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Foreword by the Grand Master



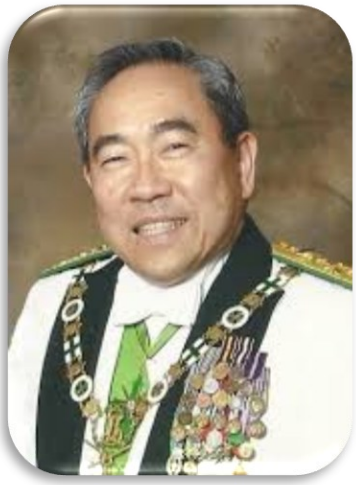
As Grand Master of our beloved Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, I am delighted to present the Order's 2025 International Hospitaller Report. As in previous years, our Grand Hospitaller has done outstanding work to consolidate the many charitable activities accomplished by our jurisdictions and their voluntary organizations. This report is indeed the premier annual publication of our Order.

Our members have maintained the Order's historical provision of aid to victims of leprosy. In addition, our jurisdictions also responded to the newer challenges of the modern world and supported critically needed medical care to children, individuals with special challenges, the handicapped, the elderly and those terminally ill. Greatly needed medical supplies and prosthetic equipment were also provided to the people of Ukraine, including on the ground support by multiple jurisdictions to Ukrainian hospitals.

Throughout 2025, the Order of Saint Lazarus has touched the lives of many people in need throughout the world. As in previous years, its members have risen to the challenge of serving through their exceptional charitable work. This Hospitaller Report is an affirmation of the Christian values on which our noble Order was founded. I thank all our members for the abundance of their gifts and the quality of their charitable achievements so notably displayed in this year's International Hospitaller Report.

Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg
50th Grand Master

Preface by the Grand Commander



"I shall serve!"

With these three words, members of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem declare their commitment to our aims:

Dedicated to the chivalric ideals of faith, honour, and charity by promoting Christian unity and the relief of human suffering.

As a global organization, operating in multiple nations and cultures, our good works span the spectrum of communities, from support of an Infant Welfare Centre in the Holy Lands, serving people of all nationalities and religions, to encouraging and enhancing family ties by providing transportation for relatives to visit their incarcerated members.

The purpose of this annual report is to provide awareness to the general public of the varied good works and service we provide as a Christian Chivalric Order, regardless of politics or religion. It also serves as an internal catalogue of activities, so that our members can share in the knowledge of what various jurisdictions are engaged in, and can emulate and multiply projects locally.

We hope that by perusing this document, you will be inspired and uplifted by what we, as a small chivalric order can accomplish, whether you are an active member, or simply curious to know what we do. Perhaps this report will encourage you to serve, or to join us in doing good things that benefit society.

H.E. RADM the Chevalier Kenneth P. Moritsugu, GCLJ, GCMLJ, MD
Grand Commander of the Order
The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem

The Hospitaller Function of the Order of St Lazarus

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

This message that has come down through the ages embodies the basic, primary raison d'être of the Order and what it stands for. Originally established in the fifth century as a caring institution for victims of leprosy at the instigation of the Cappadocian Fathers of the Church, it survived the turbulations of time to become a modern-day Chivalric Order whose concern and scope is to assist the poor and needy in society. Of course, while victims of leprosy were always, and often are still, stigmatized and pushed to the fringes of society, there are today more groups who suffer from stigmatization from the rest of the community they live in – the elderly, the poor, migrants, etc. We tend to look upon the stigmatization of victims of leprosy as a problem limited to places where the disease is still endemic, the so-called developing world. However, it is shocking to discover that American and Australian legislation still includes laws that specifically discriminate against these unfortunates.

This is where we need, as a national and international body, to wear our other role – the MILTARY one. Unfortunately, many members do not quite comprehend what it means to be a Military Order – they may equate it simply to wearing a military-type unform with shiny medals and thus simply translating this role to 'children playing as soldiers'. Being members of a Military Christian Order has a deeper meaning. We really must assume the role of Crusaders for Christ where we strive with all our might to fight against the injustices being perpetuated around us. We must speak out whenever our governments or community acts in any way that causes peripheral groups to be stigmatized and discriminated against. We must not be afraid of potential repercussions, for after all Jesus' message is clear: '"*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved*"' [Matthew 10:22]. The early Church was very happy to suffer for its beliefs: '"*The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name*"' [Acts 5:41]. So let us, like Job, be challenged to '*"Stand up like a man and brace yourself for battle"*' [Job 40:7-9]. Let us break the yokes that prevent us from acting to defend against the erosion of Christian principles.



H.E. Prof. Charles Savona-Ventura GCLJ
Grand Hospitaller

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

"If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

Isaiah 58:7-10

General Overview

Thirty-two jurisdictions provided a Hospitaller Report for 2025. [1]

- Grand Priory of America (including the Delegation of Mexico)
- Grand Priory of Australia
- Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg]
- Austria – Hereditary Commandery of St Severin
- Grand Priory in Canada
- Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic
- Grand Priory of Finland
- Grand Priory of France [2]
- Grand Bailiwick of Germany [including the Hereditary Commandery of Rurich]
- Germany – HDZ: German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas [3]
- Grand Priory of Greece
- Grand Priory of Hungary
- Grand Priory of Ireland
- Grand Priory of Italy
- Priory of Liechtenstein
- Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands [including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*] [4]
- Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello
- Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands
- Grand Priory of New Zealand
- Priory of North Macedonia

[1] The jurisdictions who failed to provide a report for 2025 included the Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold-Simoes, the Priory of Belgium, the Grand Priory of England & Wales, Grand Priory of Portugal, and the Grand Priory of Romania.

[2] The Report received was forwarded by the Confederation "Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem France", led by Chev. Yves Thibault de la Carte, Count of La Ferté-Sénectère KCLJ. The Confederation composed of the *Priory of Notre-Dame de France*, whose Prior is H.E. Chev. Count Pascal Gambirasio d'Asseux GCLJ, the *Grand Bailiwick of Boigny*, whose Grand Bailiff is H.E. Chev. Dr Didier Beckerich GCLJ, and the *Provostship of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem*, whose Provost is H.E. Chev. Serge Touzelet GCLJ. A separate report was received from the *Provincial Priory of Touraine*, whose Prior is Chev. Yves Fournier.

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

[4] *The Raoul Follereau Foundation (Malta) – Order of Charity* had to deregistered as a separate voluntary organization because of time restrictions in management. Its function has been taken over as a subcommittee of *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*.

- Grand Priory of Norway
- Grand Priory of Poland
- Grand Bailiwick of Scotland
- Grand Bailiwick of Sicily
- Grand Priory of Slovakia
- Grand Bailiwick of South Africa
- Grand Priory of Spain
- Grand Priory of Sweden
- Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland
- Priory of Zimbabwe
- International Grand Bailiwick (including the Delegations of Denmark, Indonesia, Japan, and Ukraine)[5]
- Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe (including the Lazarus relief organizations in Poland [*LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren*] and in Germany [*LAZARUS Hilfswerk (LHW)*])

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

Throughout 2025, the various jurisdictions made monetary or in-kind donations amounting to a total of €31,146,600 supplemented by 60248 volunteer man-hours, equivalent to a further €903,720 [volunteer hours are estimated at a standard rate of €15 per hour [6]]. The total hospitaller contribution of €32,050,320 compares very favourably with the figure reported for 2024 of €28,777,953 [showing a 11.3% increase in philanthropic work] confirming that the jurisdictions and their voluntary organizations have striven to maintain their charitable momentum. The majority of the donations [87.4%] derive from the activities of the voluntary organizations falling under the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe. Without this contribution, the national and hereditary jurisdictions contributed a total of €4,040,320 in monetary, in-kind and volunteer man-hour donations – showing a slight

[5] The International Grand Bailiwick is made up of 20 members located in 11 different countries, it is therefore impractical for the International Grand Bailiwick (IGB) to operate and manage programs on a jurisdictional basis. For the most part, individuals are involved with charitable services in their own communities.

[6] The value of volunteer man-hours was in 2024 set at €15 per labour hour. The value of €15 is still significantly very much lower than the reported average hourly labour costs: European Region - €31.8; U.S.A. - US$26.8 [= €25.7], Canada – Can$34.9 [= €22.4] and Australia - Aus$37.7 [= €22.8]

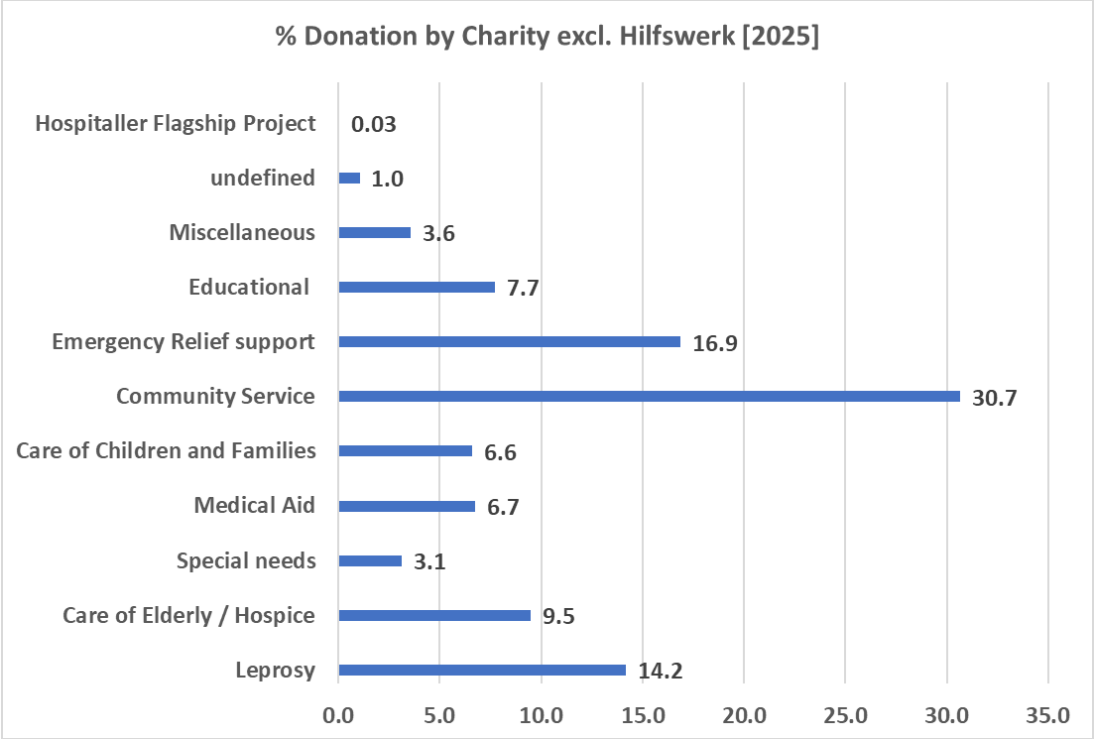
decrease of 0.5% from the previous year of contribution as the previous year [2024 contribution value €4,058,533].[7]

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

The table below shows the distribution of the value of philanthropic services being provided by the Order on an international level according to categories of charitable activities. It is evident that the greater part of the donations target palliative/aged care and medical support for those with special needs, the sick and the elderly. A large part of these donations comes from the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe which as an organization specifically targets this section of the community it serves [*see table below*]. Excluding the contribution by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, only 9.5% of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions targeted this charitable group [*see figure below*].

	2024 National Jurisdictions €	2024 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2024 % total	2025 National Jurisdictions €	2025 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2025 % total
Leprosy	440,259	0	1.5	572,945	0	1.8
Elderly and Hospice care	363,654	26,082,515	87.7	382,261	28,010,000	88.6
Special needs	116,178	0	0.4	126,391	0	0.4
Medical Aid	407,882	0	1.4	271,680	0	0.8
Child and Family welfare	337,098	0	1.1	267,147	0	0.8
Community Service	1,029,112	0	3.4	1,238,722	0	3.9
Emergency Relief support	867,368	0	2.9	681,694	0	2.1
Educational	326,222	0	1.1	311,832	0	1.0
Miscellaneous	107,655	0	0.4	143,558	0	0.4
Undefined	42,000	0	0.1	42,000	0	0.1
Hospitaller projects	21,105	0	0.07	1,325	0	0.004
TOTAL	**4,058,533**	**26,082,515**	**100**	**4,040,320**	**28,010,000**	**100**
TOTAL	**€30,141,048**			**€32,050,320**		

[7] The failure of the Grand Priory of England and Wales to provide a jurisdictional hospitaller report significantly lowers the overall philanthropic figure. During 2024, the jurisdiction philanthropic worth amounted to a total of €141,306.



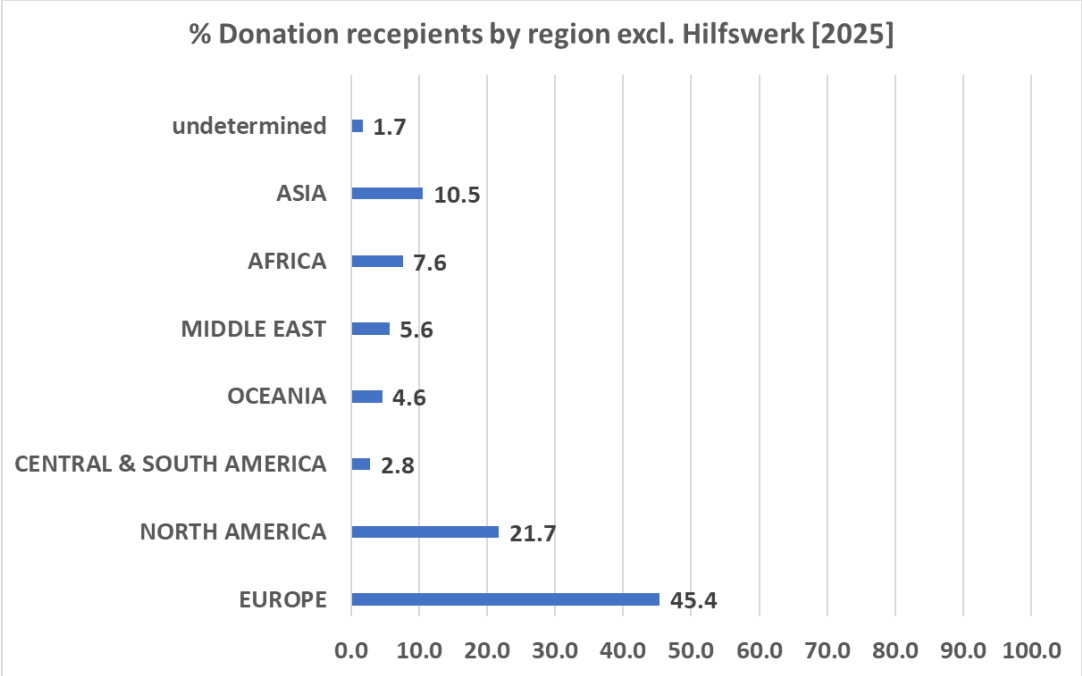
The wide vista presented by the 'modern' stated aims of the Order is reflected by the broad range of philanthropic activities supported by its jurisdictions. The traditional link with the victims of leprosy has been maintained, accounting for an overall 1.8% of the total annual contribution [and 14.2% of the contribution made by the national jurisdictions]. Hansen's Disease still remains a scourge in the developing world, despite the free-of-cost availability of the curative Multidrug Therapy regimen. Developing countries still see significant numbers of new cases being diagnosed annually. In addition, many prior victims of Hansen's Disease remain marginalized and handicapped as a result of the chronic complications of the infection. However, because the demands of the modern world have changed significantly, the different national jurisdictions have supported various philanthropic objectives and not purely leprosy. The larger part of the 2025 philanthropic contribution, amounting to 88.6% of the total [but only 9.5% of the contribution made by the national jurisdictions], has been targeted towards palliative support and medical care of needy members of society [the aged and terminally ill], reflecting the needs of the developed world.

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

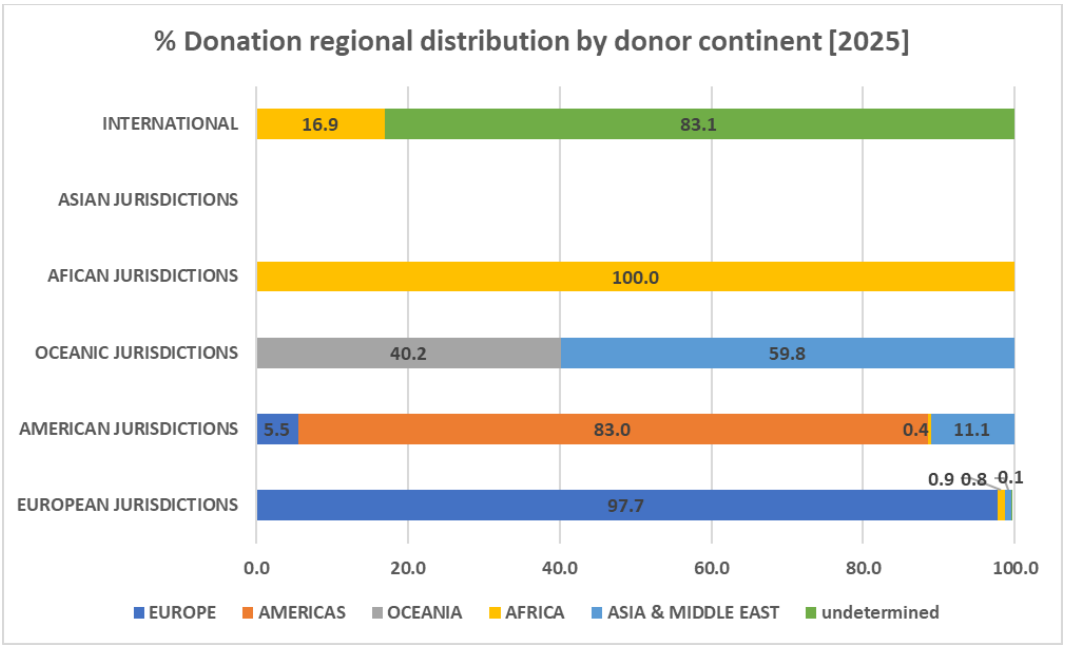
As in the previous year, the larger part of donations made by the Order during 2025 support charitable activities in Europe, accounting for 93.2% of the total amount – a trend emulating that of the previous year. A significant portion of these donations comes from the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe which as an organization specifically targets the region [*see table below*]. The targets for philanthropic support provided by the Order appear to have rather placed the developing world on the backburner with a greater proportion of donations in 2025 being targeted to needy persons or communities in the developed world and only about 3.4% of these donations targeting 'missionary charities' in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Central & South America.

	2024 Total €	Total %	2025 Jurisdictional €	2024 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	Total %
EUROPE	27,146,702	95.7	1,806,362	28,010,000	93.3
NORTH AMERICA	557,206	1.9	865,860	0	1.9
CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA	250,281	0.9	112,594	0	0.9
OCEANIA	118,483	0.4	183,294	0	0.4
AFRICA	426,328	1.4	303,899	0	1.5
MIDDLE EAST	125,836	0.4	223,809	0	0.4
ASIA	391,077	1.3	418,765	0	1.3
undetermined	91,830	0.3	68,107	0	0.3

Excluding the contribution made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, the European region still remains the largest recipient of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions receiving 45.4% of the total jurisdictional contributions [North America: 21.7%; Central & South America: 2.8%; Oceania: 4.6%; Middle East: 5.6%; Africa: 7.6%; Asia: 10.5%][*see figure below*].



There appears to be a trend for jurisdictions to direct their philanthropic activities towards the needs within their own regions. Thus, the European jurisdictions overall directed 97.7% of their efforts towards charities in Europe. American jurisdictions overall directed 83.0% of their efforts towards charities in North and South America; Oceanic jurisdictions overall directed 40.2% of their efforts towards charities in Oceania; and African jurisdictions overall directed 100.0% of their efforts towards African charities [*see figure below*]. The Asian jurisdictions of the Order are globally represented by the International Grand Bailiwick.



3. Standardization of reporting

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

Charitable activity	Definition
✠ Leprosy related programs	This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.
✠ Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	This category should include projects supporting the care of the elderly and of terminally sick individuals, aiming to provide comfort and promoting a better quality of life to individuals.
✠ Support to individuals with special needs	This category should identify projects aiming to ameliorate the lives and wellbeing of those individuals with special needs, including those with physical deformities or mental health issues.
✠ Medical Aid	This category should include projects supporting medical aid provisions or specialized equipment to institutions or individuals. It can also include actual medical service volunteer work done in the community.
✠ Child & family welfare support	This category should include projects targeting child and family welfare support. This may include support for orphanages and other institutions caring for children, and projects aiming to improve the lives of families in the community.
✠ Community support	This category should include projects aimed to support the community in general or sections of the community. Examples may include providing support for combatting drug abuse, supporting rape victims, food campaigns, shelter for the homeless, etc.
✠ Emergency Relief programs	This category should include projects that aim to support individuals or communities exposed to a natural or man-made disaster.
✠ Educational initiatives	This category should include support to promote education. This may involve bursaries to support individuals to follow educational targets or monetary or in-kind donations to assist educational establishments.
✠ Miscellaneous	This category should include any other charitable or philanthropic activity not covered by the preceding categories.

4. Flagship Projects of the International Order

During 2025, the total contribution to support the Grand hospitaller Flagship projects made by the jurisdictions amounted to €8,760, suggesting that only about 1,752 members actually contributed to the scheme. One would hope that this will be further augmented in the coming years, enabling the Order to act as an international unified body to help deserving philanthropic projects chosen by a majority decision of all the jurisdictions. This figure was augmented by cash-in-hand of €19,420 accrued from previous years.

To assist the Grand Hospitaller in choosing the charity, a Standing Operating Procedure document has been drawn up which, along with planned restructuring of the Hospitaller Commission [cf. By-Laws 6.2], will ensure effective fair use of these funds. These SOP procedures were approved by the GMC in November 2025 to be implemented during 2026.

The Flagship Projects supported during 2025 included:

- Support given to the Belfort Leprosy project, Antalaha, Madagascar [donation of €5,000 from Grand Hospitaller Funds]. The island state of Madagascar was devastated by the tropical cyclone "Gamane" in the spring of 2024. The leper village of Belfort in north of this island - 5 km from Antalaha - was the worst affected. Most of the houses of the disabled, former lepers were simply washed away by the raging waters. The villagers were left without accommodation and with only what little in possessions they were able to save. They were initially housed in existing school rooms until new accommodation was built for them elsewhere. The board of trustees of the German Dentist`s Sponsorship for Leprosy- and Destressed Areas (GDS) - consisting mainly of members of the order - started an emergency aid program committing initial funding of €15,000 euros. An appeal for further donations was made through the Office of the Grand Hospitaller.



Various jurisdictions and individual members of the Order responded.

• Donation from Grand Hospitaller's Flagship Fund	€5,000
• Donation from Grand Priory of Sweden	€2,000
• Donation from Grand Commandery of the Castello	€2,000
• Personal donation from Grand Hospitaller	€ 150
• Personal donation from Dr Peter J. Flett	€ 150
TOTAL	**€9,300**








The Phase II infrastructure project (Pr1/2425) of the Jerusalem St Louis Hospital, managed by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition which began last year, has been successfully completed. The Order of St Lazarus and other donors throughout the world have supported this important project. The General Director of St Louis Hospital, Alex Hadweh, has provided a short summary video showcasing the major completed works [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dp3D3JUs4ok]. Phase II of the Infrastructure Works Project was developed to address these urgent needs by:

- Bringing core building systems (electricity, oxygen, accessibility) to modern safety standards.
- Expanding and improving outdoor facilities, including parking and drainage.

- Enhancing comfort and accessibility for patients, visitors, and staff.
- Establishing a technical foundation to support all future medical and structural expansions foreseen in the 2021–2031 Master Plan.
- Creating a welcoming and appealing lobby and reception area.
- Forming well-appointed green areas where patients and their families can spend time.





The names of each of the supporting foundations, including The Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus - Grand Hospitalier's Fund, The Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus - German Jurisdiction, and The Military & Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus - American Jurisdiction, have been placed on a big wooden-framed plaque at the new lobby and reception area of the hospital.



- The Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr Remy Rousselot in Bubaneswar in India was 'adopted' as a Flagship Project of the Order in 2012 through a collaborative effort of various jurisdictions. This year the project was supported directly with a donation of €5,000 from the Grand Priory of Finland and €10,000 from the HDZ – German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas. Dr Rousselot commented that "The year 2025 was truly another blessing for our leprosy patients in Bhubaneswar, even though we felt the difficult effects of the war in Ukraine. Our and your leprosy hospital with 50 surgical beds performed 592 leprosy operations on hands and legs this year. The number of leprosy patients admitted reached 178 last year. Despite the financial crisis, the financial report for 2024 is also satisfactory: a surgical bed cost €5.89 per day – all inclusive, even though food has become more expensive." In September 2023, Dr Rousselot was honoured by the Order for his years of service to leprosy patients by being made an honorary member. Over the past 45 years – since December 1979 – Dr Rousselot has performed 20,000 leprosy operations in Africa, in South America, and, since 1983, in India.









Hospitaller Fund status:	*€*
• Uncommitted balance as on 01/01/2024	19,420
• Donation made towards Fund during 2025 [oblations]	8,760
• **TOTAL CREDIT**	**28,180**
• Donations paid during 2025	
○ Donation to support Leprosy Community in Madagascar	(5,000)
○ Committed funds towards specific projects	(nil)
• **TOTAL DEBIT/COMMITMENTS**	**(5,000)**
• **Available balance as on 01/01/2026**	**23,180**

The Grand Hospitaller has also presented a review of the philanthropic works carried out by the Order over the decade 2015-2024 during the XI Malta Medical School Conference held in December 2025.

The Medical Philanthropic activities of the Order of St Lazarus: 2015-2024

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Introduction

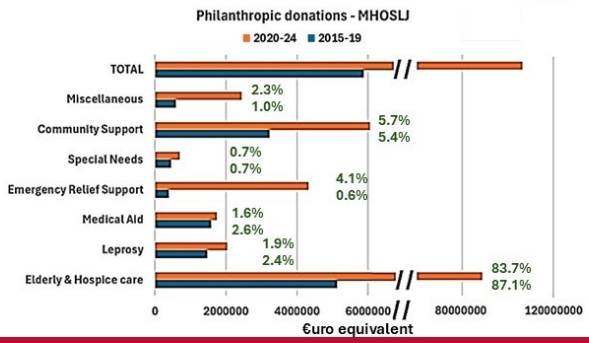
The Order of St Lazarus was established with the specific aim of caring for victims of leprosy [Hansen's disease]. The political turmoil of the subsequent centuries caused the Order to distance itself from its *raison d'être* to become an honorific establishment. After WW2, the Order of St Lazarus re-embraced its philanthropic role supporting the sick and needy in society.

Aims of the study

This study aims to review the charitable activities of the Order as registered in the published annual reports over the last decade [2015-2019 & 2020-2024] to identify the perceived important areas for philanthropic support.

Results

- The total amount of monetary equivalent donations over the last decade amounted to a total of **€165,851,011**
- When comparing the donation made during 2015-19 to those made during 2020-24, there has been a **77.0% increase** in donation value:
  - 2015-19 = €59,878,515 | 2020-24 = €105,972,496
- Charitable target distribution: **84.9% Elderly & Hospice Care**
  2.1% Hansen's Disease [Leprosy]



Conclusions

- It is very clear that, on an international level, major importance is being given towards supporting initiatives for elderly and hospice care averaging 84.9% over the past decade. This is very much in line with the needs of populations living in the developed world where increasing longevity is augmenting societal's support needs for elderly care.
- The increase towards natural and man-made emergencies of the last five years reflect the marked increase in support given to this area of need mainly due to Covid-19 pandemic & Ukrainian conflict responses.
- While the traditional support to victims of Hansen's disease has increased in actual value, the proportion donated is less averaging 2.1% over the past decade.

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Hansen's disease

Leprosy related programs	This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.

The historical links to supporting the victims of Hansen's Disease have been rather overshadowed by other no less deserving projects. However, it remains each jurisdiction's obligation to encourage support for sufferers of the devastating effects caused by Hansen's Disease. Despite the efforts of the World Health Organization, Hansen's Disease still remains a medical and social scourge in the developing world today.

The Office of the Grand Hospitaller

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 300 hours



During 2025, the Office of the Grand Hospitaller strove to further sensitize the membership to the suffering of victims of Hansen's Disease [Leprosy]. It continued promoting the campaign to encourage all jurisdictions to embrace WORLD LEPROSY DAY as an important one in their calendar and organize or encourage their members to '*Light a Light for Leprosy*' on this specially dedicated day. The theme chosen for 2025 is *'Beat Leprosy, End Stigma, and Advocate for Mental Well-Being'*.

In addition, the Office of the Grand Hospitaller initiated the preparation and circulation of a dedicated quarterly newsletter '*Leprosy-Info*' aiming to provide relevant medical, social, historical, and other information to the members of the Order thus providing them with the tools to combat the continuing stigmatization of those afflicted with Hansen's Disease. The newsletter is further being circulated to members of the Maltese Association of Dermatology and Venereology and to the medical professional staff of the Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit. Furthermore, during 2025, the Office

of the Grand Hospitaller collaborated with the *Sancti Lazari Ordinis Academia Internationalis* to help organize a one-day workshop targeting Hansen's Disease issues scheduled to be held in Malta on the 22 October 2026, preceding the Fifth International Academic Meeting of the International Academy.

HANSEN'S DISEASE OR LEPROSY: LEARNING FROM THE PAST - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE		
Session A	*Michael Ross*	*The international distribution of leprosy*
	Charles Savona-Ventura	*Environmental factors : Mycobacterium leprae & M. lepromatosis*
	Bing Thio	*Immunological issues relating to Hansen's disease*
Session B	*Tom Harald Martenson*	*Dr. Armauer Hansen and St.Jørgens Hospital in Bergen, Norway*
	Michael Boffa	*Lessons learnt from the History of Leprosy in Malta*
	Charles Savona-Ventura	*Hansen's Disease rediscovered by the Modern Order of St Lazarus*

Planned programme: Workshop 22 October 2026

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €160,290
- Volunteer hours given: 3,020 hours

The Grand Priory supported the Leprosy Clinical Research and Clinical Care Outpatient Clinic, Emory University, Georgia with a monetary donation of US$45,000 [eq. €38,110] and 200 volunteer hours. This project is being overseen and managed by Dr Jessica Fairley, CLJ, and a member of the SE Commandery. The Emory University Hansen's Disease Program has been partnered with the Order of St Lazarus over the past years (2012-2017). The donations made by the Order of St Lazarus have been instrumental in providing the foundation on which the international research, clinical, and educational programs have been built. In addition, it has also made important strides in the ability to take care of our patients, and we have raised awareness and educated many medical colleagues and trainees about Hansen's disease through funds from the Order of St Lazarus. Key facets of this clinical research program include:

A. Risk factors for leprosy (Hansen's Disease), i.e. why some people get leprosy and some people don't.
    a. For this project, we enrolled 1,300 individuals in a high-risk area of Brazil and are following 140 individuals to see who develops leprosy. So far 20 have developed leprosy, and we are analysing risk factors like nutritional factors, parasitic infections, and environmental exposures. We use state-of-the-art platforms like multiplexed assays and high-resolution metabolomics. Our plan is to enrol 500 additional participants this fall to improve our ability to identify risk factors and to continue to follow the original participants. This type of study is very rare and

difficult in leprosy owing to the length of time it takes to develop the disease after exposure. Therefore, it is critical that we continue this important work.

b. Immunology of Hansens Disease, including protection from infection and markers of treatment response. This work is important both to understand why some people get the disease and others do not and to help vaccine development by identifying markers of immunity to infection. Using the samples from (a) above, we are partnering with Georgia Tech on "anti-bodyomics", a novel way to study immune responses. And we are hoping to identify biomarkers that can be used by vaccine developers to determine if someone is protected by a vaccine.

c. Hansen's Disease in the southern US. This interesting project examines how individuals in the southeastern US are exposed to the causation bacteria through environmental, animal, and human sources. By enrolling patients in this study, one can build a biorepository of samples that will be useful for colleagues who are doing important work in this area.

d. Leprosy in Ethiopia. We have a small project like the one above and are interested in starting a pilot project to better analyse the effect of postexposure prophylaxis (PEP) using a single dose of rifampicin. This is time sensitive as the government is rolling out this PEP across high-risk areas, so we have an ideal opportunity to compare individuals and communities who have received this intervention with those who have not.

B. Key facets of this clinical care program.

a. Clinical care for patients at Emory to provide services to patients and to cover unexpected costs like ED visits and hospitalizations, which are not covered under the National Hansen's Disease Program. We already have instances where we urgently need to cover healthcare costs for individuals.

The jurisdiction, through its sub-jurisdictions, the Commandery of the West (Cadre of Hawaii) and the Delegation of Mexico, further supported a number of projects aiming to ameliorate and empower the victims of Hansen's Disease, targeting victims in India, Mexico and Hawaii. The projects amounted to about €88,184 given as monetary donations, €33,996 in-kind goods and service provision, and more than 2,820 volunteer hours.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the West – Cadre of Hawaii				
Kalaupapa Hansen's Disease Settlement, Moloka'i	Sister Alicia Damien Lau, OSF, ChLJ devotes countless volunteer hours in direct work with the patients who still live in Kalaupapa.	-	-	2,200+
Dutton Guild	Joseph Dutton is most famous for his volunteer efforts on the island of Molokai (Hawaii) caring for people with Hansen's Disease for nearly 44 years. The guild seeks his canonization with St Damien and St Cope.[https://www.josephdutton.org/]	$3,000 [€2,541]	-	20

Our Lady of Peace Cathedral Basilica	Renovation of the reliquary facilities for the remains of St Damien and St Cope.	US$3,000 [€2,541]	-	-
Damien & Marianne of Molokai Education Center	The Damien and Marianne of Moloka'i Education Center will tell the story of the people of Kalaupapa, St Damien De Veuster, ss.cc. and St Marianne Cope, o.s.f. It is a story of forced segregation of the human resilience of heart and spirit, and what can be achieved by ordinary people with extraordinary compassion and dedication to helping those in need. • World Leprosy Day US$4,300 [€3,642] • St. Lazarus Day US$3,000 [€2,541] • Investiture Facilities US$2,000 [€1,694]	US$9,300 [€7,877]	-	200
Delegation of Mexico				
Centro Dermatológico Dr Pedro Andrade Pradillo, owned by the Asociación Lazarena de México, A.C.	This year the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a Colombian congregation directed from Bogotá made 1,697 visits to patients and their households, distributed 384 food packages (most of them donated by the Herdez food packaging company), gave medicines, vitamins and healing materials donated to us by Direct Relief (www.directrelief.org) and referred 22 patients to physicians who were specialists in their health problems.	MXP$ 971,802 [€47,078]	MXP$ 250,000 [€17,685]	200
Instituto Dermatológico Guanajuatense de San Lázaro, A.C. in Irapuato and surrounding villages.	This institute is managed by the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. There are at least two sisters in each of our two clinics at any given time. Our nuns in Irapuato made 1,418 visits to patients and their families, distributed 297 food packages donated by Hérdez, gave medicines, vitamins and healing materials donated to us by Direct Relief (www.directrelief.org) to patients and their families. In some cases, patients were referred to physicians.	MXP$ 638,444 [€28,147]	MXP$ 220,000 [€16,311]	200

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €251,456
- Volunteer hours given: 93 hours

At the National Chapter Meeting in May 2025, the Grand Priory of Australia set up a National Leprosy Project in collaboration with *Leprosy Mission Australia* (LMA), targeting Karawang district in Indonesia, to help treat and eliminate leprosy in our region. The jurisdiction made a cash donation of Aus$68,200 which was significantly augmented by AusAid to a total of Aus$409,200 [€251,456], and as part of the education of Commandery members about leprosy in our regional neighbourhood, we invited representatives of Leprosy Mission Australia to speak at one of our 'friend-raising' fundraisers and also attended fundraisers and information sessions to learn more about their work. The Leprosy Mission Australia (LMA) is part of a global Christian organisation working to eliminate leprosy and support people affected by the disease. It funds early detection, medical treatment, reconstructive surgery, rehabilitation, and community education programs, particularly across the Asia-Pacific region. The Mission also advocates to reduce stigma and discrimination, aiming for a world free from leprosy and its long-term social consequences. The members of the Commandery of Tasmania also met together to celebrate World Leprosy Day, holding a special Mass with general public promotion.

OLJ Foundation.	$28,000
ACT	$1,000
Queensland.	$5,000
New South Wales.	$5,000
South Australia.	$14,200
Tasmania.	$5,000
Victoria.	$4,000
Western Australia.	$1,000
OLJ National Australia.	$5,000
Total donations	$68,200
Matched 5:1 by AusAid.	$341,000



'Friend-raising' fundraisers team

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €3,712
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction made several donations amounting to €3,712 to charities working to ameliorate the suffering of victims of Hansen's disease, including the charity *Leprosy Relief Mission Canada* to support the management of two mobile leprosy treatment clinics in India and Madagascar [Can$1,000 eq. €619], and the *RayJon Share Care* supporting work in Haiti and the Dominican Republic [Can$5,000 eq. €3,093].

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €232
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided financial support amounting to CZK5,700 (eq. €232) to organizations involved in the care of the victims of leprosy.

Grand Priory of Finland

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

On the occasion of its 50th anniversary, the jurisdiction supported the *Gandhiji Seva Niketan' Leprosy Surgery Centre* managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bubaneswar, in India with a monetary donation of €5,000. The jurisdiction has annually supported this institution for more than 10 years since the hospital was identified as an International Flagship Project.



Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 16 hours

• Beneficiary	Activity Hansen's Disease	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Fondation Raoul Follereau	Collection of funds for the Foundation on World Leprosy Day.	Nil	Nil	16



Volunteers collecting on World Leprosy Day

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

- Monetary donation made: €11,150
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction coordinated the Belfort Leprosy project in Antalaha, Madagascar following the natural disaster. The provision of a new well to provide a suitable water supply for the village required the donation of €11,150 in addition to the donations pooled from the other jurisdictions of the Order following an appeal by the Grand Hospitaller.

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

- Monetary donation made: €38,415
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Leprosy related programs		
Beneficiary	**Country served**	**Donation**
• Gandhiji Seva Niketan Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr Rousselot	Balarampuram, India	€10,030
• St John's Health Services leprosy project - surgeries, medication, care	India	€15,870
• Sanni Foundation for the care and support of leprosy patients.	India	€12,515

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

- Monetary donation made: €180
- Volunteer hours given: 25 hours

On World Leprosy Day, members of the jurisdiction came together to participate in the '*Light a Light for Leprosy*' initiative that included the celebration of Mass followed by a dedicated reflection on the stigmatization of victims of leprosy and Jesus' message of how to deal with these unfortunates. Twenty-five jurisdictional members and friends participated in this event (25 volunteer hours). On 23 January 2025, the heads of the two jurisdictions of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus in Malta, Chev. Dr Ray Gatt and Chev. Mr Alan Miller, together with the Order's International Hospitaller, H.E. Chev. Prof Charles Savona Ventura (4 volunteer hours), had a very cordial meeting with the Honourable Julia Farrugia at the Ministry for Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector. On the occasion, the Hon. Minister was admitted as a Dame in the Order of Merit based on her initiative in proposing legislation aiming to remove the past legal stigmatization of persons afflicted with Hansen's Disease, alternatively known as Leprosy. While the legislation addressing victims of Hansen's Disease had been significantly toned down in the 1950s, the main Ordinance and subsidiary legislation adopted in earlier decades, were still extant in the Maltese statute book, reflecting the past stigmatization associated with the infection. The drive made by the Hon. Minister Julia Farrugia ensures that all traces of the past stigmatization are removed from the

domestic legal corpus, while the social and medical supportive initiatives available to combat the infection are still in place.

Monetary donations targeting the *Raoul Follereau Foundation (Malta) – Order of Charity* were made by the jurisdiction (€180 raised from a raffle held during the Annual Pauline Pilgrimage on the 23 February 2025). The charity was originally set up to support Maltese missionaries working with victims of Hansen's Disease with the aim of ameliorating their social and health conditions. The administration of the charity was taken over by the Grand Priory, but increasing administrative pressures have made it necessary for this charity to be deregistered and its functions to be combined and administered as a subsection of the registered V/O *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio.* The accrued funds of the now deregistered *Raoul Follereau Foundation (Malta) – Order of Charity* will be used to support a future project supporting victims of Hansen's Disease.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: €24,353
- Volunteer hours given: 320 hours

The jurisdiction has supported, with a donation of €15,553 and 200 volunteer man-hours, the *UN Refugee Agency [UNHCR]* in its work in the Sudan Refugee Camps, particularly the project to help ameliorate the famine in leper refugee camps in Sudan, afflicted by wars. In addition, the jurisdiction also supported the organization *Women in Need* which cares for women in India suffering from leprosy, HIV and other problems with a donation of €6,800 and 100 volunteer man-hours to help maintain the ambulance service for victims of Hansen's disease. A further donation of €2,000 and 20 volunteer man-hours was made to support the Grand Hospitaller's plea to help the Leprosy colony affected by floods in Madagascar.



Donation to UN Refugee Agency [UNHCR] working in the Sudan Refugee Camps

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €8,000
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The jurisdiction supported the Fontilles Foundation to help provide five scholarships to assist dermatology specialist doctors from Bolivia, Brazil, Guinea and Romania to attain experience in managing Hansen's disease. The support involved a monetary donation of €8,000 and 50 volunteer hours. Fontilles and the Order of St Lazarus began their collaboration on the scholarship program for training healthcare personnel in the fight against leprosy in 2005. Since then, 44 people (33 medical graduates and 11 nursing graduates) have been awarded scholarships to take specific training courses in the fight against leprosy, held each year at the Fontilles Sanatorium.



Fontilles Sanatorium

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €6,597
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €4,518 to *Lepramissionen Sverige* whose aim is to bring health, hope and justice to the victims of Hansen's Disease, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion or political beliefs [https://lepramissionen.se/] – this charity is a Christian organization with international development cooperation. The Swedish part was founded in 1985 by seven communities. Projects are carried out in collaboration with local partners in India, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria and Bangladesh. In addition, the jurisdiction

supported the Grand Hospitaller's plea to help the Leprosy colony affected by floods in Madagascar with a further donation of €2,079.



Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *Mutemwa Leprosy Mission* with 50 volunteer hours. The Mutemwa Leprosy Catholic and Care Centre is home to 34 patients living with mixed illnesses ranging from leprosy and AIDS to mental and physical disabilities. At Mutemwa, the clinic onsite not only deals with the needs of the community living there but also oversees basic medical needs of the surrounding townships, with over 2,000 visitors per year. The community at Mutemwa relies solely on generous donations from pilgrim visitors and through the support that JBMS receives from its donors, to ensure that essential provisions such as food, medical care, and clothing are maintained.

International Grand Bailiwick

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

A group of the jurisdiction held a St Lazarus Day (Dec 17) celebration and awareness of leprosy event which raised €450 which they donated, for simplicity of delivery, to The St Lazarus Charitable Trust in the Grand Priory of England and Wales to be used in their leprosy relief projects.

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Care of the Elderly & Hospice care

✠ Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	This category should include projects supporting the care of the elderly and of terminally sick individuals, aiming to provide comfort and promoting a better quality of life to individuals.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €60,977
- Volunteer hours given: 520 hours

The Grand Priory supported the Grand Hospitaller's call for funds aiming to help with the refurbishment of the *St Louis French Hospital* for palliative care, managed by the Sisters of St Joseph of the apparition in Jerusalem, Israel. The jurisdiction thus supported the installation of a critically needed second elevator in the hospital with a monetary donation of US$70,000 [eq. €59,283].





In addition, two members of the Commandery of the West – Cadre of Hawaii (Dr. Shirley Tamoria MD CLJ and Ms June Segundo de Feo CLJ RN) donated US$2,000 [eq. €1,694] and 520+ volunteer hours to help minister to elderly and patients with music, fellowship, and community building at the *Kuakini Healthcare* and other hospitals.

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €3,713
- Volunteer hours given: 16 hours

The Queensland Commandery supported the *Tweed Wedgetail Palliative Care Centre* with a monetary donation of Aus$5,500 [eq. €3,380]. The centre serves as a hospice for the terminally ill and further provides support to the families of those in palliative care. Each year, the Wedgetail Retreat Community Hospice combined services support more than 600 palliative clients through their specialised palliative care facility in the Southern Gold Coast/Tweed region. Our donation covered the cost of a much-needed portable oxygen concentrator to enable patients to be taken outside onto a veranda to enjoy the hospice tropical garden setting.



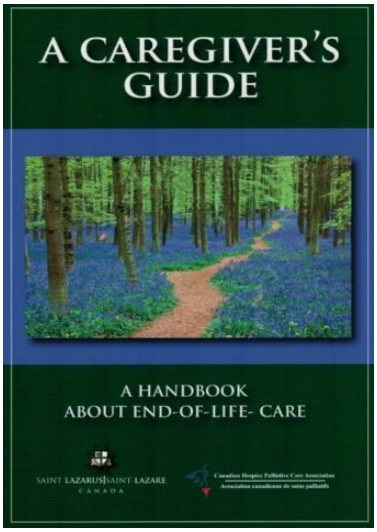
Tweed Wedgetail Palliative Care Centre

The Tasmania Commandery supported the *Korongee Dementia Unit* with a monetary donation of Aus$542 [eq. €333] and 16 volunteer hours. The 'Capturing memories photobooth project' at *Korongee Dementia Unit* caters to adults with dementia and is designed to use creative arts to lift spirits and bring opportunities for people with dementia, thus enabling them to experience laughter and memory-making through person-centred arts engagement. It is building on earlier experiences of the team seeing the excitement and joyful energy that photographs can stimulate among aged care residents. The project was delivered at Korongee Dementia Village (Glenview) on 23 September 2025 in the café. Approximately 20 residents chose to participate and permissions for photographs were secured. Many others watched on, enjoying the fun. Staff also joined in. Each person or pair was given between 2 and 4 polaroid photographs to take with them to keep or give to family.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €110,619
- Volunteer hours given: 210 hours

The Grand Priory in Canada, with its various sub-jurisdictions, has continued with its philanthropic drive towards promoting hospice palliative care initiatives. The contributions are summarized in the table below.



An important ongoing hospitaller activity of the jurisdiction is the continuing publication and circulation of their resource *A Caregiver's Guide* published in English and French versions. Over the course of the year the book was revised to reflect the changes in approach to palliative and community supports. These revisions required about 5,000 volunteer hours shared between the project lead, the subject matter experts employed and the executive lead on the project.

This is supplemented by running the online course *Home Caregiver Support Program* (HCSP), in collaboration with St John Ambulance, initiated in 2013. The program is designed to provide much needed information and assistance to non-professional caregivers who are providing care for family members or friends suffering from chronic or terminal illnesses. Caregivers can include other family members, partners, parents, children, and close friends. Patients are welcome to do the program as well. The HCSP is free for caregivers and patients and it accepts registration online in both English: http://stlazarus.sjatraining.ca and French: http://stlazarusfr.sjatraining.ca.

Another initiative aiming to support hospice care is the distribution of *'Comfort Bears'* to those receiving palliative or end-of-life care. A total of about 400 bears with an estimated value of Can$10 each (eq. total Can$4,000 = €2,475) were donated by various commanderies to various individuals housed in different hospice organizations. The distribution was estimated to require 40 volunteer hours.



Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Hospice and Long-term memory care facilities	45 Twiddle Muffs were distributed across many communities with an approximate value of approximately Can$250 (eq. €155) per member supporting the initiative to cover wool, buttons and other decorations costs – x5 members. PLUS hours spent knitting. Twiddle Muffs are a tool to keep hands warm and busy and have been found to comfort those with Dementia. The Grand Prior donated 12 to the Alzheimer's Society of Sarnia Lambton.	Can$1,250 [€775]	-	Knitting time unquantified but about 20 hours per muff



Donated Twiddle Muffs

Lionel Kelland Hospice, Newfoundland	Provides hospice services.	Can$1,500 [€928]	-	-
Western Ontario Commandery				
Dorothy Ley Hospice, Toronto	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can$600.	Can$600 [€371]	-	10
Maison McCulloch (Sudbury House) Hospice, Ontario	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can$2,500.	Can$2,500 [€1,547]	-	
Toronto Commandery Hospice, Ontario	Support to hospice care with a donation of Can$5,000.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	
Hospice Palliative Care, Ontario	The Commandery supported the June Callwood Awards with a donation of Can$3,500.	Can$3,500 [€2,165]	-	-
Hospice Palliative Care, Ottawa	The institution was supported with a donation of Can$1,000.	Can$1,000 [€619]	-	-
The Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care, Toronto	The Centre provides respite, practical, physical, emotional and spiritual support for people living with life-threatening illnesses and their loved ones, in the comfort of their own home.	Can$15,000 [€9,280]	-	-

Grey Bruce Hospice, Ontario	The institution was supported with a donation of Can$4,000.	Can$4,000 [€2,475]	-	-
Hospice Niagara, Ontario	The institution was supported with a donation of Can$3,200.	Can$3,200 [€1,980]	-	-
St. Joseph's Hospice – London, Ontario	The institution was supported with a donation of Can$2,200.	Can$2,200 [€1,361]	-	-

British Columbia Commandery				
Victoria Hospice, Vancouver Island	The Commandery supported the June Callwood Awards with a donation of Can$2,500.	Can$2,500 [€1,547]	-	5



Donation to Victoria Hospice

Edmonton Commandery				
Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (Edmonton) - AHPCA	The Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association engages in education, advocacy, and provision of resources to achieve comprehensive and quality hospice, palliative and end-of-life care for all Albertans.	Can$10,000 [€6,187]	-	40
Alberta Health Services	Supports palliative patients in the Alberta Health Services (Area 5 Region: Onoway, Barrhead, Swan Hills, etc.).	Can$5,504 [€3,405]	-	-
Father Lacombe Foundation	The Father Lacombe Foundation provides for healthy aging programming in long-term care facilities.	Can$10,000 [€6,187]	-	-
Pilgrims Hospice Society (Edmonton)	The proceeds of Hike for Hospice were targeted to support this charity's purchase of equipment.	Can$5,500 [€3,403]	-	50
Red Deer Hospice, Alberta	The Red Deer Hospice was supported with a donation of Can$10,000.	Can$10,000 [€6,187]	-	5



Donation to Pilgrims Hospice Society



Donation to Red Deer Hospice

Stetler Hospice, Alberta	The Stetler Hospice was supported with a donation of Can$4,500.	Can$4,500 [€2,784]	-	5
Foyer Lacombe Hospice, Alberta	The Foyer Lacombe Hospice was supported with a donation of a crushed ice machine costing Can$5,827 and 50 comfort bears.	Can$5,827 [€3,605]	Can$500 [€309]	10



Donation to Stetler Hospice



Donation to Foyer Lacombe Hospice

Calgary Commandery				
Calgary Health Foundation	The Calgary Health Foundation is an overarching network providing support for long term health care facilities.	Can$10,000 [€6,187]	-	-
Rosedale Hospice – Hospice Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the Hospice Calgary [Can$5,000), which is one location with three centres of care: Children's Grief Centre, Living with Advanced Illness Centre, and Rosedale Hospice which provide hospice and palliative care support for all ages.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Friends of the Colonel Belcher	The Commandery supported the Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society, a volunteer	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-

Society, Calgary, Alberta	organization established in 1998 to support efforts to enhance the quality of life of veterans in the Carewest Colonel Belcher Care Centre.			
Sage Centre - Hospice Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the end-of-life care and family support program.	Can$2,500 [€1,547]	-	-
Southwood Hospice, Alberta	The Commandery supported the establishment of a comfort chat program.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Foothills Country Hospice, Alberta	The Commandery supported the provision of supplies for a Bereavement Box Program and a Patient Lift.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Dulcina Hospice	Dulcina is a 26 bed hospice at St Marguerite Manor that focuses on easing the physical, emotional and spiritual distress which often accompanies people at the end of life. A music program was initiated and has proven very successful with both patients and families.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Cochrane and Area Hospice, Alberta	The Commandery supported funding for a speaker programme regarding local resources for palliative care in the area.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Sheep River Health Trust	The Commandery supported funding to refurbish the palliative care room at Oldfields General Hospital.	Can$7,800 [€4,826]	-	-
Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (Calgary) - AHPCA	For the roadshow hospice initiative serving rural communities. Two commanderies - Edmonton and Calgary - donated to this cause. The Calgary and Edmonton Commanderies have supported this program for more than 10 years.	Can$18,000 [€11,136]	-	40



Donation to Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association

Montreal Commandery				
Maison Saint-Raphael, Quebec	The Commandery supported the Maison Saint-Raphael which serves as a private palliative and day care centre in Montreal.	Can$500 [€309]	-	-

Thunder Bay Commandery				
Hospice Northwest, North Ontario	The Commandery supported the Hospice Northwest, a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate support and resources to clients and their loved ones, wherever they may need it. It provided a donation of Can$4,918 and 200 comfort bears for the HUGS programme.	Can$4,918 [€3,043]	Can$2,000 [€1,237]	40
Acadia Commandery				
Hospice Halifax	Hospice Halifax is a facility serving Nova Scotia. A donation of Can$5,000 was made to support the costs of the programme.	Can$5,000 [€3,093]	-	-
Manitoba Commandery				
Palliative Care Manitoba	The Commandery supported Palliative Care Manitoba, which provides support and education concerning palliative care, specifically by providing education for those offering respite for caregivers of people in palliative situations. Support is also offered for those suffering grief and bereavement.	Can$4,000 [€2,475]	-	5



Donation to Palliative Care Manitoba

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €2,923
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

The support of hospices, hospitals and other social organizations is considered to be an important philanthropic role of the jurisdiction. In 2025, the jurisdiction made a monetary donation amounting to CZK2,200 [eq. €90] and in-kind donations of CZK49,000 [eq. €1,998] to provide hygiene products to the hospices supported by the jurisdiction. In October 2025, A further donation of CZK15,000 [eq. €611] was made in support of the new St Lazarus Hospice building which will aim to help improve palliative care in the Pilsen region. Another donation amounting to CZK5,500 [eq. €224] and 30 volunteer hours was made to support the work being done by the Home Hospice Athelas in Písek.

Grand Priory of Finland

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

A further donation of €1,200 was made to the WWII veterans and their widowed spouses represented by *Tammenlehva Society* in the city of Vaasa and Hailuoto parish. The mean age of the war veterans in Finland is now 100 years. The Church diaconal work specifically focused on supporting the elderly living alone during Christmas time.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 540 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity Care of the Elderly & Hospice care	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
End-of-life care	Providing support to enhance end-of-life care to those in need.	Nil	Nil	180
Social support for aged and isolated persons	Providing support to help aged and isolated people to continue living in their home. This includes the identification, orientation and follow-up to medical and social services by medical (MD or nurses) members or companions of the Jurisdiction.	Nil	Nil	360
Priory of Boigny				
St Louis Hospital of the French in Jerusalem	A contribution was made in support of the refurbishment project at St Louis Hospital of the French in Jerusalem.	€500	Nil	Nil

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

- Monetary donation made: €25,100
- Volunteer hours given: 34 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction donated the sum of €100, along with 3 volunteer hours, to support the refurbishment of the electricity generator system of the *St Louis Hospital* in Jerusalem. A fund-raising campaign of the German Lazarus Foundation (DLS) among members and friends, requiring 34 volunteer hours, raised the sum of €25,000 for the same cause.

Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €13,350
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported *Blackrock Hospice* with a monetary donation of €13,350. The Hospice provides specialist palliative care (end-of-life care) for members of the community. This loving, person-centred care is provided in its beautiful Hospice in the heart of Blackrock, Dublin and in people's homes in the community.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 495 hours

The jurisdiction also maintained its annual participation in the activities organized by *St Mary's Parish Church* at Qrendi, Malta, for the special needs of inmates and the elderly in the various dedicated hospices on the occasion of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 25 June. The function includes the recitation of the Rosary, celebration of the Eucharist, and administration of the Sacrament for the sick, the event closing with a Sacramental Blessing. Ten members participated in the event [30 volunteer hours].

Through the initiative of two members of the jurisdiction, Chev. Dr Victor Camilleri and Chev. Noel Borg, three busloads of elderly residents from different institutional homes for the elderly were taken to view the Good Friday Exhibition organized and hosted by Chev. Dr. Victor Camilleri [390 volunteer hours]. It was launched by the President of Malta H.E. Madam Miriam Spiteri Debono. The event collected the sum of €800 through donations targeted to support the charitable works of the jurisdiction. Another member of the jurisdiction, Chev. Lino Pace Taliana, organized monthly outings for the elderly in the community [48 volunteer hours].

The jurisdiction, through the initiative of the Commandery of Gozo, continued with the triannual visits to *St Laurence Home for the Elderly* in Gozo during which an animated celebration of the Eucharist is organized, while members of the jurisdiction spent quality time talking with the inmates. The masses were celebrated by the sub-jurisdiction's Senior Chaplain Monsignor Noel Saliba, while musical accompaniment was made available by postulant Carlos Aquilina. These three activities held in January, August and December involved a total of about 75 volunteer hours.

A Requiem Mass was held on the 9 November to commemorate the members of the Order who had died over the previous three years. Special mention was made of the Grand Master

emeritus. This Requiem Mass was held in St Anne's Hospice for the Elderly at Senglea, Malta. A donation of €1,000 was made to *CareMalta* which is responsible for the management for St Anne's Hospice and other homes for the elderly in Malta.

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

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

The Grand Bailiwick provided support to elderly individuals by providing them with Christmas presents and decorations during the festive season.

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 144 hours

The Commandery of St Laurentzius has provided a total of 144 volunteer hours supporting the Sofienberg Senior Home in Oslo with the organization of weekly walks and social activities for the elderly.

Grand Priory of Poland

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

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

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

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

The jurisdiction supported the *Friends of Bandrum Nursing Home* in Dunfermline, Scotland with a donation of £600 [eq. €690] to help support the distribution of a Christmas lunch for

the long-term residents. Bandrum Nursing Home supports its residents with equipment and experiences that enable them to live as full a life as possible.

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €2,079
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €2,079 to the *Vid Din Sida – By Your Side* charity organization. This voluntary organization helps seniors living in poverty and homelessness with soup kitchens, a recreation centre, temporary housing and the distribution of food bags. The donation made by St Erik's Command paid for a whole food distribution in Stockholm city centre and participated in the distribution.



Vid Din Sida – By Your Side charity

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 230 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *Dandaro Retirement Village* in Harare, Zimbabwe, with 230 volunteer hours. Dandaro Retirement Village is a premier, secure gated community for older adults located in Borrowdale, Harare, completed in 2000. It caters to those aged over 50 years, featuring furnished and unfurnished, spacious, and carpeted 2-3 bedroom units in a quiet environment close to Sam Levy Shopping Centre. The village includes amenities such as a clubhouse, bowling green, tennis courts, and a clinic.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €350
- Volunteer hours given: 155 hours

Several groups and various members of the jurisdiction in various regions helped with projects providing care for the elderly. The activities involved frequent cooking for groups of elderly persons, transportation of individuals to medical/dental appointments, social excursions including museums and dinners, weekly grocery shopping and help in acquiring mobility support equipment. The donations comprised a monetary gift of €250, in-kind donations of €100, and 155 volunteer man-hours.

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

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

In June 2025, a donation of medical and hygiene supplies valued at €500 was delivered to the *Czeslaw Domin hospice* in Darłowo/Koszalin in Poland [with 30 volunteer hours]. The hospice relies heavily on donations, as public funding covers only a small portion of operating costs. It is named after Bishop Czesław Domin (†1996), who, during the 1980s and 1990s, was a valued partner and supporter of the Order of St Lazarus in its humanitarian efforts for the Polish population. A close and friendly relationship with the current Bishop of the Diocese of Koszalin-Kołobrzeg, Krzysztof Zadarko, where the hospice is located is also maintained by the jurisdiction.



Dirk Augustin with the Hospital Director: ks. Krzysztof Sendecki

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Individuals with special needs

Support to individuals with special needs	This category should identify projects aiming to ameliorate the lives and promote the wellbeing of those individuals with special needs, including those with physical deformities or mental health issues.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €847
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The Southeast Commandery of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of US$1,000 [eq. €847] and 10 volunteer hours towards the charity *Heartland Horses Equine Activities & Leaning* that aims to improving the lives of individuals with physical, mental health, and cognitive disability through therapeutic riding and other horse-related activities.



Stable room dedicated in memory of H.E. John Tempone, COL USMC (Ret.), KCLJ, MMLJ

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €12,254
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Australian Capital Territory Commandery				
L'Arche Genesaret Community	Provides community accommodation and support for adults with intellectual disabilities. While the charity is now supported by the NDIS, funding is still required to replace simple things that break or wear out. The sub-jurisdiction organized a barbecue for people with adult Down's Syndrome and special needs.	A$2,000 [€1,229]	Nil	33



Barbeque: L'Arche Genesaret Community

Western Australia				
Wheelchairs for Kids	Wheelchairs for Kids is a volunteer-based not-for-profit organization providing the transformative gift of mobility to children in impoverished and underdeveloped countries.	A$3,000 [€1,844]	Nil	5
Tasmania Commandery				
Gibson Unit, Calvary St John's Hospital	Supports the provision of holistic therapy for cancer patients, including massage therapy, music therapy, and provision of reading material. The Commandery supported the new Kunanyi Terrace outdoor rehabilitation service.	A$9,940 [€6,108]	Nil	12



Plaque at the Rehabilitation Unit, Calvary St John's Hospital

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 3,000
- Volunteer hours given: 196 hours

In a philanthropic project ongoing since 2021, six jurisdictional members have been providing a regular voluntary service amounting to about 196 volunteer hours in the *House of Compassion* in Vienna, visiting people with dementia and other needy people. In addition, the jurisdiction again supported, with a monetary donation amounting to €3,000, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to support their *Petrus Donders-Care-Palliative-Programme* in Manathoor/Kerala in India. This programme includes priority care of outpatients (in their home). If this kind of care is not possible, the care is provided at a Palliative Station in a hospital.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €4,176
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of Can$5,000 (eq. €3,093) to *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Quebec* to help with the provision of support and equipment for patients and families living through this form of motor neurone disease (MND). The jurisdiction further supported several charities targeting particular medical areas such as *Heart & Stroke*, *Alzheimer Society*, *Stars Air Ambulance*, *Aux Trois Sentiers*, and *Vivre Grand* with a donation of Can$1,750 [eq. €1083]. These donations were Memorial Donations honouring members of the Order who

died in 2024. Each organization received Can$250. For those members who do not indicate a preferred charity, the Order directs funds to the reproduction of *A Caregiver's Guide*.



Donation to ALS Society Quebec

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €693
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has provided support for the *St Joseph's Home* in Žíreč with a donation of CZK17,000 (eq. €693). St Joseph's Home provides a service for people affected with multiple sclerosis and their families. The donation went towards a contribution to the construction of 'smart apartments' in the St Franciscus home as well as contributions to rehabilitation projects.

Grand Priory of Finland

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

The jurisdiction supported the *City of Kouvola Cancer Society* with a donation of €1,000 to help support the well-being of patients with malignancies and to support programs aimed at the prevention of such malignancies.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €15,000
- Volunteer hours given: 727 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity Support to individuals with special needs	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
People with special needs	Provision of support and legal help for individuals with restricted physical mobility and young people in difficulty.	Nil	Nil	227
Association "L'Auvergne pour un enfant"	Provision of support to children from Africa coming to France for heart operations.	€15,000 per child	Nil	Nil
Priory of Boigny				
France Dépression	Volunteer work assisting the management of a hotline providing psychological support and suicide risk prevention.	Nil	Nil	500

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €12,000
- Volunteer hours given: 3 days x 2 persons = 144 hours

As military personnel of the jurisdiction, the Grand Prior Chev. Col. Dr. Sándor Pellek and postulant Lieutenant László Varga participated in the 62nd International Military Pilgrimage – "Pilgrims of Hope" – to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. The sanctuary is a destination for sick and disabled pilgrims as the Lourdes water, which has flowed from the grotto since the apparitions, is reputed to have miraculous powers of healing.



Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

- Monetary donation made: € 5,438
- Volunteer hours given: 1,600 hours

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

Members of the jurisdiction, Chev. Dr Joseph Debono and Dame Sandra Debono, are also closely involved with the management of the Archdiocesan Society *UMTAL - Ghaqda Maltija Ghat-Trasport Tal-Morda F'Lourdes* - which organizes pilgrimage visits for individuals with special needs to the Holy Shrine at Lourdes. These members not only help with the general organization, the jurisdictional hospitaller serving as the president of UMTAL, but also act as volunteer hands-on helpers to assist with transport and care for pilgrims during the trip. During 2025, the jurisdiction helpers were led by the Grand Prior, Chev. Dr Raymond Gatt and his spouse, and the Senior Chaplain of the jurisdiction, Fr Joe Cini. This required significant time amounting to a minimum of about 1,500 volunteer hours. Further support was given to this Archdiocesan Society with a monetary donation amounting to €5,238 generated by a wine tasting reception sponsored by Ta' Betta Wine Estates at Siġġiewi, Malta, together with an art auction and a raffle.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: € 4,000
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €2,000 to support the work of the voluntary organization *Puttinu Cares* which deals with cancer support issues. The jurisdiction further donated the sum of €1,000 to *Dar tal-Providenza* which serves as a hospice providing care to individuals with severe disabilities, and a further €1,000 to *Inspire Foundation Malta* which provides educational, therapeutic and leisure services to children and adults with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.



Donations to Dar tal-Providenza and Inspire Foundation Malta

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

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

The Grand Bailiwick members have supported the maintenance and management of the *Manege Island Riding School* for individuals with special needs.

Priory of North Macedonia

- Monetary donation made: €2,500
- Volunteer hours given: 40 hours

The jurisdiction, through its voluntary organization Lazarus Humanitarian Organization Macedonia, has donated clothing to a value of about €2,500 and provided 40 volunteer hours to support students of the *Iskra Secondary School for Children with Special Needs* in Shtip with the aim of improving their well-being, supporting their daily needs, and promoting solidarity and social responsibility.



Donation to Iskra Secondary School for Children with Special Needs

Grand Priory of Poland

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

A member of the jurisdiction supported the *Chomik Foundation* (https://fundacja.chomik.pl/centrum-rehabilitacji) by serving as chairperson to the organization. The Foundation helps and supports a large group of physically and mentally handicapped persons, and is strongly involved in the life of the local community. The Rehabilitation Centre, which is being built, will increase the availability of rehabilitation services.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €2,530
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the *Forth Driving Group* based in Falkirk, Scotland, with a monetary donation of £1,000 [eq. €1,150] to support attendance at a competition. The Forth Driving Group is part of the Riding for the Disabled project where people with special needs are taken carriage driving. This gives them independence, builds confidence, and offers fun and friendship, all of which improves the lives of these people physically and mentally.

The jurisdiction also supported the *207th Guides and Ranger Unit of Glasgow*, Scotland, with a donation of £600 [eq. €690] to purchase craft materials. The 207th Guides and Ranger unit is a unit for girls with additional support needs, aged 11 to early 30s, allowing them to fully experience guiding. Girls within the unit have many complex needs, including a wide range of learning difficulties, autism of varying levels on the neurodivergent spectrum, ADHD, Down Syndrome, as well as complex medical and physical needs such as cerebral palsy. Two members require mobility aids. The role of parents and carers is also recognized, and a welcoming space is provided which offers them the opportunity for rest, connection and support from others.

Further support with a monetary donation of £600 [eq. €690] was given to the *Muirshiel Centre* in Port Glasgow, Scotland, to purchase equipment supporting the maintenance of daily living skills. The centre is a local charity committed to providing a day service that meets the support needs of people living in Port Glasgow, Kilmacolm and East Greenock. The centre is operated by a team of professionally trained staff dedicated to the care and support of our service users. The centre caters for a wide range of individuals including the frail and elderly, those with learning disabilities, dementia or other mental health problems and those who are socially isolated.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: €400
- Volunteer hours given: 26 hours

Members of the jurisdiction has provided support with a monetary donation of €200 and 20 volunteer manhours to the *Panenský Týnec Wheelchair Users Club.* The Wheelchair Users Club is an association of paraplegics who have refused to give in to their disability remaining employed and active. The support provided by the jurisdiction involved help with the organization of the Club's primary activities—specifically, training wheelchair users to ride and utilize ATVs (quad bikes). The jurisdiction has further supported the Visually Impaired at *Panenský Týnec Airfield* with a monetary donation of €200 and 6 volunteer manhours. The support involved help in coordinating an annual event designed to let visually impaired and blind members test their motor vehicle driving skills with the help of navigators. This year, participants had the chance to try out fire trucks, tractors, electric vehicles, and gasoline-powered cars. The event offers them a unique glimpse into the world of the sighted and the opportunity to experience the cockpits of various vehicles firsthand.

Grand Priory of Spain

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

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

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €2,079
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified



The St Peder of Lödöse Commandery has assisted the *Fontänhuset – Fountain House* Foundation in Gothenburg to raise €1,898 in order to support individuals with poor mental health. Fountain Houses reach over 100,000 individuals annually in over 30 countries. The Fountain House model is an evidence-based, functional rehabilitation method for people with mental illness. The Commandery supported the activities through fundraising

and the sale of "The Good Gift" buttons. This initiative further allowed the donation of €181 to the *Kronprinsessan Victorias fond - Crown Princess Victoria's Foundation.* This foundation supports children with disabilities to have the same right to participate in leisure activities as all other children by funding, among other things, camp activities, trips/excursions and various sports by providing resources for extra staff and adapted equipment. The aim is to support activities that help break isolation, improve quality of life, strengthen self-esteem and meet new friends. [https://www.radiohjalpen.se/insamlingar/kronprinsessan-victorias-fond]

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

- Monetary donation made: € 2,209
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the work of the *Zürcher Lighthouse,* a palliative care organization in Zurich, with a monetary donation of CHF 2,000 [eq. €2,209]. The Zurich Lighthouse offers people with serious or terminal illnesses a place of dignity, comfort, and professional care. The focus is on living well until the end, not on curing disease. A dedicated team of nurses, doctors, and therapists provides holistic support, easing pain, fears, and emotional distress. Families also receive care and space for saying farewell. Guided by compassion and respect, the Zurich Lighthouse ensures that everyone receives this support – made possible through donations and volunteer commitment.





Zürcher Lighthouse facilities

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: €870
- Volunteer hours given: 700 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *ZimCare Trust* with a monetary donation of €870 and 70 volunteer hours. Founded in 1981, the Zimcare Trust is a private voluntary organization supporting people with mental health challenges in Zimbabwe. Zimcare supports more than 1,000 people annually in 14 centres. Its mission is to facilitate an environment in which all learning and care programmes are focused on individual needs so that each person is assisted to excel within his or her capacity.

International Grand Bailiwick

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

A group within the jurisdiction undertook programs to advocate for mental health issues, aiming to transform public opinion about mental health, providing tutoring and advice to students with mental development challenges to help them achieve a high school certificate, and the design & production of a pin to serve as a fundraiser initiative. This initiative required the monetary donation of €5,000 to support the initiative which raised a total of €40,000.

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Medical Aid

Medical Aid	This category should include projects supporting medical aid provisions or specialized equipment to institutions or individuals. It can also include actual medical service volunteer work done in the community.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €5,929
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The Commandery of the Southeast has undertaken to support *Georgia Transplant Foundation* in Roswell (Georgia, USA) with a monetary donation of US$5,000 [eq. €4,235]. The GA Transplant foundation works in rural areas aiding and facilitating help for people who need organ or tissue transplants as well as acquiring organ donors. They also provide help after transplant operations. In addition, the sub-jurisdiction further provided a monetary donation of US$2,000 [eq. €1,694] and 200 volunteer hours to the *St Lazarus United Methodist Hospital* at the Sebring-Mwanza Mission Centre, near Mwanza, Tanzania. During the past 18 months, donations were used for septic tanks construction, skimming and painting, six toilet aluminium doors, wooden doors and framing for the doors. Additional items purchased were a pharmacy dispensing room showcase, surgical ward gypsum board fittings, PVC board fittings and floor renovation, roofing, repairs and other minor renovations for some rooms. Additionally, the GPA has supplied the facility with medical supplies, equipment, machines and consumables for a hospital in a shipping container sent across the world from Tennessee, USA. While construction continues and accreditation is pending, the GPA funded ongoing security operations and provided staff to empty various supply containers shipped to the site by the GPA and other ministries.



St Lazarus United Methodist Hospital, Tanzania

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €9,604
- Volunteer hours given: 96 hours

The Tasmania Commandery supported the *Whittle Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital* with a donation of Aus$3,799 [eq. €2,335], in-kind goods estimated at Aus$2,500 [eq. €1,536], and 74 volunteer man-hours to help with the acquisition of 8 quilts for patients, and new sofas for the use by patients and families; and to support garden improvements with the addition of potted plants and a re-design of the area.



Hospitaller Peter Flett and his wife, Louise, working in the newly refurbished outdoor garden space at the Whittle Unit, Royal Hobart Hospital

In addition, in collaboration with St John Ambulance of Tasmania, University of Tasmania Dept Paramedicine, Rotary Clubs of Tasmania and the NGO Saide Ba Ema Hatu, the commandery also provided aid to *medical facilities in Timor Leste* with a donation of Aus$9,330 [eq. €5,733], and 22 volunteer man-hours. The project focussed on Atauro Island which is several kms off the Timor island and required considerable equipment and training support for its community health centre. Our Order purchased First Aid medical equipment consisting of an Automatic Defibrillator, AED 3 trainer kit, and 12 lead ECG machine.



Donation of medical diagnostic equipment to East Timor Basic Emergency Life Support program

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

- Monetary donation made: € 2,450
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction gave a donation of €2,450 to the *Hospital Costa del Sol Project* proposed by the Grand Priory of Spain.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €1,237
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of Can$2,000 (eq. €1,237) to *Nav-Care* to help with the provision of First Aid Kits for rural Newfoundland communities.



Donation to Nav-Care

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €17,097
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Through the cooperation of the Old Catholic Church in the Czech Republic, the jurisdiction has supported the non-profit organization Baytua Baytak and Nation Station by providing funds amounting to €14,000 and in-kind medicines and medical supplies amounting to CZK76,000 (eq. €3,097) to the Christian communities in Lebanon.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €6,000
- Volunteer hours given: 307 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity Medical Aid	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
UNASS	Union nationale des associations de secouristes et sauveteurs (Limousin). Providing services of a First aid station during sports or cultural events.	Nil	Nil	160
Association "Les Mains Ouvertes"	Support for the collection of several hundred optical glasses from optical shops.	Nil	€6,000	unquantified
Priory of Boigny				
Nancy Blood Donors' Association	Logistic help with blood donation campaign.	Nil	Nil	147

HDZ – German Dentists' Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €173,331
- Volunteer hours given: ~2,800 – overall number of volunteer hours reported

Medical Aid support, particularly dental related projects		
Beneficiary	**Country served**	**Donation**
• Dental station and dental clinic Materials, Palestinian refugee camp 	Lebanon – Middle East	€12,000

• 4 portable dental stations	Europe	€2,800
• Undefined philanthropic activity	Europe	€5,000
• Trailer hitch for Dentomobil	Europe	€3,148
• Donation in kind: Menschenfreunde e.V.	Europe	€345
• Donation in kind: Ukraine Toothbrushes etc. Dirk Augustin	Ukraine - Europe	€2,772
• Forwarding of scrap gold proceeds o Helfende Hände e.V., GDCI e.V. o Kleine Herzen Hannoverv e.V., Germany	 Asia Germany	 €18,016 €10, 173
• Purchase of four solar batteries for Medical Health Centre	Bugko, Philippines - Asia	€10,200
• Support [2 instalments] to OHCP Philippines	Philippines – Asia	€7,201
• Donation in kind: Mbuhay Bugko, Philippines- Pantke Handpiece, Matrices	Philippines – Asia	€160
• Project Radiant Smile e.V.; dental prophylaxis on Sulawesi and Kali Imantan in Indonesia Project Radiant Smile e.V.; Dental prophylaxis in Sulawesi and Kalimantan	Indonesia – Asia	€500
• Donation in kind: Mini Molars Cambodia Halstenbach	Cambodia – Asia	€550
• German Cleft Children's Aid	Bolivia – South America	€10,000
• Dental prophylaxis program	Argentina - South America	€10,000
• OHCP Project "Villa Zagala" - Anniversary Donation AoG	Argentina - South America	€2,500
• Development Future Haiti e.V. SCHULE UND KRANKENSTATION LYPEDHA CARREFOUR	Haiti – Central America	€30,000
• Donation in kind: Development Future Haiti e.V. SCHULE UND KRANKENSTATION LYPEDHA CARREFOUR	Haiti – Central America	€30,000
• Donation in kind: Toothbrushes Lucia Gühring	Domenical Republic – Central America	€751
• Eritrea Aid – Dental equipment, instruments for clinics, transport and project costs	Eritrea – Africa	€22,580
• Donation in kind: Dental Practice Zahnsinn Dr. Meier	Cape Town - Africa	€1,700
• Donation in kind: Kenya Project Dr. Ernst Richter	Kenya - Africa	€2,948
• Donation in kind: Tamale Ghana Instruments Christiane Neher	Ghana - Africa	€160

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €9,000
- Volunteer hours given: 7 hours

Through the intervention of the jurisdictional hospitaller, the Grand Priory has again supported the versatile intensive care unit of the *General Hospital for Thoracic Diseases "Sotiria"* with a portable General Electric V scan ultrasound with two ultrasound heads, and 50 intravenous mobile stands with wheels. The donation involved in-kind items estimated at €9,000 and 7 volunteer man-hours.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

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

The jurisdiction raised the sum of €18,000 which has been targeted to support the *Medical Missionaries of Mary* working in Tanzania. This year's focus was on supporting the establishment of a much-needed dental clinic in Kibao, bringing relief and dignity to those with limited access to healthcare. Further funds for the same charity amounting to €1,014 were raised during a barbecue held at the Grand Prior's Residence on 2 August 2025. In February 2025, the Medical Missionaries of Mary formally acknowledged receipt of a €3,000 as a first instalment from the Order for hiring a doctor for the Nangwa Village Health Programme. They further requested support for the purchase of a Toyota Land Cruiser to service remote villages (estimated cost €65,400 before VAT; €77,200 with VAT), highlighting urgent transport needs for antenatal and child health services. This remains under consideration. Unfortunately, no further funds could be transferred to Tanzania because of the internal strife present within the country.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: 100 hours

The jurisdiction made a donation of €1,500, together with 100 volunteer hours, in favour of the *Sisters of St Charles Borromeo* in Tanzania to help complete the dental clinic at Kibao, Tanzania.



Dental clinic at Kibao, Tanzania

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €454
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Research For Life is a charitable organization that provides funding for medical research and awards fellowships for recently graduated PhD students. The Grand Priory donated NZD900 [eq. €454] to renew its Corporate Sponsorship for 2024-25.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

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

As in previous years the jurisdiction has continued to support *Murambinda Hospital* in Zimbabwe with a monetary donation of £2,000 [eq. €2,300] to help provide health care to the needy population living in an under-resourced rural area. The donation funded the purchase of a dental X-ray machine.



Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: €35,500
- Volunteer hours given: 430 hours

Members of the jurisdiction have continued to support *Dom SV. Lazára* [St. Lazarus House] at Martin-Priekopa with a monetary donation of €1,500 made by Rudolf Kulman, while two other members, Peter Šimičák and Rudolf Kulma, donated a total of 430 volunteer man-hours. *Dom SV. Lazára* serves as a hospice accommodating 100 elderly persons cared for by 52 caregivers. The Grand Master and the Grand Chancellor visited the facility during the year.



Visiting the residents at Dom SV. Lazára

In addition, a member of the jurisdiction, František Hropko, supported *Domov Života* [Home of Life] retirement home managed by the non-profit organization Banská Štiavnica with a donation of €34,000. The donation was made to support the purchase of medical aids and equipment suitable for the elderly including pressure ulcer mattresses and a BTL-6000 Lymphastim Topline lymphatic drainage device (€28,000) and supporting an autistic student's stay in the facility to enable private elementary education.



Support to Domov Života

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €24,128
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has supported the dispensary of Fullbantang hospital in Gambia with a donation of €8,314 and the Bombali Health Hospital in northeast Sierra Leone with a donation of €15,814.



Support to Fullbantang hospital in Gambia



Support to Bombali Health Hospital in Sierra Leone

International Grand Bailiwick

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

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

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Child & family welfare support

Child & family welfare support	This category should include projects targeting child and family welfare support. These may include support for orphanages and other institutions caring for children, and projects aiming to improve the lives of families in the community.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €134,247
- Volunteer hours given: 403 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed a monetary donation of €96,137, an in-kind donation of €38,110 and 403 volunteer hours towards projects aiming to support child and family welfare.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the Atlantic				
Infant Welfare Centre (IWC), Jerusalem	The Infant Welfare Centre (IWC) provides medical, dental, educational, and social support and training to over 2,000 people of all faiths by diagnosing and treating medical, dental, and nutritional issues and providing preventative care. A nursery houses babies from poor families and a kindergarten serves children up to four years of age by providing them with nutrition, medical care, and education.	US$65,000 [€55,049]	-	50



Children at the Infant Welfare Centre, Jerusalem

Friends of the Unborn Maternity Home-Quincy, MA	Friends of the Unborn is a Catholic organization that provides maternity and newborn baby housing and supplies, along with onsite program support services, including clinical and mental health care services for mothers and babies. Examples of products provided to the family include diapers, baby wipes, car seats, strollers, cribs, laundry supplies, and maternal and newborn baby clinical care services.	US$7,000 [€5,928]	-	50





Donation to Friends of the Unborn Maternity Home

Barren Heights Christian Retreat Center, Louisville, Kentucky	Provided support for one family to attend a weeklong retreat to help the family learn coping skills to assist everyone in the family in managing the challenges of living with a family member with a disability. There are over 54 million families in the USA affected by disabilities, one of the largest and most underserved populations in America. Thirty percent are below the poverty line. One in three single moms have a child with a disability.	US$1,500 [€1,270]	-	-
Southwest Commandery				
Children's Transplant Initiative, Texas	Children's Transplant Initiative was founded in 2016 to provide housing and financial assistance to families of children who are prospective, current or former organ transplant patients at the Texas Medical Center. Its stated goal is to ease the burden and lessen the fears of children and their families undergoing the transplantation process. It supports an average of 31 families per year with seven apartments at zero cost to the families themselves.	US$3,623 [€3,069]	-	-

Commandery of the South				
Harry Thompson Center, New Orleans, Louisiana	The Centre is a daytime centre for individuals that are unhoused or in unstable housing. Its main areas of focus are hygiene, health, and housing. There will be a new laundry facility with commercial washers and dryers that individuals can use to wash their clothing. This funding will fund one commercial dryer including installation costs. Funds will be used to help purchase commercial washers and dryers in order to provide laundry services to unhoused individuals.	US$7,000 [€5,928]	-	-



Plaque to new laundry facility

Veterans Hospital Playground, New Orleans, Louisiana	The Fisher Foundation provides services to members of military families. This request is to fund a project to build a playground at the VA Hospital in New Orleans, which facility will be used by the children of veterans being treated at the VA Hospital.	US$21,000 [€17,785]	US$45,000 [€38,110]	300
West Commandery				
L A Pregnancy Services	LA Pregnancy Center [LAPS] is based in downtown Los Angeles as a pro-life organization that works as an outreach facility to connect women in need, with a variety of services from pre-natal care to housing, to work to infant care and infant supplies, as well as counselling. The donation provided pro-life pre-natal care to many women.	US$3,500 [€2,964]	-	-



Donation to L A Pregnancy Services

Southeast Commandery				
Honor Mark Foundation, Bloomingdale, Georgia, USA	This charity works to help veterans, first responders, and their families who have been injured or are enduring some other kind of hardship by utilizing charitable donations.	US$4,893 [€4,144]	-	3



Brian Harlow OLJ, John Byrnes GCLJ Grand Prior, Anna Byrnes DLJ at Honor Mark Event 2025

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €23,757
- Volunteer hours given: 132 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity CHILD & FAMILY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Victoria Commandery				
Anglican Overseas Aid - Spafford Centre in Jerusalem	The Spafford Children's Centre, supported by Anglican Overseas Aid, is located in East Jerusalem and provides comprehensive support to Palestinian children living under challenging socio-economic conditions. Since its inception in 1925, the centre has been dedicated to the holistic health and empowerment of children by offering psychological, social and educational support. The centre focuses on treating trauma in children who have experienced violence or family stress and provides individualized tutoring to help them succeed in overcrowded school environments.	A$14,000 [€8,603]	Nil	Nil
Australian Capital Territory Commandery				
Wesley Crisp Project (Canberra, ACT)	Wesley Church supports families from the Congo to settle in Australia.	A$940 [€578]	Nil	2
Farm at Galong (Canberra, ACT)	Galong Farm supports women and children in need as a result of homelessness.	A$3,240 [€1,991]	Nil	30



Donation to Anglican Overseas Aid - Spafford Centre in Jerusalem



Galong Farm

Queensland Commandery				
Underprivileged youth	A member runs weekly Judo classes for underprivileged children and youths at a local Baptist Church.	Nil	Nil	100
Timor Leste Orphanage & Children Initiative	Our donation enabled the Sisters of the Children of Mary girl's orphanage in Timor Leste to drill a new deeper well to access a reliable supply of clean fresh water for the orphanage. We also supplied seven desktop and laptop computers to two secondary schools and the girl's orphanage in Timor Leste.	A$6,440 [€3,957]	Nil	Nil
Catholic Charitable Works Fund	Our Hospitaller, Fr Harry Reuss, was contacted by Centacare in November 2025 seeking immediate assistance for a young girl being removed from her family for her own safety. The young girl was being relocated, with a carer, several hundred kilometres away to a safe location in a country town and our donation enabled Centacare to meet the immediate needs of the young girl, such as clothing and toiletries, and also provide ongoing support for her time in care.	A$6,000 [€3,687]	Nil	Nil
Second Chances Program	The Second Chance Program supports homeless and at-risk women and children in crisis care and domestic violence shelters in Queensland. Our donation supports a new electronic tracking removal program for women and their children escaping domestic violence. The use of E-stalking and electronic tracking of women in domestic violence, abuse and coercive control has increased dramatically in recent years. This new program scans vehicles, electronic devices, clothing and toys to locate and remove hidden portable electronic tracking devices.	A$4,000 [€2,458]	Nil	Nil

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €27,506
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

A donation of CZK300,000 [eq. €12,225) and 20 volunteer hours was made to help organize Christmas parties and purchase suitable gifts for children in orphanages in the Czech Republic, Romania, Austria and Ukraine. Further Christmas packages were distributed to

prisoners in Prison České Budějovice. The Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic continued to support Christian orphanages in Syria with a donation amounting to CZK375,000 (eq. €15,281). The project, begun in 2017 by the Community of Helpers of the Order of St Lazarus, involved the distant adoption of Syrian Christian orphans.

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €26,415
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the social projects of a number of parishes and congregations [9 parishes of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*; and 1 deacon congregation of the *Orthodox Church of Finland* (Patriarchate of Constantinople) with a monetary donation of €26,415 where Christmas presents in the form of 50-100 euro-value gift vouchers were given to about 450 needy families with small children as part of the Order´s annual '*Christmas Coin*' program.



Donation to Orthodox Church of Finland received by Fr. Kaarlo

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €3,000
- Volunteer hours given: 94 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity Child & family welfare support	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Single-parent families and abused women	Assistance to help single-parent families and abused women with children find secure housing, essential transport and legal advice as necessary.	Nil	Nil	94
Priory of Boigny				
Orphelinat les St Innocents de Lobogo, Benin, West Africa	Since 2022, the orphanage has benefited from structured support aimed at strengthening its long-term self-sufficiency. This assistance has enabled the installation of solar panels with battery storage, notably providing power for a water pump and ensuring access to running water. In 2025, funding to the amount of EUR 1,000 supported the development of a fish-farming pond, together with pig and poultry breeding activities, with a view to improving the children's protein intake. The savings thus generated subsequently made it possible to launch income-generating activities, including fruit juice pressing, as well as the bottling and packaging of honey for sale on the local market. In order to support this development, a motorised tricycle was funded to the amount of EUR 2,000.	€3,000	Nil	Nil

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €2,500
- Volunteer hours given: 6 hours

The Grand Priory has again supported the *Women's Shelter of 'Palaio Faliro – Agios Alexandros'*, which hosts girls from 6 to 18 years old, from families with socio-economic problems, who have been there under legal orders of protection. The support consisted of the provision of food supplies for one month and winter clothing for the hosted girls and young women. The donation involved in-kind gifts estimated at €2,500 and 6 volunteer man-hours.

Priory of North Macedonia

- Monetary donation made: €1,800
- Volunteer hours given: 25 hours

The jurisdiction, with the assistance of specialist ophthalmologist Prof. Dr. Biljana Kostovska, provided free eye examinations for 30 elementary school children. The project was estimated to have a value of €1,800 and involved 25 volunteer hours. The examinations were carried out by qualified medical professionals (specialist ophthalmologists) using appropriate equipment, in conditions adapted for working with children. In addition to the examinations, an educational session on eye health was organized, during which students were introduced to basic information regarding proper eye care, the importance of regular eye check-ups, the correct use of digital devices, and the prevention of the most common eye problems in children. The screening program identified vision problems in three school children who were referred for further eye screening to a specialized eye hospital, SISTINA OPHTALMOLOGY, in Skopje.



Free ophthalmic check-ups for school children

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: 12 hours

The jurisdiction, in collaboration with the Karol Healthcare Facilities and the Order of Physicians of Palermo, organized a fund-raising 'Charity Evening for Benin' at the Tonnara Bordonaro to support a project run by the *Sisters of the Visitation*. The €5,000 proceeds from

the fund-raising event went towards supporting the costs of the construction of a health clinic dedicated to maternity and children in Hévié, Benin. The organization of the event required 12 volunteer hours.



'Charity Evening for Benin' at the Tonnara Bordonaro

Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: €6,500
- Volunteer hours given: 180 hours

Members of the jurisdiction have helped organize the *2nd Annual Children's Day at Sister Eliška's House in Hoješím* with a monetary donation of €6,500 and 180 volunteer manhours. Hosting about 160 visitors, the event commenced with a morning Mass held for the children followed by a concert in the chapel by the CONSORTIUM CAMERALE SLANENSE ensemble. The children then moved on to various competitions and challenges. Refreshments, including several hot meals, salads, desserts, and grilled specialties, were provided. The program offered a wide range of entertainment, concluding with prizes awarded for courage, competitiveness, and successful completion of the tasks. This event is attended by large Christian families who appreciate the opportunity to slow down and relax during the program.

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: €2,387
- Volunteer hours given: 56 hours

The jurisdiction donated in-kind goods amounting to the sum of R6,000 [eq. €309] and 12 volunteer manhours to collect and man the 'Christine Revell Market' supporting the *CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME*. This home provides full-time care for up to 49 babies and children from birth to five years of age who have been referred by social workers and placed here by order of a children's court. The children are neglected, abandoned, abused or orphaned and are accepted at the home irrespective of HIV status, race or gender. In addition, a further in-kind donation of infant diapers amounting to a value of R6,000 [eq. €309] and 12 volunteer manhours was made to the home.





Donations to CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME

In collaboration with Rotary Club Krisenbosch, support in the form of food and basic feminine hygiene products, plus healthcare items with a value of R28,695 [eq. €1,478] and 16 volunteer manhours, was given to *SISTERS INCORPORATED* which plays a critical role in protecting, supporting and empowering women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence, abuse and the stigmatization that is so prevalent and widespread in many South African sub-economic communities.



Donations to SISTERS INCORPORATED

The jurisdiction further donated a branded multi-purpose drawstring bag with essential toiletries and personal care items to each woman attending their sick children in *TYGERBERG HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD*. The donation amounted to a value of R5,640 [eq. €291] and 4 volunteer hours. The mothers usually accompany their critically ill child and often do not have sufficient provisions to care for themselves, not even the most basic personal hygiene items. In addition, the jurisdiction supported the *Thula Baba Project* with 12 volunteer man-hours. The Thula Baba Organization works through in-community women to support mothers with newborns 'From the womb to the classroom' in order to improve healthcare and general living conditions and mothering technique training, thereby creating a safer, more stable environment and an improvement for school readiness for the child.



Donations to TYGERBERG HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €510
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

The jurisdiction supported the distribution of 54 toys during Christmas to children of 30 families in need (generally supported by the Food Campaign of the jurisdiction). These were valued at €510; the project required 30 volunteer man-hours.



Toys for Children

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €13,536
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

St Gertrude Commandery made a donation of €3,795 to the charity *Nya Vingar – New Wings* which serves as a non-profit organization working to support vulnerable women and children in the community subject to domestic violence [www.nyavingar.com].

The Commandery of St Peter of Lödöse has supported the *Kvinnojouren - Women's shelter* in Mark-Svenljunga-Tranemo through a Christmas gift in-kind collection during the month of December, amounting to a value of €2,033. The shelter offers support and protection to women and children who are exposed to male violence, including physical, psychological, sexual, economic or honour-related violence [https://www.kvinnojourenimark.se/]. Similarly, the St Enevold delegation has supported the *Kvinnojouren - Women's shelter* in Karlshamn through a similar Christmas gift in-kind donation with a value of €1,383; a further monetary donation of €1,807 was made to the women's shelters in Karlskrona and Karlshamn.



Donations to Kvinnojouren - Women's shelter in Mark-Svenljunga-Tranemo and in Karlshamn



The Commandery of St Peter of Lödöse carried out a campaign in December 2025, aiming to raise funds in the amount of €4,518 from various companies, schools, churches and social media for the benefit of *Maskrosbarn – Dandelion Children*, a children's rights organization that, since 2005, has worked to improve the living conditions of the 700,000 children in Sweden with parents who have an addiction, a mental illness or who expose them to violence [https://maskrosbarn.org/].

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

- Monetary donation made: € 3,314
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported *Project Asmara – Neonatology of ARCHEMED* in Möhnesee, Germany with a donation of CHF3,000 [eq. €3,314], which project supports the provision of services to a neonatal unit in Asmara, Eritrea. Several times a year, a Swiss and a German team consisting of paediatricians and paediatric nurses come to support the Eritrean nurses and doctors and to further develop the project. ARCHEMED focuses on training Eritrean healthcare workers. As a result of practical teaching and suitable equipment, care quality and

survival rates have improved — helping up to 1,800 infants each year and proving how partnership can save lives.



Project Asmara – Neonatology Unit of ARCHEMED

Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: €870
- Volunteer hours given: 15 hours

The jurisdiction supported the *Emerald Hill Children's Home* with a monetary donation of €870 and 15 volunteer hours. EHCH is a home for orphaned and other vulnerable children, located at the summit of Emerald Hill in Zimbabwe's capital city, Harare. Since 1914, the Roman-Catholic Dominican Sisters have provided shelter for children in need at this home.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €100
- Volunteer hours given: 125 hours

Support in the form of a monetary donation of €100 and 125 volunteer man-hours was given to Restorative Justice, an organization that works with teenage children in trouble with the legal system, helping them to avoid being given criminal sentences.

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Community Support

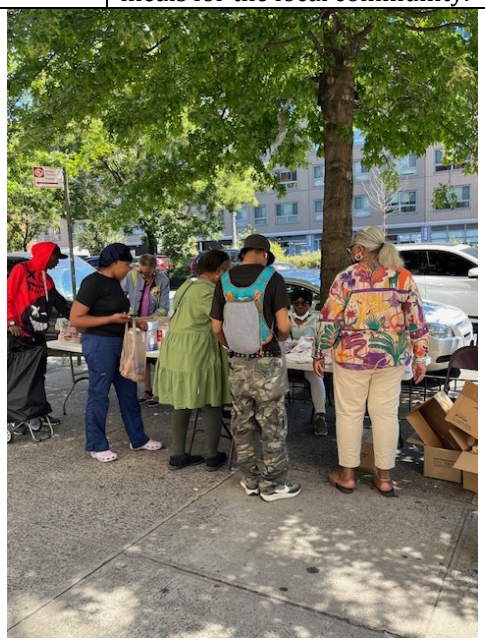
Community support	This category should include projects aimed to support the community in general or sections of the community. Examples may include providing support for combatting drug abuse, supporting rape victims, food campaigns, shelter for the homeless, etc.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €292,933
- Volunteer hours given: 8,589 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed towards the following projects aimed at supporting the community in general or sections of the community.

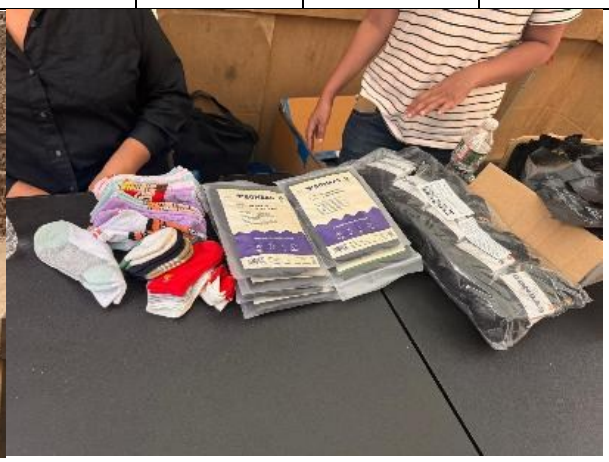
Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Commandery of the Atlantic				
Shiloh Baptist Church, New York City, New York	Shiloh Baptist Church is a Christian organization that provides support for long-standing health initiatives, global missions, and local family assistance. The Order supported refurbishment of the pantry area by providing a new freezer and refrigerator which in turn provides meals for the local community.	US$4,349 [€3,684]	-	100





Cathedral of St Patrick Homeless Outreach Project, New York City	The Outreach Project has been designated to help homeless, children and elderly people, and has also been used to purchase food supplies as well as necessities for distribution throughout Midtown Manhattan.	US$4,000 [€3,388]	-	15





Saint Patrick's Cathedral Homeless Outreach Project

Anglican Fellowship of Manhattan/Church of St Michael & St George, New York City	To support this nascent Ministry of Worship, Service, and Outreach in the Name of Christ in the heart of Manhattan's Upper East Side bringing the gospel to those who have not heard it and providing opportunities for learning and service to the community in the name of Christ throughout the week.	US$6,727 [€5,697]	-	10
Grand Commandery of the South				
Cornerstone Buses Ministry	The funds will be used to charter 1 bus to transport families of prisoners at Angola prison to the prison for family Christmas visitations. These visits promote healthy relationships, encourage support networks, strengthen family ties and provide incentives for good behaviour by the inmates. The goal is to transport 50-75 family members for this visit.	US$1,500 [€1,270]	-	-
Just Love Your Neighbour Moving Services, New Orleans, Louisiana	The purpose of the funding request is to purchase a 5' x10' utility trailer to assist other community non-profit organizations with their family support programs. The trailer will allow JLYN to redistribute furniture donations to client families, deliver to the Northshore Food Bank Thrift Store, pick up large supply donations for Enduring Hope, etc. The trailer will also be used on our cleanup and small construction projects for economically distressed and elderly households.	US$2,500 [€2,117]	-	-



Trailer to Just Lover Your Neighbour Moving Services, New Orleans, Louisiana

St Andrew Food Pantry, New Orleans, Louisiana	The St Andrew's Food Ministry provides food and services to individuals in need. These funds will allow the ministry to include additional nutritional meals with fresh fruits and vegetables. The Ministry wishes to increase its outreach to additional surrounding communities and individuals. Also, the Ministry hopes the additional funds will allow it to expand its services, especially during times of hardship, such as hurricanes, in local communities.	US$1,500 [€1,270]	-	-
Southwest Commandery				
Living Bank, Texas	The Living Bank helps to confront the critical shortage of organs available for life-saving transplants. This is done by offering programs that reflect a commitment to give the gift of life to those waiting for a second chance through organ transplantation.	US$500 [€424]	-	-
Amy's House, Texas	Amy's House is a hospitality house for prospective, current or former organ transplant patients and those who support them. The organization is a service of the Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO) which exists to help transplant patients and their families, support donor families and promote donor awareness.	US$3,623 [€3,069]	-	-
Commandery of the Southeast				
Hermano de la Calle, Key Biscayne, Florida	This charity works with the homeless population in Southern Florida as well as other places by housing, training, and	US$5,000 [€4,235]	-	104

	even transporting homeless people back to family.			
Imperial Calcasieu Delegation				
Holy Family Cemetery, New Iberia, Louisiana	The Lazarus Project: Ministry of Christian Burial for Cremated Remains, New Iberia, LA will establish a reverent and dedicated burial area for cremated remains until Christian burial can be achieved.	US$2,187 [€1,852]	-	10
Commandery of the West				
Gold Star Families of Washington State	Gold Star Families of Washington's mission is to provide support and solace to families who have lost cherished loved ones due to war, injuries or other service in the U.S. Military, offering compassionate assistance and understanding. This charity serves and uplifts Gold Star families by honoring the legacy of their fallen loved ones through memorial remembrance tributes and group activities in Washington State, such as "Christmas Trees of Heroes" or the "Fallen Heroes Project." For further information, see: www.goldstarfamilieswashington.org	US$2,000 [€1,694]	-	-





Support to Gold Star Families of Washington State

El Santo Niño Community Center (Catholic Charities)	El Santo Niño is based in South Central Los Angeles and serves its immediate community. They provide a large variety of services: childcare for young children, after school care and tutoring, mentorship for teens, adult classes for English tutoring, emotional support and classes to help immigrants in navigating day to day living. They also run a food pantry and clothing give away for the community.	US$10,000 [€8,469]	-	-



Donation to El Santo Niño Community Center

Commandery of the West – Cadre of Hawaii				
Aunty Carmen's Kitchen, St Augustine-by-the-Sea Kitchen, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii	This kitchen provides support to between 30 and 90 persons daily with a total of nearly 20,000 meals being provided throughout 2025.	US$240,000 [€203,256]	unquantified	6,800+
Ka'u Catholic Community Food Pantry, Big Island, Hawaii	About 120 persons per week were assisted with a total of nearly 5200 individuals being helped in 2025.This weekly operation is wholly operated by The Reverend Father William "Pila" Tūlua-Álvarez, ChLJ, OMLJ. He and his team raise the monies to operate the food pantry, and feed those in need. In 2025 they lost a primary fundraising platform as a result of that platform's choosing to exclude religious charities.	US$62,000 [€52,508]	unquantified	1,500+
Delegation of Mexico				
Unidos Somos Iguales DF IAP	The organization of activities in support of people with disabilities, as well as activities to create greater awareness among people without disabilities so that they become more understanding and kinder. Executing events where youngsters with disabilities can have a good time, while interacting with voluntary youngsters without disabilities. As well as giving talks and organizing events at various companies to help them become more understanding towards the beneficiaries.	US$3,000 [€2,541]	-	50



Support to Unidos Somos Iguales DF IAP

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €96,769
- Volunteer hours given: 561 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
South Australia				
Second Chances SA Inc	Provides support to families of those incarcerated. Our donation was to support a program that helped children of prisoners stay out of the justice system and attend school and training. The charity also runs a second-hand furniture shop, to which donations of furniture were made. We ran a special Film Night fundraiser to generate the funds for this charity.	A$10,000 [€6,145]	A$500 [€307]	84
The Collective of St Mary Magdalene Inc., Adelaide	The Mary Mags Dinners program Program: Mary Mags Dinners – provides a sit-down three-course meal to the homeless every Saturday night and distributes clothing to those in need. Twenty-seven of our Commandery members participated throughout the year, either providing food donations, cooking and preparing food, or hosting and serving the meals. We also enlisted family, friends and even visiting international guests to help us in our mission's work, spreading the word about our Order and the difference that can be made through our volunteering.	Nil	A$2,500 [€1,536]	300





SA Commandery: in the kitchen and serving at Mary Mags Dinners

Western Australia Commandery				
Christchurch Church Emergency Community Welfare Fund	This provides support to lower economic families, suffering financial hardship in such areas as rent, utility bills, food, etc.	A$3,000 [€1,844]	Nil	5
Just Manna	This organization helps with computers, household and other goods, meals, chaplaincy/pastoral care, Christmas hampers/vouchers, tutoring, clothing for at risk communities, restorative justice, accommodation for refugees, school camps, student support and assistance for homeless people.	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	10
Queensland Commandery				
Catholic Foundation	Catholic Foundation Prisoner Release Support Service offers support to the family and loved	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	NIL

Prisoner Release Support	ones of those in prison as well as the prisoners themselves in the lead up to their release and re-entering the community. Our donation has directly assisted a number of male and female prisoners assimilate back into society.			
Trinity Pantry	Trinity Pantry supports those who simply do not cope, live rough, are hungry, are marginalised by poverty or need good options through the provision of food parcels and immediate need financial assistance. Over 1,000 individuals and families are assisted each year. Our donation assisted in both the provision of food parcels and urgent financial assistance to those in need in the community.	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	Nil
Communify	Communify offers support to people experiencing challenges related to ageing, disability, mental health, child safety, parenting, financial hardship, food security, addiction, and homelessness. Our donation assists with funding these programs.	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	Nil
New South Wales Commandery				
The Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd	Christian Ministry in rural and remote areas of NSW.	A$5,500 [€3,379]	Nil	1
Victoria Commandery				
The Wellington, Collingwood	The Wellington is a Collingwood-based community centre offering weekday drop-in services for people facing disadvantage. It provides low-cost complementary health care, social connection programs, food support, and access to community resources. Located within the public housing precinct, The Wellington acts as a stable and trusted hub for residents navigating financial stress, housing insecurity, and health challenges.	A$3,000 [€1,844]	Nil	Nil
St Mary's House of Welcome	St Mary's House of Welcome is a Fitzroy-based community centre supporting people experiencing homelessness and extreme disadvantage. Established in 1960, it provides daily meals, showers, material aid, social support, and casework assistance. Beyond immediate relief, St Mary's works to foster dignity, inclusion, and pathways toward stable housing and improved wellbeing for some of Melbourne's most vulnerable residents.	A$11,000 [€36,760]	Nil	5l



Donation to Wellington Community Centre



Donation to St Mary's House of Welcome

Anglicare Victoria	The Lazarus Centre at St Peter's Eastern Hill, operated by Anglicare Victoria, offers a hot breakfast program 365 days a year in Melbourne's CBD. More than a meal service, it provides pastoral care, referrals, and connections to housing, health, and legal supports through Anglicare's broader Help Hub network. The Centre creates a welcoming environment for people experiencing homelessness and hardship, emphasising dignity, stability, and practical assistance.	A$13,000 [€7,989]	A$150 [€92]	Nil



Anglicare Victoria team:
Chris Sprake, Wellington Centre; [left to right] Anthony Kennedy, Green Cross Inc., Sean Dostal, Leprosy Mission Australia; Jo Knight, Anglican Overseas Aid; Fiona Dickson, St Mary's House of Welcome; Paul McDonald, Anglicare; Ian Dickson, Order of St Lazarus.

The Green Cross Project, Inc.	Green Cross Project Inc is a Victorian-based charitable organisation delivering mobile health outreach to vulnerable and marginalised communities. Through partnerships with public health services and community providers, it operates mobile medical clinics and outreach programs that provide primary healthcare, harm-reduction support, and referral pathways. Its work focuses on individuals experiencing homelessness, substance dependence, and social exclusion, aiming to bridge gaps in access to mainstream healthcare and reduce avoidable hospital presentations.	A$25,000 [€15,363]	Nil	NIL



Donation to The Green Cross Project, Inc.

Australian Capital Territory Commandery				
YMCA Next Step Program	Provides support to homeless women of a mature age requiring accommodation support through YMCA by direct funding and provision of white goods, etc.	A$10,000 [€6,145]	Nil	110



YWCA Next Door program

Tasmania Commandery				
Mission to Seafarers	The Mission to Seafarers (MtS) Tasmania is an Anglican, not-for-profit charity providing welfare, support, and a "home away from home" for international seafarers visiting Tasmanian ports.	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	Nil

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of St Severin

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

The jurisdiction supported the Royal House of Godenu with a monetary donation of €1,600 to help support renovation work on school buildings and the community centre. Gbi-Godenu is a divisional chieftaincy of the traditional area of Hohoe. It is recognized within the Constitution of Ghana and legislation regulating the traditional kingdoms within Ghanaian society. Godenu is located in the Volta River region of the country.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €3,093
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the George Spady Society, which aims to provide a continuum of palliative services to people with complex life circumstances associated with substance-related and concurrent disorders and homelessness, with a donation of Can$5,000 (eq. €3,093).

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €2,160
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

The jurisdiction, with a donation of CZK13,000 (eq. €530), undertook to provide durable food, cleaning and disinfectant products to socially and economically disadvantaged citizens. A number of charity concerts were organized in České Budějovice requiring 20 volunteer hours. The proceeds of these concerts, amounting to CZK40,000 (eq. €1,630), were donated to various aid organizations.

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €51,800
- Volunteer hours given: 1,423 hours

The sub-jurisdictions espoused a number of initiatives aimed at providing community support.

Beneficiary	Activity Community support	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Banque Alimentaire	Volunteer collection of donations.	Nil	Nil	25
EPHAD	Gift for Christmas donation	€500	Nil	Nil
Grave cleaning	Cleaning of the grave of past Surintendant Général of the Order Charles Otzenberger-Detaile, and other graves within the cemetery.	Nil	Nil	24
Cemetery quarter 'Mort pour la France'	Cleaning of abandoned graves, including those of soldiers who died for France.	Nil	Nil	37
Charity dinners	Support to manage two charity dinners.	€870	Nil	Nil
Help to individuals suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder [PTSD]	A jurisdictional initiative aiming to help PTSD individuals such as veterans, firemen, medical staff and victims of life accidents, providing a service of identification, orientation and follow-up by professionals to medical and social services by medical (MD or nurses) members or companions of the jurisdiction.	Nil	Nil	460
Parish of the city of Amboise	Management and animation of the social network of Amboise parish and other parishes in the diocese. Donation of gift basket to medical personnel and firefighters on-call on the 31 December.	Nil	€400	27



Cleaning of the grave



Donation to medical and firefighters

Prévôte de St Lazare de Jerusalem				
Penal Institution - Maison d'Arrêt de Blois	Since 2011, a member of the jurisdiction has provided his services as an External Prison Assessor, contributing to the disciplinary committees in penitentiary establishments.	Nil	Nil	36



Penal Institution - Maison d'Arrêt de Blois

Priory of Boigny				
Nancy Cathedral	Funds were raised during a fund-raising meal held on the Saturday preceding the beginning of the liturgical year, these being allocated to the charitable works of Nancy Cathedral in support of their assistance to those in need. This contribution, made regularly for the past three years, enables the preparation and distribution of 90 parcels containing the items necessary for basic hygiene, food, and sweets distributed to persons in need on Christmas Eve.	€1,900	Nil	Nil
Restos de Coeur	Volunteer work assisting food campaigns organized by the charity.	Nil	Nil	784
Hot meal service for the homeless	Volunteer work assisting food campaigns aimed at the homeless.	Nil	Nil	30
Provincial Priory of Touraine				
Various needy individuals and groups	Members of the Commandery have undertaken a number of projects supporting Community Care. These have included: • Support for 22 people with disabilities, development, planning, implementation and monitoring of the project support post-traumatic stress disorder victims of war and life. Includes also the planning and implementation of a new "End life care" project. • Providing assistance to a 78-year-old person with low income for carpooling, shopping, medical services-accompaniment for administrative	€48,130	Nil	Nil

	procedures, psychological support. Further assistance was provided to a 93-year-old isolated person - psychological support. • Implementation of a multidisciplinary medical team for the benefit of post-traumatic war and life victims [4 people]. • Providing support to 30 people in need of moral and financial assistance by organizing events to benefit them. • Supporting 308 people in times of need attending newbom and adult baptisms and funeral ceremonies.			

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

- Monetary donation made: €3,700
- Volunteer hours given: 36 hours

Members of the Rhineland sub-jurisdiction packed and distributed St Martin's Day bags for the senior citizens' project of the *Evangelical Church Parish of Oberkassel-Heerdt* to help ameliorate poverty in old age. The St Martin's bags contain everything needed for a good breakfast: pretzels, coffee, butter, jam, fruit, and chocolate. This activity was supported with a donation of €700 financed from the estate of the late confrère Dr Thiele and 14 volunteer manhours.



Donation of St Martin Bags

The Württemberg sub-jurisdiction, with the support of DLS, assisted the Heilbronn Station Mission with a donation of €1,500 and 12 volunteer hours to provide sustenance to travellers passing through the station. In addition, the sub-jurisdiction donated €1,500 and 10 volunteer hours to support the community work of the parish of St Nikolai and Deutschordensmünster.



Heilbronn Station Mission team

Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 2 hours

The jurisdiction supported the family of a child recently operated on for a brain tumour with a donation of €1,000 and 2 hours of volunteer man-hours.

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: € 3,450
- Volunteer hours given: 5 hours x2 persons

Two members of the jurisdiction, Hospitaller Chev. Zoltán Kárpáti and Marshal Chev. Miklós Princz, participated in the traditional Karolina Charity Ball organized by the school's Parent Working Group with the aim of inviting the school community to celebrate together, thereby strengthening the bonds of the community and providing financial support for the children's education. A monetary donation of €3,450 and a gift bearing the coat of arms of the Grand Priory was given to the school.



Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €10,157
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €3,157 to the *St Joseph & The Helpers Charity Company*, Ireland. The donation was made to support the drilling of a borehole for water for the people living in Pampawie, Ghana in West Africa. The Voluntary Organization aims to provide poverty relief, humanitarian aid, education, medical & healthcare, housing, support of institutions and institutional building for families of all ages: children / orphans, youth, the middle-aged and the elderly, mentally ill, disabled & infirm, who are victims of war, drug abuse, famine and human rights in Bosnia, Hercegovina, Ireland and the continent of Africa. Incorporated in 2004, the charity has helped schools in Bosnia, Ireland and Africa, providing the children with clothes and books, and paid for therapy sessions for those with specific needs. It has also provided over 20 Bore Holes in Jasikan, Ghana.

In addition, a donation of €7,000 was made to the charity *World Sport Ministries* to support the development costs of a community sports centre in Kenya. Established in 1999, World Sport Ministries has grown internationally and seen thousands of lives transformed through the power of sport which in communities, brings hope and restoration, providing a platform to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They aim to inspire people and churches to engage in sports outreach to reach all people from all nations, striving thus to live in a world where people find Jesus Christ in and through sport in their community.

Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: €10,000
- Volunteer hours given: 300 hours

Support, estimated at a value of €10,000 and 300 volunteer hours, was made available to *Caritas Italiana – Centro Aiuto per la Vita [CAV]* of the Lombardy Region and the Archdiocese of Milan. Members of the jurisdiction assisted in the distribution of food to needy families, and in providing a care service for pregnant mothers and their children up to the age of 7 years old. Additional support was provided for the medicine delivery service to people in need.



Donation made to Caritas Italiana – Centro Aiuto per la Vita [CAV]

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

- Monetary donation made: €19,643
- Volunteer hours given: 1,592 hours

The jurisdiction participated in the *Weekend Mission Media Marathon* organized by Fundazzjoni U. The Marathon required the participation of volunteers to help in the management of the event, amounting to 70 volunteer hours [approximate total volunteer hours needed for the activity = 340 hours]. The Weekend Mission Media Marathon netted a total of about €460,499 which was distributed among a number of deserving missionary causes (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction was about €95,000). A total of €18,000 was received from Fundazzjoni U to support the charitable works of the jurisdiction targeting Medical Mission of Mary in Tanzania. This year's focus was on supporting the establishment of a much-needed dental clinic in Kibao, bringing relief and dignity to those with limited access to healthcare.

The Grand Priory supported the work of *Dar Frate Jacoba* in Marsascala, Malta, with a donation of €643 and a total of 40 volunteer hours organizing activities to support the initiative linked with the Annual General Meeting of the jurisdiction held on World Leprosy Day. Dar Frate Jacoba welcomes people, especially youths, who are facing social problems. They are offered shelter and the possibility of re-discovering their lives together with the rest of the resident community.

In addition, members of the jurisdiction regularly give their services to the *Franciscan Soup Kitchen*, providing about 600 hands-on volunteer hours during the year. A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports the Kirkop Parish, helping to distribute the Holy Eucharist to

old, sick and house-bound people [1 hour three times a week], leading and animating the congregation during Mass [1 hour seven times a week = 156 hours annually], and supporting socio-religious groups within the parish [25 hours per month = 300 hours annually]. He also supports the jurisdiction by preparing a weekly spiritual reflection for circulation to all the members [1 hour weekly = 156 hours annually].

Several members of the jurisdiction came together to support a 46-year-old woman facing immense personal adversity — trapped in an abusive marriage, burdened by legal battles, and with her future hanging in uncertainty. Through perseverance, compassion, and tangible support, this brave woman has now been freed from her abusive circumstances, her legal matters have been resolved, and she has secured a modest financial settlement that marks a new beginning. Crucially, through the kind intervention of several members, the woman has been helped to secure a small, one-bedroom studio flat, one she can afford and call her own.

In June, jurisdiction members Chev. Ivan Portelli and Dame Elizabeth Cassar, in collaboration with Marsascala Local Council, supported the organization of a BBQ Fundraiser in *Aid of the Poor and Needy in Peru*. The event was attended by H.E. Mgr Giovanni Cefai, the Maltese-Gozitan Bishop serving in Peru. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all attendees for their support of the ongoing project to build a college and seminary for underprivileged children in the region. The Grand Priory further donated the sum of €1,000 for this cause.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

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

The jurisdiction made a donation of €1,000 to the *FoodBank Malta* and a further €500 to the *MISSIO Fund*.

Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands

- Monetary donation made: €29,353
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Bailiwick supports various communities in Indonesia through the jurisdictional registered voluntary organizations, Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN), which works closely with the residents of the villages led by the village elder on the island of Flores, Indonesia. Originally, the project concentrated on the provision of clean water projects [donation of Rp. 88,930,000 - eq. €4,447], and it has expanded its scope to include toilet facilities in schools [Rp. 463,951,000 - eq. €23,197], and supplementing food provisions [Rp. 34,170,000 - eq. €1,709].

Project	Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN)
Water Project	Reservoir 18 m^3 (2 buildings) • Gomo, Uzuzozo Village, Rajawawo Parish, Ende District • Wololele, Nggumbelaka Village, Peibenga Parish, Ende District
Toilet building	• Maukaro Elementary School, Ratesuba Parish, Ende District • Nabe Elementary School, Mukusaki Parish, Ende District • Malaara Elementary School, Orakeri Parish, Ende District • Malaara Kindergarten, Orakeri Parish, Ende District
Food provision	• Rajawawo Parish, Ende District o Uzuzozo Village [137 households] o Kekandere Village [105 households] o Ndetumbeza Garden

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €5,193
- Volunteer hours given: 150 hours

The jurisdiction supported the Queen's Charity in Tonga with a monetary donation of NZD10,000 [eq. €5,042] to be used as part of her family support programme which is focused on re-housing and health care. A donation of NZD300 [eq. €151] was further made to the charitable fund of the Christchurch Cathedral. Members of the jurisdiction also undertook a project to restore and clean the graves of war veterans. A total of 150 hours was contributed by members to this activity.

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: €13,328
- Volunteer hours given: 171 hours

The members of the Commandery of St Eysteinn collaborated with the Frelsesarmeen (Salvation Army Norway) to manage the big Christmas tree erected in the town square of Trondheim and to help collect donations from the public to benefit the poor, homeless and vulnerable. During December, the activity overall contributed to the collection of NOK 1,440,000 (€126,993), and required a total of approximately 200 volunteer hours, of which the jurisdictional members contributed 21 hours (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction = €13,328). The members of the Commandery of St Laurenzius supported the work of Fyrlyset (a Salvation Army branch) to help the distribution of food to drug addicts and homeless people in Oslo with about 90 volunteer hours. The Commandery of St Laurenzius also supported the rehabilitation of the Linderud mansion, including the Art Gallery, with 60 volunteer manhours. The work included carpentry, masonry, painting and other crafts performed by

members of the Commandery. This also included arrangements such as planning for Halloween, Christmas gatherings and providing guards for the Art Exhibitions.

Grand Priory of Poland

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

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

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

- Monetary donation made: €1,380
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

- The jurisdiction supported the Holy Trinity Parish Church in Wester Hailes, Scotland, with a donation of £1,200 [eq. €1,380] to purchase a wall-mounted screen and a laptop. As well as Christian worship, the church seeks to provide good news for the poor and lonely through many initiatives including, but not limited to, organizing the largest foodbank in West Edinburgh, managing a Christians Against Poverty Centre, running a busy community café with special provision of free soup and warm spaces, organizing Children's and Youth Group initiatives, and providing a dedicated Christian Counselling Service.

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: €66,924
- Volunteer hours given: 808 hours

The jurisdiction provided support to the 'Sanità Solidale' project, now in its fifth year, which assists and provides care for the most disadvantaged sections of the population, including immigrants identified through CARITAS. The project's network of collaborators has widened since the Triolo-Zancla Care Home is now also supporting the initiative, where basic check-ups, internist, gynaecological, cardiological and paediatric check-ups are carried out. The Casa di Cure Triolo-Zancla S.p.A., located in the Tribunali-Castellammare district of Palermo has been providing social and health services for more than 60 years under accreditation with the National Health Service, carrying out activities in the areas of General Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Neonatology and Long-Term Care. During

2025, the overall cost of the projects for 2025 amounted to €34,360 covering employment of personnel, and €20,364 covering clinic costs. In 2025, volunteers donated a total 300 man-hours, nurses 300 man-hours and doctors 180 man-hours.



'Sanità Solidale' project team

In addition, the jurisdiction organized the Christmas Solidarity Lunch, held at the Regional Command of the Carabinieri in Palermo and at the Tonnara Bordonaro Zaharaziz. The two events, held by the Grand Bailiwick of Sicily in cooperation with Karol Strutture Sanitarie, with the support of Caritas, were attended by over 250 guests with children from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The cost for the lunches was estimated at €9,000 and the event required 20 volunteer man-hours.



Christmas Solidarity Lunch

The jurisdiction, with the cooperation of the Rotary Association Francesca Morvillo, has during 2025 further initiated a new community support project with the distribution of shoes to homeless and needy families in Palermo. The first distribution took place in the Kalsa district which is one of the oldest, most characteristic and popular districts of Palermo, with origins dating back to the period of Islamic domination. Its name comes from the Arabic "al-khalisa", meaning "the chosen one", because it once housed the fortified citadel of the emir and his court. Today, the Kalsa is a lively district rich in history, culture and art, with churches, palaces, squares and a popular atmosphere that reflects its history also marked by deep social tensions. The estimated cost of this project amounted to €3,200 [80 pairs of shoes at €40 each] and required 8 volunteer man-hours.



Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: €755
- Volunteer hours given: 86 hours

In partnership with Rotary Club Kirstenbosch, the jurisdiction supported the *ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAMME* with a donation of R8,050 [eq. €415] and 10 volunteer hours to prepare substantial parcels containing a variety of food-and-basic-essentials to struggling parishioners in dire need identified by the parish priest. In addition, a small donation of bibles was made to the Sunday School, as well as hamper donations amounting to R3,000 [eq. €155]. Four volunteer hours were gifted during Christmas to the clergy in the parish of St Michael and all Angels. A medical member of the jurisdiction provides free medical consultations every month to all those living in Rondebosch and the surrounding area. The service provides physician diagnostic skills, non-scheduled medications, scripts, referrals, corrective treatment, and treatment follow-up. The cost of consumables for this service amounts to R3,600 [eq. €185], while the regular service requires 72 volunteer man-hours.



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS COMMUNITY FOOD PROGRAMME

Grand Priory of Spain

- Monetary donation made: €106,400
- Volunteer hours given: 13,081 hours

The jurisdiction has continued to focus on its work to provide needy families in the community with food donations as part of the project 'Eating comes first', where every month food packages (comprising donations amounting to about 17,162 kg of food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning items) are distributed to 579 families. Toys were also distributed to the children of these families at Christmas time. This aid amounted to a value of about €105,000 and required 13,000 volunteer hours. Similar aid was forthcoming from the Andalusia Commandery of the jurisdiction with a donation of 700 kg of foods, hygiene and household cleaning to 25 families equating to about €800 and 79 volunteer hours. A further donation of €600 and 1 volunteer hour were given to CARITAS MARBELLA to support the community there.



'Eating comes first' volunteers

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €1,084
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified



The jurisdiction has supported the *Gula bandet [The Yellow Ribbon]* initiative by organizing a fundraiser during the memorial march for the Battle of Fyllebro in the autumn netting a monetary donation of €1,084. [https://sverigesveteranforbund.se/gula-bandet/]. The Yellow Ribbon is sold to benefit Sweden's veterans, Swedish personnel serving abroad and their relatives.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €225
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

A member of the IGB supported a regional shelter for homeless individuals living in the community by helping with the collection and delivery of clothes, furniture, food and Christmas candles. This activity involved a monetary donation of €150, in-kind donations totalling €75 and 10 volunteer man-hours.

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

- Monetary donation made: €7,120
- Volunteer hours given: 6,488 hours

The HGPE undertook the 'Socks' project, which provides hand-knitted socks, caps and scarves to the '*Association Poverty and Health in Germany e.V.'* to be given to homeless people in Germany and Ukraine. The project during 2025 provided 540 pairs of hand-knitted socks and 800 pairs of factory-made socks produced by a company from North Rhine-Westphalia. It required a donation of €4,320 to purchase the necessary wool and €2,800 to purchase the factory-made socks. In addition, 6,480 volunteer knitter hours and 8 organizational hours were required.



'Socks' project

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Emergency Relief programs

Emergency Relief programs	This category should include projects that aim to support individuals or communities exposed to a natural or man-made disaster.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €40,652
- Volunteer hours given: 1,150 hours

The Grand Priory of America continued to respond to assist those adversely impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24th, 2022, with an outpouring of financial and volunteer support for Ukraine by our members. Our membership continued to work with collaborators in medical supply deployment, amputation support supplies and rehabilitation equipment during an 11-day medical mission trip to Ukraine in September 2025. In the face of adversity and conflict, three members of the Grand Priory of America, Grand Prior John Byrnes and new members Brian Harlow and Sean O'Donnell, embarked on a mission to Ukraine in September 2025. Their goal was to enhance frontline medical supply and training, providing critical support to those in dire need. This mission was not just about delivering supplies; it was about standing in solidarity with the Ukrainian people, showcasing resilience, and fostering international cooperation during one of the most intense conflicts of our time. They personally delivered supplies which will help those affected by explosive limb amputation as well as directly to several hospitals operating in Ukraine under the constant threat of bombardment by Russian soldiers. They were aided by a local Ukrainian NGO that was able to provide the kits at a substantial discount, allowing more kits to be purchased in addition to supporting a local company run by veterans of this military conflict.





This was a complex and carefully planned medical mission, with team-mates flying more than 11,000 air miles each and all team members driving more than 3,500 road miles in three different countries – Germany, Poland and Ukraine – and all in just 11 days! On the frontlines

they distributed Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) and tourniquets purchased by a grant from the Grand Priory of America, doubling capacity from 200 to 400 kits by integrating these Ukrainian-made products. Our team met with Azov medics in Izyum in the southeastern front and conducted training on the new Ukrainian tourniquets for effective field use. A monetary donation of US$43,000 [eq. €36,417], an in-kind donation of US$5,000 [eq. €4,235], and 1,150 volunteer hours were devoted just to this work in 2025 by our members.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

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

In January 2025, the jurisdiction gave a donation of €1,500 to the *Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer* in Ukraine to support the refugees and victims of the war in Ukraine in their monasteries.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €8,029
- Volunteer hours given: 250 hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CZK150,000 (eq. €6,113) to support the Humanitarian Aid project, together with a further CZK45,000 (eq. €1,834) as costs for the delivery of the six humanitarian aid missions with supplies of medicines and medical equipment to Ukraine. The jurisdiction further supported the St Lazarus Dormitory in České Budějovice, which hosted war refugees from Ukraine and Czech citizens in social need. The Order provided donations of furniture, household equipment, food aid, and toys and school supplies for children. This involved a monetary donation of CZK2,000 (eq. €82) and a total of 250 volunteer hours.

Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €9,845
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €7,170 to aid charity organizations working to support Ukrainian children's education by rebuilding schools, purchasing necessary materials and equipment, and providing psychosocial support to the children. A further €1,000 were donated to help purchase first-aid equipment, medical devices, sleeping bags and tents to be used in Ukraine. The jurisdiction also supported *Medicins sans Frontieres* with a monetary

donation of €1,675 to help the humanitarian work being carried out by that organization among the civilian population in the Gaza Strip.



Medicins sans Frontieres working with victims of the Gaza war in Palestine

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

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 6 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction donated the sum of €500, along with 6 volunteer hours, to support the soup kitchen for the poor in Lutsk, Ukraine.



Donation to Lutsk soup kitchen

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

- Monetary donation made: €78,156
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Emergency Relief programs		
Beneficiary	**Country served**	**Donation**
• Soup kitchen in Lutzk, Western Ukraine	Ukraine - Europe	€6,900
• Clearance costs and transport of equipment and beds from a clinic to Ukraine	Ukraine - Europe	€7,000
• Winter aid for poor families, Diocese of Satu Mare, Order of Malta, firewood, etc.	Romania - Europe	€4,000
• Emergency aid for families in Aleppo and Kafroun, Syria	Syria - Middle East	€20,000
• Food - emergency aid following Cyclone Gamana	Madagascar - Africa	€20,256
• Emergency aid following earthquake 	Philippines - Asia	€20,000

Grand Priory of Ireland

- Monetary donation made: €9,500
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €9,500 to the charity *Insulate Ukraine* ® [https://www.insulate-ukraine.org/]. The charity has developed a $21 triple-layer window made from PET, manufactured 100% locally and installed free of charge for those who need them. These windows keep families warm and create employment in communities facing

severe economic hardship. The charity also instals windows in schools, hospitals and administrative buildings, fostering community resilience in the most war-torn areas of Ukraine. It must be appreciated that since Russia's full-scale invasion, an estimated 367,000 windows have been shattered across frontline Ukrainian towns. During winter, with temperatures plummeting to -20ºC, people's lives are placed at risk from the extreme cold.

Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 1,200 hours

The members of the Grand Priory of Italy contributed a total of 1,000 volunteer hours to assist in the missing persons search, rescue and man-trailing activities carried out by the *AVS OSLJ Dog Unit Group* of the Civil Protection Service in the Lombardy Region (Italy). Operating under the eight-pointed green cross, the Association is part of the Lombardy Region's Civil Protection Volunteer System. It can therefore be deployed as a search and rescue team for missing and lost persons, and it has dog units that are trained in scent discrimination, also known as 'molecular dogs'. The Operational Dog Units are extensively trained and experienced in searching through rubble (in the event of natural disasters such as earthquakes and river flooding), searching surfaces (for missing persons) and tracking (for missing persons).



AVS OSLJ Dog Unit group

Support was also provided with a further 200 volunteer hours to the *Civil Protection Agency* of the Calabria Region. Calabria is one of the Italian regions most vulnerable to natural hazards, such as earthquakes, landslides, floods and storm surges. It is therefore urgent to raise public awareness of the dangers present in their area and encourage them to work together to reduce risk. Members of the Grand Priory of Italy promote knowledge of emergency procedures and provide basic first aid training.



Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*

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

On the initiative of a member of the jurisdiction, a monetary donation of €500 was sent to MissioAsia to support the humanitarian aid efforts providing emergency relief—shelter, food, water, and hygiene supplies—for the victims in Sri Lanka following the destruction and havoc caused by Cyclone Ditwah which caused landslides and flooding in its wake. More than 300 people died and more than 200 are missing—making this one of the worst natural disasters in recent years. The Sri Lanka Disaster Management Centre reported some 20,000 houses have been damaged and over 100,000 people, including those internally displaced, have sought shelter in emergency lodgings organized by the civil defence. One third of the country is reportedly without running water and electricity. See: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2025-12/sri-lanka-local-christian-communities-aid-shelter-to-victims.html



Cyclone Ditwah aftermath

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: €3,500
- Volunteer hours given: 150 hours

The jurisdiction made a donation of €2,500 and 100 volunteer hours in favour of the AOSLJ UKRAINE MEDICAL AID to provide medical equipment for Ukraine which was delivered by Members of the Swedish Priory. Further support in the form of €1,000 and 50 volunteer hours was given to the *CARITAS: AID FOR GAZA PROJECT* to support the emergency food delivery during the humanitarian crisis brought about by the war.



CARITAS: AID FOR GAZA PROJECT

Grand Priory of Norway

- Monetary donation made: €13,328
- Volunteer hours given: 222 hours

A member of the Commandery of St Laurenzius donated medical equipment with a value of NOK500,000 (eq. €44,095)to support medical services in Ukraine. The Commandery also helped in the distribution of supplies for humanitarian needs with three roundtrips of transport from Norway to Ukraine, requiring about 222 volunteer manhours.

Grand Priory of Poland

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

Jurisdictional members provided assistance to flood victims in southern Poland in September 2024. The jurisdiction further purchased a number of first aid kits to be used by military chaplains in Ukraine, sending them to the Bishop's Curia in Lviv.



Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €4,338
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €1,627 to support the needs of Ukrainian victims during the current war with a donation made to *Föreningen Svenskbyborna - The Swedish Village Residents Association* which, since 1991, has had close contact with the villagers of Gammalsvenskby in Ukraine and which, since 2022, has managed an extra war fundraiser [https://www.svenskbyborna.se/]. In addition, the jurisdiction has supported the movement *A Demand For Action (ADFA)* with a donation of €2,711. This was set up as a Sweden-based movement that advocates for the rights of, and brings hands-on relief to Assyrians/Chaldeans/Syriacs genocide survivors and oppressed minorities of the Middle East. The donation was used to sponsor a film project that highlights the vulnerability of Christian groups in the Levant, especially in Syria [https://www.ademandforaction.com/].



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

- Monetary donation made: €423,659
- Volunteer hours given: 850 hours

The HGPE continued to be particularly active in its support to *Ukraine Aid 'Cura hominum e.V.'* in Bernau near Berlin. The personal membership of their Chancellor in the Ukraine aid 'Cura hominum e.V.' ensured that they were always informed about the proper implementation of the aid deliveries and that these were carried out properly. Ukraine Aid has been providing humanitarian aid in Ukraine for many years but, owing to the war, the activities needed to be increased during the year. During 2025, volunteers of the GPEU delivered about 125 cubic meters of relief supplies worth about €180,000 to Bernau. The relief supplies were previously picked up in the Alzey, Hürth and Göttingen area from private individuals, various companies, the Protestant parish of Alzey and the 'Hilfswerk deutscher Zahnärzte (HdZ)'. Additional relief supplies worth approximately €200,000 were provided through the support of the Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands. Every month, 3-4 trucks are loaded with relief supplies in Bernau. In total, 23,861 km were covered and more than 800 volunteer hours were contributed in connection with Ukraine aid activities. Transport costs amounted to €7,159. A dedicated transport from Alzey to Ukraine took place in September 2025. The vehicle, loaded with essential medical supplies and hygiene products valued at €15,000, was delivered directly. On the return journey, the team supported a soup kitchen in Lutsk and assisted in distributing food packages.

Furthermore, in cooperation with the Protestant Parish of Alzey and the "Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte (HdZ)", monthly financial support of €1,100 was provided to the aid organization "*Way to Life+*" in Lutsk. The organization operates a soup kitchen serving hot meals twice a week under all weather conditions and a kindergarten caring for up to 20 children from disadvantaged and displaced families. Additionally, food packages worth €7,500 were distributed on three occasions, each delivery reaching approximately 250 beneficiaries. In 2025, around 50 volunteer hours were dedicated to supporting the soup kitchen. This project required €300 in transport costs, €13,200 as monthly donations, and an in-kind goods donation valued at €8,000.



Relief supplies to Ukraine Aid 'Cura hominum e.V.' at Göttingen



Relief supplies to Hospital Cherkassy



Food distribution in Lutsk

Educational initiatives

Educational initiatives	This category should include support to promote education. This may involve bursaries to support individuals to follow educational targets or monetary or in-kind donations to assist educational establishments.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €3,810
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Commandery of the West supported the *Christ Child Society* with a monetary donation of US$1,500 [eq. €1,270] and an in-kind donation of US$1,500 [eq. €1,270]. The charity is a volunteer organization dedicated to serving the needs of children and youth regardless of race or creed, through the personal service of our members. Its programs include Crib Club Boutique, Early Learning Centre, Elementary School Tutoring, Run the Race, Foster Hope, Scholarships. The donation sponsored an Eye-Sight Testing Clinic for 2nd Graders at Nativity School in Los Angeles.

The Grand Commandery of the South supported the *Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund* of Logan County, Arkansas, USA with a monetary donation of US$1,500 [eq. €1,270] aiming to reduce the number of impoverished single parents in Logan County by providing financial support to allow them to complete a career-focused degree or professional certificate. It also provides developmental programs to prepare them for a new professional career and how to manage their finances.

Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €30,631
- Volunteer hours given: 281 hours

The sub-jurisdictions supported a number of educational initiatives.

• Beneficiary	Activity EDUCATIONAL	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Queensland Commandery				
MacKillop School Fund	The MacKillop School Fund Bursary supports families from all walks of life, with different experiences of extreme hardship, trauma and financial devastation seeking an education opportunity for their children that they cannot provide themselves. Our donation provides ongoing support to a	A$5,000 [€3,073]	Nil	Nil

	student benefiting from the MacKillop School Fund.			
New South Wales Commandery				
Bush Children's Education Fund founded 50 years ago	Provides financial support through bursaries (means tested and renewable) for students and three-year scholarships for tertiary education for selected students.	A$9,900 [€6,084]	Nil	1
Tasmania Commandery				
Bethlehem House Support Project	Provides an Art Project for attendees living in Bethlehem House which is a short- and long-term housing facility. An OSL volunteer transports art materials, prepares and sets up art programs, supports the volunteer artist and provides pastoral support for homeless men.	A$585 [€360]	Nil	OSL member – 154 Volunteer artists - 66
University Students' support	Supplies stationery materials for disadvantaged tertiary students. In kind donations of books and community library distribution, Dining with Friends program.	Nil	A$2,250 [€1,383]	16
University Students' Food insecurity support	Food insecurity is a major issue for university students balancing their education, study, everyday living, income and work where available.	A$997 [€613]	Nil	24



Art tutoring - Bethlehem House Art Project



Terry McCarthy delivering stationery in support of disadvantaged students

Western Australia Commandery				
Notre Dame University Nursing Scholarship	A scholarship set up to provide financial support and encouragement to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions of Western Australia enrolled in vocational, undergraduate, or postgraduate studies with the School of Nursing & Midwifery at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Broome or Fremantle Campuses.	A$10,000 [€6,145]	Nil	20

Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

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

The jurisdiction contributed €1,000 to the Royal House of Godenu as part of the '*School Support Godenu*' in Ghana (Africa) to assist with the tuition fees of children.

Austria – Hereditary Commandery of St Severin

- Monetary donation made: €1,950
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Royal House of Godenu with a monetary donation of €1,950 as part of the '*School Support Godenu*' in Ghana (Africa) to assist with the tuition fees of children.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €3,093
- Volunteer hours given: 25

The Edmonton Commandery supported the *St Lazarus Canada Scholarship at MacEwan University* with the sum of Can$5,000 [eq. €3,093] aiming to support a student in the Gerontology stream of study with a commitment to palliative care. In addition, the jurisdiction monitors and supports the endowment of 17 educational funds targeting theology or medical students studying in individual Colleges and Universities across the country with 20-25 volunteer man-hours per annum.



Donation to St Lazarus Canada Scholarship at MacEwan University

Grand Priory of Finland

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

The jurisdiction continued to provide financial support amounting to €600 to help a young lady in Tanzania complete her medical studies.

Grand Priory of France

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

Beneficiary	Activity Education	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Priory of Boigny				
Association Chrétienté-Solidarité	In view of the particularly severe condition of the Lebanese economy, the jurisdiction decided to support the schooling of 15 children in Lebanon through an association with established local partners. This commitment is intended to be renewed annually over a period of three years, in order to ensure the continuity of this educational support.	€3,500	Nil	Nil

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

- Monetary donation made: €4,900
- Volunteer hours given: 32 hours

The Rhineland sub-jurisdiction hosted a special benefit concert on December 12, 2025, in Sayn Abbey Church. The internationally renowned harpsichordist, Taiji Takata from Kobe, Japan, performed in the Church of the Assumption of Mary and captivated the audience with a finely tuned program. The program included works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Kuhnau, and Domenico Scarlatti, which revealed their full splendour in the church's unique acoustic, providing listeners with an impressive musical evening. The recital was hosted by the German actress and Order member Marie-Luise Marjan, who, with her insightful spoken contributions, added musical and spiritual touches, thus creating a close connection between music, text, and the evening's charitable cause. The activity, requiring 24 volunteer hours, raised €3,400 which was targeted to support schools in the Holy Land.

The Württemberg sub-jurisdiction through its Christmas Fundraising campaign, requiring 8 volunteer hours, donated the sum of €1,500 to be used for a specific project in the field of youth, education, or social work managed by the Heinrich-Fries-Haus, an educational and community centre of the Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart.

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

- Monetary donation made: €242,035
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Educational initiatives		
Beneficiary	**Country served**	**Donation**
• School books for Mogra Star Academy, Nairobi	Kenya - Africa	€15,931
• Sanitation project for Mogra Star Academy, Nairobi	Kenya - Africa	€3,776
• New Secondary School construction in Juja [2 instalments] 	Kenya, Africa	€46,688
• Donation to Halstenbach, Foyer Ste. Louise de Marillac, Madagascar, school project	Madagascar - Africa	€10,030
• Travel allowances for clinical electives	Madagascar - Africa	€2,000
• Purchase of School Bus, Kaolack 	Senegal - Africa	€30,000
• Examination fees for catering students attending gastronomy school	Saigon, Vietnam - Asia	€6,450

• Support for dental student training	Philippines - Asia	€6,130
• Travel allowance for clinical elective	Philippines - Asia	€500
• Travel allowances for two medical electives	Sri Lanka - Asia	€1,000
• Dental laboratory, dental technician training and examination support	Haiti – Central America	€16,000
• Travel allowances for three clinical electives	Bolivia – South America	€1,500
• Carei Integration Center  	Romania - Europe	€31,015
• Forest school - conversion of a barn, Iacobeni, Municipality of Plaiesii de Jos 	Romania - Europe	€60,000
• Education instead of deportation e.V. Project, Bonn	Germany - Europe	€10,000
• Szibesz Foundation, Miercurea-Ciuc	Germany - Europe	€1,015

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €2,800
- Volunteer hours given: 5 hours

The Vác's St Nicholas Commandery awarded the St Lazarus prize to those graduating students at the Karolina Catholic Primary School, Cathedral Choir School and Elementary Art School. The "Saint Lazarus" awards were presented to graduating elementary school students who were deemed worthy of the honour owing to their outstanding academic performance and religious life. The event involved a donation of €2,800 in money and goods, and five volunteer manhours.




Presentation of the "Saint Lazarus" awards

Grand Priory of Ireland

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

Operating under the aegis of the Grand Priory of Ireland, the *Neylon Trust* continued to fund scholarships for disadvantaged students in South Africa. The support received from the Grand Bailiff of the Grand Bailiwick of South Africa in the selection of students and the administration of the scheme is gratefully acknowledged.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

- Monetary donation made: €252
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

During the year the Grand Priory has continued to sponsor the University of Otago Dermatology Prize valued at NZD 500 [eq. €252]. The prize is awarded to the first placed student in the dermatology component of the final examination for the medical degree.

Grand Priory of Poland

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

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

Grand Bailiwick of Sicily

- Monetary donation made: €2,000
- Volunteer hours given: 4 hours

The jurisdiction supported the awarding of the degree prize for St Pius X Interdenominational Theology for graduates of the 'Saint John the Evangelist' Theological Faculty of Palermo. The prize of €2,000 was awarded on 26 June 2025 to Leonardo Renda with a thesis entitled: *Mediterranean 'continent' of water: basins of interconnection and fraternity. The Magisterium of Pope Francis on Church and cultures in the perspective of contextual theology*. Present at the award ceremony were, among others, H.E. The Most Rev. Monsignor Gualtiero Isacchi, ECLJ, Archbishop of Monreale and Chaplain Major of the Grand Bailiwick of Sicily of the Order of St Lazarus, Eng. Sebastiano Lipari, KLJ, member of the Government Council of the Grand Bailiwick, representing the Grand Bailiff of Sicily, and the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Don Vito Impellizzeri.



Degree prize for St Pius X Interdenominational Theology

Grand Priory of Sweden

- Monetary donation made: €181
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Through the "Good Gift" button project, the Commandery of St Peter of Lödöse provided the sum of €181 to support the Zelmerlöw & Björkman Foundation that works to ensure that children and young people receive education and tools to escape poverty and vulnerability. By working with partner organizations in Kenya, the foundation works for and with children and young people so that they can influence their own future [https://zbfoundation.se/].

International Grand Bailiwick

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

An IGB member supported the management of a public library, funded by municipal and provincial governments and providing service to 105,000 residents, by serving as chairperson to the board of appointed community residents. This involved a monetary donation of €125 and 150 volunteer man-hours.

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Miscellaneous

✠ Miscellaneous	This category should include any other charitable or philanthropic activity not covered by the preceding categories.

Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 30 hours

The Imperial Calcasieu Delegation supported with 30 volunteer hours the *Candlelight Vigil Christian Church Services* for Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana organized as support for Organ Donation Awareness and Christian Service to memorialize those who donated lifesaving organs and tissues after death as well as those who are Living Donors.

Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €9,280
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has supported the *Canadian Council of Churches* with a donation of Can$5,000 [eq. €3,093] to help support a member of staff directing the work on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The jurisdiction has further supported various initiatives to promote ecumenism. It has donated the sum of Can$2,500 [eq. €1,547] to the *Prairie Centre for Ecumenism,* which is an organization centred in Western Canada that focuses on fostering unity and collaboration among Christian communities, to help fund database development and implementation; the sum of Can$2,500 [eq. €1,547] to the *Diocese of Sault Ste Marie* to support the attendance of a bishop to the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Dialog; the sum of Can$5,000 [eq. €3,093] to support the *Marjorie McKinnon Award for Ecumenism* awarded to Peter Noteboom of the Canadian Council of Churches.



Donation to Prairie Centre for Ecumenism



Marjorie McKinnon Award for Ecumenism to Peter Noteboom Canadian Council of Churches



Donation to the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €1,875
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

In 2025, the jurisdiction supported the repairs needed in the chapel of St *John of Nepomuk* in Rychnov nad Kněžnou and the repair of the roof of the church of St *Mary Magdalene* Heřmanice u Jaroměře with a donation of CZK6,000 (eq. €245). In addition a statue of St John of Nepomuk was donated to one of the churches. Support was also given in the form of an in-kind donation valued at CZK40,000 (eq. €1,630) to a number of cultural activities including (1) the *Musica Sacra Association* (Brno, Czech Republic) intended for the publication of the music book Organ Preludes IX in its second revised edition; (2) a *Benefit concert in Rovensko*

pod Troskami; (3) an *Advent concert in the Hus Choir* in Mirovice; (4) Concerts in Prague and Dresden as part of the Czech-German Fund for the Future; (5) a contribution to the publication of the *Lectionary of the St Catholic Church*; and (6) the publication of the *piano edition welcome concert in D major* for flute and orchestra by Vilém Blodek.

The Grand Bailiff Ondřej Farka, on behalf of the jurisdiction and in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Church in the Czech Republic and an academic sculptor, is preparing a small altar to house the relics of St Orosia. At the same time, negotiations are underway with the pilgrimage site in the Spanish city of Jaca regarding the transfer of the small relic of St Orosia to the Czech Republic. St Orosia was the first Czech martyr. This initiative is being coordinated with the leadership of the Order and the Roman Catholic Church in the Czech Republic. The cost of constructing the tomb/altar is estimated at 2,000,000 CZK (eq. €82,000). The Grand Bailiff is prepared to cover these costs. This is a significant project for the Order.



Members of the jurisdiction also participate in a number of regular major events such as the St Wenceslas celebrations in Stará Boleslav and the annual celebrations marking the restoration of the Marian Column in Prague.

Grand Priory of Finland

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

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

Grand Priory of France

- Monetary donation made: €2,050
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

Beneficiary	Activity Miscellaneous	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
Prévôte de St Lazare de Jerusalem				
Convention St Vincent de Paul	Organization of a French horn concert at the Church of La Madeleine in Vendôme.	€700	Nil	200
Parish of Vineuil	Donation made during the installation mass for our Chaplain in October 2025 in the presence of Bishop Bestion of Blois	€350	Nil	Nil





Convention St Vincent de Paul





Donation to the Parish of Vineuil

Priory of Notre-Dame de France				
Chapel of the Commandery of Saint-Lazarus d'En Roussous à Pleaux in Cantal province	Reconstruction of the door of the chapel.	€1,000	Nil	Nil

Grand Priory of Greece

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

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

Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: € 7,750
- Volunteer hours given: 1 day x 3 persons = 72 hours

The jurisdiction organized a number of miscellaneous social and spiritual activities throughout the year. Relevant to philanthropic support was the 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament organized by the Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Service of the Diocese of Vác. Prayers were said in support of the patients, doctors, nurses, relatives, and all those who serve in the healing and accompanying ministry in the hospitals and social institutions operating in the Diocese of Vác.

The jurisdiction, represented by the Grand Prior H.E. Dr. Sándor Pellek and our chaplains Dr. Péter Mosolygó and István Pindzsu, also distributed awards to individuals for their philanthropic and social contributions. The awardees included:

- Dr. Béla Horváth, chief accident surgeon, whose decades of outstanding and exemplary work in accident surgery were recognized posthumously; the award was accepted by his daughter.
- Brigadier General Ferenc Könczöl, commander of an air brigade, for his outstanding military and diplomatic work in NATO and his exemplary activities in military and civilian mass sports.
- Gabriella Hajdúné Fehér, infant and childcare worker, for her four decades of professional work at the Sün Balázs Kindergarten in Győr and her exemplary work in nurseries and kindergartens.
- Erzsébet Katalin Pallós, kindergarten teacher, received the order of merit for establishing the Foundation for Kindergarten Children and for her four decades of work as a kindergarten teacher and manager, as well as for her effective and parent-friendly management of the institution.



Awards given to healthcare workers

Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The jurisdiction supported, with 200 volunteer hours, the *Italian Association for the Protection, Development and Defence of the Rural Environment*, recognized by the Ministry of the Environment. The main activities of this association include the surveillance and the protection of wildlife and the environment, often with the assistance of volunteer wardens working in the Agriambient District of the Lombardy Region. Members of the Grand Priory of Italy are actively involved in various initiatives that support the work of the wildlife wardens.



Priory of Liechtenstein

- Monetary donation made: €14,700
- Volunteer hours given: 150 hours

The jurisdiction manages a near once-monthly showing of the religious film "*Gott geht ins Kino*" for which it has obtained copyrights. During 2025, the film was shown on 22 days with an estimated audience of about 735 persons coming from Liechtenstein, Austria and Switzerland. The events are advertised and reported upon by various media sources - Radio Gloria, Christlicher Radiosender, Radio Maria, newspapers and Christian magazines, and church notices. During the year, the cost for the project amounted to CHF8,265 [eq. €9,200] and three volunteers being present on each occasion contributing about 150 volunteer hours. A further donation of CHF5,000 [eq. €5,500] was made towards the construction project of a church, the donation being proposed by Fr. Hauenstein who is the priest responsible for secondary schools in Liechtenstein.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands including the voluntary organization affiliate *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio*.

- Monetary donation made: € 658
- Volunteer hours given: 1,560 hours

The jurisdiction provided monetary support amounting to €325 to the *International Grand Hospitaller Fund*. In addition, funds were donated to various churches and monasteries in Malta, including the Church of St Paul's Shipwreck or San Pawl Tal-Ħġejjeġ [€70], and the Archbishop's Seminary [€188]. Support was also given to other organizations including the Qawra Scouts Group [€100], and St Catherine's Band Club [€300].

Members of the jurisdiction also participated in the vigil celebrations related to the *Feast of St Lucy* in Gozo, acting as Guards of Honour for the saint's reliquary. This involved a total of 40 volunteer hours. The Feast of St Lucy is observed on 13 December and commemorates Lucia of Syracuse, an early-fourth-century virgin martyr under the Diocletianic Persecution (303–311 AD). St Lucy is considered to be the patron St of the blind and those with eye troubles.

A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports various institutions by archiving and cataloguing their libraries and archives. This involves sessions of 10 hours three times weekly working with the *Province of the Franciscans Minor* at Valletta, the *Cathedral of Gozo*, the *Gozo Major Seminary*, and the *Order's Archives at the Torri ta' Lanzun*.

Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

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

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €500 and 10 volunteer manhours towards *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – Malta* set up in the memory of a past member of the jurisdiction, HE The Chev. Simon Walker. The fund was used to support research in Moror Neurone Disease.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

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

The jurisdiction supported the Holy Trinity Scottish Episcopal Church in Stirling, Scotland, (Charity No. SCO16471) with a donation of £600 [eq. €690] to replace damaged signage following the destruction of the previous signage caused by a storm which destroyed the church notice board and the parking signs. The church's services and activities are open to anyone who wishes to attend. It conducts religious weddings and funerals for the wider community as well as people immediately associated with the church. The church building is open to visitors at other times for concerts and other events. The adjacent hall is available for letting by local organizations and private individuals and is heavily used for community activities and children's parties.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: €70,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Over the last five years, the jurisdiction has supported the Parish of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Šoltýska with an overall donation of €70,000 provided by a member of the jurisdiction, Daniel Jackuljak OLJ. The projects involved the general renovation of the interior and the repair of the exterior of the parish building, dating from 1820 (2020: donation of €30,000 & 2024: €20,000), and the repair of the facade of the classicist church, built between 1820 and 1826, with late Baroque elements (2025: donation of €20,000). The parish buildings have long been in need of general repair, but the project could not be funded solely by donations from the faithful, since the Šoltýska parish is one of the poorest in the region and the population consists mainly of pensioners. The final stage was ceremonially completed in the jubilee year during the pilgrimage festival on September 7, 2025, when the Bishop of Rožňava, H.E. Mons. Prof. Stanislav Stolárik, consecrated the renovated facade of the church.

International Grand Bailiwick

- Monetary donation made: €325
- Volunteer hours given: 125 hours

A member served as chairperson to the board of a regional animal shelter which looks after lost and abandoned animals. The service, which includes the collection of pet food and other essentials, involved a monetary donation of €250, an in-kind donation of €75, and 125 volunteer man-hours.

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Lazarus Hilfswerk [8]

- Monetary donation made: €28,010,000
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

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

Lazarus-Einrichtungen in Ermland-Masuren – Poland

- Lazarus Hilfswerk Szczytno : Provides mobile care and assistive devices, including free services for members of the German minority.
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Klebarku Wielkim : Distributes medical supplies to approximately 80 individuals.
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Elbłak : Provides extensive therapy programs and community-based activities, including artistic and musical engagement.
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Biskupiez : Specializes in outpatient palliative care for 36 patients.
- Lazarus Hilfswerk Elk : Offers housing, outpatient care, therapy services, and support facilities.

The above-mentioned Lazarus facilities look after sick and disabled people in their regions. They support people by providing counselling, care, nursing and the loan of aids. They also provide assistance and rehabilitation services. This involves cooperation with social welfare centres, health centres and other institutions working in the field of social welfare and health care with the aim of helping and caring for people in need. A delegation visited several centres in May 2025 and was highly impressed by the quality and dedication of the work. Following the visit, an additional €10,000 donation was granted. The services reimbursed by the state health fund and joint projects with Caritas amounted to approximately €2,000,000.

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



Lazarus Hilfswerk Elk



Lazarus Hilfswerk Klebarku Wielkim





Lazarus Hilfswerk Elbłak





Lazarus Hilfswerk Szczytno

Lazarus Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.

LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V. was founded in 1973. The LAZARUS Order itself looks back on a tradition spanning over 900 years. The founding vision was to revive the historic mission of the Order of Knights in a contemporary form, offering young people the opportunity to engage in social commitment and support the more vulnerable members of society. From this core idea, the LAZARUS relief organization emerged. Since 2024, the Chancellor of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe has also been represented on the board of the Lazarus Relief Organization, thereby streamlining communication between the Order of St Lazarus and the relief organization. Over the past 50 years, the organization has grown steadily and today enjoys a strong reputation among the general public, particularly due to its outstanding work in supporting the elderly and young people. As a recognized non-profit charitable organization, LAZARUS Hilfswerk and its subsidiaries now provide a broad range of social services. Lazarus facilities are currently located at five different sites across Germany. In addition, outpatient care services are offered at two further locations, while daycare centres operate at three sites within the Cologne administrative region. The primary objective at all locations is to create an environment in which residents and those receiving care feel comfortable and supported. Particular emphasis is placed on a welcoming atmosphere, individualized care, and attention to personal needs and preferences. The facilities of the Lazarus Relief Organization are highly valued by social security partners, who regularly inquire about the potential expansion of existing services. In 2025, the turnover of LAZARUS Hilfswerk and its commercial subsidiaries amounted to approximately €26 million. Around 500 people are employed across the various facilities of the Lazarus Relief Organization. Further detailed information about the Lazarus Relief Organization can be found at: https://www.lazarus.de.

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Hospitaller Voluntary Organizations

1. LAZARUS Hilfswerk

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

- **LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.** – a Christian ecumenical, non-profit aid organization (NGO) founded in 1972 by members of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and legally registered as an authorized independent welfare organization. After it was founded, the LHW received financial support from the Gold-Kraemer-Stiftung owned by Chev. Paul R. Kraemer and Kaethe Kraemer (Hereditary Commandery of the Rhineland).

  https://www.lazarus.de

- **Lazarus-Einrichtungen in Ermland-Masuren, Poland** – an offshoot of the German organization which has now successfully become independent but continues to receive support from the members of the GPEU.

- **Lazarus Hilfswerk – LHW e.V. in Leichtenstein**

  https://www.lhw-li.org

2. The St Lazarus Charitable Trust

The St Lazarus Charitable Trust is a registered charity (286918) in England and Wales. The Trust enables funds raised from individuals and by commanderies to benefit from the UK taxation regime applicable to charities which can increase the value of donations by 25%. The trustees manage the investment of the charity's capital and select suitable projects to support from unrestricted funds. Restricted funds are distributed in accordance with the conditions of the gift. The fundamental policy of the Trust is to fund charitable projects related to leprosy, though exceptions are made where

appropriate. The Trust works closely with expert charities, especially The Leprosy Mission (TLM) and LEPRA, on a range of projects, including support for local initiatives in India, Nepal and other parts of the world where leprosy is prevalent.

https://www.stlazaruscharitabletrust.org.uk

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

NGO Number: VO/0980 [registered 30th June 2014]
Deregistered in 2025.

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

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

The Order of Charity in Malta organizes activities around the international day dedicated to sufferers of Hansen's Disease or Leprosy. In 2009, the management of the organization was assumed by the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands. Because of issues related to administrative resources, a decision was made to formally deregister the organization and manage it as a subsection of the registered V/O *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio.*

4. Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio

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

- Volunteer hours given for management: 1,000 hours

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

- to raise funds for distribution and donation to Maltese or overseas charities, philanthropic bodies and any approved deserving individuals;
- to participate in activities and projects to generate assets for charitable and philanthropic purposes; and

- to practice and support the principles and values of Christian charity, protecting and assisting the weak, helping the poor, the aged, the very young, the handicapped and the sick in society.

The *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* is obliged to present the Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands with information about the activities of the Foundation, together with an independently audited annual Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account. This forms part of the audited consolidated Annual Accounts of the Grand Priory presented to the mother organization: The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem. It has a five-member board of directors chaired by the Grand Prior, who serves as the Hon. Executive President. The board members are appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Priory. The organization also has an event-organizing sub-committee of six members. During 2025, the foundation assumed the responsibilities previously managed by the *Raoul Follereau Foundation (Malta) – Order of Charity* which has been formally deregistered as a voluntary organization.

https://www.saintlazarusmalta.com/ngo-ordo-sancti-lazari

5. American Association of St Lazarus

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

6. Deutsch Lazarus Stiftung

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

7. Fundacion San Lazaro

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

8. Saint Lazarus Kinderhilfswerk Schweiz

9. LAZARUS Humanitarna Organizacija Macedonia – Lazarus Humanitarian Organization Macedonia

10. Charitas Flores Nederland

The foundation 'Charitas Flores Nederland' (CFN) acts as the charity organization of the Commandery of Holland and Zeeland. This means that the members of this commandery have organized their individual charity donations and efforts with priority in this foundation. The board consists of members of the commandery. The chairman of this foundation is Hospitaller Chev. Hok Bing Thio who supervises the projects of CFN on the island of Flores, Indonesia.

Initially, CFN's focus was on the availability of clean water for the inhabitants of remote areas on the island of Flores in Indonesia and projects in the field of sanitation to prevent contamination and spreading of (serious) infectious diseases, but the project has now broadened. The construction of toilets in schools has brought CNF into contact with disabled children, for whom facilities are now being developed. As a derivative of the availability of water, agricultural and horticultural projects have also emerged, promoting food security and safety.

www.charitasfloresnederland.nl

11. SAN LAZZARO ODV

The Shareholders' Meeting of the *San Lazzaro Onlus* held on 22 September 2025 approved the transformation into *San Lazzaro ODV* (Voluntary Organisation) within the context of the so-called Third Sector. Voluntary Organisations (*ODV*) are entities aimed at carrying out activities of general interest in favour of third parties, mainly through the voluntary work of their members. They were introduced into Italian law by Law 266/1991 and subsequently equated with *Onlus*. According to the Third Sector Code, a Voluntary Organisation is a Third Sector Entity and must therefore have the essential characteristics of such an entity, i.e. it must be non-profit-making and carry out activities of general interest as its main or exclusive purpose. The new legal status will allow San Lazzaro to take a wider range of actions.

According to its bylaws, the association aims to promote social and health care initiatives, services, and activities for all those disadvantaged through physical, mental, economic, social, and family conditions, as well as for all those living in socio-economic and cultural hardship. The association aims to advance social and cultural promotion, educational activities, welfare activities, and any other form of humanitarian and charitable activity for all those living in socio-economic and cultural hardship. The association seeks to develop, including through collaborations with other organizations and associations in Italy and abroad, initiatives aimed at promoting and developing the principles of solidarity and democratic participation in social life and socio-cultural advancement. To help it achieve its aims, a memorandum of understanding for the "Sanità Solidale" project was signed between

San Lazzaro ODV and *SAMO Onlus* which is a non-profit association of social services accredited by the National Health Service (SSR) that contributes to the free provision of home care services to those not covered by the National Health Service (SSN).

Concluding Note

The Office of the Grand Hospitaller would like to compile a complete list of the registered philanthropic and charitable NGOs linked to and managed by the various national jurisdictions.

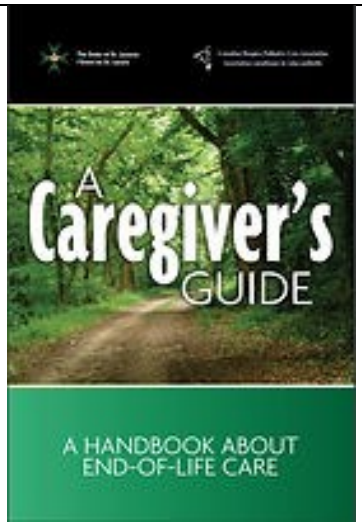
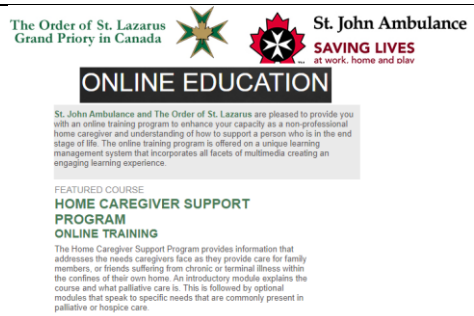
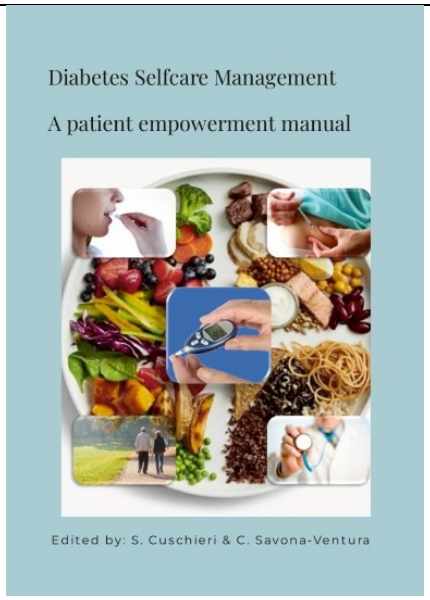
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Hospitaller Resources

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

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

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

3		**A Caregiver's Guide – A Handbook about End-of-Life Care** By Karen Macmillan et al Format: A5, Paperback, 190 pages Published: Order of St Lazarus in Canada & Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association Available as a soft copy from: Grand Priory's website Available as a hard copy from: The Grand Priory A handbook manual dealing with the issues related to end-of-life care. A French edition is also available.
4		**Home Caregiver Support Program Online** Managed by the Grand Priory in Canada – MHOSLJ in collaboration with St John's Ambulance [Canada]. Format: online version of the Home Caregiver Support Program (HCSP) Applications available from: http://stlazarus.sjatraining.ca The course is a useful training program for caregivers and patients facing end-of-life care situations. A French version of the course is also available.
5		**Diabetes Selfcare Management : A patient-empowerment manual** By Sarah Cuschieri & Charles Savona-Ventura (editors) Format: A5, Paperback, 106 pages Published: Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands – MHOSLJ, 2022 Available as a soft copy from: Grand Priory's website Available as a hard print-on-demand copy from: Lulu Ltd., U.S.A. A self-empowerment manual written by healthcare professionals aimed at individuals living with a diabetic condition.

6		**Leprosy-Info** By Charles Savona-Ventura [editor] Format: A4, online Published: Office of the Grand Hospitaller – MHOSLJ, 2024 *et sec* Available as a soft copy from: International website of the Order A quarterly newsletter aiming to provide information [medical, social, historical, etc.] about Hansen's Disease. Any member wishing to receive the newsletter directly may apply by email to grandhospitaller.mhoslj@gmail.com .

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Best Practice Awards

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

The International Order and its individual jurisdictions have introduced schemes whereby the contribution of individual members towards the aims and objectives of the Order is recognized though specific awards.

1. International Order: Donat Cross



The modern Donat Cross of the Order of St Lazarus was introduced by Grand Magistral Decree No. 68 in 1969. The regulations respecting the award of the Donat Cross were further detailed in 2016. These regulations defined the award as one that was due to members of the Order who have made 'generous charitable donations to the Order in the amounts indicated below (or their equivalent in other currencies) within a period of three consecutive years. These awards are not cumulative and a member must declare which award is being sought. Although Donat Crosses have descriptive abbreviations, they carry no postnominal letters [*Regulation No. 4: Protocol for promotion and awards in the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, 18.xi.2016*].

Grade	Donation
Donat Cross First Class [DC1stLJ]	US$ 15,000 in contributions over a 3-year period
Donat Cross Second Class [DC2ndLJ]	US$ 10,000 in contributions over a 3-year period
Donat Cross Third Class [DC3rdLJ]	US$ 5,000 in contributions over a 3-year period

During 2025, the following individuals were awarded the Donat Cross.

- Dame Marie Löwegren (Sweden): DC3rdLJ
- Chev. Arthur Douglas Turner (Malta): DC3rdLJ
- Chev. Athanasios Panopoulos (Greece): DC1stLJ
- Chev. Charalampos Petrakis (Greece): DC2ndLJ

2. Grand Priory of America: Alan Weaver Hazelton Award

The Grand Priory of America in 2025 conferred the Alan Weaver Hazelton Award to Chevelier Francis D McWilliams, CPT, US Army (retired), KCLJ, KMLJ, Commander of the Southwest Commandery of the GPA. The annual award, originally set up through the generosity of Chev. Robert Elwood Gamble GCLJ, KMLJ, is conferred by the Grand Prior upon recommendation of an anonymous committee of three knights of the jurisdiction to recognise individuals who by their actions within the Order and in their community follow the traditions and ideals of loyalty, service and devotion to the Order. All members and affiliates of the Order are eligible for this award. The award takes the form of a statuette of St Lazarus, suitably inscribed.



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

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