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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIOR

2010 was a year of dramatic achievements for the Priory in the U.S. The Priory received an all-time high level of annual oblations and sent the Hospital the unprecedented amount of \$600,000, a 20% increase over 2009. The regional committees held the greatest number ever of events, and 86 new Members were invested. Of special note, Prior Emeritus, John R. Drexel IV, became the first U.S. citizen accorded the rank of Bailiff Grand Cross, the highest rank in the Order of St John. Order Hospitaller John Talbot travelled with me to a number of regions in September to update current Members and to introduce the work of the Hospital to prospective members. The Hospital itself served a record number of patients — over 102,000 — and experienced a 15% increase in operations.

The Grand Prior, HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester, visited the Priory in December for a successful fundraiser in New York City for the renovation of the Order of St John Museum in London. I am happy to announce that he will again be with us for the annual Investiture in San Francisco on November 4th and 5th in San Francisco. Please make plans to attend.
Pro fide, pro utilitate hominum.



A. Marshall Acuff Jr., KStJ

NEWS FROM THE PRIORY AND THE ORDER

Grand Prior Greets Confrères in New York In Support of Renovated Order Museum

On December 7th, the Order's Grand Prior, HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester, attended a reception and dinner at The Union Club in New York City to raise funds for the £3 million (\$5.9 million) redevelopment of the Order's recently reopened museum at St John's Gate in Clerkenwell, London. The Club was a well-chosen setting for a royal reception; its rooms have a British "feel" due to proportions, colors and paintings. Confrères from around the country attended.

The Grand Prior described the new Museum as a great improvement over the earlier one, with better lighting, smarter spatial arrangements, and computer technology. It features paintings, furniture, silver, metalwork, armor, ceramics, sculpture, prints, drawings, textiles, jewelry, manuscripts,



The Grand Prior and Prior Acuff greet new Member Constantine G.A. Theoharis, MD.

and books. The Order's history is interwoven with that of historical figures.

The Duke spoke of the Order's origins during the Crusades, observing that in the 21st century, its Christian ends can be better achieved by helping others, including Muslims. The Museum, he said, is an effort to show that the modern-day Order

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STAFF SPONSORSHIP: A CREATIVE WAY TO HELP SJEH

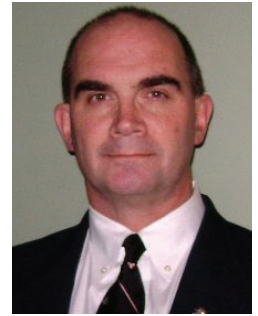
With pleasure, I report two extraordinary responses to the Prior's appeal for Confrères to strengthen their ties to The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital through the sponsorship of individual staff members. Sponsored staff members will wear a badge with the arms of the Priory, an affirmation to all of the Sponsor's commitment to prevent blindness. In June, the Priory Chapter committed to underwrite for three years an ophthalmologist in training. At the Membership Meeting in Atlanta, Hospitaller John Talbot announced the selection of Dr. Ala'a Al-Talbishi, a promising physician in the residency training program.



The 27-year-old doctor (pictured here), and his wife and baby live in East Jerusalem. He is from the village of Al Majed, 15 kilometers from Hebron and adjacent to the barrier wall dividing the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Graduating from high school with top grades, he earned his Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Science and Technology in Irbid, Jordan. He completed an internship at the Makassed Charitable Hospital on the Mount of Olives and subsequently joined the St. John staff. His commitment to healing is heartfelt: "My goal for studying

medicine is to help my people, who are in real need of all kinds of medical services. We need more ophthalmologists, especially in the area of Hebron and Dura, where I hail from, and will most likely settle permanently in the future."

In another development, Connecticut Regional Committee Chair Thomas R. Cox III said the region will underwrite a scholarship for a registered nurse to attend the Hospital's annual Specialist Ophthalmic Nursing Course for each of the next three years. Admission to this course is highly competitive and widely recognized as a unique opportunity in the Middle East for nurses to acquire the rigorous skills required to support state-of-the-art specialty eye care.



COL D. Gray Heppner Jr., MD, FACP, FRGS, Priory Hospitaller, OSTJ

In 2010, the Hospital welcomed 102,382 patients, 34,238 under the age of 18. CEO Rod Bull must respond to the changing clinical requirements these unprecedented numbers carry. Staff sponsorship frees up funds to allow him to do so. I urge others to follow the leadership of the Chapter and the Connecticut Committee. Please contact me at gheppner@saintjohn.org to send a strong message of personal support through Staff Sponsorship.

illustrates our relationship with UNRWA and the results of productive cooperation.

NEW STATISTICS FROM THE ORDER HOSPITALLER



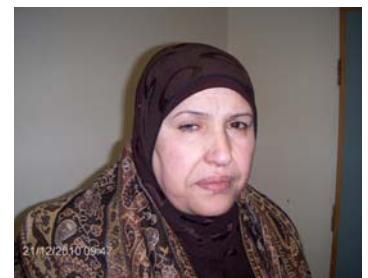
John F. Talbot, FRCS, FRCOphth, Chairman of the Hospital Board, Hospitaller of the Order of St. John, KStJ

2010 has been an excellent year for The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group. For the first time in our 129-year history we have seen over 100,000 patients. In fact, the year-end figure was 102,382! This is an 11% rise from 2009 in the numbers seen. The number of operations easily exceeded 4,000, a 15% increase from 2009. This is a great tribute to the dedication and hard work of all our staff.

These achievements have been in the face of great difficulties in obtaining referrals from the Palestinian Authority (PA), who turned off the referral tap in September 2009. The big escalation in patient numbers therefore is surprising and reflects the reputation of the Hospital and the patients' determination to reach us.

Many patients claim refugee status through the UN Relief and Welfare Agency. Unfortunately, UNRWA has always been poorly funded and is only able to reimburse 20% of our costs. The rest is funded by our charity. I am glad to report that we have renegotiated this contract upwards, with a promise of further annual rises in their contribution. The following case

A refugee, Mrs. Aisheh Shamasneh (seen here) is a 50-year-old housewife from Qatanneh, Ramallah. Her husband is unemployed, and her family of eight sons and three daughters is supported by UNRWA for food and medication. She has had



corneal disease in her right eye for 18 years and had an unsuccessful corneal graft in 2008. Suffering years of pain, she has had to visit the Hospital regularly, despite the great difficulty of obtaining permits to get there. Last November, she had a repeat corneal graft and is making good progress, finding it easier to return to full function as a mother and a housewife.

UNRWA has provided limited funds for this expensive procedure; the Hospital has exempted her from the remaining costs and from her having to pay for her eye drops. We hope to be able to break through barriers and treat many more people like Mrs. Shamasneh, whose lives and families will benefit from a mother's good health.

VICTORIA SHEFFIELD, CSTJ: THE JOURNEY NEVER ENDS

As a young U.S. Air Force medic during the Vietnam War, Victoria Sheffield had two goals — to see the world and to be part of something bigger. Since then, she has lived in five countries on four continents, worked in 41 countries, and traveled to 98. In her life's journey, she has become part of a bigger and never-ending kind of war — the global fight to treat and prevent blindness.

Victoria's vision has been sharpened by practical experience in some of the most impoverished parts of the world in their darkest hours. British-born Victoria came to the U.S. at age eight. After her service as a medic, she became a licensed practical nurse and began working in a medical center's ophthalmology department. She was soon examining patients, doing refractions, assisting in surgery and helping ophthalmologists with their academics — and loving it. In 1975, she sought specialty training at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and became a Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist. In 1979, she joined the International Eye Foundation (IEF) and visited The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital, where she began to fully understand the complex nature of the Holy Land.

A high point in her life, Victoria says, was living and working in Kenya for three years in the early 1980's. She drove herself around the country teaching and training medical personnel in primary eye care and nutrition. "My work with epidemiologists and social anthropologists gave me tremendous insights," she explains. "It taught me how to investigate why people behave as they do and how one can influence those behaviors to improve eye health." She worked with Helen Keller International from 1984 to 1990, serving in the horrific refugee and displaced persons camps in Ethiopia and Sudan. Grasping firsthand the logistics of crisis management, she learned that one must think beyond immediate relief. As a colleague put it, "Figure out what has to be in place when the rock stars go home!"

Returning to the IEF as President, Victoria became more involved in global policy development. She joined the Order of St John in 1994, having been sponsored by an IEF founding Board member, David P. Close, KStJ. In 1998, she met and subsequently married Howard Pyle, OStJ, who provides her a happy grounding on the home front. Despite being a photographer, cooking enthusiast and art collector with eclectic tastes, Victoria says, "I could stay at the office forever, but my

computers, gotomypc.com, Blackberry, Skype and other technologies keep me in touch... Howard is my technical guru and chief support system."

Over the years, IEF developed a sustainability approach to quality, affordable eye care. Ophthalmologists in developing countries are freed up to focus on diagnosis, treatment and surgery, and work as a team with support personnel and the bureaucracy to streamline eye care. In 2009,



Last October, Victoria received the Prince Abdulaziz Ahmad Al Saud Prevention of Blindness Award, from the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology. The Prince is shown presenting her the Award.

Victoria was appointed to the Board of The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. She finds this work extremely interesting and challenging. "The Hospital's location adds a unique dimension to strategic planning and service provision. We deal with challenges in the trenches, the budgets, expenses, clinical needs, strategic planning, etc. And it's a Hospital...it does what it's supposed to do, but in uniquely difficult circumstances." She continues, "The Hospital is a beacon in the Holy Land — a place where generations have come to seek cures for eye diseases threatening their future, families and livelihoods. The Hospital has been there for all of them, always and forever, a safe haven and a leading light. We must ensure that the light stays on, providing care, understanding and compassion to all who enter its doors."

After her life voyage through so many dark, depressing and dangerous places, Victoria Sheffield, like Odysseus, understands the importance of safe havens and the sustained vision that gets you to them. But in a reversal of the story of Odysseus and the Cyclops, her life has been spent restoring, not destroying sight. She is, like the Ulysses/Odysseus of Alfred, Lord Tennyson, forever committed to her personal war on blindness: "... To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield." ❄️

Karen Lamb, OStJ

NEW PRIORY GENEALOGIST APPOINTED

John McConville Shannon, CStJ, has been appointed by Prior A. Marshall Acuff Jr. as Genealogist for the U.S. Priory. Mr. Shannon is a former international banker and public relations executive and is currently Executive Director of the St. George's Society of New York. Founded in 1770 by English colonists to provide charity to English people in need in the City, the Society has close to 900 members today and focuses on social and educational programs supporting British and Commonwealth people.

An interest in heraldry led him to become the president of the College of Arms Foundation in 2002, a position he still holds. Focusing on England, the Foundation promotes knowledge and appreciation of heraldry. He is active in a diverse array of history- and heraldic-related groups in the U.S. and England, and is Chairman of the committee on heraldry of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society. An active life-long Episcopalian, he is an Officer of the Order of Sts. Maurice and Lazarus. In 2009, he was admitted to the Freedom of the City of London. ❄️

UP CLOSE AND VERY PERSONAL: CONFRÈRE VISITS TO JER

THE ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM EYE HOSPITAL: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS IN SHEIKH JARRAH

In 1982, we made our first trip to the Hospital to join with other Members of the Order from all Pories and the Alliance Orders for the Centennial Celebration of its founding in 1882. Over the years, our other visits to this most remarkable institution have always been a learning and humbling experience.



Peter Goltra, KStJ; John Talbot, KStJ; Gail Goltra, DStJ; Don Lundquist, KStJ; Jeanne Garth, Medical Director; Esme Talbot; Denise Magauran, and Joe Walsh, KStJ. (l. to r.)

We mingle with the truly dedicated staff, observing both the hopeful patients quietly awaiting their turns for clinical examination, and the smiling convalescents, who with their new eyesight are recuperating from surgery in pleasant, bright patient wards. And it is always profoundly touching to visit the Children's Ward, the special love of the U.S. Priory.



Don Lundquist surrounded by children at the Holy Family Orphanage in Bethlehem, which is part of the complex of the Order of Malta Holy Family Maternity Hospital.

For almost 30 years, we have been proud to wave the banner for Hospital support. We continue to be profoundly and positively impressed by the continual updates and remodeling of the Hospital equipment and facility, and the loving care of its surrounding gardens. Beyond this, we have watched its ambitious establishment of satellite clinics and ever-broadening outreach programs into areas where, sadly, patients' ability to

travel to Jerusalem is severely limited if not impossible. All of this has been achieved by individual gifts not only from the U.S., but from around the world, from members of the Order and from foundations. All recognize that only their generosity underwrites the present and future operations of the Hospital for its continuation as a shining Eye Center in the Holy Land.

In September 2010, we again visited the Hospital with over 60 other expatriate guests, including six Americans, as part of an exciting celebration of the Hospital's 50th anniversary at its location in Sheik Jarrah, Jerusalem. Many were old friends (going back to 1982) who still choose the Hospital as the symbol of their continuing commitment to the mission of the Order. Unanimously, we agreed that our charitable investments had been put to good use. This was wonderfully evident on special tours we were given, and in the convivial conversations and clicking cameras at social events generously provided by the Hospital for the occasion. A highlight was the special Investiture and Awards Ceremony at St. George's Cathedral for the Hospital staff (numbering over 200) in recognition of their years of faithful service and unselfish accomplishments.



"A Plaque honoring the contributions of Don Lundquist and Joe Walsh"

Going forward, we eagerly await the next opportunity to celebrate The St. John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital. A Priory trip is again planned in 2012. As always, we encourage all Members of the Priory in the U.S. to experience the lasting inspiration received from a personal visit. It will change your lives, as it has ours.

Photos (all l. to r.) and report by Don Lundquist, KStJ, and Joseph Walsh, KStJ, MD, FRCOphth

SHOWING YOUR OWN CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE ORDER AND THE HOSPITAL

Like Don, Joe, Peter and the others, you can demonstrate your own commitment in many ways, including a tribute gift in honor or in memory of a loved one, or for a special occasion. Please also consider becoming, like so many others, a member of the growing Muristan Society, which now has 69 members. Your legacy can change lives and hopes for the future.

USALEM AND GAZA

EYES ON GAZA: SEEING THE CLINIC FIRST-HAND

After participating in the Hospital's 50th Anniversary celebrations, my wife Gail (DStJ) and I visited the clinic in Gaza for the first time since 2005. Beginning at the Erez entrance to Gaza, it was immediately apparent that much had changed. Replacing the small checkpoint was a building the size of a major city airport terminal. Despite having entry passes cleared months before by the Israeli Defense Forces, we sat on the curb for well over three hours before being passed through.

As we walked through the half-mile long wire cage to enter Gaza, we saw these two young men collecting concrete rubble to sell in Gaza City, a backbreaking task that would



earn them about \$3 a day. Looking back, we saw the Wall, with its guard towers – one of which has a 50 mm cannon overlooking the wasteland.

Despite this daunting beginning, the clinic staff was as welcoming as on our previous visit, and quickly broke out demi-tasses of strong Arabic coffee to go with the supply of German butter cookies we had brought. By the time we arrived, they had already seen 102 patients that morning. Clinic Director Dr. Jom'a El-Jazaar proceeded to tick off the challenges

the clinic faces. One of them is that the electricity is of poor quality and goes off regularly. Protective UPS power conditioners and a generator are in place, but the electronics in even the newest diagnostic and surgical equipment fail frequently.



Because it is not practical to run these generators at night, power and the dehumidifiers must be turned off, and this leads to mold, which must be removed at great risk to the equipment. We saw Medical Engineer Fathi Quasi (I.) and Consulting Ophthalmologist Dr. Kamal Okasha replacing



a zoom lens (cost \$13,000) for the Zeiss surgical microscope, which had been a casualty of mold removal and which had

been inoperable for several months while a replacement was obtained. After replacement, 195 cataract surgeries were performed. Yet even then, a city power failure occurred, a generator malfunctioned, and a surgery in progress had to be completed by candlelight.

After three hours, we had to leave Gaza, as the border shuts at 4 p.m. Nursing Director Ahmad Ma'ali, Gail and Fathi looked back over the landscape and saw goatherders tending their flocks as they have for thousands of years.



Living in Gaza is a challenge of a magnitude we, in this generation, have been blessed not to know. The signs of economic deterioration range from the decrease in motor traffic and increase in donkey carts, to the insufficient cleanup of the bombing damage done to sewage treatment plants in January 2009. Most of all, the threat to life itself is very real. There is, however, an extraordinary resilience to the people of Gaza and none exemplify it better than our Clinic staff there. They have continued to perform their daily duties under these extraordinary difficulties. They deserve our greatest gratitude for a continuing job well done. As a result of this visit, Gail and I have reaffirmed our emotional commitment and wholehearted support. ✨

Report and Photos by Peter Goltra, KStJ

The Zeiss lens was donated by Peter and Gail Goltra. Other Confrères sprang into action to contribute power conditioning and monitoring equipment. These generous individuals are: Joseph Walsh, MD, KStJ; Don Lundquist, KStJ; William R. Miller, OBE, KStJ; and Carolyn Goltra, MStJ.

INVESTITURE WEEKEND: THE HEART OF THE ORDER

Pageantry and charity went hand in hand at Investiture Weekend in Atlanta, Georgia, November 5-7. Headed by Dr. Hardwick Johnson Jr., KStJ, an enthusiastic committee of Confrères orchestrated a dazzling array of events, culminating in the *pièce de résistance*, the gala dinner and silent auction at the ornate Fox Theatre.

At the heart of the weekend was Investiture Saturday. Breakfasts were held for the Muristan Society and for new Members. The Membership Meeting featured Order Hospitaller John Talbot, who discussed the current situation in the Holy Land and illustrated the Hospital's work with moving patient case histories. The Priory's yearly Oblation to the Hospital was also presented. The Service of Re-dedication at the Cathedral of St. Philip was directed by the ever-efficient Rev'd Canon Peter Grandell, OStJ, with all the traditional accoutrements on display as former Prior John R. Drexel IV was invested as a Bailiff Grand Cross, the Order's highest grade. He is the first American to receive this honor. Also at the service, most of the 86 new Members were invested, and eight Members were recognized for 25 years of service.

The Order of St John, with its unique combination of charity and chivalry, is epitomized by Investiture Weekend, where fundraising and fun coalesce in a demonstration of camaraderie and serious purpose. If you are considering applying for membership in the Order, or want to rekindle your enthusiasm as a Member, there is no better time and place to experience the Order of St John. This year in San Francisco (November 4-6) HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester and our Grand Prior, will be in attendance. Mark your calendars! ❄️

Thomas Riggs Cox III, OStJ, National Membership Chair

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: NEW DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for 2011 membership applications and all supporting documentation has been extended to Friday, April 1st. This will facilitate the process and allow candidates to be thoroughly researched.

Prior Acuff welcomes new Member Caroline Holden.



At the Friday reception, David von Nirrschl, OStJ; Thomas Knapp; Patricia Hearst Shaw; Bernard Shaw, OStJ; Brantley Knowles, MStJ; Col. John T. Trout, OStJ; Dr. Hardwick Smith Johnson Jr., KStJ; and Todd Frary, MStJ. (All photos l. to r.)



Executive Director Ruth Ann Skaff, new Member The Hon. Edward Whitfield, MStJ; Constance Harriman, and Lord Prior Prof. Anthony Mellows, OBE,TD.



New Member Lt Col Shawn Williams, MStJ; newly-minted Bailiff Grand Cross John R. Drexel IV, and BG Guy Sands-Pingot, KStJ.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2011:

**April 1:
Membership Applications Due**

**June 24 and 25:
St John's Day Events in London**

**November 4 and 5:
Investiture Weekend in San Francisco**



The Right Rev'd J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta; Stephen Storen, OStJ; The Very Rev'd Samuel Candler, MStJ, Dean of the Cathedral of St Philip; and The Right Rev'd John Nicholls, Prelate of the Order of St John.

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE: PRIORY ARCHIVES

For the first time, the historical archives of the American Society and the Priory in the U.S. are being maintained, managed and preserved on a systematic basis. The move in 2008 to Washington set the stage for the project. With the creation of new storage arrangements for documents dating back to 1956, the first phase is complete. For easy access, history files are now chronologically arranged in annual folders by month and date.

Phase #2 will be the digital recording onto a compact disc of all documents, as many of the older documents are beginning to deteriorate. Digital formatting will allow access for research without unnecessary damage to the original material. This phase needs careful planning and funding. Phase #3 will explore methods of preventing further deterioration of brittle, crumbling onionskin papers and fading fax copies of early documents.

Recently, we acquired the papers and documents of the late Ambassador Wells Stabler, KStJ, concerning his association with the Society and Priory. We have also been given the papers and documents of Prior Emeritus John R. Drexel IV, GCStJ. These acquisitions will be kept as special collections. We encourage Confrères to donate to our history collection any relevant documents, letters, photographs and especially membership directories for the years before 1996. The preservation of our history is important and exciting work, and much remains to be done. It will take time, but when the project is finished, our historical records will be safe and available for future generations to access and study. ❄

*COL Howell C. Sasser Sr., OStJ,
Priory Historiographer and Archivist*

On behalf of the Priory in England and the Islands, I send you deep gratitude for the magnificent donation which we have received from the Priory in the United States of America towards the new Museum in St John's Gate. This is hugely encouraging and I feel sure that in the course of the current year we will reach our overall target. The Museum tells the entire story of the Orders of St John... We now have a display of our history that is truly worthy of our extraordinary heritage. I hope that as many of you as possible will visit us in London and see how we have opened the Gate and revealed for all to see how St John has shaped our civilization over so many centuries.

*Dr Alan Borg, CBE, FSA
Librarian of the Priory of England and the Islands*

MAXIMIZING YOUR GIVING WITH DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

How would you like to make charitable giving to the Order simpler and more effective? If so, consider using a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF), a product now offered by large "household name" brokerage firms. A DAF allows you to have all the benefits of a private foundation, with less expense and regulatory nuisance, and benefits for your family as well.

Although different firms have different rules, here is how it works: You contribute cash or appreciated securities to the Fund, which is run by the financial institution (for a fee, typically 1% a year) and is itself a charitable organization. You get a tax deduction, retaining the right to tell the Fund: 1) how the money you contributed should be invested, and 2) the charities you would like to support and how much you want to contribute to each. Choices are a range of index or managed funds of varying levels of risk. Many firms will even allow your licensed investment advisor to choose individual bonds or equities.

If your account appreciates (gains and income inside the fund are not taxable), you have more money to give away. The initial investment defines your tax deduction. Each charity you support must be a US 501(c) (3) bona-fide non-profit. Money disbursed cannot fulfill a pledge, or be used for anything benefiting you directly. Unlike with private foundations, annual disbursements do not have to be made. This allows much more flexible tax planning while allowing you to support your favorite causes and better schedule charitable giving in the amount that suits you. (In any case, you should consult your professional financial advisor, who knows your needs, before taking any action.)

In the long run, the DAF's potential appreciation can be meaningful for your children or grandchildren. If you set up a DAF when a grandchild is born, he or she can direct its disbursement at an appropriate age, when even a modest sum could have grown to a very respectable amount. Just at the time a young couple is facing tuition and mortgages, they can make significant contributions to their church, school, or other community organization. You might also consider starting a fund controlled by all your siblings – it's a good lesson in learning how to share family wealth! ❄

Phillip E. Bowles III, KStJ; Regional Chair, San Francisco

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has something to offer — a contribution to world peace. The unusual aspect of Western charity is that it encourages all to help strangers in need, and he cited the example of the Eye Hospital. Many other cultures put family, tribe, or village first and have no time for strangers in distant places. In this spirit, he hopes that all Confrères will support and visit the Museum. To contribute, please call the Executive Director. ❄

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ABOUT THE ORDER OF ST JOHN

The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem is a serving Order of Chivalry under the British Crown. The honor of membership is bestowed by warrant of its sovereign head, HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Grand Prior of the Order is HRH Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

The Priory in the United States of America, constituted in 1996 by authority of Her Majesty, is one of the Order's eight international priories. Its primary mission is to support The St. John of Jerusalem Eye

Hospital in East Jerusalem. The American Society of the Order of St John was established in 1957, and continues as the tax-exempt charitable corporation for the Priory in the U.S. Over the years, American Members have raised millions of dollars and provided substantial donations of medical supplies to support the work of the Hospital. For over a century, the Hospital has provided first-quality ophthalmic care to thousands of people in the Holy Land, without regard to gender, race, creed, or ability to pay.

INTERNET RESOURCES: Readers wishing to learn more about the Order should visit the website of the Priory in the U.S. at www.saintjohn.org. The worldwide Order website is www.orderofstjohn.org. To better understand the Hospital and its work, access www.stjohnehospital.org. Information on the role of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Sovereign Head of the Order, and HRH Richard, Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior, can be found at www.royal.gov.uk.