltese Lepers - Euro 2,000.

The support undertaken by the Grand Priory towards two old “adopted” Maltese surviving victims of leprosy is still ongoing. While now completely cured and living in the community, the brother and sister couple contracted the disease in childhood and were immediately segregated in the Leprosarium, to be eventually released in adulthood. They still carry all the stigmata of their disease. They are regularly visited and helped with medications and necessary equipment to help them deal with their disability. One particular member of the Order, Consoeur Carmen Moran, living in the same community as these individuals, has taken it upon herself to serve as their social link and visits them almost on a daily basis to attend to their needs.

The affiliate of the Grand Priory, the Order of Charity, representing a generous anonymous donor, has initiated a study in collaboration with the University of Malta to assess the potentiality of genetic predisposition for developing Mycobacterial infections – leprosy and tuberculosis – in the Maltese population. This targeted Research Fund will amount to Euro 2,000.

Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

The work of the Lepra Sanitario, Fontilles, Spain was supported by a grant of Euro 500.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

As ongoing support to the worldwide organization treating those suffering from leprosy a donation of GBP 1,000 was made to The Leprosy Mission.

A donation was made to All-Ears Cambodia in support of a new scheme to provide hearing services for children with leprosy in that country. Funding of GBP 810, that had accrued following a charity cycle trip to Peru in 2004, was contributed.

Grand Priory of Spain

For ten years the Grand Priory has provided scholarships for specialists to gain expertise in leprosy diagnosis and prevention of leprosy. A further important role of the scholarship is that the recipient should disseminate the knowledge gained in their country of origin. This year the recipients of scholarships were Anya Cristina Luzardo, a Venezuelan doctor in Zulia State (Venezuela) with extensive experience in the fight against leprosy, and Sister Maria Guadalupe Escobedo, who works through her Congregation, Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, caring for people affected by leprosy in the state of Guanajuato (Mexico). The cost of the scholarships was Euro 7,660 of which Euro 2,500 was provided by the Grand Priory.

Palliative/ Aged Care and Medical Support

Grand Priory of America

The Commandery of the Southwest donated USD 1,000 to the PTSD Foundation of America and specifically their Camp Hope program. This program provides interim housing for our Wounded Warriors, veterans and their families suffering from combat related post-traumatic stress disorder.

A new electronic tool, that provides diagnostic information on the spot for patients, was donated to Luke's House Free Clinic by the Grand Commandery of the South. The Commandery provided USD 1,500 which was matched by USD 3,000 by the Grand Priory. This will provide just over a year's worth of diagnostic cartridges for the expected patient load.

The Aleetha Foundation supports wounded service members through a contribution of USD 4,000. This year the Atlantic Commandery continued its support by donating USD 2,000 which was matched by USD 2,000 by the Grand Priory.

Grand Priory of Australia

A donation of AUD 4,000 was made to Catholic Psychiatric Care to assist in their work with psychiatric patients.

Two donations were made to the Gibson Unit, Calvary Care. One for AUD 5,000 for building refurbishment and the other for AUD 11,000 as a contribution to the salary for a Cancer Care Counsellor.

A grant of AUD 5,000 was made to the Whittle Ward, Royal Hobart Hospital for refurbishment and the purchase of chairs.

Funding of AUD 5,000 was made by the Grand Priory to the Menzies Research Centre for palliative care research.

Funding of AUD 2,000 was provided for a workshop for hospital volunteers.

A donation of AUD 5,000 was made for the upgrade of renal dialysis machines at the Royal Hobart Hospital Critical Care Unit.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Grand Bailiwick continued its patronage of the non-governmental organization Medecins Sans Frontieres.

Grand Commandery of Boigny

Funding of Euro 3,000 was provided for the purchase of palliative care medical equipment.

Grand Priory in Canada

The national project of the Grand Priory – the Home Caregivers Support Program – continues to progress very positively. The renewed licensing agreement between the Order of St. Lazarus and St. John Ambulance has been drafted and is awaiting signature. The Order of St. Lazarus has provided the funding for web development of the online version of the program and has been awarded the Medallion for Excellence in Philanthropy by the Chancellor of the Order of St. John to recognize the contribution of the Order of St. Lazarus.

A more searchable electronic copy of A Caregiver's Guide was produced in both official languages and will be incorporated into the web based program. The program will be accessible on computers, tablets and smartphones.

It is hoped funding can be secured to allow the program to be offered free of charge, at least for the first year or two. This will allow the collection of data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program which in turn should assist with further fundraising.

The Acadia Commandery has been building relationships with various community Hospice Associations to learn of new hospices requiring start-up funding support. They agreed to support the new Hospice being built in Fredericton, New Brunswick at the level of C\$5,000 to be paid over two years. Full payment has been made and the Hospice opened March 2016.

The Calgary Commandery provided funds to Albert Hospice and Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) in the amount of C\$10,000 to support their "Roadshow" program. C\$5,000 was also provided to the High River District Health Care Foundation for their Long Term Care program; and C\$11,300 to Olds and District Hospice Society for furnishings for palliative care suites. 175 St. Lazarus Bears were distributed to four hospices and individuals in 2015. Thirty copies of A Caregiver's Guide were provided to Drumheller Health Complex Palliative Care Volunteers for training, 15 books to Mt. St. Francis and 6 books to individuals.

The Edmonton Commandery donated a case of Care Bears and a case of A Caregiver's Guide to The Royal Alexandra Hospital Unit. They supported Kairos House (AIDS Hospice) in the amount of C\$25,000 and Red Deer Hospice in the amount of C\$5,000. The AHPCA annual road show was supported with C\$10,000 as well. Finally, a Murphy bed was purchased for C\$2,500 for Norwood Palliative Care Unit.

The Montreal Commandery received a personal cheque for C\$250 from a friend of the Commandery which was sent to the Chancery for future work in palliative care.

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The following organizations received a donation from the Charitable Gifting Program of the Ottawa Commandery during the year; Union Mission Hospice, Hospice Cornwall, Roger's House, St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation, Algonquin College Bursary for Palliative Care, Leprosy Mission of Canada and Hospice Care Ottawa. These donations totalled over C\$41,000.

The Toronto Commandery continues to support Emily's House for Children in need of palliative care and their families. The Commandery presented 10 St Lazarus Teddy Bears with "adoption certificates" to the young children at Emily's House in Toronto. Following a tour of the facility to ascertain needs, a further donation of C\$2,000 was made.

The Care Giver's Guide Handbook produced by members of the Grand Priory continues to be distributed upon request to hospitals, individuals and religious institutions.

The Grand Priory in Canada donated C\$2,500 to the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association

The Western Ontario Commandery donated C\$7,641.50 to the Home Caregiver's Support Program for use in Ontario. This was to assist with the establishment of the program in other cities.

The Western Ontario Commandery supported the building of a palliative care room in Lucknow and also provided support for the Chatham-Kent Hospice and Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce.

The Quebec Commandery has supported several projects over the past year. In particular C\$5,000 was donated to Wounded Warriors Canada, C\$1,500 to Tous pour un Kili and C\$500 to the Division Québec of the Société Canadienne du Cancer.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The Grand Bailiwick has made a major contribution of Euro 235,264 towards the expenses (excluding wages) of the Hospice Strasbourg. In addition to this, Euro 4,500 of services was contributed to the terminally ill in hospitals and a further Euro 3,000 services towards the support of incurable patients in a seniors' home. Euro 555 was donated towards the work of the Hospice St Lazarus, while books and magazines were donated to hospitals and seniors' homes. Voluntary work to the value of Euro 518 was undertaken in seniors' homes in Myto and Radhošť and Euro 444 was donated towards the work of the Home of St Josef in Žírec.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

A grant of GBP 500 was made to the John Bradbourne Mental Health Society.

Individual grants were made to Veterans' Aid (GBP 170), the Order of St John Care Trust (GBP 170) and The Samaritans (GBP 200).

A grant of GBP 300 was made to Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

University fees, amounting to GBP 1,780 were paid for Nansasi Jovia Kanyike.

Funding was made to the work of St John's Hospice, Lancaster (GBP 500), Manna House, Kendall (GBP 500) and St Michael and All Angels Church, Beetham (GBP 400).

Grants of GBP 3,000 were made to nine Sussex Hospices.

Two grants of GBP 1,000 were made to DEBRA. This is the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association that promotes investigations into the treatment of this debilitating skin condition.

Funding of GBP 150 was made to Walton Neuroscience.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

Dr Hiltrud Sürmann, from the Grand Bailiwick conducts a voluntary dental prophylaxis programme for refugees in Friedland and Göttingen.



Dental treatment was provided for a Christian Eritrean refugee who had fled from torture and whose teeth required complete restoration, at a cost of around 800 Euros. The dentist who carried out the treatment waived his labour costs and charged for the cost of materials only.

Together with renowned clothing manufacturers (such as Escada), the Multiple Sclerosis League in Munich organized an "MS Bazaar" where clothing companies donated garments, mainly from the previous season, to the bazaar for sale. An agreement was also made between the MS League and the Commandery of

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Bavaria whereby any items of clothing left over from the sale would be made available free of charge to the Commandery for re-use. In total around 16 bags full of high-quality garments were passed on to the Caritas clothing store which itself makes no profit from this venture.

Priory of Macedonia (FYROM) and NGO Lazarus Humanitarian organization (LHO-MKD)

The Priory of Macedonia (FYROM) organized a promotional event entitled WE ARE HUMAN, SO BE YOU! This was held in the Skopje City Mall, and was well attended. The sponsors were Nobel Ilach, Zegin, Pharma S, Abena Helpi, Lucern Vip and Alfa Lab, producers of health food and food supplements and other products that are designed for the aged members of the community. A total of Euros 11.000,00 was collected for distribution to the aged, which is the main target group of the Priory.

Nine members of the Order were involved in organization of this event and in total 72 hours of volunteer activity were expended. The event was well reported by both TV and printed media.

Grand Priory of Finland

Support of Euro 7,000 was provided by the Grand Priory for an in-home living program for senior citizens, undertaken together with the Church of Finland.

Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

At the Care Centre Eykehove in the Netherlands, two hands-on days service, amounting to 100 hours contribution valued at Euro 550, was contributed by members of the Grand Bailiwick.

40 hours service, valued at Euro 1,150 was contributed through service in a choir and the production of a buffet for residents.

The Care Centre Klein Gulpen, Gulpen, Limburg in The Netherlands is a small care centre catering for a maximum of 54 residents with physical or mental difficulties, such as dementia. This nursing home is characterized by its hospitality, the warmth of its care and its ability to socialize residents. There are many organized activities, which requires both funding and volunteers. The hands-on activities organised by members of the Grand Bailiwick in 2015 consisted of 40 hours service, valued at Euro 1,150. This consisted of contributions from the Red Rill Singers, the Shanty choir and the duo "Ummer Jod" with accordion and tuba. In addition a buffet meal was produced for residents.

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In recognition of these services the bronze statue "de Gulpener Duim" was awarded to volunteers at the nursing home.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Canterbury Commandery has donated NZD 5,000 to the NZ Brain Research Institute for medical research for a second year in a row. This sum re-qualifies the Order as a major sponsor to the Institute.

NZD 2,000 was donated this year to help with the important work of hospital chaplains in public hospitals in New Zealand

Hospital Sponge Bags to the value of NZD 2,000 are prepared by members and are donated on behalf of the Order to those admitted to hospital.

A further charitable activity has been a donation of NZD 1,000 given to a local medical practitioner practice in a lower socio-economic area. The purpose of this donation is to permit the doctor, at her discretion, to provide a lump sum of NZD 50 to patients in real need.

Sponsorship of NZD 300 to the University of Otago continued to allow funding for the Order of St Lazarus Dermatology Prize.

The Grand Priory contributed NZD 300 for Corporate Sponsorship of the Wellington Medical Research Foundation.

Grand Priory of Romania

The Grand Priory focuses its activities on programs related to tuberculosis. Romania has the highest incidence of tuberculosis in the European Union with an annual incidence of 72 cases per 100,000 of population. This has declined from

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142 cases per 100,000 of population in 2002 owing to the work of the National Programme for Prevention, Control and Treatment.

The Grand Priory has developed a project dedicated to the diagnosis and therapy of tuberculosis in a vulnerable population - the homeless people of Bucharest. The Order applied for a grant through the European Union and although the project was considered of value, it received insufficient prioritizing to achieve funding.

Despite this setback members of the Grand Priory have persisted with the project and a delegation met with representatives of the Catholic philanthropic association, Caritas. This resulted in agreement that the Order would pursue the hospitaller activities of the jurisdiction in concert with established programmes that are dedicated to the management of tuberculosis in vulnerable populations. In particular, connections have been developed with the National Institute of Pulmonology and the National Programme for Disease, Control and Treatment of Tuberculosis in Romania. To date the Grand Priory has contributed Euro 2,500 to fund the travel accommodation and networking activities associated with the evolving project.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

The Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity (SANDS), Fraserburgh is an organisation that has area groups who support parents who lose a child at birth or in the immediate post-natal period. A donation of GBP 500 was made to the group in Fraserburgh which is one of the last few areas in Scotland who have not as yet received the Grand Bailiwick's financial support for their voluntary work.

A donation of GBP 655 was contributed to the Ryal Cornhill Hospital from money raised at a local dinner attended by senior civic leaders and Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Grand Priory of Spain

The Viktor Frankl Association assists those with disease and suffering prior to death and has as its aim the facilitation of intervention models, based on the work of Viktor Frankl, to provide support during suffering, sickness and death. The research and development of new models provides for attitudes and techniques that promote inter-relational, ethical and spiritual competence to address vulnerability. The Association is apolitical and non-denominational, whose members share Christian humanity in its human and spiritual conception. The Grand Priory collaborated during the screening of the film "LAST SUMMER IN SCOTLAND", at a charitable ball, dedicated to raising finances for the Association. Over 260 people attended this important event. The event was covered by a press release from the association in relation to the events and its programs.

Dr. Juan Ruiz de Burgos Moreno, the Grand Hospitaller, has continued to work with terminally ill cancer patients on behalf of our Order, providing both assistance and hospice care.

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Residencia del Marqués de Santillana in Buitrago de Lozoyais is a home for dependent elderly people which is a part of the San Salvador Foundation. The Foundation also has a school of crafts and arts for older children with mental illnesses such as bipolarity, schizophrenia, etc. The San Francisco de Asís School teaches these children how to earn a living by having them learn several activities such as cooking and mechanics. A Christmas donation of Euro 660 was made to the Home. Additionally, the Grand Priory organized a shared activity known as the Recolecta Campaign with a local business located in Madrid. Donations made to the Home as part of this program consisted of Euro 500. Additionally, donations consisting of 7 Brown beater appliances, 5 juice makers, 1 kitchen Turmix appliance, 50 big baby Bibs and 20 pill cases to a total value of Euro 1,415 were made.



A grant of Euro 450 was made to the Don Miguel Castillejo Foundation in Cordoba for women with Alzheimer's disease.

Grand Priory of Sweden

SEK 50,000 were donated to Fountain House, an organisation that supports people with mental disease as they return to society. The house organizes a summer camp for the family of members, who would otherwise have remained at home all summer.

The Hereditary Commandery of Wallendorf

The Hereditary Commandery of Wallendorf contributed a total of 6,000 Euros to the activities of a home for the elderly.

Priory of Zimbabwe

In 2015 the Priory continued supplying food hampers each month for about 18 elderly people and to organize a tea party, held once a quarter for a number of elderly people, at which second hand clothing was distributed. This was a contribution of approximately 250 hours.

The Priory conducts a monthly book sale in a pavement stall at a Harare shopping precinct which brings in approximately \$250 per month. The money is used to bulk up hampers which contain foodstuffs from a number of organizations. Second hand books are obtained from a number of sources and the collection of second hand books and their sale covers 280 hours work by Priory members each year.

Zane is an International Trust set up in England to help elderly people in distress in Zimbabwe. Any clothing that is not suitable for our works is donated to their Charity Shop and sold to raise funds for them.

Care of Children and Families

Grand Priory of America

A grant of USD 1,000 was made by the Grand Commandery of the South to the community center, sponsored by the local Episcopal Church. The grant was made to one of their summer camp programs, which taught violin lessons to a number of neighborhood children. The donation supported the salary of the music tutor, the purchase of several used violins, and the repairing and re-stringing of several other violins.



All Saints Community Center Violin class

Donation of funds for the purchase of two (much-needed) new refrigerators, to keep milk and perishables fresh, for the students at Saint Michael Special School in New Orleans, was made by the Grand Commandery of the South.



St Michael's Special School

Grand Priory of Australia

During the year a grant of AUD 3,000 was made to the Westmead Hospital for Children for toys, in addition to donated services.

A grant of AUD 9,000 was made to Country Hope family-centred support programs to aid country children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

The Grand Priory made a donation of AUD 10,000 to the Bush Children's Education Fund.

Funding of AUD 5,000 was donated in support of child victims of a cyclone in Vanuatu.

A grant of AUD 13,000 was made to the Spafford Centre Jerusalem to provide for child health and support.

AUD 5,000 was donated to Hannah's House to assist in respite care for children and their carers.

Priory of Belgium

The Priory provided support for a social aid center in Colombia for abandoned children.

The children, aged from five to eighteen years, are welcomed in the center established by the association Oeuvre sociale Nouveaux Idéaux (Social Work New Ideals), situated at Vereda la Montanita in the municipality of Barbosa. The association receives subsidies from the Colombian state, representing 60% of the running costs. The remaining 40% comes from gifts. The Priory of Belgium supported the purchase of teaching material with a donation of Euro 2,000.





Grand Commandery of Boigny

Donations totalling Euro 8,500 were provided by the Grand Commandery in support of two disabled children.

A supply of exchange books to the value of Euro 420 were supplied to schoolchildren.

The Grand Commandery funded an Orphans Scholarship through the donation of Euro 4,000.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The Grand Bailiwick supplied Euro 474 worth of toys and second hand clothing for the home St. Zdislava.

Funding of Euro 37,037 was made available for the construction of the pavilion of the kindergarten Prointepo.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

A donation of GBP 1,000, was made to the Rainbow Children Home situated at Vizianagaram, in the State of Andhra Pradesh in India.

A donation of GBP 300 was made to the Chernobyl Children's Life Line.

Grand Priory in Canada

A cheque for C\$5,000 was presented to the group Le Phare Enfants et Familles (The Lighthouse Children and Families) by the Montreal Commandery on behalf of the Medical Commission.

Grand Priory of Finland

The Grand Priory has contributed towards the health education of children through an anti-drug and alcohol program which was established in 2006. In 2015 Euro 4,200 was donated towards the "Christmas Coin" program. This was

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undertaken with generous support from local companies and shops and resulted in the provision of Euro 42,141 worth of Christmas presents for distribution to children of families in need. This key program continues to be conducted in co-operation with social workers and church representatives.

Grand Priory of France

The Commanderies of the Grand Priory of France undertook various charitable events to provide funding for the Nid d'Amour and Nid d'Espoir orphanages in Haiti.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

A request was made by Father Klaus Buhl, Senior Chaplain of the Order, to support two projects in Heilsbronn. Two Protestant day-care centres – Unterm Regenbogen (“Under the Rainbow”) and Das Spatzennest (“The Sparrow’s Nest”) – required extensive renovations. This was supported by donations and funds from the Lazarus Foundation and Euro 3,000 was donated.



Grand Priory of Greece

Donation of food supplies valued at Euro 200 were made to the Children’s Hospital of Pikpa. The hospital houses children with various problems necessitating special care 24 hours per day.

Grand Priory of Hungary

The Order donated a large quantity of books, with a total value of Euro 1,450 to the primary school of Vilmány, in the County of Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén. This donation was made in order to establish a library at the school.



Grand Priory of Ireland

Operation Smile Medical Missions. The goal of every medical mission is to fulfil a child's greatest wish: the chance to be normal. The Grand Priory's unique and successful medical mission model is the foundation for providing safe surgeries for children around the world and building a long-term sustainable solution. As part of the program the Grand Priory mobilises medical professionals across Ireland to join international teams, who treat children with cleft lips, cleft palates, and other facial deformities. In addition, they leave a legacy of trained medical staff, surgical equipment and professional partnership to help carry on the work after the mission team has left. In 2015 Euro 8,691.41 was contributed towards the project.

Food for Life Vrindavan is a humanitarian aid organization officially recognized by the Indian government. For the last fifteen years, the Grand Priory has supported work in the poorest villages in the Vrindavan area (120 Km south of New Delhi), and in 2015 Euro 8,691.41 was donated.

Currently services include education in support of the Sandipani Muni schools that provide education for 1,500 needy children from kindergarten to the end of interschool. The school children are girls only, while boys are permitted in kindergarten. Girls were selected on account of the local culture where boys are favoured and girls receive less food, medical care, schooling and indeed lesser opportunities in general. In addition, training courses are sponsored for adult women, distribution of food, serving 66,000 meals a month, taking care of sick, injured and abandoned cows, providing basic medical assistance to approximately 1,000 people per month, assistance to the elderly and to the disabled, and finally environmental projects, including tree planting.

Grand Priory of Italy

Various donations totalling Euro 3,300 were made to the Association of Jesus to assist children in need.

Priory of Liechtenstein

The Priory participates in a helpline for children and young people in conjunction with Lazarus Gemeinschaft. The helpline acts as a focal point for facilitating questions and problem-solving for children and young people in Liechtenstein. Telephones are manned 24 hours a day and 7 days a week and the call is toll free. All calls are treated in a confidential manner and both the caller, as well as the Helpline member, remain anonymous.

The helpline is a means of assessing problems, and in many cases the Helpline member can easily handle the problem in an *ad hoc* manner. If this is not the case then the caller is referred to the specially appointed qualified personnel in Liechtenstein.

The Priory of the Order in Liechtenstein contributes to this project through the services of three members of the Priory on the Board of Management and

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through direct oversight of activities; a total of 150 volunteer hours have been donated to this project.

In conjunction with Project Albania, which has been in operation since 1991, the Priory contributes clothes and toys through the Lazarus Hilfswerk (LHW) in support of the population in the Mirdita Region (Northern Albania). This region, with a population of 37,000, has more than 80% unemployment, low-yielding soils, and many of the remote mountain villages suffer through lack of regional infrastructure. A further activity also conducted in partnership with Project Albania has been the support of schools in the Mirdita Region. This consists of the collection of books and supplies that are forwarded to Albania. The total service contribution of the Priory to both of these projects was 14 hours.

Established in 2009, Project Nikolaus has as its aim to assist children, at risk through poverty, by the promotion of joy during the holiday season. The project also provides a contact person in the form of a traditional role model, to assist traumatized children. The project is conducted through the volunteer activities of Priory members and in total 26 hours work was contributed.



Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

The Grand Priory made a donation of furniture to Qormi Boy Scouts, Malta. The Scouts Movement incorporates an informal educational system that emphasizes practical activities in the outdoors. Programs exist for Scouts ranging in age from 6 to 25 (though age limits vary slightly by country), and specific programs target Scouts in a manner appropriate to their age.

A donation of Euro 150 was made to Qalb it-Tfal [Children's heart]. This is a campaign initiated by the Neonatal Paediatric Intensive Care unit of the National hospital in Malta.

The Grand Priory gave its support in the organization of, and by direct participation by its members in, a multi-organization fund-raising event designed to support the Dar tal-Providenza – a church-run centre housing individuals with special needs and the Helen Keller Resource Centre which serves as a support and respite for youths with special needs.

Euro 400 was donated to Dar Frate Jacoba. This organization welcomes people, especially youths, who are facing social problems. They are offered shelter and the possibility of re-discovering their life together with the rest of the community who reside at Dar Frate Jacoba.

The Grand Priory donated a quantity of books to a book fair to aid the Don Bosco Salesian Movement. The main objective of the organization is to carry out activities in which it is possible to promote the human and Christian education of the young. The Oratory, founded in 1908, embraces several sub groups, each with its own specialization. Following the Second Vatican Council, the Salesians and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians relaunched Don Bosco's "preventive system," seeking new forms of expressing this educational practice based on the Gospel and on reason. It could become a model for all those working in the field of youth education and wishing to use the "memory" of an experience that could be tailored to suit the new conditions in which young people were living.

Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

Euro 3,400 and 100 hours service was contributed to Elkana Childcare, a shelter for homeless children in Mulmesbury, South Africa. Since June 2005 two members of the Commandery Saint Servaas have founded the Foundation Elkana to shelter homeless children and give them a prospect for a better life. The foundation is co-sponsored by Elkana Nederland and the Nelson Mandela Foundation. These members spend most of their time undertaking this important voluntary work in Africa. Contributions are made to support the steel band. With this donation the children can receive instruction, the band instruments can be maintained and the children can be transported to their performance venues.



With this project the children are given the opportunity to learn, to be proud and to become a part of their community.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Grand Priory again gave NZD 500 to help Michael, the young man whose father died in a truck accident and whose mother died of cancer. He remains as a boarder at St Bede's School and funding was provided for his school uniform, books and other consumables. Mark was appointed an Esquire to the Grand Prior this year.

One of the most successful projects of the Grand Priory this last year has been Prison Knitting. The Manager at the Women's Prison in Christchurch was approached last year and asked if the inmates would be willing to knit for the premature babies at the Neo Natal Unit. This has continued in 2015 with an estimated value of NZD 2,500.

Priory of Norway

In 2015 the Grand Priory of Norway distributed 2,100 children's books valued at Euro 32,550. Packing distribution and warehouse costs of Euro 10,250.50 were also met.

Hereditary Commandery of Sighartstein

The Commandery continued the sponsorship of a child with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. This has resulted in the child now being able to be enrolled in a normal school.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

The Grand Priory provided support for the St-Lazarus House for the children. This is a house for young people who are discharged from the Children's home. During the year Euro 7,900 was donated to the project.

Aby každé dieťa malo rodinu...

Dom sv. Lazára je dikázom veľkodušnosti a obetavosti dobrodincov a zasiahnutých dobrovoľníkov. Preto vďaka patrí všetkým, ktorí priložili ruku k dielu.

Naša činnosť a práca s rodinami a deťmi je založená na rozvoji rodičovských zručností, poznávaní potrieb a pocitov i skúsenosti detí a ich bezpodmienečnom prijatí, rozvíjaní a spoznávaní i posilovaní ich identity, ako aj na úcte k biologickej rodine detí. To všetko robíme v zmysle Deklarácie práv Dieťaťa a Dohovoru o právach dieťaťa, schváleného Valným zhromaždením OSN dňa 20. novembra 1989, ako i pre ochranu rodiny a jej poslanie v zmysle Charty pre rodiny. Príklad hodnoty tohto projektu je v tom, že starostlivosť o týchto klientov bude zabezpečená aj prostredníctvom tradičnej kompletnej rodiny, ktorá bude vykonávať mentoring klientov. Úspešnosť je úzko spätá s organizáciou úspešnej Nadácie DeDo.

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Ciele projektu.

Cieľom tohto úniku je poskytovanie komplexnej podpory pre osamelé tehotné ženy a rodičov, alebo rodičov s deťmi a mládež vychádzajúca v dospelom veku z detských domovov a nefunkčných rodín, ktorí nemajú zabezpečené ubytovanie, alebo nemajú z vážnych dôvodov užívať bývanie.

- pozornosť nielen na telesnú, ale aj duševnú a duchovnú zložku ich osobnosti
- nielen bývanie a pracovnú terapiu, ale aj overené spôsoby vedenia a spravovania svojho času
- pomocť objaviť vlastnú identitu a miesto v živote
- formovať v nich pozitívne hodnoty a návyky
- rozvoj rodičovských zručností
- prehľbovať lásku ku vzdelaniu, k práci, a k spoločnosti
- motivovať ich k zodpovednému prístupu k životu.

Priatelia a dobrodinci

- SPUDD Úroveň ako dar
- Nadácia DeDo – Solidarita s deťmi z detských domovov
- Dobrovoľníci Gréckokatolíckej eparchie Košice
- Rybiarsky a športový úrad sv. Lazára z Jeruzalema
- Mesto Košice
- Košický samosprávny kraj
- Slovo – časopis Gréckokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku
- Rádio Lumen
- Dimencie, stredoEurópsky časopis o ľuďoch, svete a spoločnosti,
- SPD a.s.
- BBF elektro, s.r.o.
- Elkem, s.r.o. Košice
- VSE HOLDING, a.s.
- Telegrafia, a.s.
- DeutschMann Internationale Spedition, s.r.o
- Charitný dom Sv. Alžbety – ADCH Košice
- Abys, s.r.o.
- IR – Reklama, s.r.o.

In February 2016 St. Lazarus House was consecrated by H.E. Bishop Milan Chatur.

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During summer and winter the Grand Priory organized camps for children from the Children's Asylum House Nadej (Hope) Bernolakovo. Euro 6500 was contributed to the project.



The Grand Priory organised a spring concert by young people at the City Hall at Bratislava and contributed Euro 500 to the project.

The Grand Priory donated Euro 500 to the Christian High School at Trebišov

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

The Grand Bailiwick supports the Christine Revell Home, a facility which cares for around 50 children of all races, up to five years of age. Many of the children are severely challenged by fetal-alcohol syndrome and others must deal with abandonment and abuse. Members of the Order regularly visit the home and have an on-going program of sponsorship and provision of supplies. During the year funding of SAR 7,400 was provided to the Home, while an additional contribution of services, valued at SAR 90,000, was also made.

The Grand Bailiwick also provides support for the Sarah Fox Home and specifically towards its new Terminal Section. Here children up to the age of five are cared for. Members of the Grand Bailiwick make occasional visits to the Home and in 2015 a total of 26 hours, valued at SAR19,500 was contributed.



Visit by the Grand Bailiff and members of the Western Cape Commandery to Christine Revell Home

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory funded a celebratory event for 15 refugee youths aged 17-19 years, who had completed their education year. Funding provided for this was SEK 4,500.

In a joint project between The Grand Priory of Sweden and Scandic Hotels, the premier hotel operator in Sweden, Christmas gifts were collected from the public and were given to children. In some instances additional gifts are retained for birthday celebrations during the year. The total value of the gifts distributed in 2015 was SEK 1,100,000.

The Grand Priory has sold Teddy bears with a black t-shirt and a green cross in front, to raise funds. Two varieties of bear of different values, designated silver and gold, were produced. The funding raised from the sale of the bears was used to pay for bears given to children who were transported by ambulance. During the year 100 bears were donated with a value of SEK 4,500.

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

Members of the Grand Bailiwick participated in the Swiss City Marathon in Lucerne on 25th October 2015. Four members were sponsored over the 8.4 Km event with proceeds donated to the Theodora Foundation. The Theodora Foundation has as its goal the alleviation of suffering of hospitalized children through 113 doctors visiting 235,000 children in Switzerland, England, Spain, France Italy, White Russia, Turkey and China. In total 1,000 Swiss Francs were donated to the Foundation.



The Hereditary Commandery of Wallendorf

The Hereditary Commandery of Wallendorf provided Euro 500 for the support of youth work by a local association.

Priory of Zimbabwe

The Priory has recently discovered that three private senior schools require their final year students to contribute 100 hours community service before they can graduate. This has become an invaluable aid to St Lazarus. Coordinated by the Priory, St George's College students have worked at orphanages and been set to work repairing paths. The Head Master has noted how profound the experience has been for some of these students and that this has made them aware that, as individuals, they can make a difference.

St John's College students have made a very strong effort, through their community service, to collect books for the Priory sales and clothing for the orphans at Dzikwa Trust, which is an orphanage for 400 children that is actively supported by the Priory.

Support for the Handicapped

Grand Priory of America

The Grand Commandery of the South donated USD 1,100 to the Ochsner Clinic Foundation for the purchase of a lift-ambulate-transfer-mobility device. This device provides for gait training, sit-to-stand transfers, and seated transfers, to patients who have a physical disability, or who are recovering from the effects of a stroke.

An organization in Tampa Florida, which supports the needs of amputees and veterans, is the Peg Leg Pirates. The Commandery of the Southeast raises funds annually for this charity and this year donated USD 1,500.

Grand Priory of Australia

The Grand Priory has again supported L'Arche Gnesaret which assists adults with intellectual disability. As well as donating funds, the Commandery engages in hands-on visits to members of L'Arche communities of which there are three in the Australian Capital Territory. It was estimated that some 250 hours of work were expended during the year.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

The Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands [through one of its members Chev. Joseph Grixti who is a professional Health Inspector] has continued to support the consultancy service on Health & Safety and Food Safety & Hygiene to the Park of Friendship, managed by the non-governmental organization Inspire at Marsascala, Malta. This organization provides services for people with disabilities and the donated services led to savings of a consultancy fee of about Euro 80 monthly, which is equivalent to Euro 960 annually.

During two visits to psychiatric patients in Gozo Hospital by the Commandery of Gozo made in Easter and Christmas, a donation of seasonal sweets, valued at Euro 145, was made to all the residents.

Priory of Zimbabwe

One of the members of the Priory continues to support the mentally handicapped in this country through the administrative work they undertake, contributing approximately 120 hours a year.

International Activities

Grand Priory of America

Amar International is an international charitable foundation that assists Iraqi and Syrian families who have been displaced by ISIS and have sought refuge in the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq. The Grand Commandery of the South and the Grand Priory contributed USD 20,000 to assist displaced women and children in the Amar camp, which houses 18,000 to 20,000 displaced persons, many of whom are Christians or Yazidis. The donation was utilized to provide powdered milk, disposable diapers, sanitary supplies and other health items which are needed by the refugee.



Amar Camp

The Iraqi Christian Relief Council provides medical and humanitarian aid to Christian refugees in Iraqi Kurdistan, Lebanon and Jordan and assists Middle Eastern Christians relocate and establish themselves in the United States. The Commandery of the Southeast donated USD 5,000 to this organization and this was matched by a donation of USD 15,000 by the Grand Priory.

The Grand Priory has been a long-time supporter of the Infant Welfare Center in Jerusalem. This clinic serves the needs of Christian and non-Christian children in the Holy Land. This year the Grand Priory contributed USD 50,000 and a further USD 1,900 was contributed by The Atlantic Commandery.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Euro 1,000 was donated towards the work of Patriarch Gregorios III and Euro 1,000 was donated to a Carmelite mission in Kenya. Euro 1,852 was made available for the construction of wells in the Congo and LORM. Euro 2,222 was donated to a voluntary organization in Sierra Leone and Euro 444 of voluntary

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work was contributed towards refugees from Burma. Financial support of Euro 3,222 was made available to a children's non-profit organization in Kenya and Euro 296 was donated to UNICEF.

Grand Priory of France

A major project of The Grand Priory of France has been the collection of glasses for donation to African countries. A total of 8,000 pairs of glasses were collected. These were cleaned, repaired and shipped to Senegal, Benin and The Cameroons.

Funding was provided by the Grand Priory for the purchase of medications for the support of patients in Benin and for the Wadi Al Arayech Free Health Centre in Lebanon.

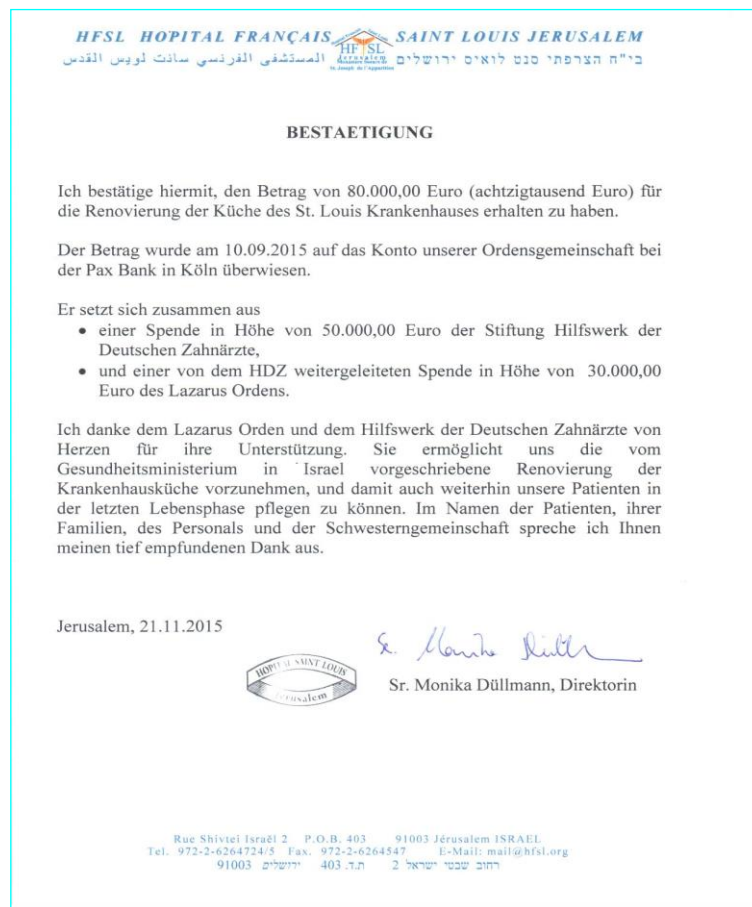
The Grand Priory has made a major contribution of medical and surgical equipment. This included adult and paediatric hospital beds as well as tables, chairs, examination tables and gynaecological tables. The whole consignment constituted 300 m² and this was transported to the Ad Lucem Foundation in The Cameroons. In addition, the Grand Priory continued its assistance to the Ouidah Free Health Centre in Benin.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

In collaboration with the Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte, the Grand Bailiwick was able to complete the support project for Saint Louis Hospital in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, on the foundations of our Order's first leprosarium, patients of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths are treated, despite a lack of financial resources. The stringent registration requirements that must be met in order for the establishment to operate exceed the financial resources of the institution, which is run according to Christian principles. The cost of renovating and refurbishing the hospital kitchen in compliance with the various regulations was supported by the Order internationally. In total, Euro 80,000 was collected for this project. Of this sum Euro 50,000 were raised by the Stiftung Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte für Lepra-und Notgebiete [C.H.Bartels Fund] (German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy- and Distressed Areas). Euro 20,000 were donated by members and friends of the Grand Bailiwick of Germany via the German Lazarus Foundation. Euro 10,000 were donated by the following national jurisdictions: Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands, Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands, Grand Priory of Sweden and the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic.

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In 2015, the Commandery of Bavaria once again organized the transport of donations, consisting of medical and technical hospital supplies to Romania. They chartered a 10-tonne lorry to take these supplies to the Deutsche Forum (Forum of German Minorities) in Baia Mare.

The first delivery consisted of nursing beds, mattresses, bedside tables, drip stands, wheelchairs and various walking frames and walking aids and were made available to people in need.

The Commandery of Berlin transferred Euro 3,000 to our Patriarch in Syria. This donation was to provide safe living conditions for a family of four for about a year.

The Commandery of Hesse-Nassau undertook two projects. In the first they provided computers for the Czech scouting organization and a school for deaf children in Prague, organizing transport of the computers to the Czech Republic.

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For the second project the Commandery collected and transported the surplus clothing supplies of the Czech Diakoniewerk to Hungary. The goods were distributed to families in need and homeless people in Nyíregyháza and its environs in northern Hungary. Approximately 90 hours of voluntary work and around Euro 4,500 were invested in these two activities.



The Grand Prior of Hungary, Eva Nyáry, with her husband



The situation before

and after the care package

The Commandery of Württemberg collected a total of 73 boxes containing clothing amounting to Euro 3,650 in value. This clothing and a further donation of analytic and diagnostic units, worth around Euro 40,000 are to be transported to the Al Saher Hospital of our Patriarch in Khabab in Syria.



Grand Priory of Ireland

Nyumbani Village, Kenya serves 4,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS every year. The village is a recognized world leader in providing HIV/AIDS services to children and affected families in Kenya and delivers comprehensive medical and home-based HIV/AIDS services in crucial areas of need. These include diagnostic services and critical medical care, holistic family and community building, education and preventive care, environmental sustainability, and self-reliance. Four Nyumbani programs (Nyumbani Children's Home - Nyumbani Village - Nyumbani Lea Toto Community Outreach - Nyumbani Diagnostic Laboratory) serve some of the poorest and most vulnerable populations of children, the elderly, and families affected by the devastating HIV/AIDS pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa. Over 200,000 Kenyan children under the age of 14 are infected with HIV and an estimated 1.1 million Kenyan children are orphaned due to AIDS. AIDS has washed through Kenya's communities like a tsunami, taking the strongest adults and leaving over a million children orphaned and older adults unable to support themselves in an unforgiving landscape of disease and poverty. The Grand Priory donated Euro 8,691.41 to this project in 2015.

Priory of Liechtenstein

In early May 2015, the Priory of Liechtenstein and its Lazarus Hilfswerk (LHW) received a request from the Hospital in Grabs, Switzerland to remove a great number of discarded hospital beds, including accessories, and transport them to places in need of this equipment. The Priory of Liechtenstein had previously taken a large number of hospital beds from the Hospital in Grabs to Bosnia in the autumn of 2014.

Hospitals in Eastern Europe were sought who could use the hospital beds and accessories. With the assistance of the Grand Priory of Hungary and of the Austrian Albert Schweitzer Society, the board of the LHW decided to transport and donate the equipment to the following two hospitals: The St. Lazarus Hospital in Salgotarjan, a former industrial city in north-eastern Hungary near the border with Slovakia; and the University Hospital in Pristina, the capital of the Republic of Kosovo.

For the donation to the Hospital in Salgotarjan, Hungary, the Grand Priory of Hungary arranged for a large truck to pick up the beds directly in Grabs, Switzerland. On May 5, 2015, the employees of LHW loaded 50 hospital beds into the truck in several hours. After a three-day trip, the beds were unloaded and received by the Hungarian hospital, with great joy and gratitude, by the local staff.

The Priory of Liechtenstein and its LHW had to organize transportation for the remaining 21 beds to Kosovo. Since no truck was available immediately to transport the beds to the airport, part of the beds were stored free of charge by the Eggenberger Recycling AG Company in Grabs, Switzerland. The remaining beds were stored free of charge by the Mixtrans Institute (owner Herm Rene Marxer). On 6 and 7 May 2015, the beds were loaded into a large truck by employees of LHW. On 11 May 2015, 161 boxes of clothing (sorted for men, women and children) as well as various medical assistive devices (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.) were loaded onto the truck and taken to the Grabs airport for transport to Kosovo.

While the auxiliary supply for Hungary was delivered to a single destination, the hospital beds and other relief goods were distributed to various locations in Kosovo. Because of this, an LHW employee of Kosovan descent and a volunteer accompanied the goods to Pristina, Kosovo to coordinate the distribution of supplies locally. A total of 10 hospital beds, the medical auxiliary equipment and specific medical clothing were delivered to the University Hospital in Pristina, Kosovo. The remaining 11 hospital beds were donated to the Kosovo Red Cross in Rahovec. Another 55 boxes of clothing and wardrobe boxes were sold directly by the Red Cross in Rahovec to vulnerable families.

A total of Euro 7,385, contributed by sponsoring companies and participating individuals, was expended on this project, while the Priory contributed 120 volunteer hours.

The Priory of Liechtenstein supports a planned training center, to be based on the Swiss model of training artisans and to be known as the Lazarus College of Craft (LCOC). This will be sited in the Indian state of Kerala in South India, on the Malabar Coast. The LCOC will provide a training program for trades such as carpentry, masonry, electrical and plumbing, and will conduct workshops and

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classroom teaching, and will further provide housing for at least 100 students. The program is designed as a 4 year course that culminates in the awarding of a Bachelor of Craft degree. A further one year's study will result in a Master of Craft degree. The project is coordinated by Dr. Don Guido H. Hangartner, EGCLJ, a member of the Priory of Liechtenstein. In 2015, the Priory donated Euro 1,479.88 to the project with additional expenses of Euro 423.09.



Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

UMTAL – The National Society for the Transport of Sick to Lourdes is the National Association that helps support and transport sick pilgrims on an Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Lourdes. The Hospitaller Chev. Dr J. Debono offered his services as the doctor of the Association and provides Medical care for the sick during the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Most Reverend Senior Chaplain Fr Thomas Moore, offers his service as a spiritual advisor and Consoeur Sandra Debono leads the voluntary services.

Support of Euro 500 was given for the construction of a hospital in the Kalambo district, Rukwas Region on Lake Tanganikain, Tanzania. The project is being managed by L’Aging Research Centre of the G. d’Annunzio University Foundation

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of Chieti, Italy and the Tanzanian authorities. The first phase of the project is the building of the outpatient clinic comprehensive of medical equipment and furniture. In addition to these activities the Grand Priory made a donation of clothes to a mission in The Gambia.

Euro 700 was donated to Maison d'Arnaud, Madagascar to provide long-term housing, care and education for up to 50 children in the Diana region of Madagascar. The project works with the local social services and justice system to identify at risk children and remove them to a safe environment for as long as is deemed necessary, as well as providing permanent care and education for abandoned and orphaned children. The project includes the facilitation or provision of education, health services, specialist mental health care, as well as an interaction with wider social and extracurricular services.

Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

A donation of Euro 500 was made to the Hospital San Juan de Dios in Manila, Philippines.

A grant of Euro 606 was made to Foundation ETAG in Rwanda to assist youths to train as mechanics.

A grant of Euro 4,300 was made to assist victims of the earthquake in Nepal. A further support for earthquake victims was made by a second grant of Euro 1,300 to Foundation Holland Building.

Priory of Norway

The Priory contributed services towards the Syrian Refugee project of the Priory in 2015, with an estimated value of Euro 540.00.

Hereditary Commandery of Rurich

The Hereditary Commandery is working with The Melkite Greek Catholic Patriarchate to assist families in Syria whose houses have been destroyed as a result of the fighting. Work is being focused in the city of Ma'alula (Eparchy of Damascus) and in the cities of Homs, Yabrud, Qusayr and Rableh (Eparchy of Homs).

In order to facilitate this project it has been agreed that initial assistance should enable families to repair at least one room of their home and make it liveable again.

In Ma'alula, there are, to date, twenty families on our list, while in Homs there are around two hundred families in need of this basic subsidy to enable them to return home.

An initial estimate for this project suggests that the cost of repairing one room for each family will amount to some USD 6,000. This project is on-going.



Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

GBP 1,000 was donated to the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) in support of the individual effort by a member to assist a Christian flying doctor service in Africa.

A donation of GBP 500 was made to Murambinda Hospital. This is situated in a very poor area of Zimbabwe where the Grand Bailiwick has been supplying financial aid to assist the general running costs of the hospital, including nurses' uniforms, diesel fuel for the generators and more specific clinical requirements such as wound dressings.

Emergency Care

Grand Commandery of the Castello

Euro 2880.90 was donated for annual maintenance for Grand Commandery's WIN ambulance in Nagpur. This has just been refurbished.



Grand Priory of Hungary

At the Island of Freedom Festival held at Sziget, members of the Lazarus Youth section assisted nurses and physicians in providing first aid care to festival participants.



Grand Priory of Italy

The Grand Priory assisted with Red Cross transport utilizing an ambulance with dialysis equipment. In total 1,370 hours service were contributed.

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A total of 2,135 hours voluntary services were contributed to the Friends and Volunteers Rescue Service. This is involved in general civil protection and emergency work.

Volunteer services of 446 hours were contributed to the helicopter rescue service of the Lombardy region.

Grand Priory of Poland

The St Lazaire first aid medical service provided educational events to students in schools. 100 volunteers contributed 15 hours each with an estimated value of 5,000 Polish Zlotys.

The Lazarus Fire Brigade provides fire-fighting services to the residents of Krakow. Ten volunteers provided 100 hours service in this role with an estimated value of 20,000 Polish Zlotys.

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory facilitated the shipping of six Family packs of mannequins to the Institute Of Public Administration in Ukraine. The mannequins are used for the training of cardiopulmonary resuscitation for both adults and children. The total cost of the project was SEK 150,000.

Food Campaigns and Support for the Poor, Homeless and Vulnerable

Grand Priory of America

The Edgar County Homeless Organization (ECHO) provides temporary shelter to homeless persons in Edgar County, Illinois, who do not have the resources or support systems to obtain shelter on their own. ECHO provides education, training and coordinated service options in an effort to help homeless persons develop skills, support systems and the financial resources needed to reach their optimal level of independence. The Commandery of the Midwest donated USD 8,900, while additional funding of USD 6,200 was provided by the Grand Priory. Funding was to remove vinyl siding and dispose of it, apply house wrap (air infiltration barrier) and install white double 4 Wolverine American Legend vinyl siding over a foam backing; as well as replacing the furnace and air conditioner on the first floor of the shelter.

Members of the Commandery of the Midwest donated socks and scarves which were given to a local Homeless Shelter to distribute.

For the second year the Commandery of the Southeast supported the efforts of the Buckhead Christian Ministry to prevent homelessness and assist struggling families with a donation of USD 5,000. Commandery members also donated clothing items to the Buckhead Christian Ministry Thrift Store.

Grand Priory of Australia

A donation of AUD 9,000 was made to the Missionaries of Charity established in 1950 by Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta that cares for the poor and dispossessed.

The Grand Priory donated AUD 4,000 to the Trinity Pantry. This is coordinated by the Anglican Church and assists those in need with food parcels and medical assistance.

AUD 17,000 was committed to St Lazarus Centre outreach services that provide counseling, advice, referrals and breakfast to homeless and marginalized men and women in the City of Melbourne.

The Wellington Centre services and facilities received AUD 10,000 from the Grand Priory for the care of the disadvantaged in their community.

Two donations of AUD 2,000 and AUD 1,000 were made to SWAGS for the provision of fireproof and weather-protected beds for the homeless.

A grant of AUD 10,000 was made to Green Cross for the provision of buses for outreach programmes to the homeless and disadvantaged.

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A donation of AUD 5,000 was made to St Bartholomew's for homeless men and a further AUD 5,000 was granted to Passages Resource Centre for homeless youth.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Grand Bailiwick organized a collection of used clothes, together with the brothers of the relief organization Lazariter and in co-operation with a local Lions Club. These old clothes were donated to the Viennese Center for Refugees and Asylum Seekers.



Grand Commandery of Boigny

The Grand Commandery provided Euro 600 to fund a Christmas dinner for 100 persons.

Euro 200 was donated to provide Christmas gifts for homeless persons.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 3,889 worth of second hand clothing in two separate projects.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

A donation of GBP 1,000 was made to STEP to assist in work with displaced Christians in Iraq and Syria.

GBP 200 was donated to support the work of Nurse Cain in The Gambia.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

The Commandery of Bavaria's "Mini-Max" project was launched about 5 years ago as a humanitarian project. One of its key activities is the presentation of small gift boxes to children living in women's shelters and a children's hospice in Munich at Easter and Christmas. The aim of the project is to provide a little pleasure to children in difficult personal situations. In 2014, the Commandery of Bavaria was able to ensure some 180 children benefited from this action. In 2015, the "Mini-Max" project was extended and increased to cover new activities. These include physiotherapy treatments for children living in women's shelters. The aim was to assist children in dealing with their problems and support them via relaxation techniques.

Euro 1,000 was collected during a Christmas event and was made available for a project led by a Catholic parish to assist the underprivileged Berlin district of Neukölln.

The Commandery of the Rhineland supported the Netzwerk Mensch ("People's Network") at the Monastery of Langwaden, for previously homeless men. The Commandery made a donation of Euro 300, and a further donation of Euro 600 for the purchase of an escape chair.



Grand Priory of Greece

Food supplies valued at Euro 200 were donated to Father Ioannis, the Vicar of the Orthodox Church of Saint George at the Acropolis Museum to be given to families in need.

Grand Priory of Hungary

In the village of the settlement Vereb, in the County of Fejér, donations were made in the name of the Order, consisting of clothing, books, kitchen utensils, electrical goods and other useful items totalling Euro 1,000 in value. These donations were received by the Mayor on behalf of families in need.



At the Carnival of the Poor in Miskolc, members of the Order participated in the preparation of meals for citizens in need. The total value of the service was assessed at Euro 1,500. This was well covered on Budapest TV and the TV and radio of Miskolc.



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At Nádásdladány donations totalling Euro 1,200 were made by the Grand Priory to the needy.



At a charity concert and Holy mass in Győr a donation of Euro 350 was contributed by the Grand Priory.



A donation of furniture to the value of Euro 1,500 was made by the Order to the poor and families in need in Kápolnásnyék.

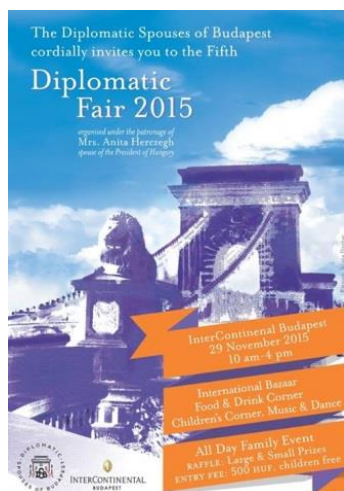


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Donations from the Grand Priory totalling Euro 1,900 were made to families in need at Abaújszántó.



The members of the Grand Priory participated in a Christmas charity collection co-ordinated by the lady ambassadors and ambassadors' wives assigned to Budapest. Euro 1,600 was collected by the Order which was distributed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the poor.



Grand Priory of Italy

Food donations to the value of Euro 5,950 were made to various institutions. Additionally clothing donations totalling Euro 3,270 were also made.

Volunteer activities totalling 520 hours were undertaken at the Casa Home for the Homeless in Lodi.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

Euro 650 was provided as financial assistance to families-in-need in Malta and donations of various items were made to the Charity Shop in Malta.

The St Jeanne Antide Foundation is an organisation founded by the Sisters of Charity of St Jeanne Antide in collaboration with lay persons. A range of services

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are offered by the Foundation to neighbouring parishes. Its objectives are (a) to identify, understand and raise awareness about under-served and un-served categories of excluded or vulnerable persons; (b) to develop and implement programmes in support of identified under-served and un-served categories of vulnerable persons, families, and minority groups; (c) to support and train a number of persons to make their own contributions to society and to persons in need; (d) to provide the opportunity and training to service users so that they themselves can provide services to others in need; (e) to be open to voluntary service of young people who would like to offer time and energy at the service of others in order to gain experience and insight; and (f) to create links with overseas agencies that work in line with our mission, to share experiences, give and get support and widen our vision. This year Euro 1,000 and two large carpets were donated to the Foundation.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

A donation of GBP 500 was made to Creative Care. This is a local group which provides premises for unemployed and disabled persons in their area and helps to reduce the incidence of mental illness in the community.

In a very poor area associated with unemployment in Scotland, Sounds Sensational is a group that takes youngsters off the streets and trains them to sing. They then entertain old people in sheltered housing and local charities in their efforts to raise money for benevolent causes. Young persons learn a new skill and the value of corporate effort, and in support of this the Grand Bailiwick has made a donation of GBP 250 to the group. In addition they also made a small donation of GBP 50 to the Broomhouse Centre.

Hereditary Commandery of Sighartstein

Donations were made to the Greek Oriental church for numerous small charitable projects, including emergency support services. The church is free to determine how these funds are used. In 2015 Euro 1,940 was contributed.

Unspecified donations and clothing were provided for refugees and homeless projects.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

Support of Euro 1,363 was provided by the Grand Priory to the needy in Slovakia and abroad.

Financial assistance of Euro 2,500 was contributed by the Grand Priory for the benefit of cancer patients in need.

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

Wool to the value of SAR 6,000 was donated to a local Methodist Church knitters group to craft baby items for a home for destitute young mothers.

Grand Priory of Spain

As part of the Christmas program a donation of Euro 250 was made to El Hogar de los Desamparados religious centre in Madrid. The centre provides schooling and shelter for 42 children from Monday to Friday. Most of the children are Sub-Saharan Africans aged between 2 and 14.

Community Service

Grand Priory of America

The Grand Priory contributed USD 25,000 to Organize, a charitable organization dedicated to Organ Donation, Education and Awareness, in order to promote donor registration.

For the second year the Commandery of the Southeast supported the efforts of the Georgia transplant Foundation by sponsoring their annual fundraising event with a donation of USD 2,500.

Grand Priory of Australia

AUD 9,000 was donated to the Company of the Good Shepherd. This was established in 2001 as a successor to the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd.

A donation of AUD 3,000 was made to the Mission to Seafarers Anglican Church for assistance for foreign seamen in port.

A grant of AUD 2,000 was made to the Community Centre for refugees who receive no government assistance.

A grant of AUD 1,000 was made in support of Father Smith's Christmas Lunch for people at the Catholic Psychiatric Care hall in Fortitude Valley.

AUD 5,000 was donated to CAPS Prevention of Youth Suicide.

A donation of AUD 3,000 was made to the KARUNA Centre.

Queensland Commandery members continue hands on volunteering at the Mission for Seafarers and Trinity Pantry, and provided assistance to a Sri Lankan refugee family. The Commandery is also involved in providing English services for refugees, grief counselling, aged care and dementia visits, as well as sponsoring telephone calls home for foreign seamen. At the end of the year members assisted at the Salvation Army Christmas Dinner.

A grant of AUD 10,000 was made to the Adelaide Day Centre for supporting work with homeless men, women and young people.

The work of the Adelaide Day Centre, Anglicare and Hutt Street Centre was supported through voluntary work to the value of AUD 10,000.

Grand Priory in Canada

A variety of community grants were made by the Quebec Commandery. The Fondation du Cégep de la Pocatière received C\$500, while C\$1,000 was donated to the Fondation CEGEP de Saint-Foy. A donation of furniture, garments and

frozen foods was made to the Fraternité St. Alphonse to the value of C\$7,575. The Commandery also made a donation of C\$850 to Family in Need and C\$250 to aboriginal veterans.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Euro 3,333 was contributed towards the repair of the roof of St. Sigismund church and Euro 4,259 was donated towards the maintenance of a chapel in Zebín and churches in Jelení. Euro 740 was donated towards the provision of computers for seniors and Scouts while Euro 3,518 worth of medical books were donated to the university UJEP.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

Our Lady of Liesse Church, Malta is presently being refurbished to serve as a temporary residence/hospice for sailors who for some reason or other are forced to remain in Malta. Euro 100 was contributed to this project.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Order of St Lazarus Charitable Trust continues to have as its national focus Victim Support New Zealand. This organization is partly funded by the New Zealand Police and the Department of Justice; however, they rely on charitable donations to meet the shortfall. Work is undertaken by volunteers and there are few paid staff. The Order has agreed to fund the costs of a Training Coordinator for the Christchurch Region. Since the earthquake in 2011 there has been an increase in crime in the Region and this, coupled with the loss of volunteers owing to a major population shift, has meant that Victim support has been under-resourced. The Training Coordinator will be responsible for recruitment of volunteers and their subsequent training and oversight. The sponsorship is for three years initially and is NZD 10,000 per year. This has been well received and last year's presentation to Victim Support was featured on television. We have received a compliance report from Victim Support and they have noted that funding contributed to staff training and volunteer expenses.

Girl Guiding New Zealand is the female equivalent of the Boy Scout movement and is a major New Zealand institution, with the wife of the Governor General (our Patron) as its Patron. The national headquarters of Girl Guiding New Zealand is in Christchurch and the national infrastructure of the organization has been severely affected by the aftermath of the earthquake. The Order has taken on Major Sponsorship of Girl Guiding New Zealand and has donated NZD 10,000 to fund a national training programme for trainers.

The National Leadership Development Train the Trainer programme focuses on the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts approach to facilitation skills including a learner-centred approach to developing leadership skills. Participants had the opportunity to develop themselves as a learner and a leader, themselves as a trainer of leaders and themselves as a coach, mentor and trainer of other trainers with a focus on building the capacity of leadership and adult learning within Girl Guiding New Zealand.

Now the workshop has taken place, participants are creating training plans and using the leadership and facilitation skills developed to lead trainings within their regions around New Zealand. This process has already commenced with leaders of adults and other trainers already benefiting from attending facilitated learning sessions in the areas of personal development, understanding leadership, and leading teams including change management and mentoring others.



Provision of memorial crosses for returned services day commemorations was a value of NZD 750.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

The Grand Priory donated Euro 300 to the Greek Catholic Chapel at Nitra, Euro 100 to the Greek Catholic Church at Nizny Zipov, Euro 430 to the Greek Catholic Church at Poprad and Euro 5,600 towards the reconstruction of the chapel in the Modrany which was consecrated by J. Em. Archbishop Orosch.

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

The 'Tartan Teddy' project supports employment for women from an underprivileged background (via a non-profit, church-based community development project) and funding for the Sarah Fox Home initiative. These teddies are made from donated materials by members and are sold to generate funding utilized for charitable purposes. Time, materials and money donated to this project in 2015 amounted to an equivalent value of SAR 43,000. To date SAR 8,000 has been raised from this project for the Sarah Fox Home and a further SAR 8,000 in support of the employment initiatives.

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Some of the ladies who are assisted in supporting their families by hand-crafting our Tartan Teddies

Also during the year, a burger stall was held to assist in fundraising for the Grand Bailiwick's chapel, St Michaels and All Angels. Total contributions in time and money by members amounted to SAR 61,400.

Contribution of time equivalent to SAR 74,440 was made by members of the Grand Bailiwick in production of the National Magazine and in preparatory activities for a major fund-raising drive in 2016.

Grand Priory of Spain

Donations were made to Cottolengo del Padre Alegre in Algete (Euro 500) and Opearios del Reino de Cristo (Seminaristas Olías del Rey), Toledo (Euro 1,000).

Contributions totalling Euro 777, including a cash contribution of Euro 500 was made to Hermanas De la Cruz.

The Grand priory participated in a joint project resulting from an agreement between Caritas Diocesana of Valencia, the Lys Cinemas and the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. This project promoted visiting movie theatres as a social activity within the Mambré Caritas program. The Order financed the organization of the program and provided personnel to accompany theatre visits. More than 262 individuals have been accommodated on the program. As a separate project the Grand Priory contributed toys, text books, clothing items, adult shoes, children's shoes and handbags to Caritas with an equivalent value of Euro 655.

Miscellaneous

Grand Priory of America

The Grand Priory sponsors the keynote speaker each year at the National Workshop for Christian Unity. This year USD 5,000 was contributed to this important Ecclesiastical gathering in the United States.

At the Christmas Celebration of the St. Lazarus Feast Day, the Commandery of the Midwest undertook its traditional activity of collecting unused Christmas cards to be included in care packages along with decorated Christmas Trees, which are sent to Wisconsin Military members who are deployed overseas. USD 5,000 was donated to help with the shipment of the trees and care packages to the deployed military.

USD 1,000 was provided to the Louisiana Interchurch Conference by the Grand Commandery of the South.

A donation of USD 1,500 by the Grand Commandery of the South, which with a matching donation of USD 1,500 by the Grand Priory, was made to Cornerstone Builders. This provided for rented buses to transport families to visit their family members who are incarcerated in Louisiana prisons at Christmas.

Funding was provided to the Kairos-LCIW Prison Ministry for the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women in Saint Gabriel, Louisiana, by the Grand Commandery of the South. The Ministry supports inmates so they might grow in faith and servanthood in a Christian community within the prison compound. The grant provided for the continued provision of storage space.

Members of the Grand Commandery of the South continued their partnership with the New Orleans Public Library to provide citizenship instruction to non-citizen immigrants.

The Grand Commandery of the West supports a variety of charities with aggregate donations typically in the order of USD 2,000-USD 2,500 per year. The following charities were supported in 2015; Good Shepherd Shelter (Venice, California), Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women and Children (Los Angeles, California), St. Vincent Meals on Wheels (Los Angeles, California), The Queen of Angels Foundation (Los Angeles, California), San Fernando Mission General Fund (San Fernando, California), Donate Life Rose Parade Float (Pasadena, California), Phoenix Hansen's Disease Clinic (Phoenix, Arizona), Carl Hayden V.A. Hospital (Phoenix, Arizona) and Central California V.A. Hospital (Fresno, California).



The Grand Prior, HE Chev. Ken Moritsugu with his wife Lisa and daughter Emily, and the Commander of the Western Commandery, Chev. Richard Payatt and his wife Amanda at the Donate Life parade

In the past year, the Imperial Calcasieu Delegation has donated USD 250 and approximately 60 pounds of toiletry items to the Oasis Women's Shelter. In addition they have conducted approximately 10 visits to the War Veterans' home providing companionship and entertainment for the residents.

Grand Priory of Australia

The Grand Priory provided support for families affected by the South Australian bushfires through a grant of AUD 5,000.

AUD 500 was contributed by the Grand Priory to the New Norcia Benedictine Monastery.

A donation of AUD 5,000 was made to The Sisters Place, a respite haven for young women.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Grand Bailiwick has continued cooperation with the organisation "Christian Solidarity International – Austria" against persecution of Christians, especially in the Middle East.

Members of the Grand Priory have provided services for elderly single residents of the Viennese home of aged Jews in Vienna, the "Maimonides Centre". Members of the Grand Priory also supplied hospice care and support for ecclesiastical services at the parish of the Order's Church of Nativity of Mary in Vienna, as well as for the parish of our Ecclesiastical Prior, Michael Hofians CanReg, SchLJ.

Priory of Belgium

The Priory provided 30 hours of voluntary work to the Antwerp Port Chaplaincy through the services of The Reverend Marc Schippers (ChLJ) who has since 2002 officiated as Port Chaplain in Antwerp on behalf of the *Sailors' Society* and the *United Protestant Church in Belgium*.

Grand Commandery of Boigny

The Grand Commandery made unspecified donations to the amount of Euro 3,000. They also provided funding of Euro 2,000 for flood relief in the City of Biot.



Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Euro 1,000 was contributed towards the pilgrimage at Určice, while Euro 240 was contributed towards the pilgrimage at Brno. A further Euro 1,111 was made available towards an unspecified advertising project.

Grand Priory of Finland

Support of Euro 250 was donated by the Grand Priory to assist the upkeep of the narcotics dog "Dani". During the year "Dani" has foiled a record number of more than 1,000 trafficking attempts at the Helsinki Airport. This has been well publicised on television and has provided important publicity for the work of the Order in Finland.

Euro 15,000 was donated to unspecified projects relating to relief in relation to natural catastrophes.

A donation of Euro 2,000 was made directly to the Grand Master, on the occasion of his official visit to the Grand Priory, for him to apply to any international charity at his discretion. . The donation was subsequently given to the Christine Revel Home in Cape Town, South Africa, a facility supporting babies and very young children with serious medical problems.

Grand Priory of Greece

A donation of Euro 300, to support the work of Father Alberto, Vicar of the Catholic Church of Saint John the Baptist in Athens was made by the Grand Priory.

Grand Priory of Hungary

Members of the Grand Priory contributed Euro 580 to a charity concert in Kostelek, in the Gyimesek of Transylvania.

Grand Priory of Italy

A donation of Euro 350 was made to the Convent of the Capuchin Friars of Cremona.

Grand Priory of Poland

Voluntary service was undertaken by St Lazaire medical practitioners associated with the St Lazaire Ambulance at the Walking Pilgrimage to Czestochowa. Five doctors spent 50 hours undertaking this work with an estimated value of 10,000 Polish Zlotys.

Twenty members of the Grand Priory spent 20 hours fundraising activities in support of the Fields of Hope charity in aid of Cracow Hospice. The equivalent value of this activity was estimated at 7,000 Polish Zlotys.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk



The Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk (GPEU/LHW) was founded in 1971 and its activities have now been incorporated into the German Healthcare system. Over recent years the GPEU/LHW has been involved in the management of homes for the elderly and those requiring nursing care, as well as an ambulance service for the handicapped. In addition GPEU/LHW facilitates group activities for children with educational problems. In 2015 the total expenditure for GPEU/LHW for 2015 was 8.44 million Euros.



The main focus of GPEU/LHW in 2015 was the expansion of the Lazarus Youth Assistance program. For the past thirty years, the Lazarus Hilfswerk has been working in cooperation with several supporting groups in the city of Frechen in the field of outpatient guidance counselling assistance and in day care groups for children from the age of six to twelve years. With the assumption of responsibility of the day care center in Bergheim, a new organization, the jugend@lazarus.gmbh, was established to concentrate on the field of youth assistance. Since August 2014 this group has taken over operation of the children's day care facility in Bergheim, caring for forty-five children. The cooperation with the senior day care facility, which already existed in the house, has already proven its worth. Both the old and the young profit from the inter-relationship with one another.

In April 2014, jugend@lazarus.gmbh received funding for an additional children's day care facility in Bornheim-Merten. Here, in February 2015, the Lazarus-KiTa was opened in a former Augustinian cloister, in which three groups of fifty-five children ranging in age from one to six years could receive care. This has promoted the development of an intergenerational relationship between the young and old, as there is already a residential home for seniors on the property.

In December 2014, the council of the City of Kerpen decided that the services of a KiTa should be taken over by the LAZARUS-Jugend GmbH. The official transfer of duties took place in August of 2015. KiTa had its main offices in a former elementary school and has willingly accepted the expansion. In 2015, the necessary preparations were completed for up to sixty children in the ages of one to six years to receive care in this establishment in the fall of 2016.

After lengthy delays the construction of the residential nursing home with a related LAZARUS-Senior Day Care in Kempen-St. Hubert was begun. It is anticipated that the first occupants of the new St. Lazarus house could move in in July 2016. The house will be operated by the LAZARUS Niederrhein gGmbH.

Four Senior Daycare facilities in Wuppertal, Krefeld, Bergheim, and Cologne are managed with a recent expansion of residential care services.

The three outpatient care facilities in the region of Cologne/Hürth, Frechen/Bergheim, as well as Krefeld are developing additional housekeeping, leisure pursuits, and health care services.

In Hürth, the outpatient care service was able to assume specialized services. Here eight persons with dementia living in a shared living environment receive treatment around the clock, including housekeeping, as well as health and wellness treatment.

The transfer of care services from Cologne/Hürth into a building with separate living quarters for seventy-two seniors occurred in January 2015, and it created a focus for care in the entire Kapitol-quarter of the Southern Old City of Cologne. Through a Building Manager, requests for procurement of supplies will be developed. This will also include requests for any special needs which residents of an advanced age may have. This will ensure that residents will be provided with necessary aid which will permit them to continue living in their local neighborhood.

The Grand Bailiwick of Germany in partnership with the German Dental Relief Organization (Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte)

During 2015 the HDZ invested Euro 643,000 in almost 50 national and international projects. In addition to this, 4,000 paid hours, around 2,500 hours of voluntary work were contributed.

Major projects undertaken during this period included:

1. In Vietnam the HDZ provided funding to a locally established technical college for gastronomy in Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Here, up to 150 underprivileged young people, many lacking a formal education are able to undertake an apprenticeship at the college, considerably boosting their chances of finding employment.



Exam success!

Celebrations with Cardinal Marx and Francis van Hoi, the Head of the College

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2. In Bablad, in the region of Gulbara, in the north of the state of Kamataka, India, the Don Bosco Salesians, together with their cooperation partners, the HDZ, and UNESCO's Programme for the Education of Children in Need, have built a new centre for child laborers. Here, boys and girls are admitted to a "transitional school" and gradually reintegrated into regular school lessons.



3. In the Mathare slum of Nairobi in Kenya, 900 children attend school at the Mogra Academy. The HDZ was able to guarantee school-leaving qualifications for 44 girls and boys via an immediate donation of Euro 2,400 this year.



4. September 2015 saw the inauguration of a second integration centre for Sinti and Roma children – the first was opened in 2009 – in Satu Mare, Romania in the presence of the Hospitaller Dr Klaus Sürmann and the Leprosier Dr Klaus Winter, both from the Grand Bailiwick of Germany. The centre, which was provided funding from the HDZ, offers group leisure activities for children in the village and the opportunity for school attendance and vocational training for some 120 children and adolescents in need.

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5. In Bonn the association *Ausbildung statt Abschiebung* (“Education Not Deportation”), has assisted refugee minors in recent years. Since 2004, its work has been supported by the HDZ with contributions totalling Euro 87,000. This support is aimed at offering remedial teaching for young unaccompanied refugees and migrants.

6. Friedland, a village near Göttingen, Germany has been home to a transit camp since the 1950s, initially intended to accommodate just 700 refugees. Now, the transit camp provides shelter for around 4,500 refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Eritrea and Iraq. The HDZ has donated 150 suitcases to the camp, to the value of Euro 12,000.

