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## Foreword by the Grand Master

As Grand Master of our beloved Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, it is a privilege and an honour to present our 2023 International Hospitaller Report. Once again, our Grand Hospitaller has done outstanding work to ensure this report is the premier annual publication of our Order. It details the remarkably varied charitable activities achieved by our jurisdictions throughout the world. During 2023, our Order achieved a notable 70.3% monetary value increase in philanthropic work and a total of 68,019 volunteer hours.

As always, our Order has continued providing traditional support to victims of leprosy in different parts of the world. In addition, our jurisdictions have supported a wide array of other needs. Significant philanthropic donations and volunteer time were spent in support of palliative efforts and medical care of children, individuals with special needs and handicapped, aged and terminally ill people. Members also assisted with the needs of families and communities, as well as supporting emergency relief programs. A significant amount of support was also provided to Ukrainian people to address their tremendous needs. This included on the ground support by multiple jurisdictions to provide Ukrainian hospitals with needed medical goods and prosthetic equipment, assistance that was critically needed.



Throughout 2023, members of our jurisdictions have touched many lives. This Hospitaller Report is a reflection of the Christian values on which the Order of Saint Lazarus was founded. As in previous years, members of the Order of Saint Lazarus have risen to the challenge of providing exceptional charitable work. I want to thank all our members for the incredible efforts shown in this year's International Hospitaller Report. You have served the Order well.

*Atavis et Armis*

Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg  
50<sup>th</sup> Grand Master

## Preface by the Grand Commander



***“I shall serve!”***

And with that vow, individuals become members of an ancient organization, the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem.

As is stated in the Statues of our Order, “Those to be admitted to the Order shall be such persons of the Christian Faith who have rendered or who have pledged to undertake charitable or voluntary service at a local, national, or international level, or who have become distinguished by their contributions to society.”

And annually, the Order produces this Report of the International Grand Hospitaller, cataloguing how members are serving and living up to their vows, through time, talent, and treasure, individually and collectively; how we meet our mission, dedicated to the care and assistance of the sick and the poor, and to the support and defence of the Christian faith and the traditions and principles of Christian chivalry.

This annual report is critical reading for our members, providing us a tangible reminder of what we and our colleagues accomplish in the pursuit of these goals. It serves as our external manifestation to others, of how we are living up to our mission: on a secular basis, to assist, succour, and help the poor, the sick and the afflicted, especially those suffering from leprosy or similar diseases without distinction of religion, race, origin, or age; and on a spiritual basis, to promote and maintain the principles of Christian chivalry and the traditions of the Order, and to follow the teachings of Christ, in a spirit of ecumenism.

We are an international Order, with global goals, comprised of regional jurisdictions, with various ways and means to address global, national, as well as more local needs, all in pursuit of service to others.

Reading this report, I am sure that you will be struck, as have I, at the diversity of approaches we engage to help those in need. Examples run the spectrum, from large scale humanitarian responses, as through the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe; to assisting families separated from their incarcerated loved ones to reunite during the Christmas season, by

providing buses to visit prisons, through the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory of America; to providing critical relief and medical supplies to communities in war-torn Ukraine, by individual knights and companions from the jurisdictions in America, Czech Republic, Europe, Germany and the Netherlands.

This report uplifts us and provides a focus that there is good in this world: good people doing good things, with, through, and for the Order and humanity.

As you read about the good deeds the members of our Order have accomplished, through their time, their talent, and their treasure, I trust it will uplift you and provide you a sense of pride and humility, to know what we have done in 2023.

“I shall serve!” “We shall serve!” We dignify the lives of those we serve!

HE RADM The Chevalier Kenneth Moritsugu  
GCLJ-J, GClrLJ, GCMLJ, GCrLJ  
Grand Commander of the Order

## The Hospitaller Function of the Order of St Lazarus



Throughout 2023, the Forces of Evil have continued to reign supreme in the World, distracting those of good will from the day-to-day suffering around them.

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*  
Ephesians 6:12

We should not allow world events to completely dominate our perspective. That is not to say we should ignore the suffering brought about by the various ongoing conflicts of war – conflicts that without doubt bring uncalled for suffering to innocents. Today's wars are no longer fought solely on the battlefield with the two armed forces battling each other eye-to-eye, hand-to-hand. No, today's wars are often fought from a distance, a comfortable office where the technician is simply managing the machines of war remotely. These machines bring indiscriminate destruction to all wherever they strike, killing more innocents than actual belligerents. The sense of hopelessness such events give rise to in our minds and thoughts must not, however, distract us from our one and only goal as Lazarites – that of alleviating the suffering of the sick and all those in need.

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

Romans 12:21

As modern-day Crusaders, we are obliged to keep the faith and strive to help emphasise and promote the spirit of Jesus Christ's teachings. We must take heed of St Paul's warning and keep our thoughts, our actions, on the correct path.

*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith and pay attention to deceitful spirits and demonic doctrines.*

1 Timothy 4:1



Let us as a Chivalric Order of Charity not be distracted by the Forces of Evil but remain sensitive to the day-to-day suffering around us, and of course strive, to reduce the suffering wherever we can.

Prof. Charles Savona-Ventura GCLJ  
Grand Hospitaller

## General Overview

Thirty-five jurisdictions provided a Hospitaller Report for 2023.

- Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)
- Grand Priory of Australia
- Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)
- Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin
- Priory of Belgium
- Grand Priory in Canada
- Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic
- Grand Priory of England & Wales
- Grand Priory of Finland
- Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)
- Grand Bailiwick of Germany (including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas)
- Grand Priory of Greece
- Grand Priory of Hungary
- Grand Priory of Ireland
- Grand Priory of Italy
- Priory of Liechtenstein
- Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands (including the voluntary organization affiliates: *Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio* and *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity*)
- Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello
- Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands
- Grand Priory of New Zealand
- Priory of North Macedonia
- Priory of Norway
- Grand Priory of Poland
- Portugal – Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold Simoes
- Grand Bailiwick of Scotland
- Grand Bailiwick of Sicily
- Grand Priory of Slovakia
- Grand Bailiwick of South Africa
- Grand Priory of Spain (includes Hereditary Commandery of El Acebuchar)

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

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

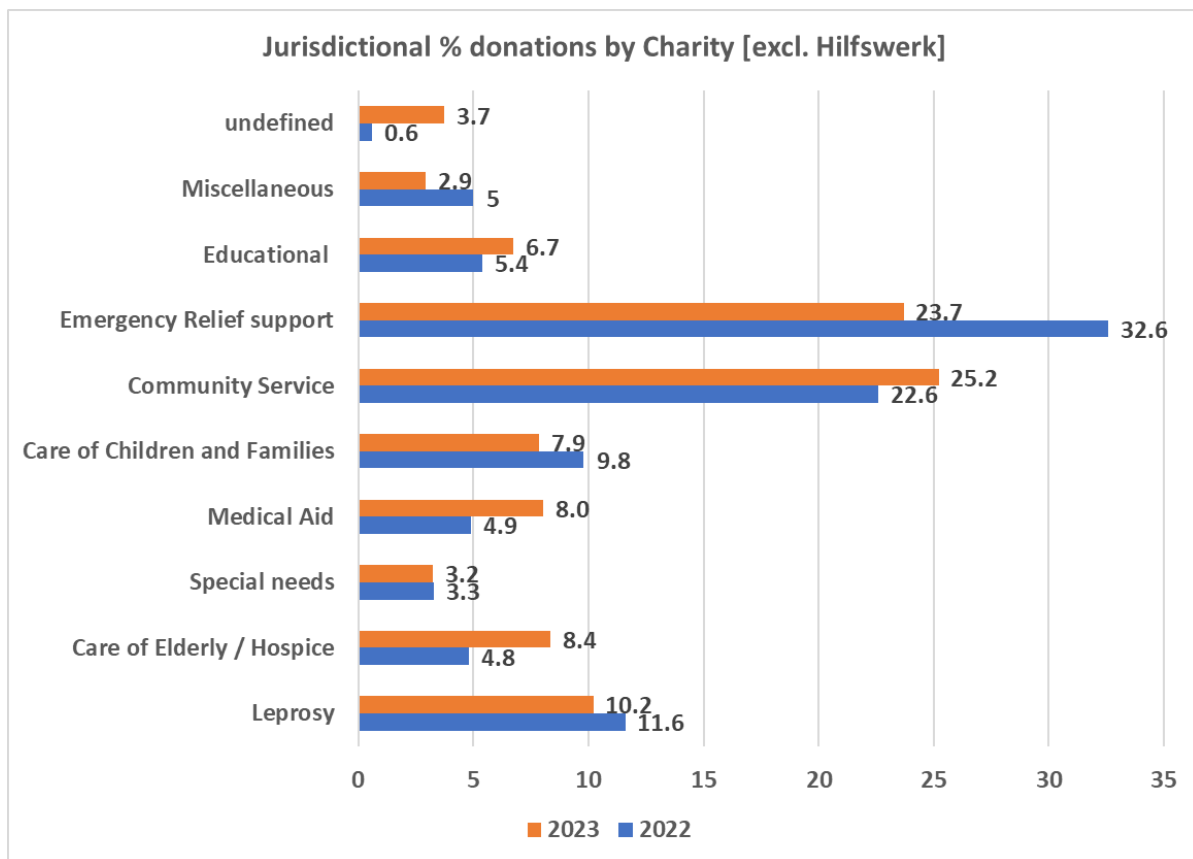
Throughout 2023, the various jurisdictions made monetary or in-kind donations amounting to a total of €28,445,0947 supplemented by 68,019 volunteer man-hours, equivalent to a further €680,190 [volunteer man-hours are estimated at a standard rate of €10 per hour]. The total hospitaller contribution of €29,104,637 compares very favourably with the figure reported for 2022 of €17,290,877 [showing a 50.9% overall increase in philanthropic work] confirming that the jurisdictions and their voluntary organizations have striven to maintain their charitable momentum. The majority of the donations [87.6%] derive from the activities of the voluntary organizations falling under the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe. In addition, the national and hereditary jurisdictions contributed a total of €3,589,637 in monetary, in-kind, and volunteer man-hour donations – unfortunately showing a 12.2% decrease from last year's figure which stood at €4,053,957.



## 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. Excluding the contribution by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, only 8.4% of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions targeted this charitable group. Because of the very significant contribution to the overall philanthropic activities made by the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe, it is important to analyse the donations made by the national jurisdictions separately since this gives a fairer picture of the philanthropic portfolio preferences of the Order.

	2022 National Jurisdictions €	2022 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2022 % total	2023 National Jurisdictions €	2023 Lazarus Hilfswerk €	2023 % total
<b>Leprosy</b>	468,634	0	2.7	366,952	0	1.3
<b>Elderly and Hospice care</b>	193,749	13,010,000	76.4	299,769	25,515,000	88.7
<b>Special needs</b>	135,334	1,010	0.8	115,994	0	0.4
<b>Medical Aid</b>	198,675	0	1.1	288,594	0	1.0
<b>Child and Family welfare</b>	398,785	0	2.3	281,833	0	1.0
<b>Community Service</b>	916,185	7,540	5.3	905,019	0	3.1
<b>Emergency Relief support</b>	1,321,077	218,250	8.9	850,666	0	2.9
<b>Educational</b>	217,062	0	1.3	242,286	0	0.8
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	202,967	0	1.2	105,183	0	0.4
<b>Undefined</b>	0	0	0.0	133,341	0	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€17,290,877</b>			<b>€29,104,637</b>		



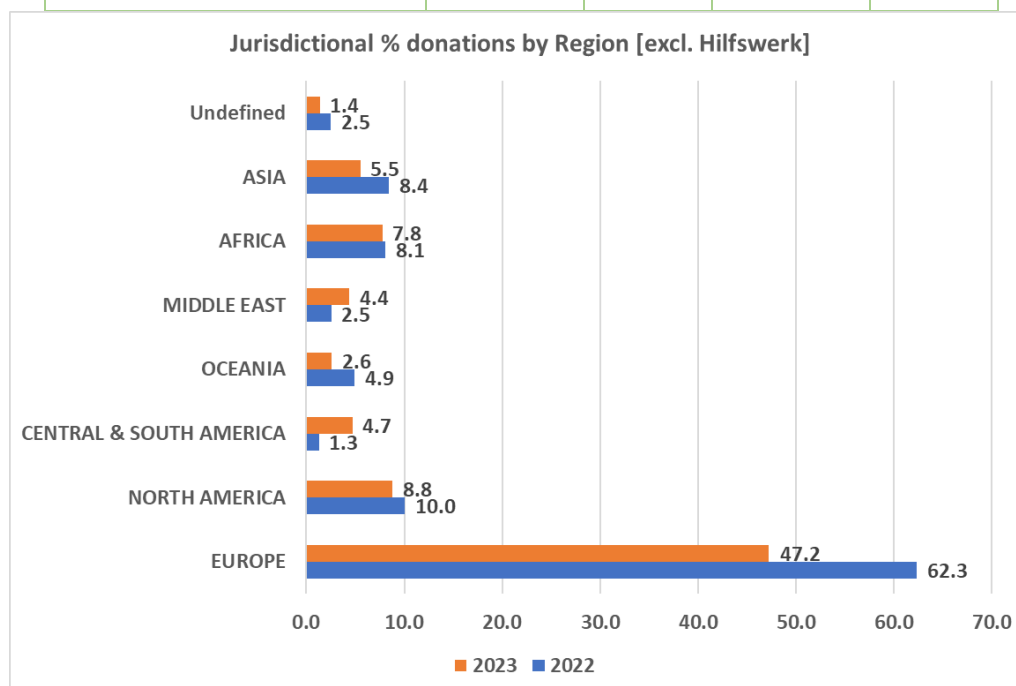
The wide vista presented by the ‘modern’ stated aims of the Order is reflected by the broad range of philanthropic activities supported by its jurisdictions. The traditional link with the victims of leprosy has been maintained, accounting for 11.6% of the total annual contribution. Hansen’s Disease still 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 a variety of philanthropic objectives and not purely leprosy. The larger part of the 2023 philanthropic jurisdictional contribution, amounting to 32.6% and 22.6% respectively, has been targeted towards emergency relief and community service projects. Since the V/O of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe [Hilfswerk] targets mainly care of the elderly and hospice care, the overall bulk of the Order’s contribution goes towards this cause, even though the jurisdictions only provide 4.8% of donations aimed towards this cause.



## 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 2023 support charitable activities in Europe, accounting for 94.7% of the total amount – a trend emulating 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. Even excluding this contribution, Europe still remains the largest recipient of contributions made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions.

	2022		2023	
	€	%	€	%
<b>EUROPE</b>	15,726,647	90.5	27,575,764	94.7
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	437,741	2.5	383,742	1.3
<b>CENTRAL &amp; SOUTH AMERICA</b>	56,142	0.3	204,959	0.7
<b>OCEANIA</b>	214,343	1.2	111,306	0.4
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	110,480	0.6	190,194	0.7
<b>AFRICA</b>	351,555	2.0	338,714	1.2
<b>ASIA</b>	367,418	2.1	240,373	0.8
<b>Undefined</b>	107,590	0.6	38,132	0.2



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 2023

being directed to needy persons or communities in the developed world, targeting projects in Europe [47.2%], North America [8.8%] and Oceania [2.6%]. Most of the charitable donations made by the national and hereditary jurisdictions target charities within their own communities. About 22.4% of these donations target 'missionary charities' in Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Central & South America. While the philanthropic targets for this support varied, but the larger part [37.7%] addressed victims of Hansen's Disease.

### 3. Victims of Armed Conflicts



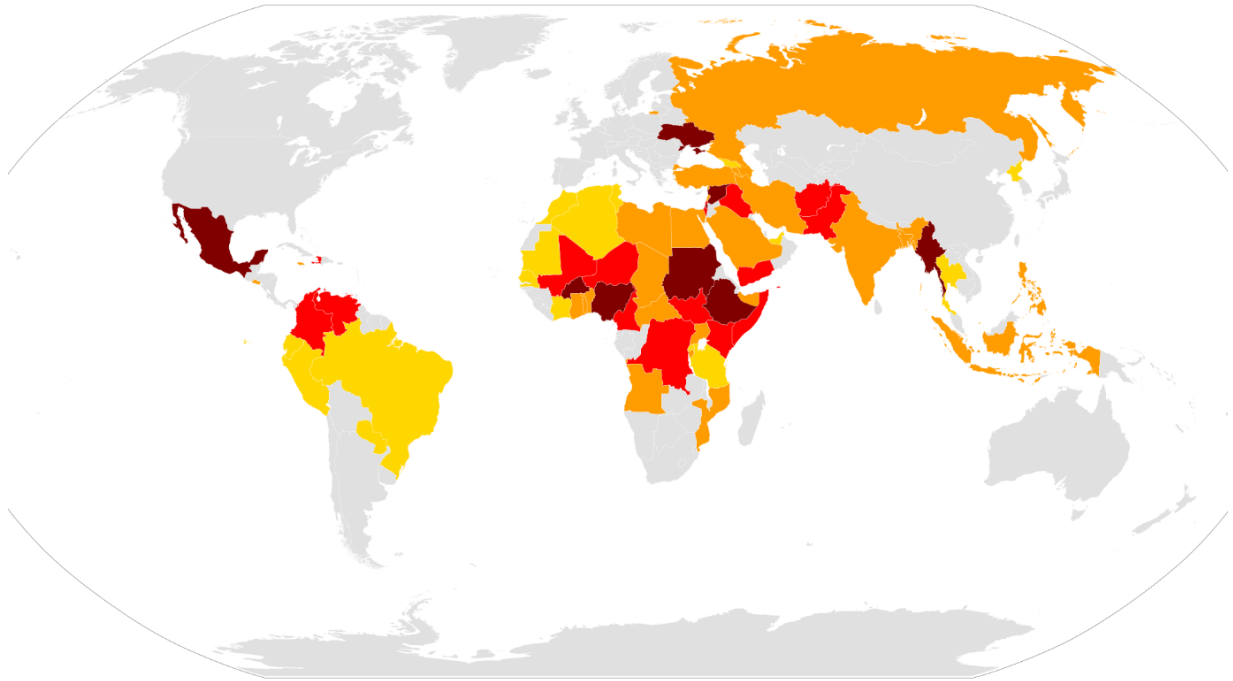
The international media has been continuously and vociferously providing us with details of the continuing Russo-Ukrainian conflict, and, in the latter part of 2023, with the details of the Israel-Hamas war. These two conflicts have shocked the world into the realization that they have the potential of global consequences, and that any battle conflict involves not only those engaged directly in the fighting but also innocent bystanders. The non-combatant victims are subjected to situations both untenable and dangerous, their lives and livelihood at stake.

The cumulative fatalities of these two conflicts at the time of preparation of this report stands at over 220,000 for the Russo-Ukrainian conflict [initiated in 2014] and over 58,000 for the on-off Israeli-Palestinian conflict [started in 1948]. While the world's attention has been particularly directed towards these two conflicts, it must be noted that other conflicts are also ongoing, bringing death and suffering to innocent civilians. Besides the two mentioned, five other continuing conflicts have caused at least 10,000 direct, violent deaths during the outgoing calendar year: the Ethiopian civil conflict, the Mexican drug war, the internal conflict in Myanmar, the insurgency in the Maghreb region, and the War in Sudan. A further 14 ongoing conflicts have caused at least 1,000, though fewer than 10,000, direct violent deaths in the past calendar year.<sup>1</sup> These war fatalities are just the tip of the iceberg of the suffering occasioned by war, representing an immeasurable loss to families and communities. Besides the emotional trauma for the involved families, these deaths bring about significant social and economic consequences to the community at large. The wanton destruction of houses and support services leaves the community at risk of indirect deaths from disease, malnutrition, and health care deprivation.

The Order has in a limited way provided support for the victims of the more obvious and media-highlighted of these conflicts. Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022, the various jurisdictions of the Order immediately rallied to provide support to the Ukrainian refugees. This support has been maintained during 2023, particularly by the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe.

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<sup>1</sup> *List of ongoing armed conflicts*. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_ongoing\\_armed\\_conflicts](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ongoing_armed_conflicts)



**Map of ongoing armed conflicts** (number of combat-related deaths in past year)



While being continuously bombarded by the media does help to keep us attuned to what is going on in the world around us, there is a risk of ‘battle media fatigue’, resulting in our desensitization to what the conflict actually means in respect of actual suffering. We have as an International Order to maintain the momentum and expand our efforts not only to help the victims of war but especially to help rebuild the affected countries when the conflict has abated.

#### **4. 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. The following classification overleaf has been adopted.

<b>Charitable activity</b>	<b>Definition</b>
* Leprosy-related programs	This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.
* Elderly & Hospice care	This category should include projects supporting the care of the elderly and of the terminally sick, aiming to provide comfort and promote a better quality of life to individuals.
* Support to individuals with special needs	This category should identify projects aiming to ameliorate the lives and wellbeing of those individuals with special needs, including those with physical deformities or mental health issues.
* Medical Aid	This category should include projects supporting medical aid provisions or specialized equipment to institutions or individuals. It can also include actual medical service volunteer work done in the community.
* Child & family welfare support	This category should include projects targeting child and family welfare support projects. It 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 at supporting 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 natural or man-made disasters.
* Educational initiatives	This category should include support to promote education. It may involve bursaries to allow 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.

## 5. Flagship Projects of the International Order



Each year the jurisdictions of the Order are asked to make voluntary donations to the Order's Hospitaller Fund in support of a flagship project for the entire Order. The Flagship Project was originally envisaged as a rallying charity for the whole Order on an international level, an attempt to identify a particular charity that all jurisdictions could support. It is chosen by a majority decision of all the jurisdictions. It is, therefore, essential that the various jurisdictions contribute towards the Grand

Hospitaller Fund since this enables the Order to act as an international unified body to help deserving philanthropic projects. Unfortunately, few jurisdictions sent their 2023 contribution towards the Grand Hospitaller Fund, the donations amounting to only €4,152, meaning that only 830 members actually contributed to the scheme. During the annual GMC meeting in November 2023, it was decided that the €5 | US\$5 donation towards the Grand Hospitaller Fund be made obligatory and incorporated in the oblation proportion sent to the Grand Chancery. This fund will ensure that the International Order has the resources to maintain its one-and-only relevance in the world today: the ability to support Philanthropic Projects on an international scale.

The Flagship Projects supported during 2023 included:



- Support given to the humanitarian work with Ukrainian refugees carried out by the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic [donation of €1,000 outstanding from 2022 dedicated donations sent by the Grand Priory of Finland].



- Support given to the Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bhubaneswar in India [donation of €3,000 outstanding from 2022 dedicated donations made by the Grand Priory of Finland].



- Initiatives have been made to more closely adopt Hansen's disease as one of the major philanthropic targets of the Order – reverting to the original role and focus of the Order – without of course diminishing the other philanthropic activities which the various jurisdictions have identified as particularly significant in today's world. These initiatives are encouraged by:
  - Subscribing to *InfoLep* which serves as a free Leprosy information service. The monthly newsletter will be circulated to the heads of jurisdiction to be made available to all interested parties within the jurisdiction.
  - Providing a resumé of the Order's philanthropic work [past and present] directed at victims of Hansen's disease to the *International Leprosy Association*. This should place the Order on the international map of organizations working in the field of leprology.

**Hospitaller Fund status:**

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• Uncommitted balance as on 01/01/2023	9,116
• Committed funds to identified specific projects	18,000
• Donated 2023 funds for Dr Rousselot Leprosy Hospital in India	1,000
• <u>Jurisdictional donations made towards Fund during 2023</u>	<u>4,152</u>
• <b>TOTAL CREDIT</b>	<b>32,268</b>
• Donations paid during 2023	
○ Ukraine Relief Fund	( 1,000)
○ Dr Rousselot Leprosy Hospital in India	( 3,000)
• Committed funds towards specific projects	
○ <u>Pontifical Foundation Project</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>
• <b>TOTAL DEBIT/COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>(19,000)</b>
• <b>Available balance as on 31/12/2023</b>	<b>13,268</b>

## Hansen's disease [Leprosy]

<p>* Leprosy-related programs</p>	<p>This category should include any project that targets the victims of leprosy in some way or another.</p>
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The historical links to supporting the victims of Hansen's Disease have been rather overshadowed by other no less deserving projects. However, it remains each jurisdiction's obligation to encourage support for sufferers of the devastating effects of Hansen's Disease. In spite of the efforts of the World Health Organization, Hansen's Disease remains a medical and social scourge in the developing world today. All jurisdictions should seek to organize an annual dedicated activity, preferably of a fund-raising nature,

to support these sufferers, ideally focused around WORLD LEPROSY DAY, celebrated on the last Sunday of January.

### The Office of the Grand Hospitaller

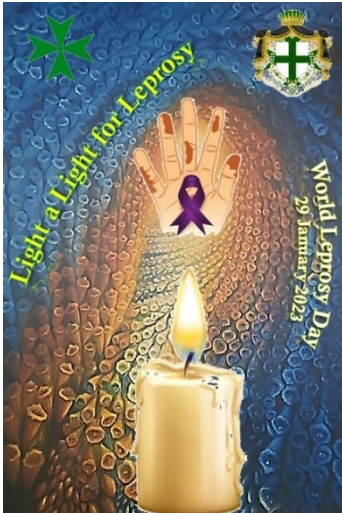
- Monetary donation made: [€3,000 donated by Finland]
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Office of the Grand Hospitaller donated the sum of €3,000 as relief aid to support the Gandhiji Seva Niketan' Leprosy Surgery Centre managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bhubaneswar, in India. These funds were specifically made available by the Grand Priory of Finland.



<https://www.facebook.com/vision.teilen/photos>





The Office further supported the initiative by the Hawaii Cadre of the Grand Priory of America to *Light a Light for Leprosy* on World Leprosy Day on the 29 January. The aim of this initiative was to encourage the members of the Order to join together in a global prayer. Many members and jurisdictions responded to the initiative, posting photographs of their activities on the international Facebook page of the Order. It is suggested that this initiative become an integral part of the Calendar of the International Order with the activity ideally being linked to a fund-raising occasion to specifically support the unfortunate victims of this disease and combat the social stigma associated with it.

**Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)**

- Monetary donation made: €136,788
- Volunteer hours given: 300 hours

The jurisdiction, through its sub-jurisdictions, the Commandery of the Southwest and the Delegation of Mexico, supported a number of projects aiming to ameliorate and empower the victims of Hansen’s disease, targeting victims in India, Mexico and Hawaii. The projects amounted to about €136,788 given as monetary donations or in-kind goods and service provision, and more than 300 volunteer hours. The Cadre of the Pacific supported several projects in Hawaii that served as fundraisers for other local charities to care for homeless individuals and promote Christian charity work. This effort introduced the Order of St Lazarus to these various other local groups as part of their outreach mission to grow membership. Using an internet based Facebook program, members of the Order all over the world were able to post photos of their “light for the world” to raise awareness of Leprosy, a mainstay work of mercy for our Order internationally.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Commandery of the Southeast</b>				
Rising Star Outreach (RSO)	Rising Star Outreach is dedicated to empowering individuals and families in India to rise above the stigma associated with leprosy. It further aims to provide screening services to identify and hence treat leprosy early.	US\$30,000 [€27,777]	-	-



Delegation of Mexico				
Centro Dermatológico Dr. Pedro Andrade Pradillo in Morelia and surrounding villages	Provided for 1,190 visits by nuns to patients and their relatives. Also distributed 459 food packages and 90 wool blankets. Provided low-cost consultations while giving pastoral and psychological support to patients and their families.	MXP\$ 1,000,488 [€55,802]	MXP\$ \$200,000 [€11,155]	150



<p>Instituto Dermatológico Guanajuatense de San Lázaro, A.C. in Irapuato and surrounding villages</p>	<p>Provided for 1,037 visits by nuns to patients and their relatives. Also distributed 714 food packages, and oversaw low-cost consultations, while giving pastoral and psychological support to patients and their families.</p>	<p>MXP\$ 553,990 [€30,899]</p>	<p>MXP\$ \$200,000 [€11,155]</p>	<p>150</p>
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### Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €686
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Thunder Bay Commandery made a donation of Can\$1,000 (eq. €686) to the charity Leprosy Relief Canada to support the management of two mobile leprosy treatment clinics in India and Madagascar.

### Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

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

The jurisdiction financially supported the Czech Leprosy Relief (*Likvidace lepry*: <https://www.likvidacelepry.cz/>), a civic association and organisation aimed at helping those suffering from leprosy.

### Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €91,410
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

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

Beneficiary	Activity HANSEN'S DISEASE SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
THE ST LAZARUS CHARITABLE TRUST (Reg. Charity no. 286918)	Raises and distributes funds for the relief of leprosy sufferers throughout the world.	£11,995 [€13,987]	Nil	Nil GLOBAL
NEPAL LEPROSY TRUST (Reg. Charity no. 1081952)	Works with people affected by leprosy and other disabled and marginalized people. It supports them without discrimination, to empower, rehabilitate and restore dignity and thus demonstrate their potential as active members in their community. At its Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital & Services Centre, the trust has established a model for the elimination of leprosy stigma in Nepal.	£500 [€583]	Nil	Nil NEPAL

EMMS INTERNATIONAL (Scottish Charity no. SC032327)	Aims to heal the sick in some of the poorest communities in the world. Works with overseas partners (currently in Scotland, Malawi, Nepal and India) to improve health and healthcare, particularly for hard-to-reach people. Donation made in support of the Detect, Care & Cure, Leprosy Nepal Project.	£10,000 [€11,661]	Nil	Nil NEPAL
THE LEPROSY MISSION OF ENGLAND & WALES (Reg. Charity no. 1050327)	Global Christian organization leading the fight against leprosy worldwide. Supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £30,799 [€35,913] - Premananda Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal</li> <li>• £24,000 [€27,986] - Dare to Dream: Zero Leprosy Project, Ethiopia</li> <li>• £222 [€259] - Rainbow Children's Home, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh</li> <li>• £125 [€146] - Sylhet Tea Clinics, Bangladesh</li> <li>• £750 [€875] - Leprosy Mission General Funds</li> </ul>	€65,179	Nil	Nil

### **Grand Priory of Finland**

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

The jurisdiction has continued to solely support and maintain the past International Flagship Project supporting the Gandhiji Seva Niketan' Leprosy Surgery Centre managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bhubaneswar, in India with an annual donation of €1,000 as relief aid supplemented by outstanding previous donations of €2,000 made to the Grand Hospitaller Flagship Projects.

### **Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €5,520
- Volunteer hours given: 27 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory donated the overall sum of €5,520 and 27 volunteer man-hours to the Raoul Follereau Foundation which continues to fight "against leprosy and all leprosy", such as ignorance and poverty, which tend to lead to exclusion.





*Collecting funds for Raoul Follereau Foundation*

**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €10,811 + €42,327
- Volunteer hours given: 104 hours

The Hessen-Nassau sub-jurisdiction made a donation of €597 and 9 volunteer hours towards the Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr R. Rousselot, Bubaneswar in India. The Grand Bailiwick further made a donation of €10,000 and 80 volunteer hours to the same institution, the money being the proceeds of the charity ball organized as part of the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Order of Lazarus in Germany.



*Donation to Bubaneswar Leprosy Hospital*

The HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas – works closely with the Order of St Lazarus, with the two chairmen and two other curators being members of the Grand Bailiwick of Germany. Collection at the Christmas market in Amberg, requiring 15 volunteer hours, provided the sum of €217 aimed at the leprosy aid projects of the HDZ.



*Christmas Market collection*

The HDZ organization also supported a number of initiatives targeting leprosy, mainly in Asia.

Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
Bombay Leprosy Project for 2022 [donation in January 2023]	Mumbai, India	€18,345
Leprosy Hospital managed by Dr Rousselot	Balarampuram, India	€10,671
Lazarus Foundation, promotion of popular education	Europe	€10,000
Providing a water pump in the leper village	Madagascar - Africa	€3,311

### **Grand Priory of Hungary**

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 1 hour per person attending

On the occasion of the International Leprosy Day the members of the Hungarian Jurisdiction participated in a one-hour long local health and ecclesiastical event at Budapest, Debrecen, Győr, Máriapócs and Vác.

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

- Monetary donation made: €26,187
- Volunteer hours given: 724 hours

The jurisdiction has supported the workings of its voluntary organization, *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity*, concerned with collecting funds to provide help to victims of Hansen’s Disease by dedicated monetary donations amounting to €1,187 to cover annual registration fees and other expenses. In addition, the jurisdiction provides man-power management support to the organization amounting to about 700 volunteer hours. The jurisdiction has also provided support to the leper community in Jimma, Ethiopia with a donation of €5,000 being made to the Daughters of the Sisters of Charity who provide educational support for the children of the community, together with food supplementation to the community. The latter donation is the last instalment of a three-year €20,000 support project.



*Food distribution to Leper community in Jimma*



*Leper family house located in cemetery*



The voluntary organization *Raoul Follereau Foundation [Malta] – Order of Charity* during the outgoing year donated the overall sum of €20,000 to various Maltese-managed missions working with victims of leprosy. These missions included: the Gesu fil-Proxxmu movement [Jesus in one’s neighbour], the Capuchin Fathers Mission, the Conventual Capuchin Fathers Mission, and the Philippine Mission work managed by Sister Catania.

On World Leprosy Day, members of the jurisdiction, together with another socio-religious group Christ Our Neighbour Group, came together to participate in the ‘Light a Light for Leprosy’ initiative. Twenty-four jurisdictional members participated in this initiative (24 volunteer hours).



## Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello

- Monetary donation made: €27,500
- Volunteer hours given: 52 hours

The jurisdiction has continued with its support to Kagando Hospital in Western Uganda, which cares for victims of Hansen’s disease, with a donation of €26,000 and 40 volunteer man-hours. These funds helped sponsor the project providing a second accommodation block within the hospital, supplementing one funded a few years ago. 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 €1,500 and 12 volunteer man-hours. These funds supported the purchase of a much-needed ambulance.



*Kagando Hospital in Western Uganda*



*Ambulance donated to Women in Need*



### **Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands**

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

The jurisdiction, through a foundation [[www.vriendenvansanjuandedios.nl](http://www.vriendenvansanjuandedios.nl)] set up by members of the Commandery Sint Willibrord, supports the San Juan de Dios Hospital in Manila to help patients there who are often unable to afford the costs of care.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Scotland**

- Monetary donation made: €641
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the Scottish Leprosy Mission with a donation of £550 [eq. €641] made towards its work with the victims of Hansen's disease in Sri Lanka.

### **Grand Priory of Spain (including Hereditary Commandery of El Acebuchar)**

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

The jurisdiction supported the Fontilles Foundation to help provide five scholarships to assist dermatology specialist doctors from Bolivia, Brazil, Guinea and Romania to attain experience in managing Hansen's disease. The support involved a monetary donation of €8,193 and 50 volunteer hours.

### **Priory of Zimbabwe**

- Monetary donation made: €667
- Volunteer hours given: 100 hours

The jurisdiction supported the Mutemwa Leprosy Mission in Zimbabwe, Africa by direct help involving 100 volunteer hours and a monetary donation of €667. The Mission was established in the mid-1930s as a leprosy settlement, and currently caters to 45 patients comprising recovering leprosy patients and physically handicapped, destitute individuals. It is currently managed by the Franciscan fathers. The mission's approach involves (1) active case finding; (2) health worker training to improve the diagnosis and treatment of people affected by leprosy; (3) mental health support for the victims; and (4) training victims as cobblers and in the manufacture of specialist footwear.

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## Elderly & Hospice care

<p>✱ Elderly &amp; Hospice care</p>	<p>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.</p>
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### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €3,704
- Volunteer hours given: 4 hours

The Imperial Calcasieu Delegation of this jurisdiction supported the Southwest Louisiana War Veterans Home with a donation amounting to US\$1,000 [eq. €926] and four volunteer hours. The Home provides comprehensive care to Louisiana Veterans in regard to healthcare, education, disability benefits, long-term care and burial honours. In addition, the jurisdiction gave a monetary donation of US\$1,000 [eq. €926] to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States which is a non-profit veteran’s service organization composed of combat veterans and eligible military service members. The VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to veterans services, legislative advocacy and military and community service worldwide.



*Donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars*

The Commandery of the West supported the Hope Street Coalition - Los Angeles, California with a monetary donation of US\$2,000 [eq. €1,852]. Hope Street Coalition is a non-profit, grass roots organization that educates about current public policy surrounding homelessness. It also advocates for changes to public policy to integrate treatment and care for underlying conditions (often, mental illness and/or addiction issues) with housing to create a more impactful solution to the homelessness crisis.

## Grand Priory of Australia

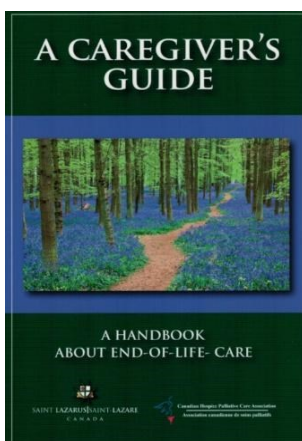
- Monetary donation made: €3,616
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

The Queensland Commandery supported the Tweed Wedgetail Palliative Care centre with a monetary donation of A\$6,000 [eq. €3,616] and 20 volunteer man-hours. The centre serves as a hospice for the terminally ill and also provides support to the families of those in palliative care.

## Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €61,318
- Volunteer hours given: 2,400 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 summarised in the table below. Other contributions related to educational support promoting hospice and end-of-life care appear under the heading, 'Educational initiatives'.



An important ongoing hospitaler activity of the jurisdiction is the continuing publication and circulation of their resource *A Caregiver's Guide* published in English and French versions. This is supplemented by running the online course *Home Caregiver Support Program* (HCSP), in collaboration with St John Ambulance, initiated in 2013. The program is designed to provide much needed information and assistance to non-professional caregivers who are providing care for family members or friends suffering from chronic or terminal illnesses. Caregivers can include other family members, partners, parents, children, and close friends. Patients are welcomed to do the program as well. The HCSP is free for caregivers and

patients and it accepts registration online in both English: <http://stlazarus.sjatrainng.ca> and French: <http://stlazarusfr.sjatrainng.ca>. A total of 226 copies with an estimated value of Can\$1,130 (eq. €775) were distributed by the Arctic (200 copies), the Calgary (14 copies), and the Newfoundland and Labrador Commanderies (12 copies).

The Hospitaler of the Thunder Bay Commandery, David Shannon, co-edited and contributed a chapter to a book entitled *Medical Assistance in Dying (Maid) in Canada*, published by Springer. This involved about 2,400 volunteer hours.

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 1,022 bears with an estimated value of Can\$10 each (eq. total €7,012) were donated by various commanderies (Edmonton – 450; Calgary – 512; Western Ontario – 60).

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Ottawa Commandery</b>				
Dianne Morrison Hospice, British Columbia	The Commandery supported the Dianne Morrison Hospice at the Ottawa Mission that provides team-based palliative and hospice care to the Ottawa area.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
<b>British Columbia Commandery</b>				
Victoria Hospice Society, British Columbia	The Commandery supported the Victoria Hospice Society with annual donations for over twenty-five years. The funds support an 18-bed palliative response unit at Victoria’s Jubilee Hospital.	Can\$2,000 [€1,372]	-	-
<b>Edmonton Commandery</b>				
St Joseph’s Auxiliary Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta	The Commandery supported the St Joseph’s Auxiliary Hospital that provides compassionate, holistic 24-hour nursing care to people with complex medical needs, and also offers palliative care and other valued support to the local community.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation	The Commandery supported the Sturgeon Community Hospital Foundation that raises funds to enhance patient care at the Sturgeon Community Hospital.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
Foyer Lacombe/Covenant Foundation (St Albert)	Covenant Care is a Catholic, not-for-profit, registered charity that provides quality accommodation, health and community care services and programs to aging individuals in need.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
Capital Care-Norwood (Edmonton) in memory of Chev. Dr John Dugan	Once a traditional long-term care centre with 205 beds, Norwood now offers a mix of programs which include post-acute care, a palliative hospice and complex long-term care in an environment that supports choice, autonomy and, where possible, independence.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-

Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (Calgary)	The Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association engages in education, advocacy, and provision of resources to achieve comprehensive and quality hospice, palliative and end of life care for all Albertans.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
<b>Calgary Commandery</b>				
Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society, Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society, a volunteer organization established in 1998 to support efforts to enhance the quality of life of veterans in the Carewest Colonel Belcher Care Centre.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
Rosedale Hospice – Hospice Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the Hospice Calgary, 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 [€3,430]	-	-
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.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
Sage Centre - Hospice, Calgary, Alberta	The Commandery supported the <i>Living with Cancer Program</i>	Can\$10,000 [€6,861]	-	-
<b>Manitoba Commandery</b>				
Palliative Care Manitoba	The Commandery supported the Palliative Care Manitoba, which provides support and education concerning palliative care, specifically by providing education for those offering respite for caregivers of people in palliative situations. Support is also offered for those suffering grief and bereavement.	Can\$2,000 [€1,372]	-	-
<b>Thunder Bay Commandery</b>				
Hospice Northwest	The Commandery supported the Hospice Northwest, which is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate support and resources to clients and their loved ones, wherever they may need it.	Can\$2,430 [€1,667]	-	-

<b>Western Ontario Commandery</b>				
Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce (Chapman House)	The Commandery supported the community residential hospice in Owen Sound, Ontario.	Can\$4,320 [€2,964]	-	-
Dorothy Ley Hospice	The Commandery supported the community residential hospice in Toronto, Ontario.	Can\$800 [€549]	-	-
Hospice Wellington	The Commandery supported the community residential hospice in Guelph, Ontario.	Can\$600 [€412]	-	-
Lisaard House/Innisfree House	The Commandery supported the community residential hospice in Kitchener, Ontario.	Can\$1,880 [€1,290]	-	-
<b>Montreal Commandery</b>				
Maison Saint-Raphael, Quebec	The Commandery supported the Maison Saint-Raphael which serves as a private palliative and day care centre.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
<b>Acadia Commandery</b>				
Atalanta Hospice Society (on behalf of Fundy Hospice)	The Atalanta Hospice Society is a charitable organization supporting accessible hospice care in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia.	Can\$4,000 [€2,744]	-	-

### **Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic**

- Monetary donation made: €6,233
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The support of hospices, hospitals and other social organisations is considered to be an important philanthropic role of the jurisdiction. In December 2023, the jurisdiction made a donation amounting to CZK71,038 [eq. €2,793] to REHOS Hospice in Nejdek near Karlovy Vary. The Commandery of St Peter and Paul in Brno supported the Hodonín charity with a donation amounting to CZK10,000 [eq. €393]; while the St Zdislava Commandery supported the activities of the St Joseph's medical facility in Žírec (*Domov sv. Josefa*: <http://www.rehos-nejdek.cz/>) with a donation of CZK77,500 [eq. €3,047]. The Prague Commandery financially supported the Department of Palliative Care in the Hospital of the Merciful Sisters of St Charles Borromeo (*Nemocnice Milosrdných sester Svatého Karla Boromejského* : <https://www.boromejky.cz/>). Members of the jurisdiction also serve on the Board of Directors managing the Strasbourg Hospice (*Hospic Štrasburk*: <https://www.hospicstrasburk.cz/>) in Prague. Support was also given to other hospices including the St Lazarus Hospice (*Hospic sv. Lazara*: <https://hsl.cz/>) in Plzeň, the Athelas Home Hospice in Písek and the Jordan Home Hospice (*domáci hospic Jordán*: <https://www.hospicjordan.cz/>) in Tábor.



## Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €4,341
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported with an in-kind donation of £100 [eq. €117] made in favour of AGE UK (Reg. Charity no. 1128267) which is the leading charity for older people in the UK, providing help, information and advice to the elderly.

The jurisdiction further supported a number of hospices throughout England and Wales that provide specialist palliative care to patients and families. The overall contribution amounted to a monetary donation of £3,052 [eq. €3,559] and in-kind goods donation of £570 [eq. €665].

## Grand Priory of Finland

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

A donation of €1,000 to support the organization of recreational activities for residents with memory disorders housed in the “Tupahoiva” home for the elderly. A further donation of €2,000 was made to two World War II Invalids Associations to help support their daily living with home help, massage, podiatric services and food for those in need. The mean age of the war veterans in Finland is now 98 years.



**Sotainvalidien Veljesliitto**  
Krigsinvalidernas Brödräförbund

*Logo of the Finnish Veterans of War Association*



*Tupahoiva Dementia Home and winterly fire show to entertain the patients.*



**Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €30,140
- Volunteer hours given: 2,915 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
<b>Grand Priory of France</b>				
Petite Soeurs des Pauvres	Donation to help provide end-of-life support for poor elderly people, regardless of culture or religion.	€1,000	Nil	1
<b>Priory of Notre-Dame de France</b>				
Aged or disabled persons	Provision of home nursing, psychological help and transport facilities when needed.	€25,020	Nil	2,502
Souvenir Francais	Support in the annual collection of funds by the veterans' association.	€1,120	Nil	112
End-of-life care	Support in setting up a project to enhance end-of-life care to those in need.	€3,000	Nil	300

**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €655
- Volunteer hours given: 14 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction, supported by members from the Württemberg sub-jurisdiction, provided the Evangelical Church Community of Düsseldorf Heerdt with a donation of €655 and 14 volunteer hours to distribute 50 bags containing a “Weckmann” (a speciality sweet bread), butter, jam, coffee, oranges, nuts and sweets to senior members in the community. The funds were obtained from the donation cans collection campaign at the Christmas market in Amberg.



*Senior project distributing food bags*

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

- Monetary donation made: unquantified
- Volunteer hours given: 80 hours

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



*Participation at St Mary's Parish Church, Qrendi*

The Commandery of Gozo continued with its biannual visits to the St Laurence Home for the Elderly in Gozo during which the elderly inmates of the home are entertained with musical events, while members of the jurisdiction spent quality time talking with the inmates. These two activities involved a total of about 50 volunteer hours.



*Entertaining the elderly at St Laurence Home for the Elderly - Summer & Christmas visit*

### **Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands**

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 324 hours

The jurisdiction has provided a total of 164 volunteer hours supporting the organization of weekly walks and social activities for the elderly [108 hours], and to visit lonely elderly individuals [56 hours]. A further monetary donation of €1,000 and 160 volunteer hours was given to support initiatives targeting care of the elderly in the Philippines.

### **Grand Priory of Poland**

- Monetary donation made: €9,000
- Volunteer hours given: 5,050 hours

The Grand Priory participated with 50 volunteer hours in the annual fundraising event 'Field of Hope', symbolized by the daffodil, in order to generate funds in five Krakow parishes, raising €5,000. The funds are targeted towards supporting terminally ill individuals. In addition, 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 and €4,000 in monetary funds in support for terminally ill persons.



## Grand Priory of Slovakia

- Monetary donation made: €58,200
- Volunteer hours given: 480 hours

During the past year, members of the jurisdiction volunteered 480 hours supporting the facility and the inmates at the St Lazarus House. In addition, the sum of €58,200 was donated to replace the destroyed linoleum of the entire facility and for the Oxygen Concentrator project, which helps recipients with breathing difficulties.



*St. Lazarus House*

## Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: €3,065
- Volunteer hours given: 9 hours



The jurisdiction sponsored the donation of a variety of no-longer used wheelchairs, crutches, bed tables, walkers and bath seats with an equivalent value of R36,000 [eq. €1,723] to the pivotal shelter IKHAYA LOXOLO LASE which caters for over 100 mostly terminally-ill persons from some of the poorest of the poor communities in the crime infested, largely unemployed shanty town

areas of the Cape Flats. These persons are housed, fed, protected, their medication and medical care given and are treated with all the respect due to an elder, so that they may live out the last of their days in dignity. In addition, in-kind donations of bedding, cleaning materials, foodstuff, personal hygiene items with an equivalent value of R28,000 [eq. €1,342] were donated by a member family in the Commandery, via a collection amongst friends, as a gift to the Home.



*Donations made to Ikhaya Loxolo Lase*

**Priory of Zimbabwe**

- Monetary donation made: €567
- Volunteer hours given: 12 hours



The jurisdiction supported the Zimbabwe Age Concern [ZANE] with a monetary donation of €567 and 12 volunteer hours. ZANE supports elderly people in Zimbabwe who have been very badly impacted by the economic turmoil of the last 10 years. Many of these have lost their pensions and their medical aid schemes. Many have been abandoned by their children who left for greener economic pastures. ZANE helps by paying the individual’s rent directly to the home. ZANE also assists the homes with some donated food, and individuals with emergency medical help.

## **International Grand Bailiwick**

- Monetary donation made: €400
- Volunteer hours given: 175 hours

Several members of the jurisdiction in various regions helped with projects providing care for the elderly. The activities involved frequent cooking for groups of elderly, transportation of individuals to medical/dental appointments, social excursions including museums and dinners, weekly grocery shopping and support in acquiring mobility support equipment. The donations included a monetary donation of €150, in-kind donations of €250, and 175 volunteer man-hours.

## Individuals with special needs

<p>✳ Support to individuals with special needs</p>	<p>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.</p>
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### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €30,552
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

The Commandery of the Southeast supported the Ye Notorious Krewe of the Peg Leg Pirate non-profit organization with a donation of US\$3,000 [eq. €2,778]. The organization focuses on the relief of human suffering, especially children and the forgotten elderly, stricken with loss of limbs by directly providing devices such as custom-made handcycles and tricycles. It also provides facilities for home renovation, scholarships, and numerous other ways of meeting their needs. It further supports an Adventure Amputee Camp, located in the mountains of western North Carolina, providing amputee children the opportunity to stretch their reality and imagination of what it is possible to achieve.



***Support to Peg Leg Pirate***

In addition, the jurisdiction also gave a monetary donation of US\$10,000 [eq. €9,259] to the Georgia Transplant Foundation (GTF) which, by attending health fairs, festivals, and conferences throughout the state of Georgia, provides education and outreach to raise awareness about the accessibility of organ transplant with the help of their services.





**Support to Georgia Transplant Foundation**

The Grand Commandery of the South supported the Legacy Donor Foundation with a monetary donation of US\$20,000 [eq. €18,518] and 20 volunteer man-hours. The funds were used to help educate youth drivers about the importance of Organ Donation in the state of Louisiana as well as nationally through their network of Organ Donation programs. It is hoped that this new initiative using more social media marketing strategies will educate more youths and parents about the critical need for organ donation and the importance of using youth driver’s license mechanisms to make their wishes known.

**Grand Priory of Australia**

- Monetary donation made: €14,356
- Volunteer hours given: 175 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
<b>Grand Priory</b>				
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 [€1,808]	Nil	5
<b>Australian Capital Territory Commandery</b>				
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 for simple things that break or wear out.	A\$12,000 [€7,232]	Nil	100

Tasmania Commandery				
Gibson Unit, Calvary Saint John's Hospital	Supports the provision of holistic therapy for cancer patients including massage therapy, music therapy, and provision of reading material.	A\$8,500 [€5,123]	A\$320 [€193]	70



*Donation made to Gibson Unit, Calvary Saint John's Hospital*

### **Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)**

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: 162 hours

The jurisdiction gave a monetary donation amounting to €1,500 to the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to support their Petrus Donders-Care-Palliative-Programme in Manathoor/Kerala in India. This programme includes priority care of outpatients (in their home). If this kind of care is not possible, the care is given in a Palliative Station in a Hospital. In addition, since October 2021, six members of the jurisdiction have been involved in regular voluntary service, visiting individuals suffering from dementia and those with other needs who were living in the House of Compassion in Vienna. During 2023, this activity required a total of 162 man-volunteer hours.



*Petrus Donders-Care-Palliative-Programme*

## Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

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

The St Zdislava Commandery donated tens of thousands of CZK to provide legal aid for disadvantaged persons.

## Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €816
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY (Reg. Charity no. 296645) which provides dementia support services and advice with an in-kind donation of £700 [€816].

## Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)

- Monetary donation made: €17,740
- Volunteer hours given: 2,124 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
<b>Priory of Notre-Dame de France</b>				
Parisian hospitals	Provision of free medical consultations and care in hypnotherapy provided by a professional member in the hospitals in Paris caring for terminally ill cancer patients.	€9,500	Nil	900
Association les Bouchons d'amour	Help with the collection of plastic bottle tops for recycling to generate funds to help purchase support aids for people with special needs.	€120	Nil	12
People with special needs	Provision of support and legal help for individuals with restricted physical mobility.	€7,640	Nil	764
Association Soutien aux Blessés des Armes	Support for the national sporting walk in the Vincennes Forest, aimed at supporting injured military personnel.	€480	Nil	48

Priory of Boigny				
France Depression	Volunteer work assisting the management of a hotline providing psychological support and suicide risk prevention.	Nil	Nil	400

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

- Monetary donation made: €150
- Volunteer hours given: 1,625 hours

The jurisdiction, through the initiative of the Commandery of Gozo, continued with the triannual visits to the inmates of the Psychiatric Ward in Gozo General Hospital during which the long-term inmates of the home are given appropriate seasonal cakes and ice-cream, while members of the jurisdiction spend quality time talking with the inmates. These three activities involved a total of about 75 volunteer hours and in-kind donations amounting to approximately €150.



***Ice-cream donation to resident mental ward patients***

Members of the jurisdiction also participated in the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes where special prayers were made for sick persons when the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick was given to all those present. This involved about 50 volunteer hours.

Members of the jurisdiction are also closely involved with the management of the Archdiocesan Society UMTAL - Ghaqda Maltija Ghat-Trasport Tal-Morda F' Lourdes - which organizes pilgrimage visits for individuals with special needs to the Holy Shrine at Lourdes. These members not only help with the general organization, the jurisdictional hospitaller



serving as the president of UMTAL, but also serve as volunteer hands-on helpers to help with transport and care for the pilgrims during the trip. This required a significant number of volunteer hours amounting to a minimum of about 1,500 hours.



*Jurisdictional members volunteer serving as UMTAL helpers*

### **Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands**

- Monetary donation made: unquantified
- Volunteer hours given: 152+ hours

The jurisdiction has provided a total of 152 volunteer hours supporting individuals with special needs, organizing walks and/or bicycle tours [80 hours] and helping with the maintenance and cleaning of a horse-riding school which targets individuals with special needs [72 hours].



*Volunteers helping to clean & maintain the stables*



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

### **Grand Priory of New Zealand**

- Monetary donation made: €277
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Priory donated NZD 500 [eq. €277] to New Zealand Riding for the Disabled. This organization comprises 50 groups in local communities throughout New Zealand. The core purpose of Riding for the Disabled is to provide interaction with horses to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for people experiencing disability, or who have specific challenges or needs.

### **Grand Priory of Poland**

- Monetary donation made: €2,500
- Volunteer hours given: 250 hours

A member of the jurisdiction provides psychological counselling to needy students at the Ignatianum University in Krakow, besides also providing psychological support at the Kravov Hospital.

### **Grand Priory of Sweden**

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

The St Peder of Lödöse Commandery has assisted Mimi Folkhögskola (Mimi Community College) in an advisory capacity regarding education with fifty volunteer man-hours. The college has a number of special education classes for students of poor mental health.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland**

- Monetary donation made: €2,043
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the work of the Zürcher Lighthouse Palliative Care organization in Zurich, Switzerland with a monetary donation of CHF 2,000 [eq. €2,043]. The Zürcher Lighthouse offers terminally ill and dying people over 25 years old a peaceful place to be, with a high quality of life. An interdisciplinary team guarantees not only holistic care and assistance but also a last home.



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

- Monetary donation made: €400
- Volunteer hours given: 8 hours

The HGPE has supported the Hilfe für Kinder – Unterstützung für Ella [Help for children - support for Ella] with a donation of €400 and 8 volunteer hours. The funds were obtained in lieu of fees due to Dirk Augustin, KLJ for leading professional workshops on ethics several times a year for the Academy Internal Auditing in Austria (IIA Austria). The fund provides support for the needs of children having the KAT6A gene mutation which causes extensive developmental retardation or intellectual disabilities.



## Medical Aid

<p>✳ Medical Aid</p>	<p>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.</p>
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### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €23,147
- Volunteer hours given: 200 hours

The Commandery of the Southwest has undertaken to support the St Lazarus United Methodist Hospital at the Sebring-Mwanza Mission Centre, near Mwanza, Tanzania. The goal of this project is to provide ongoing access to over 500 families in the vicinity of the Sebring-Mwanza Mission Center with quality healthcare. The hospital building sits on 16 acres of land near the banks of Lake Victoria. There is a farm, school and orphanage on site. This joint project, carried out in conjunction with the First Sebring United Methodist Church in Sebring, Florida and Project C.U.R.E., enabled the purchase a 40-foot shipping container filled with medical supplies and equipment. The jurisdiction donated the sum of \$25,000 [eq. €23,147], thus amplifying this project's overall funds to over \$350,000.



*Support to St. Lazarus United Methodist Hospital*

### Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €2,350
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The Tasmania Commandery supported the Whittle Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital with a donation of A\$2,700 [eq. €1,627], goods worth A\$1,200 [eq. €723], and 10 volunteer man-hours to help purchase a massage chair for patients' family members. In addition, 3 paintings and hand-made bed quilts were provided to enhance the Unit's ambiance.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)**

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

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €500 to support the treatment of a baby suffering with cardiac problems born in Godenu, Ghana.

### **Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin**

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

The jurisdiction contributed €1,000 to the Royal House of Godenu to support medical aid as part of the project of the Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin “Help Godenu” in Ghana.

### **Grand Priory in Canada**

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

The Edmonton Commandery donated, in memory of Chev. Norman Sande, the sum of Can\$5,000 [eq. €3,430] to support the Jasper Community Health Services (Jasper, Alberta).

### **Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic**

- Monetary donation made: €3,105
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

Through the initiative of the Grand Bailiff, the jurisdiction secured and coordinated significant aid for the Syrian health sector by organizing the delivery of 310,000 certificated respirators worth almost CZK3.4 million (eq. €1,336,756) from the Czech Republic to Syria. This donation was personally received by the President of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, Eng. Khaled Hboubati, in the presence of the Czech Ambassador to Syria. The jurisdiction financed the transport costs, amounting to CZK78,962 (eq. €3,105).

## Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €10,356
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the SAMBURU TRUST UK (Reg. Charity no. 1109421) with a donation of £8,581 [eq. €10,006]. The Charity aims to provide relief of poverty, hardship and distress, the advancement of education and the protection and promotion of good health among the inhabitants of Kenya, in particular among the Samburu community of the Kirimun/North Laikipia area. In addition, the jurisdiction further supported PANCREATIC CANCER UK (Reg. Charity no. 1112708) with an in-kind donation amounting to £300 [eq. €350] helping to raise money for the support of cutting edge research into pancreatic cancer.

## Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)

- Monetary donation made: €35,385
- Volunteer hours given: 288 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
<b>Grand Bailliage of France</b>				
Hospital Saint Nicholas of Lviv, Ukraine	Donation of an infant resuscitation table Babyroo TN300 from Drager in collaboration with the Endowment Fund of the French Association of the Works of Saint-Lazare.	€21,141	Nil	30
<b>Priory of Notre-Dame de France</b>				
Etablissement Francais du Sang and Hotel National des Invalides	Logistic help with blood donation campaign.	€580	Nil	48
Telethon	Support to help promote medical research.	€2,070	Nil	207
<b>Grand Priory of Alsace</b>				
Hospital Saint Nicholas of Lviv, Ukraine	Donation of three incubators and 6,000 respiratory masks for premature infants.	€7,500	Nil	Nil
Amis d'gens – Centre Psychotherapique de Nancy	Support was given to the collection of medical equipment for the La Providence Orphanage in Lokossa, Benin.	€2,094	Nil	3

Hospital centre of Narbonne city	Funds to purchase a computer system to help carry out research on pain management in intensive care patients.	€2,000	Nil	Nil
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*Donation to the Hospital centre of Narbonne city*

**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €150,946
- Volunteer hours given: approximately 2,650 for all HDZ projects

The HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas – works closely with the Order of St Lazarus. The organization supported a number of initiatives targeting medical aid support, particularly dental related projects.

Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
Digital X-ray machine, dental clinic	Madagascar - Africa	€2,000
Support to provide equipment including toothbrushes and services for dental stations	Eritrea - Africa	€22,204
Forwarding of old gold proceeds, Planet Action:	Africa	€2,293
Helfende Hände e.V., GDCI e.V., & Kleine Herzen Hannover e.V., Germany	Germany	€10,809
Two instalments to OHCP	Philippines - Asia	€8,172
Donation to GDCI	Asia	€1,090
Instalment 2023 for study dental program	Philippines - Asia	€4,530
Provision of two dental extraction systems for "Children of the Himalayas"	India - Asia	€8,253

Forwarding donation from the German Dental Carehood International e.V	Asia	€54
OHCP-Argentina, Pharmacists without Borders	Argentina - Americas	€10,000
German Cleft Children's Aid	Bolivia - Americas	€10,000
Renovation of hospital ward	Bolivia - Americas	€35,608
Maintenance and continuation of an outpatient health station	Haiti - Americas	€20,000
Herzenssache e.V.	Europe	€10,000
Special Smiles: Special Olympics World Games	Europe	€5,933

### **Grand Priory of New Zealand**

- Monetary donation made: €388
- 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 NZD 500 [eq. €277] to renew its Corporate Sponsorship for 2023. During the year NZD 200 [eq. €111] was also donated to the Brain Research Trust.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Scotland**

- Monetary donation made: €583
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

As in previous years the jurisdiction has continued to support Murambinda Hospital in Zimbabwe with a monetary donation of £500 [eq. €583] to help provide health care to the needy population living in an under-resourced rural area.

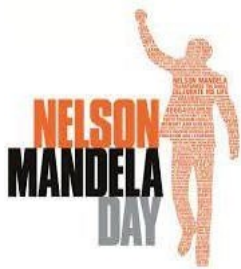
### **Grand Bailiwick of South Africa**

- Monetary donation made: €144
- Volunteer hours given: 18 hours

The Western Cape Commandery held an at-home Quiz Evening to raise funds [R3,000 eq. €144] specifically for the KNITTED KNOCKERS project which is a novel project aiming to support women from disadvantaged communities who have been unfortunate enough to go through mastectomy/lumpectomy surgery and cannot afford silicone implants. The project provides knitted prosthetic breasts (Knitted Knockers) that can be worn comfortably under clothing, so helping the wearer to regain self-confidence and lead a more natural, less stigmatised life.



### *Knitted Knockers*



As part of this country's commemoration in International NELSON MANDELA DAY, three members did five intense hours of volunteer work manning a City Health Services-sponsored TB clinic at IMIZAMO YETHU in the informal settlement in the greater Hout Bay Valley area.



*Volunteer work at Imizamo Yethu TB Clinic*

### **Grand Priory of Sweden**

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

The jurisdiction has supported the running of a dispensary within the Fullbantang hospital service in the inner part of the Gambia with a monetary donation of €34,300. A further donation of €17,500 was made to Bridging Health Development in support of a hospital in the northeast of Sierra Leone.





*Staff at Fullbantang Hospital, Gambia*



*Hospital in Serra Leone*

### **International Grand Bailiwick**

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

A donation of €300 was made to the Institute of Cancer Research to help with the diagnosis and cure of malignant melanoma. Further monetary donations amounting to €2,500 were 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

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### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €69,627
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Commandery of the South provided monetary support of US\$2,200 [eq. €2,037] to the Salvation Army of New Orleans which provides a program (Centre of Hope) to provide temporary housing consisting of 20 apartments for individuals and families who are in a transition phase in their lives. In addition to housing, it provides training and counselling services. This donation helped set up 5 message boards to facilitate communications with its clients. A message board was placed on each of the four resident floors and in the recreation centre. The messages promote job openings, training sessions and the like.

The Commandery of the Atlantic made a donation of US\$60,000 [eq. €55,553] to the Infant Welfare Center of the Greek Catholic Annunciation Society in Jerusalem. The Infant Welfare Center (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. Funds are used to maintain the IWC and procure medical/dental supplies; operate the laboratory, x-ray and procedure rooms; pay physicians, technicians, and support staff; and, organize training courses for women. The IWC serves as a hub that supports 24 schools with over 1,000 students in the Old City. The IWC pays registration fees for over 400 students and treats teachers suffering from infectious diseases. Vaccinations are provided to over 200 babies and young children. The IWC hosts educational and training sessions for mothers, and volunteer teachers provide the mothers with nutritional and physiological education, child behaviour and developmental training, computer training, language lessons and communications. The work of the IWC has been greatly impacted by the conflict between Gaza and Israel. They have taken in nearby elderly folk to assist in care of the children, they prepare hot meals for shut-in elderly folk near the Center and are expanding their services to all those impacted by the extended conflict.



***Support to the Jerusalem Infant Welfare Center***

The Imperial Calcasieu Delegation provided a donation of US\$1,000 [eq. €926] to the St Teresa Centre for the Works of Mercy, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy offering the services of a soup kitchen, serving hot meals, and a food pantry.



***Donation to St. Teresa Centre for the Works of Mercy***

In addition, the Delegation supported the Hope Haven Children’s Advocacy Centre with a donation of US\$2,000 [eq. €1,852]. The organization provides support for abused children. The purpose of this donation was to assist with training and equipment for an emotional support therapy dog for the abused children who use their services. The Centre recently received Bean, a three-month-old Labrador Retriever, who provides the children with natural comfort and support that people are unable to offer.

The Commandery of the Southwest supported the Children’s Transplant Initiative with a donation of US\$10,000 [eq. €9,259]. The 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 Centre

(TMC). Its stated goal is to ease the burden and lessen the fears of children and their families undergoing the transplant process. They served over 20 families of paediatric organ transplant patients through the “R” Room (A Place to Rest-Relax-Recover) Program during the past year. This program provides a location close to the TMC where patients and their families can live and be supported while undergoing transplant care.

**Grand Priory of Australia**

- Monetary donation made: €15,489
- Volunteer hours given: 13 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
<b>Grand Priory</b>				
Second Chances SA Inc., Adelaide	A program supporting the families of prisoners. This funding will go towards helping the children of prisoners to stay in the education system, diversion from the juvenile justice system and helping at-risk children of prisoners to become 'job-ready'.	A\$5,000 [€3,013]	Nil	9



*Donation to Second Chance*

Operation Sunshine WA	Operation Sunshine WA is a fully volunteer-run charity that helps women and children displaced by family and domestic violence and/or under the care of child protection services. Many women and children are displaced in traumatic circumstances with no more than the clothing on their backs. Operation Sunshine gives them a backpack with care items to get them through the first night in care.	A\$1,700 [€1,025]	Nil	4
<b>Victoria Commandery</b>				
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\$19,000 [€11,451]	Nil	Nil

### Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €4,116
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The British Columbia Commandery of the jurisdiction supported the Canuck Place Children's Hospice with a donation of Can\$1,000 [eq. €686]. Canuck Place is British Columbia's paediatric palliative care provider for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. In addition, the Montreal Commandery has supported the LePhare, Enfants et Families with a donation of Can\$5,000 [eq. €3,430]. The LePhare, Enfants et Families provides palliative and end of life care to children under the age of 18.

### Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €27,920
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic continued to support Christian orphanages in Syria with a donation amounting to \$30,000 (eq. €27,920). The project, commenced in 2017

by the Community of Helpers of the Order of St Lazarus, involved the distant adoption of Syrian Christian orphans.

### **Grand Priory of Finland**

- Monetary donation made: €28,736
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the social projects of a number of parishes and congregations [11 parishes of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; 1 deacon congregation of the Orthodox Church of Finland (Constantinople Patriarch); and Sauli Vainio Memorial Fund and South Karelian Welfare Region] with a monetary donation of €25,736 where Christmas presents in the form of euro-value gift vouchers were given to about 300 needy families with small children as part of the Order's annual "Christmas Coin" program. In addition, one member supported sports and music hobbies for a number of children in the region.



*St. Kristoforos Delegation donated gift vouchers for families-in-need before Christmas*

The jurisdiction also provided support amounting to €3,000 to Tampere University hospital and the association for families of children with cancer to help provide the children with means for learning and support to follow school classes when isolated at the wards. Entertainment during hospital stay and excursions outside the premises, such as visits to an ice hockey ring, have also been supported.





*Visiting a hospital ward and enjoying winter excursion.*

**Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €20,310
- Volunteer hours given: 231 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
<b>Grand Priory of France</b>				
Christian refugees from Iraq	Support to Iraqi Christian refugees to help purchase a car to provide mobility to get to work.	€300	Nil	Nil
<b>Grand Bailliage of France</b>				
Foundation Charles Aznavour	Provides food aid to 550 refugee children from Haut-Karabagh, Armenia.	€5,000	Nil	Nil
Diocese Association of Nice	Provides financial assistance to disadvantaged children, enabling them to participate at the World Youth Day in Lisbon.	€3,000	Nil	Nil
Sisters of the Province of Pommeraye, Madagascar	Provides financial assistance to the canteen which provides 19,000 meals.	€3,700	Nil	Nil

<b>Priory of Notre-Dame de France</b>				
Emmaus France	Donation of clothes and furniture to precarious families in need.	€1,010	€6,000	101
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.	€1,300	Nil	130



*Food Aid provided to Foundation Charles Aznavour*



*Donation of clothes and furniture to Emmaus for families-in-need.*



*Children cared for by the Sisters of the Province of Pommeraye, Madagascar*



## Grand Priory of Greece

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

The Grand Priory, during the Christmas period, supported the fund-raising Charity Christmas Market at the Women's Shelter of "Palaio Faliro – Agios Alexandros", which hosts girls aged from 6 to 18 years old, from families with socio-economic problems and who have been there under legal order of protection. The support consisted of donated items worth €500 and 6 volunteer hours.

## Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €2,850
- Volunteer hours given: 3.5 hours per person attending

The commander of Győr's St Emeric Commandery with the patronage of the Hungarian Grand Priory of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem held a charity concert. The income from the concert went to support the treatment of an ill child. The event was opened by Ferenc Bartók OSB, the parish priest of the local church. He stressed the great importance of such initiatives, services for community cohesion and charity. Dames and Knights led by Dr Sándor Pellek PhD, medical Colonel KCLJ and Hungarian Grand Prior participated as well. A donation of €2,850 in money and in-kind goods was made.



*Charity Concert led by Dr Sándor Pellek*



## Priory of Liechtenstein

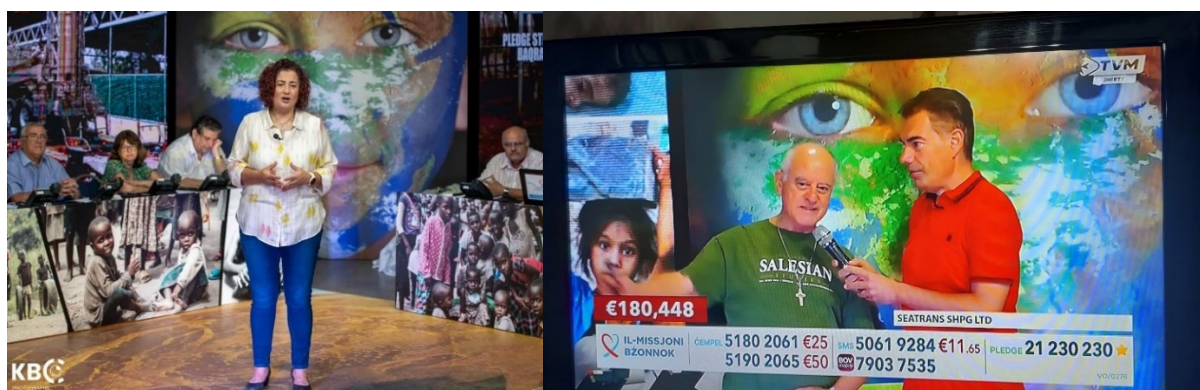
- Monetary donation made: €1,498
- Volunteer hours given: hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of €1,498 to *Hilfswerk Liechtenstein* following the closure of the previously managed Child Care Helpline, the funds to be used to promote child and family welfare.

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

- Monetary donation made: €72,364
- Volunteer hours given: 63 hours

The jurisdiction this year has supported the Salesian Burundi Project with a monetary donation of €16,000 acquired through participation in the Weekend Mission Media Marathon organized by Fundazzjoni U. The Marathon required the participation of volunteers to help in the management of the event amounting to 63 volunteer hours [approximate total volunteer hours needed for the activity = 336 hours]. The Salesian Burundi Project aims at turning child street beggars into school children by educating street and orphaned children running the risk of truancy from school and in giving them an integral education in the Salesian way. By assisting them, the project prevents them from turning into criminals, prostitutes, thieves, abusers, etc. The Weekend Mission Media Marathon netted a total of €380,610 which was distributed among a number of deserving missionary causes (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction €71,364). The jurisdiction further gave a donation of €1,000 to a Maltese family-in-need to help with the purchase of oncological medications.



*Various jurisdictional members participating in the Weekend Fund-raising Marathon*

### **Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands**

- Monetary donation made: €1,000
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The jurisdiction supported an initiative to organize a one-day outing for children with a monetary donation of €1,000 and 10 volunteer hours.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Scotland**

- Monetary donation made: €583
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has supported the Aberlour Children's Charity with a donation of £500 [eq. €583]. The supported Charity's mission is to reach Scotland's vulnerable children as early as possible to stop damage being done before families reach crisis point, thus hoping to improve long-term outcomes for children and young people. The Aberlour Children's Charity provides a range of services including: (1) Residential care and fostering: safe, loving homes for children who have experienced trauma and abuse; (2) Early years: babies are given a brighter future by building confidence in their parents; (3) Disability: life is made easier for families where a child has a disability; and (4) Recovery: parents are helped to recover from drug and alcohol misuse, poor mental health and domestic abuse, so their children can thrive.

### **Grand Priory of Slovakia**

- Monetary donation made: unquantified
- Volunteer hours given: 100 hours

The jurisdiction donated a significant number of items [value unquantified] consisting of school bags, books, scooters, skates, helmets, shoes, and other items to the Children's Home in Bytča. In addition, the jurisdiction, in collaboration with OZ KOBLOS, donated more than 500 pieces of clothing [value unquantified] to CSS Slniečko (Sun) (<https://www.cssslniecko.sk>) in Oščadnica, Slovakia.





*Donation to CSS Slniečko (Sun) in Oščadnica*



*Donation to Children's Home in Bytča*

### Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

- Monetary donation made: €12,229
- Volunteer hours given: 465 hours



The jurisdiction has donated the sum of R13,440 [eq. €643] and 16 volunteer man-hours to the PAEDSPAL volunteer organization dedicated to the palliative care of, especially, children who generally fall outside of any private institutional or state/public palliative care system. The jurisdiction this year involved itself in a peripheral sense by introducing two gifted youngsters from economically-disadvantaged communities to Paedspal who became de facto ambassadors for the unit.

In addition, the jurisdiction committed itself to a budgeted monthly-support programme amounting to R36,000 [eq. €1,721] to guarantee a regular supply of disposable nappies and Lactogen baby formula, as well as various sanitiser items and a further donation of previously owned household items collected from various sources, including clothing, utensils, artefacts, collectibles, furniture, etc. with an estimated value of R36,000 [eq. €1,721] to the CHRISTINE REVELL CHILDREN'S HOME which provides full-time care for up to 49 babies and children from birth to five years of age who have been referred by social workers and placed here by order of a children's court.



*Donations made to Christine Revell Children's Home*



In partnership with Rotary Club Kirstenbosch, further support in the form of food and basic feminine hygiene products, plus healthcare items with a value of R64,000 [eq. €3,073], was given to SISTERS INCORPORATED which plays a critical role in protecting, supporting and empowering women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence, abuse and the stigmatisation that is so prevalent

and widespread in many South African sub-economic communities.





***Donations made to Sisters Incorporated***

The jurisdiction further donated a branded multi-purpose bag (containing soap and a holder, deodorant, underwear, a face cloth and small towel, tooth-brush and paste, Epimax cream, two granola bars and pads or tampons) to each woman attending their sick children in TYGERBERG HOSPITAL CHILDREN'S WARD. The donation amounted to a value of R20,000 [eq. €956]. The mothers usually accompany the critically ill child and often do not have sufficient provisions to care for themselves, not even the most basic personal hygiene items.



***Multipurpose bag given to mothers attending Tygerberg Hospital***

A large quantity of wool was purchased at a cost of R10,000 and given to a local Baptist Church knitting group to produce 80 baby packs containing a blanket, jersey, bonnet and booties and a teddy bear, producing items with an estimated value of R52,000 [eq. €2,488]. These packs were distributed at a MOWBRAY COMMUNITY MATERNITY HOSPITAL that cares for indigent (often teenage) women who have given birth but have no way of providing these minimal essential items for their new-borns.



***Knitted items donated to Mowbray Community Maternity Hospital***

Members of the jurisdiction also support a destitute family, consisting of a single mother and her elderly parent caring for three children (one a toddler), with a donation of R34,000 (eq. €1,627) to help with providing secure accommodation within a social worker-led community shelter, as well as partly covering the cost of electricity and basic sanitary and healthcare items, including winter medication, school clothing and the occasional transport to a City Health-run Child Day Clinic.

## **Grand Priory of Spain (including Hereditary Commandery of El Acebuchar)**

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

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

## **Grand Priory of Sweden**

- Monetary donation made: €1,614
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours



A donation of €1,500 was made to the charity Nya Vingar to support vulnerable women and children in the community. In addition, the Olavus Rex Commandery helped fund a scheme with a monetary donation of €114 and 10 volunteer hours whereby children taken into an ambulance are given teddy bears wearing a black t-shirt with a green cross.

## **Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland**

- Monetary donation made: €3,065
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported Project Asmara – Neonatology of ARCHEMED, Möhnese – Germany with a donation of CHF3,000 [eq. €3,065], 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.



*Team members supporting Project Asmara*



## Priory of Zimbabwe

- Monetary donation made: €550
- Volunteer hours given: 147 hours



The jurisdiction supported the Malachi Paz Foundation in Harare, Zimbabwe, with a monetary donation of €550 and 147 volunteer hours. The Foundation primarily supports children with autism and learning difficulties so that they can realize to the full their abilities and achieve the highest attainable career. The Foundation also serves as an orphanage, caring for the needs of the children by providing food and clean water.

## International Grand Bailiwick

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

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

## Community Support

<p>✳ Community support</p>	<p>This category should include projects aimed at supporting 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.</p>
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### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €139,519
- Volunteer hours given: 6,800 hours

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €139,519 and over 6,800 volunteer hours towards projects aiming to support the community in general or sections of the community.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Grand Commandery of the South</b>				
Grace at the Greenlight Inc	This organization provides water stations for homeless folk in the downtown New Orleans area.	US\$9,000 [€8,333]	-	-



CornerStone Buses Ministry	This organization charters buses to provide transportation for family members to visit loved ones who are in Angola prison.	US\$3,000 [€2,778]	-	-
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St Jude Community Center	A ministry of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, these funds will be used to purchase a food warmer to keep food warm for groups of volunteers working in disaster relief programs and for students working at the Centre through its outreach ministries.	US\$1,562 [€1,446]	-	-
Rayne Memorial Methodist Church	The Church maintains a kitchen at the church and provides food and drinks to the community through its various outreach ministries. The funds were used to replace its old ice machine.	US\$2,125 [€1,968]	-	-



Commandery of the Atlantic				
Cathedral of Saint Patrick Homeless Outreach Project, New York City	The Outreach Project has been designated to help the homeless, children and elderly people, and has been also used to purchase food supplies as well as necessities for distribution throughout Midtown Manhattan. It has provided over 558 pairs of socks, hand sanitizers and necessities in the past year; while 765 lunch meals have been handed out to homeless people. In addition, team members have volunteered to cook for the homeless and clean at Mother Teresa's House in Harlem.	US\$5,000 [€4,629]	-	-
Commandery of the Southeast				
LAHIA (Love and Hope in Action)	This charity aims to reach the hungry, homeless and hurting through this ministry which helps meet basic human needs to all those who come through their doors. It has two programs: the <b>SOAR (Outreach, Access, and Recovery)</b> program that helps gain access to Social Security disability benefits for eligible children and adults, and the <b>PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness)</b> program that funds housing services for people with serious mental illness experiencing homelessness.	US\$30,000 [€27,777]	-	-



Southwest Commandery				
Amy's House	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\$25,000 [€23,147]	-	-

Commandery of the West				
Ascencia of Glendale California	Ascencia provides boutique-style homeless services and an emergency shelter dedicated to lifting people out of homelessness. It serves 1,200 homeless men, women and children in need every year. The donation was used to purchase a van that expanded Ascencia's ability to help unhoused community members get to appointments, which is key to helping them gain permanent housing.	US\$25,000 [€23,147]	-	-
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 2023. Additionally, Fr Lane and his parish, along with many members of the Cadre of the Pacific, provided emergency relief supplies and assistance to the families in Lahaina, Maui Hawaii after the devastating wildfire that swept through that community in August of 2023.	US\$50,000+ [€46,294]	unquantified	6,800+

### Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €46,887
- Volunteer hours given: 183 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Grand Priory</b>				
Christchurch Church Emergency Community Welfare Fund	Programme provides support to lower economic families, suffering financial hardship in rent, utility bills, food, etc.	A\$3,000 [€1,808]	Nil	2
The Collective of Saint Mary Magdalene Inc., Adelaide	Programme hosts a three-course meal every Saturday night for those living in poverty or sleeping rough in the central business district of Adelaide. The charity receives no government support; the food and all labour is volunteered.	A\$5,000 [€3,013]	A\$200 [€121]	45





*The Collective of Saint Mary Magdalene Inc.*

<b>Tasmania Commandery</b>				
The Novel Crate Project	10 boxes containing 30 novels each were donated to Loui's Vans, a mobile food service run by the St Vincent de Paul Society in southern Tasmania. The books are made available to Loui's clients and the stock is replenished as required from books donated to the Commandery.	A\$300 [€181]	Nil	20
<b>New South Wales Commandery</b>				
The Company of the Good Shepherd	Christian Ministry in rural and remote areas of NSW.	A\$2000 [€1,205]	Nil	Nil
<b>Queensland Commandery</b>				
Community	A Brisbane-based charity providing support for migrants who are not in receipt of government funding with ongoing support, including training and work assistance programs.	A\$8,000 [€4,821]	Nil	20
Catholic Foundation Prisoner Release Support	Assists prisoners upon release to return to family and community, and to re-establish themselves in society.	A\$8,000 [€4,821]	Nil	20
Trinity Pantry	Food distribution centre for the homeless in Brisbane.	A\$6,000 [€3,616]	Nil	Nil
St Augustine's Anglican Parish Community Support Programs	Local Parish Community Support programs.	A\$3,300 [€1,989]	Nil	Nil

Western Australia Commandery				
Just Manna	An outreach service based at St Paul's Beaconsfield providing aid and accommodation to help refugees and the homeless. Its services also provide computers, household goods, meals, chaplaincy/pastoral care, Christmas hampers/vouchers, tutoring, clothing for Balgo and Halls creek communities, restorative justice, swimming programs, school camps, and student support.	A\$5000 [€3,013]	Nil	10
Street Chaplains	Street Chaplains work on the streets of Western Australian cities and towns providing crisis pastoral care unconditionally to anyone. The chaplains, working in teams, offer compassion and practical help to all in need, providing first point of care resources.	A\$1,000 [€603]	Nil	6



*Street Chaplains*

Victoria Commandery				
Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project	The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) in Victoria, established in 2001, is an initiative led by the Brigidine Sisters. This organization aims to offer hospitality and practical support to asylum seekers, both in detention and in the community. BASP focuses on several key areas: providing immediate assistance with essentials such as food, housing, and legal advice; fostering a network of support by connecting with other organizations and groups advocating for asylum seekers; engaging in public education about the issues facing asylum seekers; and promoting advocacy for their rights.	A\$1,000 [€603]	Nil	Nil
The Wellington, Collingwood	The Wellington is a not-for-profit community drop-in centre located in the heart of Collingwood, a place for social interaction and support to redress disadvantaged, cultural and social isolation in the local community.	A\$6,000 [€3,616]	Nil	15

Anglicare Victoria	Anglicare Victoria's Lazarus Centre Breakfast Program operates out of St Peter's Eastern Hill, providing a vital service to Melbourne's rough sleeping population. The program offers breakfast and fellowship seven days a week, from 7:30am to 9:00am, addressing the immediate needs of those seeking nourishment, company, and comfort. Serving up to 80 individuals daily, the program extends beyond meals to include a lunch service every Friday, ensuring a consistent and supportive environment for Melbourne's most vulnerable communities.	A\$17,000 [€10,245]	Nil	15
St Mary's House of Welcome	St Mary's House of Welcome is an open access centre providing basic essential services to the homeless and those experiencing poverty, severe and persistent mental health issues, the marginalized and isolated.	A\$6,000 [€3,616]	Nil	15
The Green Cross Project, Inc.	The Green Cross Project, Inc., founded by the Victorian Commandery of the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, collaborates with Cohealth, one of Australia's largest community health organizations, to enhance access to essential health and support services. This includes medical, dental, allied health, mental health, counselling, and various specialist health services across Melbourne's central business district and its northern and western suburbs. The project utilizes Green Cross buses to reach areas of significant disadvantage, such as caravan parks, social housing, and regions with poor public transport. More recently, GCPI has entered a new partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organization to provide important eye and cancer diagnostic services in rural and regional Victoria.	A\$6,000 [€3,616]	Nil	15



*St Mary's House of Welcome*



*The Green Cross Project, Inc.*

## Grand Bailiwick of Austria (including the Lazarus Volunteer Salzburg)

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

In October 2023, the jurisdiction donated the sum of €1,000 to the Armenian Apostolic Church to help support needy Armenian refugees who had been forced to leave their native country, Berg Karabach.

## Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €1,276
- Volunteer hours given: 573 hours

The Edmonton Commandery supported the 8th Canadian Forum on Inter-Church Dialogues (CFICD) with a donation of Can\$1,000 [eq. €686]. The CFICD focused on the experiences of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Christians in the ecumenical movement and offered a range of workshops on ecumenical topics. The Acadia Commandery provided a donation of Can\$860 [eq. €590] for the Veterans' Service Recognition Book for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island to help support membership and recruitment. The different commanderies within the Grand Priory furthermore clocked a total of 573 volunteer hours, supporting outreach activities with 211 hours dedicated to ecumenical causes, and medical pastoral outreach with 362 hours.

## Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €2,666
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

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

Beneficiary	Activity COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
EMMANUEL HOUSE SUPPORT CENTRE, Nottingham (Reg. Charity no. 1077424)	Independent charity supporting people who are homeless, rough sleeping, in crisis, or at risk of homelessness in Nottingham.	Nil	£636 [€742]	Nil
CENTREPOINT (Reg. Charity no. 292411)	The UK's leading youth homelessness charity.	Nil	£1,000 [€1,166]	Nil

The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust (Reg. Charity no. 206243)	To benefit persons who are serving or who have served in the British Navy, or their dependents, in any charitable way by the provision of grants, loans, gifts, pensions or otherwise.	£500 [€583]	Nil	Nil
Dignity in Dementia (C.I.C.)	Dignity in Dementia, established in March 2014, works with families, health and social care staff and community groups in Cumbria and Lancashire to educate and inspire, so that they are able to respond confidently and positively to people with dementia in a way that maintains and enhances their dignity.	Nil	£150 [€175]	Nil

**Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €14,630
- Volunteer hours given: 1,743 hours

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

Beneficiary	Activity Community support	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Grand Priory of France</b>				
Centre d'Accueil de Demandeurs d'Asile [CADA]	Volunteers to manage the reception, provide psychological support, distribute clothing, and give administrative assistance	Nil	Nil	50
Congregation de l'Oratoire.	Financial support to the Society of Apostolic Life for the purpose of teaching, spiritual direction, preaching, and the liturgical apostolate.	€1,000	Nil	1
Nancy Cathedral Parish	Donation of chocolate items for the needy in the parishes of Nancy and Toul.	€400	Nil	2
Aide a l'Eglise en Detresse – Armenian Christians	Financial support for projects linked to the community in Armenia.	€1,000	Nil	1
Penal Institution	A member of the jurisdiction provides services as an External Prison Assessor contributing to the disciplinary committees in penitentiary establishments.	Nil	Nil	36
<b>Grand Priory of Alsace</b>				
Mont Saint Odile Abbey	Support to help renovate a chapel.	€1,500	Nil	Nil



Homeless persons	Support by 150 students who serve under the auspices of the jurisdiction to help distribute food packages and meals.	Nil	Nil	250
<b>Priory of Notre-Dame de France</b>				
Secours Catholique	Provision of night patrols and social monitoring "SAMU Social" and other assistance for homeless persons.	€4,250	Nil	1145
Cemetery quarter 'Mort pour la France'	Cleaning of abandoned graves, including those of soldiers who died for France.	€500	Nil	50
Help to post-traumatic stress disorder [PTSD] individuals	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.	€3,000	Nil	300
Family-in-need	Support was provided to a family-in-need of housing due to their home being burnt down.	€1,500	Nil	30
Refugees	Support was provided to refugees to help them find homes and assist with access to social services.	€850	Nil	85
Kosovo	Support to help the people of Kosovo.	€300	€100	30
Young people in difficulties	Support to help young people experiencing difficulties, by providing housing and legal advice as necessary.	€330	Nil	33
<b>Priory of Boigny</b>				
Restos de Coeur	Volunteer work assisting food campaigns organized by the charity.	Nil	Nil	450



*Volunteer cleaning cemetery*



*Donation to Mont Saint Odile Abbey*



*Students distributing food packages*

**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €4,600 + €98,508
- Volunteer hours given: 1,178 hours

The Hessen-Nassau sub-jurisdiction has augmented its support to the Frankfurt Station Mission project with 1,065 volunteer hours, giving special focus to providing *pro bono* legal advice related to social and immigration legislation. Similarly, the Württemberg sub-jurisdiction, with the support of DLS, assisted the Heilbronn Station Mission with a donation of €2,000 and 45 volunteer hours to provide sustenance to travellers going through the station.



*Donation to Heilbronn station mission*

Members of the Berlin-Brandenburg sub-jurisdiction gave a donation of €2,600, collected during the Lazarus sale stand at the Rixdorf Christmas market, and 68 volunteer hours to the Catholic “St Matthias Community” and the Protestant parish “To the Good Shepherd” in Berlin to provide the “Wärmecafé” and “Nachtcafé” for those in need in this community.



*“St. Matthias Community” “Wärmecafé” station*



*“To the Good Shepherd” “Nachtcafé” station*

The HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas works – closely with the Order of St Lazarus. The organization supported a number of initiatives targeting community support.

Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
Sports project	Eritrea - Africa	€353
Milagrosa Day Care Center Nutrition Program	Philippines - Asia	€5,125
Expansion of orphanage and sports field in Miercurea Ciuc	Romania - Europe	€22,000
Support for people in need	Göttingen - Europe	€500
House renovation Csibesz Fundatia, Miercurea Ciuc	Romania - Europe	€55,530



*House renovation (insert showing final structure)*

Education instead of deportation e.V. Project	Germany - Europe	€10,000
Social and charitable work at parish level in the Archdiocese of Alba Julia	Europe	€4,000
Social <b>and</b> charitable work in the Diocese of Caritas, Satu Mare	Europe	€1,000



### **Grand Priory of Greece**

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

The jurisdiction has continued with its support to the Community Pharmacy of Vyrion Municipality providing a number of antihypertensive, neurological and antilipidemic medicines for needy patients, with an estimated value of €500 and 2 volunteer man-hours.

### **Grand Priory of Hungary**

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: 3 days per person + 4 hours per person attending events

On the 10<sup>th</sup> February, commemorating the World Day of the Sick, the jurisdiction organized a three-day spiritual retreat aiming to reconfirm the members' desire to carry out their religious mission in daily lives. A donation of €3,750 in money and goods was also made on this occasion. These activities organized around the World Day of the Sick further included participation in religious events organized by the Foundation for a Healthy Generation in St Imre Church in Győr, and the St Michael Archangel Greek Catholic Pilgrimage Church in Máriapócs. A monetary donation of €500 and one of €750 in kind was also made on the occasion.



*Activities: World Day of the Sick*

## Grand Priory of Italy

- Monetary donation made: €10,000
- Volunteer hours given: 2,000 hours

The members of the Grand Priory of Italy contributed a total of 2,000 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 Lombardia Region (Italy). Additional support was given with the medicine delivery service to people in need.



*AVS OSLJ Dog Unit group of the Lombardia Civil Protection Service*

In addition, in support of Caritas Italiana, members of the jurisdiction assisted in a collection of clothes, medicines and food for people in need, estimated at a value of €10,000.



*Donation of clothes, medicines and food for people in need*



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

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 1,472 hours

The jurisdiction supported the foodbank project managed by the Franciscan Soup Kitchen in Valletta with a monetary donation amounting to a total of €500. Members of the jurisdiction regularly give their services to the Franciscan Soup Kitchen, providing about 600 hands-on volunteer hours during the year.



*Jurisdictional members helping in the Franciscan Soup Kitchen*

A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports the Kirkop Parish, helping to distribute the Holy Eucharist to old and sick house-bound people [1 hour three times a week], leading and animating the congregation during Mass [1 hour seven times a week], and supporting socio-religious groups within the parish [25 hours per month]. He also supports the jurisdiction by preparing a weekly spiritual reflection for circulation to all the members [1 hour weekly].

**Grand Bailiwick of The Netherlands**

- Monetary donation made: €10,576
- Volunteer hours given: 165+ hours

The jurisdiction has supported the Sjrm Local nature products with a monetary donation of €25 and one volunteer hour. In addition, 52 volunteer hours were used to support community care of individuals in need. The jurisdiction also donated clothes and food to those in need within the community amounting to 112 volunteer hours. In addition, a

number of members donated an unquantified number of volunteer hours to help man a national helpline. The jurisdiction further supports various communities acting through a number of jurisdictional registered voluntary organizations. Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN) works closely with the residents of the villages led by the village elder, with the Indonesian foundation "Yayasan Caritas Kediocese Agung Ende" and with the district authorities on Flores.

Organization	Function
<b>Charitas Flores Netherlands (CFN)</b>	<p>CFN is a charitable non-profit foundation with a recognised "ANBI Status" in the Netherlands. Five of the seven members of the Managing Board are members of the jurisdiction, while three of the four members of the Advisory Committee are also jurisdictional members. The organization focuses on helping people in need and on raising the standard of living in the rural areas of Flores, Indonesia. These village communities are generally deprived of proper hygienic facilities and have no access to clean drinking water. The Charitas Flores Netherlands Foundation provides the legal and organizational basis for the 'EVIDENCE' [Educational Vigour against Infectious Diseases Employing Novel Combinations of Expertise] Project - <a href="http://www.charitasfloresnederland.nl">www.charitasfloresnederland.nl</a></p> <p>The project expenditure during 2023 amounted to Rp. 182,442,000 [eq. €10,551]. These projects included a water supply project in Tendi Mbonggi Village, providing sanitary facilities to two schools, assisting with a survey of two parishes, and miscellaneous donations to two chapels and house rehabilitation.</p>



<b>Stichting Corporation Sembramos Futuro</b>	<p>This non-profit foundation (NIT 9014011212-4) is officially registered in Columbia. The jurisdiction enabled food and clothing to be distributed to those in need. The foundation provides food daily to 250 children, pregnant mothers and older adults who are socially and economically vulnerable.</p>
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### **Grand Priory of New Zealand**

- Monetary donation made: €5,440
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Priory donated a further NZD 10,000 [eq. €5,340] to assist the work of Victim Support, bringing their cumulative contribution to NZD 70,000. The donation was warmly received and Victim Support staff worked with the Director of Communications to ensure that their long term commitment to the organization is appropriately recognized. This resulted in an appropriate press release which was circulated widely. A donation of NZD 180 [eq. €100] was further made to the charitable fund of the St Barnabas Church in Wellington.

### **Priory of the Republic of North Macedonia**

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

The jurisdiction, in cooperation with the company Pandev doo Skopje, has supported the local self-government unit of Gazi Baba Municipality in Skopje in its efforts to reconstruct a 457.50 m<sup>2</sup> area sports playground for the needs of youths on Metodija Antonov Chento Street by providing material and construction works necessary for the project. The overall monetary value of the donated material amounted to €13,200. Members of the jurisdiction identified the need for the playground and acted as intermediaries between the various groups.

A similar project, made within the framework of the cooperation with the local self-government unit of Kisela Voda Municipality in Skopje, was the support made towards the construction works of a parking lot serving parents and teaching staff in a kindergarten in

Kisela Voda neighbourhood. The project was realized with a direct donation of €14,344 worth of material and construction works by the company Pandev doo Skopje.

### **Priory of Norway**

- Monetary donation made: €20,784
- Volunteer hours given: 61 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 1,333,000 (€117,330), and required a total of approximately 175 volunteer hours, of which the jurisdictional members contributed 31 hours (proportionate estimated collection by jurisdiction €20,784). The members of the Commandery further collaborated with the Commandery of Frelsesarmeen in helping to distribute food to drug addicts and homeless persons in Oslo, donating about 30 volunteer hours in total.

### **Grand Priory of Poland**

- Monetary donation made: €3,000
- 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.

### **Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold Simoes [Portugal]**

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

The jurisdiction helped to provide food for homeless individuals and families living in the city of Évora, Portugal, and in the village of Monte do Trigo with a monetary donation of €5,500.

## **Grand Bailiwick of Scotland**

- Monetary donation made: €583
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the social enterprise-based project 'Magpie' of the Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action with a donation of £500 [eq. €583]. The project has two distinct social purposes: (1) to support families in crisis by donating goods which will enable them to set up a new home - this might include families facing financial crisis, or women and children fleeing from domestic violence; and (2) to support the Net Zero agenda, by diverting goods from landfill and selling them through their shop, whilst promoting the importance of a reduce-reuse-recycle culture. In addition, the jurisdiction gave a monetary donation of £500 [eq. €583] to the Oxgangs Neighbourhood Centre (ONC). ONC was founded in 1995 through European Urban Aid to provide a community centre for a part of Edinburgh that was perceived to be disadvantaged in the city. It was specifically aimed at the three high-rise flats which existed in Oxgangs at the time as there were few amenities in the area. These flats have since been demolished and replaced by a vibrant Housing Association development whereby people from the area utilise ONC in various ways: for example, as a space for people facing isolation or feeling vulnerable, or by using a cafe, an open space garden or a parent and toddler group. No central or local government funding was received for the project.

## **Grand Bailiwick of Sicily**

- Monetary donation made: €64,495
- Volunteer hours given: 352 hours

The jurisdiction provided support to the 'Sanità Solidale' project, now in its third 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 2023, a total of 446 persons received the services of the professional members of the "San Lazzaro Onlus" and the volunteers of Caritas. The overall cost of the projects for 2023 amounted to €64,495 covering employment of personnel, clinic costs, and provision of lunches. In 2023, volunteers donated a total 352 man-hours.





*Visit by Senior Chaplain H.E. Mgr Gualtiero Isacchi to the 'Sanità Solidale' project*

In addition, the jurisdiction organized the Christmas Solidarity Lunch, held at the Tonnara Florio Zaharaziz, in the presence of the Archbishop of Monreale, Monsignor Gualtiero Isacchi, with the support of other voluntary organisations and under the patronage of the Archdiocese of Palermo. The lunch was attended by some 300 guests of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds and many Lazarite brethren from Palermo who served at the guests' tables.



*Christmas Solidarity Lunch*

### **Grand Priory of Slovakia**

- Monetary donation made: €2,1200
- Volunteer hours given: 605 hours

The jurisdiction supported a member of the jurisdiction, Chev. Jozef Mičo, to organize various projects such as: (1) a Summer Camp in Orava, (2) a ski trip in Terchováhel, (3) the “Úsmev as a gift” Concert, which is broadcast every year during Christmas holidays on RTVS, and (4) various seminars regarding inclusion of young adults after leaving children’s home. In addition, the jurisdiction organized a St Lazarus Charity Day in September, in cooperation with the non-governmental organization KOBLOS oz and HD Slovakia motorcycles. The

activity involved a benefit day full of joy and fun at CSS SLNIEČKO in Oščadnica, which takes care of more than 100 clients with severe disabilities, providing rides on beautiful tricycles, while the CSS SLNIEČKO clients received vitamins, sweets, 200 pieces of clothing and 250 covid tests [value unquantified]. The jurisdiction further supported the annual summer camp of the 75th Scout Corps of Father Bishop Ján Vojtašák at Nižné Repaše, Slovakia, with a monetary donation of €1,200, unquantified goods, and 110 volunteer man-hours.



*KOBLOS oz and HD Slovakia motorcycles on benefit day at CSS SLNIEČKO in Oščadnica*



*Annual summer camp of the 75<sup>th</sup> Scout Corps at Nižné Repaše – Slovakia*

### **Grand Bailiwick of South Africa**

- Monetary donation made: €1,721
- Volunteer hours given: 47 hours

In collaboration with the Rotary Club Kirstenbosch, the jurisdiction provided monthly substantial parcels containing a variety of food-and-basic-essentials parcels to two families in dire need, as identified by the parish priest of the ST MICHAEL'S PARISH COMMUNITY. The project involved a donation of R36,000 [eq. €1721].





***Donations given to St Michael's Parish Community***



In addition, the jurisdiction provided materials, patterns and training costing R14,340 [eq. €686] to otherwise unemployed women to work in WESTLAKE UNITED CHURCH TRUST's Sewing Centre, where they craft TARTAN TEDDIES, which we sell through various avenues. This not only upskills them, but provides short term employment to help support their families.



***Tartan Teddies Project***

**Grand Priory of Spain (including Hereditary Commandery of El Acebuchar)**

- Monetary donation made: €101,800
- Volunteer hours given: 15,081 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 "Comer es lo primero" (Eating is the main thing) where every month food packages (comprising donations amounting to about 22,000 kg of food, personal hygiene items and household cleaning items) are distributed to more than 90 families. Toys were also distributed to the children of these families at Christmas time. This aid amounted to about €100,000 and required 15,000 volunteer hours. Similar aid was forthcoming from the Andalusia Commandery of the jurisdiction with the donation of packages to 25 families equating to about €800 and 79 volunteer hours. A further donation amounting to €1,000 and 2 volunteer hours was made towards supporting the work of CARITAS within the community.

### **Grand Priory of Sweden**

- Monetary donation made: €130
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported individuals in need with a monetary donation of €130.

### **International Grand Bailiwick**

- Monetary donation made: €450
- Volunteer hours given: 20 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 the monetary donation of €250, in-kind donations totalling €200 and 20 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: €550
- Volunteer hours given: 984 hours

The HGPE undertook the "Socks" project, which aims to provide hand-knitted socks, caps and scarves to the "Association Poverty and Health in Germany e.V." to be given to homeless people. The project during 2023 provided 140 pairs of socks and other items. It required support to purchase the necessary wool at €550 and 984 volunteer hours.





## Emergency Relief programs

✳️ Emergency Relief programs	This category should include projects that aim to support individuals or communities exposed to natural or man-made disasters.
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### The Office of the Grand Hospitaller

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

Support was given to the humanitarian work with Ukrainian refugees carried out by the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic [donation of €1,000 outstanding from 2022 dedicated donations].

### Grand Priory of America (includes Delegation of Mexico)

- Monetary donation made: €126,846+
- Volunteer hours given: 800 hours

The Grand Priory of America continued providing assistance to those adversely impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 with an outpouring of financial and volunteer support for a 10-day medical mission trip to Ukraine in September 2023. The jurisdiction worked with collaborators in the areas of medical supply deployment, amputation support supplies and rehabilitation equipment to procure supplies for Ukrainians affected by explosive limb amputation. The jurisdiction's Grand Prior, along with help from the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe, the Grand Bailiwick of Germany and the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic, personally took the supplies directly to several hospitals operating in Ukraine. They were under constant threat of bombardment by the Russian soldiers. The monetary donation devoted to airfare and expenses during the 10-day deployment by members of our Order was approximately US\$37,000 (an American Association of Saint Lazarus grant of US\$15,000, plus Grand Priory discretionary funds of US\$10,000, plus personal funds (US\$12,000). The medical supplies donated through this effort exceeded US\$100,000 in real time value. Nearly 800 volunteer hours were devoted to this medical mission trip to Ukraine.



*Support to Ukrainian Relief Project*

### **Grand Priory of Australia**

- Monetary donation made: €3,013
- Volunteer hours given: 50 hours

The Queensland Commandery continued providing support, with a monetary donation of A\$5,000 [eq. €3,013] and 50 volunteer hours, to two families escaping the war in Ukraine who have relocated to Brisbane. Funds were provided towards accommodation expenses and the purchase of a vehicle.

### **Priory of Belgium**

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

The jurisdiction supported the initiatives of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe (GPEU) in Ukraine with a monetary donation of €4,500.

### **Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic**

- Monetary donation made: €5,504
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction, through its volunteer Lazarite Support Services (*Lazariánská pomocná služba*), supported Ukrainian refugees in the Czech Republic. The help involved financial assistance, material collections and accommodation of refugees. Significantly, 400 pieces of French canes, worth about CZK140,000 (eq. €5,504), were delivered to help wounded Ukrainian soldiers. The St John the Baptist Commandery further supported the St Lazarus Dormitory in České Budějovice, which hosted 15 refugees from Ukraine.

### **Grand Priory of England & Wales**

- Monetary donation made: €25,249
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction responded to the needs of the victims of the Türkiye/Syria earthquake with a donation of £15,000 [eq. €17,493] made to the DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (Reg. Charity no. 1062638) set up to assist with the humanitarian care and welfare of those caught in and displaced by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria. A further donation of £5,030 [eq. €5,890] was made to AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) (Reg. Charity no. 1097984) to assist the victims of the earthquake in Syria. A similar donation amounting to £1,600 [eq. €1,866] was made to ACTION AID (Reg. Charity no. 274467) in response to the Morocco Earthquake Appeal. ACTION AID is part of an international federation working in 44 countries, providing support and humanitarian assistance to people living in poverty and on the margins of survival.

### **Grand Priory of Finland**

- Monetary donation made: €4,150
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction, with a donation of €1,150, provided help to Ukrainian children and adolescents in order to facilitate their going to schools both in their home country and in Finland. Charity was also provided to help refugees settling in Finland. A further donation of €3,000 was made to Médecins Sans Frontières in the Gaza Strip for their humanitarian work among the civil population.





*Finnish and Ukranian children and coffee house.*



*Gaza support by Médecins Sans Frontières*

**Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €470
- Volunteer hours given: 46 hours

The sub-jurisdiction of the Priory of Notre-Dame de France helped with the organization of a fund-raising dinner targeting the Ukrainian victims of war.



*Collecting funds for Ukraine support*

**Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €1,095 + €122,763
- Volunteer hours given: 10 hours

The Bavarian sub-jurisdiction, together with the DLS, donated 20 sleeping bags valued at €1,095, along with 10 volunteer hours to support Ukrainian family refugees.



***Donated sleeping bags***

The HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas – works closely with the Order of St Lazarus. The organization supported a number of initiatives targeting emergency projects support.

Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
Ukraine Aid donation to Caritas - Moldova	Ukraine - Europe	€5,000
Donation of medical instruments and mobile X-ray equipment to Dental Emergency Team	Ukraine - Europe	€2,772
Emergency aid dam break toolbox	Ukraine - Europe	€27,000
Transport costs for donations in kind	Ukraine - Europe	€2,342
Flood relief in Ahrtal	Ahrtal - Europe	€1,649
Emergency earthquake aid in Syria and Turkey	Syria & Turkey – Middle East	€78,000
Soup kitchen in Lutsk, Western Ukraine	Ukraine - Europe	€6,000





*Soup kitchen in Lutsk, Western Ukraine*

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### **Grand Priory of Greece**

- Monetary donation made: €1,500
- Volunteer hours given: 8 hours

The Grand Priory, following the invitation of the Region of Attica and the Medical Association of Athens in cooperation with the Embassies of Türkiye and Syria and according to the circular of the Grand Hospitaller of the Order, donated items of humanitarian aid consisting of clothing, first aid hygiene goods, blankets and sheets with an estimated value of €1,500 and 8 volunteer man-hours.



*Material donated to Syria & Türkiye*

### **Grand Priory of Hungary**

- Monetary donation made: €40,000
- Volunteer hours given: 240 hours

The jurisdiction responded to the February earthquake in central Türkiye and north-western areas of Syria with the contribution of the Grand Prior, Chev. Colonel PhD. Dr Sándor Pellek KCLJ, who joined the Hungarian rescue team HUNOR in their presence and

professional experience during the rescue operations in Türkiye. A monetary donation of €10,000 and in-kind donation of €30,000 were provided for this endeavour.



*Hungarian rescue team HUNOR including Chev. Colonel Dr Sándor Pellek*

### **Grand Priory of Ireland**

- Monetary donation made: €9,988
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the training programme, initiated in November 2022 and managed by the medical faculty of University College Dublin, whereby paramedical staff based in Ukraine are trained in the safe administration of Tranexamic Acid through intraosseous needles, with a monetary donation of €9,988. This drug is lifesaving in victims of major trauma.

### **Grand Priory of Italy**

- Monetary donation made: nil
- Volunteer hours given: 6,000 hours

The jurisdiction provided a total of 6,000 volunteer hours assisting the Helicopter Rescue Service (AREU), in cooperation with the Lombardia Region, to transport seriously ill patients to assigned hospitals.

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

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

The jurisdiction provided in-kind donations aimed at ameliorating the suffering of the earthquake victims in Türkiye. A member of the jurisdiction made available baby clothes, approximate value €200, to the Turkish Embassy in Malta for eventual distribution to those in need at the site.

**Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello**

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

The jurisdiction supported the emergency relief programmes providing aid to victims of the earthquake in Syria with a monetary donation of €500, and also supported the Grand Hospitaller’s initiative towards providing humanitarian relief to the victims of the war in Ukraine with a monetary donation of €700.

**Grand Priory of New Zealand**

- Monetary donation made: €7,748
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction has continued to support the restructuring of Tonga following the eruption of the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha’apai volcano on 15 January 2022. Following discussions with Lord Dalgety GCQS KC, Past Chief Justice of Tonga and a member of His Majesty’s Privy Council, the remaining funds amounting to NZD 13,986 [eq. €7,748] were sent to the Charity of Her Majesty Queen Nanasipau’u. The Queen’s Charity undertakes multiple activities for the betterment of Tongan citizens and especially those impacted by the tsunami. In particular, the Charity is focussed upon re-establishing communities affected by the tsunami. This involves the resettlement of displaced families, with provision of medicines, electrical power supplies and water. In many cases this also involves



*The Grand Prior with Her Majesty*



the adaptation of individuals to a new environment, including training in new occupations. Other projects were the construction of a women's health centre, provision of furniture to schools and the on-going management of the elderly and those with disabilities. In response to the donation, the Grand Prior was invited to Tonga where he took the opportunity to formally present the donation of the Order to Her Majesty. Several meetings were held with the aim of advancing the Order in Tonga, and this suggestion was met with approval from Her Majesty.



*The impact of the tsunami in Tongatapu - Total devastation of all properties & Makeshift shop.*

### **Grand Priory of Sweden**

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

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €3,000 to help support the needs of Ukrainian victims during the current war.

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

- Monetary donation made: €410,300
- Volunteer hours given: 1,060 hours

The HGPE was particularly active in its support to Ukraine Aid "cura hominum e.V.". 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. In total, 21 transports with more than 260 cubic meters of relief goods were collected by members and friends of the Humanitarian Grand

Priory Europe, and transported to the distribution centre in Bernau near Berlin requiring a travel distance of more than 30,000 km. In addition, since April 2023, the Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands and the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe have been jointly supporting a soup kitchen in the western Ukrainian city of Lutsk with €500 per month. Furthermore, food bags worth €1,500 per quarter are distributed to 150 people. The food bags are currently financed by the Stiftung - Hilfswerk deutscher Zahnärzte. As well as the soup kitchen, a refugee hostel with 32 beds, a kindergarten for 12 children and a small sports centre for disadvantaged people are also being provided. The Stiftung has been asked to extend its financial support to enable the distribution of more food bags and to provide financial security for the other activities. All this required donated items valued at a total of €400,000, €10,300 spent on transport, and a total of 1060 volunteer hours.



## Educational initiatives

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

- Monetary donation made: €6,945
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Commandery of the South supported the Jesuit Social Research Institute with a donation of US\$3,000 [eq. €2,778] to help with the prison education program. These funds will be used to purchase two books to be used in the program – “From Prison Cells to PHD” and “Discovering Your Dream – How Ignatian Spirituality Can Guide Your Life”. In addition, the jurisdiction also made a monetary donation of US\$1,500 [eq. €1,389] to the Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund that empowers impoverished single-parent students of Logan County on the path towards education. It provides financial support to the students to allow them to stay in school and developmental programs to help prepare them for a new professional role after graduation and to manage their new lives. Since inception, the Fund has assisted nearly 500 students. A further project of the jurisdiction was a monetary donation of US\$3,000 [eq. €2,778] to the Christ Episcopal Enrichment Program (CEEP), which for many years has provided a summertime “head start” program for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders from underprivileged backgrounds to better prepare them for the upcoming academic year. Grant funds will be used for staffing, food and catering for snacks and lunches, transportation for field trips, and educational supplies.

### Grand Priory of Australia

- Monetary donation made: €16,864
- Volunteer hours given: 190 hours

The sub-jurisdictions supported a number of educational initiatives.

• Beneficiary	Activity EDUCATIONAL	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Queensland Commandery</b>				
Vatuboro Loes Junior Primary School in Fuiloro, Timor Leste	Provided funding for student desks, seats, learning materials, student shoes and socks, and finance to purchase other items. In addition, provided student midday meals.	A\$7,735 [€4,662]	Nil	10
McKillop School Fund	Assists underprivileged children from a refugee family to attend college. They would otherwise be denied a quality secondary education.	A\$8,000 [€4,821]	Nil	20
Sisters of the Children of Mary Orphanage, Timor Leste	Funds were provided towards construction of a perimeter wall to ensure the safety and security of young girls in Liquica, Timor Leste. This security wall was a high priority issue for the Sisters. The security wall is a combined project of the Commandery and the charity Innocents Relief, with whom they are working to support the orphanage long term.	A\$7,500 [€4,520]	Nil	10
<b>New South Wales Commandery</b>				
Bush Children's Education Fund	Provides financial support through bursaries (means tested and renewable) for students and three-year scholarships for tertiary education for selected students.	A\$9,900 [€5,966]	Nil	Nil
<b>Tasmania Commandery</b>				
Bethlehem House Support Project	Provides support to a learning engagement class for the homeless, emergency housing for homeless men, and supplies for in-house Art Classes.	Nil	A\$500 [€301]	20
Disadvantaged Tertiary Students Project & University of Tasmania students	Supplies stationery materials for 19 disadvantaged tertiary students. Other donations involved (1) an 'art kit' prepared for a student doing a Fine Arts Degree; (2) a set of 6 mathematics books provided to a local university student; (3) bedding (doona plus blankets) for a married UTAS couple; and (4) clothes for five students.	Nil	A\$1,300 [€783]	100
Tasmanian University Students' Association - Food Hub	Supports 'severely struggling' university students through the provision of food for the TUSA Food Hub. A financial donation to the Food Hub allowed it to source food supplies in bulk. In addition, 10 large grocery bags of food were donated.	A\$500 [€301]	A\$500 [€301]	40



*Donation to support the Food Hub of the Tasmanian University Students' Association*

### **Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin**

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

The jurisdiction contributed €2,000 to the Royal House of Godenu as part of the “Help Godenu” in Ghana (Africa) to help cover the tuition fees of children.

### **Priory of Belgium**

- Monetary donation made: €500
- Volunteer hours given: 1,760 hours

The jurisdiction supported the work of the Vurtoreschool [Lighthouse School] with members providing 1,760 volunteer man-hours and a monetary donation of €500 to help students learn to read, provide crochet and knitting guidance, support e-inclusion, purchase safety fluorescent vests for children, and help with the organization and management of the school festival and fund-raising by preparing Christmas wreaths.



*Providing crochet guidance*



*Support learning to read*



*Fluo -hesjes – safety for the kids*

## Grand Priory in Canada

- Monetary donation made: €7,838
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The various sub-jurisdictions of the Grand Priory contributed the sum of €7,838 towards projects to support educational initiatives within the communities they serve.

Beneficiary	Activity	Donation		
		Monetary	Goods	Volunteer hours
<b>Edmonton Commandery</b>				
Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation	Edmonton Commandery supported the Royal Alexandra Hospital Foundation that funds advanced education, cutting-edge research, next-generation technologies and facility improvements that advance care and enhance the patient experience.	Can\$5,000 [€3,430]	-	-
<b>Calgary Commandery</b>				
University of Calgary – Saint Lazarus Scholarship in Religious Studies Endowment	The Commandery supported the Saint Lazarus Scholarship in Religious Studies Endowment held by University of Calgary, Value: \$67,338.01 Recipient: Nicholas Fiesler	Can\$2,400 [€1,647]	-	-
<b>Thunder Bay Commandery</b>				
Lakehead University	The Commandery has undertaken an annual commitment for 3 years to sponsor a speaker series for the Centre for Ethics in Health Care.	Can\$1,000 [€686]	-	-
Palliative Care Conference offered by the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health at Lakehead University	The Commandery has undertaken to sponsor the registration of a nurse practitioner and social worker student at the Palliative Care Conference offered by the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health at Lakehead University.	Can\$563 [€386]	-	-

Manitoba Commandery				
Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem Ecumenical Scholarship	The Commandery supported the Ecumenical Scholarship administered by St Paul's College, University of Manitoba. Value: \$35 517.47 Recipient: Thomas Macintosh	Can\$2,462 [€1,689]	-	-

### Grand Priory of England & Wales

- Monetary donation made: €2,915
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided two medical student elective bursaries – the Huw Bartle-Jones Memorial Bursary, funded by the Commandery of Wales, and the King Offa Medical Bursary – amounting to £1,500 [eq. €1,749] and £1,000 [eq. €1,166] respectively.

### Grand Priory of Finland

- Monetary donation made: €390
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction, through Remitly Europe Limited, provided financial support amounting to €390 to help a young lady in Tanzania complete her medical studies.

### Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas

- Monetary donation made: €107,955
- Volunteer hours given: separately unquantified

The HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas works – closely with the Order of St Lazarus. The organization supported a number of initiatives targeting educational project support.



Beneficiary	Country served	Donation
Reconstruction & equipment provision of Fort Dauphin School	Madagascar - Africa	€67,590



Travel allowances for internship dentists	Kenya - Africa	€3,000
Travel allowances for internship dentists	Uganda - Africa	€2,000
Travel allowances for internship dentists	Tanzania - Africa	€1,000
Travel allowances for internship dentists	Senegal - Africa	€500
School books for Mogra Star Academy, Nairobi	Kenya - Africa	€8,605
School books for Primary School, Juja	Kenya - Africa	€12,000
Travel allowances for internship dentist	Cook Is. - Oceania	€500
Travel allowances for two internship dentists	Tonga - Oceania	€1,000
Travel allowances for internship dentists	Nepal - Asia	€3,000
Training project for dental technicians	Haiti - Americas	€8,760

### Grand Priory of Greece

- Monetary donation made: €2,500
- Volunteer hours given: 3 hours

The Grand Priory, during the Christmas period, donated 160 books of Greek literature for children to the lending library of the Griechische Nationalschule (Greek National School of Vienna). The estimated value of these books was €2,500 plus 3 volunteer man-hours. The donation was acknowledged by His Eminence the Metropolitan Arsenios of Austria and Exarch of Hungary and Central Europe.

### Grand Priory of Hungary

- Monetary donation made: €5,330
- Volunteer hours given: 7.5 hours per person attending each activity

Within the framework of the school celebrations of the Vác, Karolina Catholic Elementary School, Cathedral Choir School and Elementary Art School, the jurisdiction on the 2<sup>nd</sup>

February participated in the solemn Holy Mass and then wreathed the tomb of Bishop Emánuel Csáky Károly Emánuel, the founder of the school. A brief lesson was given to the senior students, describing the history, creed, aims, relics, organizational structure international and Hungarian activities of the Hungarian Grand Priory. A donation of €3,400 in money and goods was also made on this occasion. In addition, the Vác's St Nicholas Commandery awarded the St Lazarus prize to those graduating students of the Karolina Catholic Primary School, Cathedral Choir School and Elementary Art School who had studied well and led a faithful lifestyle. The event involved a donation of €2,700 in money and goods. The Principal, Mrs. Sándor Sisa, was also awarded a plaque by the jurisdiction at the school's opening ceremony of the 2023-2024 school year to recognise her tireless work in the field of education, her teaching over several decades, and her incredible dedication to leading and carrying out her school-building efforts as a principal since 2014. The event involved a donation of €2,630 in money and goods.



*Celebrations at the Vác, Karolina Catholic Elementary, Cathedral Choir and Elementary Art School*

### **Priory of Liechtenstein**

- Monetary donation made: €11,396
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CHF10,933.80 [eq. €11,396] to help support the educational projects of the Swiss Don Bosco Organization in India.

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

- Monetary donation made: €770
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction supported the charity Dar Frate Jacoba of the Franciscan community at Marsascala, Malta, with a monetary donation amounting to €770. This community gives shelter to homeless youths who find themselves on the edge of society. The aim of the Foundation is to offer hospitality to young people and those of other ages, from any social environment, who are ready to integrate with the community found at Dar Frate Jacoba by sharing a common life with it, including work. The concept of permaculture is considered the one best able to create the environment in which the principal aims of the Foundation are achieved. This, in accordance with the ethos of the community, benefits all those who have direct experience of it, and also implements a mindset in favour of the environment and the sustainable use of its resources. The donation was made to support the initiative of expanding the alternative solar energy generation system existing in the community.



*Fund-raising event for Dar Frate Jacoba*

### **Grand Priory of New Zealand**

- Monetary donation made: €277
- 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. €277]. The prize is awarded to the first placed student in the dermatology component of the final examination for the medical degree.

### **Priory of Norway**

- Monetary donation made: €31,423
- Volunteer hours given: 301 hours

The Commandery of St Laurenzius in Oslo supported the work of Fretex [Salvation Army] to collect and distribute children's books to various kindergartens in the Oslo area. Throughout the year a total of about 2,380 books was distributed to nearly 2,000 children. With an

average book value of NOK 150, the overall donation amounted to about NOK 357,000 (eq. €31,423) and involved 176 volunteer man-hours. The Commandery also supported the community with 125 volunteer hours helping with the renovation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of Linderud mansion supplying the services of a carpenter, a mason, and assisting with painting and other crafts, including the planning for Halloween and Christmas gatherings.

### **Grand Priory of Poland**

- Monetary donation made: €250
- Volunteer hours given: 600 hours

A member of the jurisdiction serves as chairperson of the nationwide gynaecological section of the Association of Polish Medical Physicians which organizes scientific and foundation meetings of the Pro Humana Vita Foundation twice a year involving monetary support of €250 and 100 volunteer hours. In addition, 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.

### **Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold Simoes [Portugal]**

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

The jurisdiction has supported the education of individuals from the Archdiocese of Évora, Portugal, who are specialising in art and heritage restoration at the San Francisco restoration centre with a commitment of €25,000 over two years, the first donation of €10,000 being made in December 2023. The project provides vocational skills training to the local community. The training is currently focussed on the restoration of five heritage paintings. The project is expected to be completed by May 2024. It further provided the sum of €3,000 to support the education of new priests who come mostly from Africa.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Sicily**

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

The jurisdiction in December 2023 signed an agreement with the Theological Faculty "St John the Evangelist". The agreement provides for the establishment of two annual

scholarships for students who will include in their curricula subjects related to ecumenism and interreligious relations, as well as a degree award for a subject related to the same topics.



*Signing of an agreement with the Theological Faculty "St John the Evangelist"*

### **Grand Bailiwick of South Africa**

- Monetary donation made: €2,731
- Volunteer hours given: 20 hours

As part of Nelson Mandela International Day, the Western Cape Commandery has supported the MORNINGSTAR AFTERCARE PROJECT with a donation of 100 age-specific children's books worth R18,800 [eq. €899] to enhance the small children's library in the community hall. In addition, the Project was provided with multi-use drawstring bags containing age-specific books, writing, drawing and learning materials, a sun hat, a ball and toy, playing cards, a towel, sanitary towels for the girls, personal hygiene items and other items that kids need but which are not always available in their bleak living and learning environment. This involved a donation of R34,000 [eq. €1,626].



*Donation to Morningstar Aftercare Project*



Further books, along with a small commemorative altar worth about R4,300 [eq. €206], were donated to the ST MICHAEL'S PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL.



*Visit to St Michael's Parish Sunday School*



## Miscellaneous

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

- Monetary donation made: €752
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction gave a monetary donation amounting to €462 to the Roman Catholic Church of St Jakob in the parish of Heiligenstadt in Vienna where the Grand Bailiwick holds its Investiture Services. This money is intended to repair the bell chair in the church steeple. The jurisdiction further provided the sum of €290 to support the Grand Hospitaller Fund and the Flagship Projects of the International Order.

### Austria – Hereditary Commandery of Saint Severin

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

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

### Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

- Monetary donation made: €40,928 + €132,526 [unaccounted for donations]
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The majority of the Order members of the Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic are significantly involved in the spiritual life of their parishes and congregations. In addition, members of the Order co-organize spiritual renewals and participate in pilgrimages and other spiritual activities. The St Peter and Paul Commandery in Brno hosted an ecumenical meeting within the Slavkov Conciliation Initiative; while an ecumenical service, a concert and a seminar were organized for the general public in Slavkov. In November, the commandery participated significantly at the Musica Sacra festival of liturgical music and contributed CZK41,000 (eq. €1,612) to the publication of a new collection of liturgical music by Zdeněk Pololáník. The St Peter and Paul Commandery also co-organized a solemn memorial service for the beatified Charles I at the Cathedral of St Peter and Paul in Brno. Individual members

of the jurisdiction significantly support parishes and spiritual institutions – e.g. the donation of CZK1,000,000 (eq. €39,316) to support the completion of the Marian Column in Prague.

### **Grand Priory of England & Wales**

- Monetary donation made: €424
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction financially supported a number of Religious Communities and places of Christian Worship, including: Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Boniface, Plymouth, Devon - £100 [eq. €117]; St Patrick's Church, Preston Patrick, Cumbria - £150 [eq. €175]; and the Priory Church of St Andrew, Hamble, Hampshire - £114 [eq. €133].

### **Grand Priory of France (including Grand Priory of Alsace, the Grand Bailiwick of France, the Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel and the Priory of Boigny)**

- Monetary donation made: €5,000
- Volunteer hours given: 100 hours

The Grand Priory of France, in association with the Commanderie Saint-Baurne and UNESCO, supported the production by Comulle-Havard of a bell named 'Marie' for the Dominican Church of Notre-Dame-de-l'Heure in Mossoul, Iraq. The presentation of the bell was made in the Cathedral Saint-Etienne of Metz, the Cathedral Saint-Etienne of Toul, the Church of Saint-Pierre-ès-Liens in Boigny-sur-Bionne, and the Church of la Madeleine in Paris.

### **Grand Bailiwick of Germany including Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the DLS – *Deutsche Lazarus Stiftung*, and the HDZ – German Dentists Sponsorship for Leprosy and Distressed Areas**

- Monetary donation made: €1,069
- Volunteer hours given: 45 hours

The jurisdiction, supported by DLS and HDZ, commissioned the preparation of a sculpture depicting a kneeling Lazarite knight holding a sick individual in his arms. This was donated to the City of Gotha on the occasion of the 800<sup>th</sup> year commemoration of the establishment of the Order in Germany. The official handover ceremony involved 35 volunteer hours. In addition, the jurisdiction also made a donation of €1,069 and 10 volunteer man-hours to the Nicholas Monastery of the Oblates in Jüchen to support the renovation of the monastery. The money

was collected from the proceeds of the entrance fees for a series of lectures on psychiatry delivered by Dr Joachim Gutzke.



*Inauguration of the Lazarite Hospitaller statute in Gotha*

### **Grand Priory of Greece**

- Monetary donation made: €2,400
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The Grand Priory undertook to support the editing and organize the promotion of the book "A Manual of Heraldic Art and Armory" by member Chev. Georgios Schinas KCLJ, dealing with the history, rules and evolution of heraldic insignia, from the early Middle Ages to the present day. The estimated value of the service was €2,000 and included editing the work, promotion and circulation services. In addition, the jurisdiction donated the sum of €400 to CARITAS – Hellas.



### **Grand Priory of Hungary**

- Monetary donation made: €22,284
- Volunteer hours given: 8.5 days + 31 hours per person attending events

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



Activity	Monetary donations	In-kind donations	Volunteer hours
15.iii.2023: Commemoration in Győr of the events and heroes of the 1848-1849 Revolution and War of Independence when wreaths of remembrance and tribute were laid at the 1848-49 Memorial.	€1,850	€200	3 hrs/person
01.iv.2023: Commemoration of the resurrection of Lazarus of Bethany with Holy Liturgy in St Florian Church, Budapest.	€2,000	€500	4 hrs/person
07.iv.2023: Way of the Cross at Calvary Monument, Vác in collaboration with the Vác jurisdiction of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.	€1,000	€450	3.5 hrs/person
15-16.iv.2023: 24 Hour Adoration - "I am with you in sickness" - in the Chapel of the Hospital of the Brothers of Saint John of God, Vác.	€1,000	€200	0.5 days/person
29.iv-04.v.2023: Delegation visit to the Vatican Pontifical Swiss Guard in Rome, Vatican City - donation of decorated ceremonial sword.	€3,000	€4,200	6 days/person
28-29.vii.2023: Participation in the 800 <sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations in Gotha, Germany.	€2,000	-	2 days/person
16-17.ix.2023: Maria Day Indulgence activity in the Sevenchapels pilgrimage site in Vác	€1,350	€650	4 hrs/person
26.ix.2023: Grand Priory award for healthcare workers in the Town Hall, Győr.	€1,880	€2,500	8 hrs/person
25.xi.2023: Spiritual Day of the St Nicholas Commandery in St Stephen's Church, Göd.	€1,000	€650	5 hrs/person
09.xii.2023: St Lazarus Day celebration at St Florian Greek Catholic Church, Budapest.	€1,500	€550	3.5 hrs/person

### Priory of Liechtenstein

- Monetary donation made: €9,903
- Volunteer hours given: hours

The jurisdiction donated the sum of CHF7,000 [eq. €7,297] to help purchase a car for a missionary working in South America to help him reach out to far away communities. The jurisdiction further donated the sum of CHF2,500 [eq. €2,606] to the women's monastery in Schellenberg (seat of the archbishop) to help the purchase of a number of statues of Our Lady to be distributed to parishioners.

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

- Monetary donation made: €280
- Volunteer hours given: 1,600 hours

The jurisdiction provided monetary support amounting to €150 to various churches and chapels in Malta and Gozo. Members of the jurisdiction also participated in the vigil celebrations related to the Feast of St Lucy in Gozo, acting as Guards of Honour for the saint's reliquary. This involved a total of 40 volunteer hours. A member of the jurisdiction donated the sum of €130 to support the philanthropic projects of the sister Maltese jurisdiction – the Grand Commandery of the Castello. A member of the jurisdiction regularly supports various institutions by archiving and cataloguing their libraries and archives. This involves working with the Province of the Franciscans Minor at Valletta, the Cathedral of Gozo, the Gozo Major Seminary, the Monastery of St Peter in Mdina, and the Order's Archives at the Torri ta' Lanzun. This requires sessions of 10 hours three times weekly.

**Malta – Grand Commandery of the Castello**

- Monetary donation made: €385
- Volunteer hours given: unquantified

The jurisdiction provided the sum of €385 to support the Grand Hospitaller Fund and the Flagship Projects of the International Order.

**Priory of Norway**

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



The Commandery of St Eysteinn supported with 10 volunteer hours the manning of the Nidaros Pilgrim Centre in Trondheim, acting as hosts, conversation partners, accommodation guides and assisting with the issuing of the Pilgrim's Certificate. Pilgrims come from all over the world, and it takes each pilgrim 32-34 days to walk from Oslo to Trondheim.

### **Hereditary Commandery of Arnhold Simoes [Portugal]**

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

The jurisdiction supported the restoration of the bell and bell tower of a community church in the Archdiocese of Évora, Portugal, with a donation of €1,500.



### **Grand Bailiwick of South Africa**

- Monetary donation made: unquantified
- Volunteer hours given: 2 hours

One of the jurisdiction's families prepared and distributed a number of significant food parcels for distribution by the clergy to the needy in the parish of ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS during Christmas.



*Christmas parcels for the needy*

## **International Grand Bailiwick**

- Monetary donation made: €575
- Volunteer hours given: 325 hours

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

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## Lazarus Hilfswerk <sup>2</sup>

- Monetary donation made: €25,500,000
- Volunteer hours given: 1,500 hours

The larger part of the hospitaller work of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe is carried out under the management of the voluntary registered organization Lazarus Hilfswerk and its subsidiary organizations. A significant amount of hospitaller work is directed towards care for the elderly, managing a number of care facilities and providing a varied spectrum of services. These Lazarus facilities take care of sick and disabled people 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 Ermland-Maßuren – Poland

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

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. The provision of nursing, care, assistance and rehabilitation services 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. Elderly and disabled people are transported to doctors and healthcare facilities, advised on medical, hygiene and nutritional issues and can rent medical equipment from LAZARUS if required. In one ward, the focus is on the care of palliative patients. In 2022, two palliative physicians and five nurses provided round-the-clock care for around 90 patients. The average duration of care was 125 days. A course to become a community carer was held in another ward. This qualification programme was successfully completed by 24 people. This ward also offers day care for 65 people with mental disorders five days a week. Depending on the needs identified, individual or small group courses are organized in the following areas: psycho-educational therapy, speech therapy, communication and occupational therapy. A social worker looks after each participant and their family. Since 2014, the centre has been accessible to all participants without architectural barriers.

At the time of reporting, no final reports for 2023 were available from the stations in Poland. The projects and services started in 2022 were also continued in 2023. In total, around 3,900

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<sup>2</sup> While the Lazarus Hilfswerk serves as the NGO arm of the Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe, the donations made by the Lazarus Hilfswerk facilities are considered separately when discussing the overall total annual contribution made by the Order.

people took advantage of the services offered by the Polish LAZARUS centers. In 2022, about €1,500,000 and 1,500 volunteer man-hours supported these institutions.

### **Lazarus Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V.**

The LAZARUS Hilfswerk and its subsidiary organizations operate several facilities with inpatient care, day care and mobile care services. In 2021, around 10.5 million euros were spent on the operation of the LAZARUS relief organizations listed below. About half of it represents expenses for the staff. The LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V. manages a total of five inpatient care facilities. LAZARUS Hilfswerk also provides day care facilities for children and senior citizens. The LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V. also manages three centres in Frechen-Bergheim, in Hürth and in Krefeld providing Outpatient Care Services to support people in need and their relatives with care at home. In 2021, 60 nurses serviced around 300 patients. The services at Hürth also offer the facility of a shared apartment for people with dementia, providing them with around-the-clock care. A celebration was held for employees in 2023 to mark the company's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe donated the so-called "Wupperblick" to Lazarus House in Wuppertal. This is an easily accessible wooden platform with a beach chair where the residents of the house can enjoy nature and have an unobstructed view of the River Wupper

- **LAZARUS Haus Wuppertal** is the largest inpatient facility which offers all the amenities that the 144 residents require according to their needs. All living areas are barrier-free to facilitate free mobility. Each room is equipped with an emergency call system, connections for telephone, radio and television. The furniture in the rooms is handicapped and age-appropriate. There is a shower room with toilet in all rooms. Great importance is attached to the individual design of the rooms, allowing for residents to have their own furniture and personal mementos. Additionally, the institution has the facility of eleven assisted-living serviced apartments.
- **LAZARUS Haus Cologne** in Blumenberg manages an 80 single-room facility (established in 2008) offering inpatient care to 80 residents. The focus is on community life. The residential house is divided into three living areas that extend over three floors including the ground floor. Each room is equipped with an emergency call system, connections for telephone, radio and television. The furniture in the room is handicapped and age-appropriate. Additional furniture for the individual design of the room is welcomed. There is a shower room with toilet in all rooms. To help support the residents, the house offers an orientation system based on colours and floral motifs, while barrier-free access is provided for all the rooms. The common rooms (e.g. a restaurant, as well as rooms for occupational and group therapy) are centrally located. These provide opportunities for encounters, joint

activities and celebrations. The in-house hairdressing salon is popular with residents. The ground-level terraces and the gardens allow the inmates to relax outdoors. Fixed contact persons are available around the clock who have household, supervisory and nursing skills.

- **LAZARUS Haus Bergheim** offers a total of 66 modern single rooms aimed at providing inpatient care. The residents are offered all the amenities they require according to their needs. In each residential unit, comprising 2 single rooms, there is a shower room with toilet. The rooms are equipped with an emergency call system, connections for telephone, radio and television, and are comfortably furnished. Great importance is attached to residents being able to use personal memorabilia in the design of individual rooms. A total of 35 barrier-free apartments from 40 to 90 square meters with service are available. All apartments of the LAZARUS house are characterized by their high-quality equipment. They have modern fitted kitchens, spacious, senior-friendly bathrooms (some with washing machine connection), a balcony or terrace, and storage or cellar rooms.
- **LAZARUS Haus Am Beyertzhof**, which opened in 2016, was designed according to the principle of the house community model. This means that 36 residents live in three house communities, who together shape their everyday lives in their respective groups. Inclusion in normal everyday life is intended to help strengthen existing skills and, at best, regain skills that have been lost. In addition, the location in Kempen, also opened in 2016, offers a day care facility with space for 13 day care guests.
- **LAZARUS Haus Krefeld** provides an inpatient care area designed according to the living area model. The living areas are spread over four floors. The individual small living areas offer a particularly private atmosphere and the manageability of each living area is particularly beneficial for the residents' wellbeing. 25 single rooms and two double rooms are available in this house. There are also 2 short-term care places interspersed among the rooms that can be used as part of short-term and/or preventive care. The LAZARUS house in Krefeld is situated in a quiet but central location in the heart of the Hüls district, only a few hundred meters from the Hülser Markt. The infrastructure offers excellent shopping opportunities for daily needs. The main train station and the city centre can be easily reached in around 15 minutes by public transport.
- **LAZARUS Haus Heerstrasse** is a combined facility consisting of a day care facility for children and senior citizens. Children and elderly people organize their everyday lives together under one roof. There is space for 14 elderly care guests and up to 50 children. The aim of day care is to give older people – even if they are in need of care

– the option of remaining in their familiar surroundings and to help prolong a self-determined life within their own four walls. The day care guests have cosy living, dining and cooking areas at their disposal. This space is mainly used for the common organization of everyday life. There is also a therapy and relaxation room, as well as the necessary function rooms. A large sun terrace invites you to linger outdoors when the weather is nice. The day care is located on the upper floor of the house and can be reached via an elevator. The seniors thus have the opportunity to watch the children play. Two further day-care centres are operated in Kerpen (50 children) and Bornheim (55 children).

In 2023, the turnover of Lazarus Hilfswerk and its commercial subsidiaries totalled around 24 million euros. Around 420 people are employed in the individual facilities of the Lazarus Relief Organisation.

# 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 personality. This was a basic requirement 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 functioning 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 authorised 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). With its three subsidiaries, the LAZARUS relief organization is involved in youth care, elderly care and home nursing. The LAZARUS Hilfswerk in Deutschland e.V. manages a number of inpatient care facilities.

*<https://www.lazarus.de>*

- **LAZARUS Ermland-Maßuren, Poland** – an offshoot of the German organization which has now successfully become independent but continues to receive support from the members of the GPEU. It has currently five LAZARUS Social Stations set up in Poland that take care of sick and disabled people in their regions, supporting people through counselling, care, nursing and the lending of aids.

- **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, including The Leprosy Mission (TLM) and LEPROA, on a range of projects, including support for local initiatives in India, Nepal and other parts of the world where leprosy is prevalent.

<https://www.stlazaruscharitabletrust.org.uk>

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



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

- Volunteer hours given for management: 700 hours

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

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

The Order of Charity in Malta organizes activities around the international day dedicated to sufferers of Hansen's Disease or Leprosy. Leprosy Day falls on the last Sunday of January. The Order's primary aim is to collect monetary donations. In its charitable endeavours, it circulates an annual newsletter among its 1,600 members, issues posters and circulars to all parish churches and church schools in Malta and Gozo, as well as a press release to the main newspapers, radios and TV stations. The donations made by the public and members of the Order of Charity are forwarded to twenty or so different world-wide associations who work among and for the needs of leprosy sufferers. In 2017 almost €31,000 was distributed among these organizations. A detailed account of money collected and how it was distributed is always included in the annual newsletter. The funds are also audited as part of the consolidated annual financial return of the Grand Priory. It is most appropriate that this Order

of Charity has, from 2009, come under the jurisdiction of the Order of St Lazarus, which was originally founded to work in aid of lepers in the Holy Land. The Constitution of the Order of St Lazarus states that this Order dedicates itself especially to the support and needs of lepers, and the various jurisdictions of the Order of St Lazarus dedicate a substantial part of their philanthropy towards the world-wide fight against this devastating infection. It is managed by a six-member board appointed by the Grand Prior, who serves as the Hon. Executive President.

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

#### **4. Ordo Sancti Lazari Melitensis Fundatio**



Maltese Foundation of the Order of St Lazarus, NGO Number: VO/0835  
[registered 31<sup>st</sup> 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;
- to practice and support the principles and values of Christian charity, protecting and assisting the weak, helping the poor, the aged, the very young, the handicapped and the sick in society.

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

*<https://www.saintlazarusmalta.com/ngo-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 Hansen's disease. Other programs include support for organ and tissue donation/education programs and mental health and homeless initiatives in the United

States, developing a small hospital in Tanzania and acting as a major sponsor of the Infant Welfare Centre 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.ordensanlazaros.es/fundacion-san-lazaros>

#### **8. Saint Lazarus Kinderhilfswerk Schweiz**

#### **9. Lazarus Macedonia (LHO-MKD)**

#### **10. LAZARUS – Humanitarna Organizacija Macedonia**

### **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.

## Hospitaller Resources

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

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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.

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### **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:

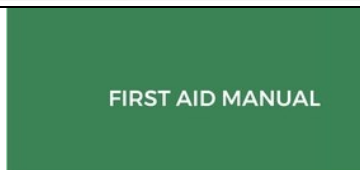
International website

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.

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### **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](#)

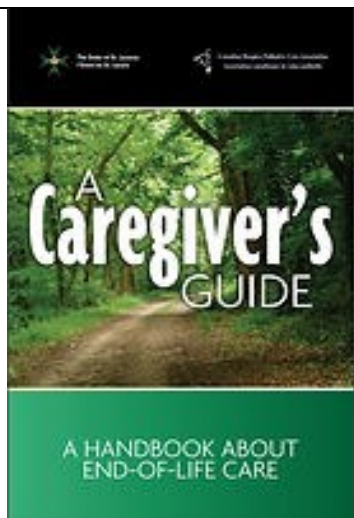
Available as a hard print-on-demand copy from:

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



A comprehensive first aid manual written by healthcare professionals that is particularly useful to supplement First Aid training courses.

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

By Karen Macmillan et al

Format: A5, Paperback, 190 pages

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

Available as a soft copy from:

[Grand Priory's website](#)

Available as a hard copy from:

[The Grand Priory](#)

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

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The Order of St. Lazarus Grand Priory in Canada



St. John Ambulance  
SAVING LIVES  
at work, home and play

#### ONLINE EDUCATION

St. John Ambulance and The Order of St. Lazarus are pleased to provide you with an online training program to enhance your capacity as a non-professional home caregiver and understanding of how to support a person who is in the end stage of life. The online training program is offered on a unique learning management system that incorporates all facets of multimedia creating an engaging learning experience.

#### FEATURED COURSE HOME CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM ONLINE TRAINING

The Home Caregiver Support Program provides information that addresses the needs caregivers face as they provide care for family members, or friends suffering from chronic or terminal illness within the confines of their own home. An introductory module explains the course and what palliative care is. This is followed by optional modules that speak to specific needs that are commonly present in palliative or hospice care.

### 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.

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Diabetes Selfcare Management  
A patient empowerment manual



Edited by: S. Cuschieri & C. Savona-Ventura

### 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.



## Best Practice Awards

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

*Jim Stovall*

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

### 1. International Order: Donat Cross



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

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

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

During 2023, three members received Donat Crosses for their contributions.

- DC2<sup>nd</sup>LJ – H.E. The Chevalier Albert Philip James, USA (Ret), GCLJ, KMLJ (South) (Grand Priory of America)
- DC2<sup>nd</sup>LJ – The Chevalier Athanasios Panopoulos, KLJ, BMLJ (Grand Priory of Greece)
- DC3<sup>rd</sup>LJ – The Chevalier Thad Denton King, KLJ, OMLJ, JD (Southeast) (Grand Priory of America)

## 2. Grand Priory of America: Alan Weaver Hazelton Award

The Alan Weaver Hazelton Award was set up by the Grand Priory of America through the generosity of Chev. Robert Elwood Gamble GCLJ, KMLJ with the aim of recognising individuals who by their actions within the Order and in their community follow in the traditions and ideals of loyalty, service and devotion to the Order. The annual Award is conferred by the Grand Prior upon recommendation of an anonymous committee of three knights of the jurisdiction. All members and affiliates of the Order are eligible for this Award which takes the form of a statuette of Saint Lazarus, suitably inscribed. In 2023, the Alan Weaver Hazelton Award was given to Guillermo Salas Vargas. He is a member of the Delegation of Mexico of the Grand Priory of America.



*Guillermo Salas Vargas holding the Award*

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*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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