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From the Heart

On Thursday, February 10, the Auxiliary will hold it's third From the Heart fundraising event. This year's event will take place at the World Trade Center in downtown San Francisco along the waterfront starting at 6:00. Previous events have taken place at the University Club and the Presidio Golf Club. As in prior events, our main goal is to raise enough funds to send a malade to the Order of Malta's pilgrimage to Lourdes in April. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact the Malta office at 415 788-4550 or Ken Ryan at kennryan@aol.com.

Auxiliary Monthly Masses Update

January marked the resumption of our monthly mass schedule, **Anthony Ordon**a was our host at his parish, St. Thomas of Canterbury. In February, **Christiaan Klieger** will be our host at his parish in Walnut Creek, St. John Vianney. Mass will be at 10:30 AM followed by a brunch meeting nearby. March's monthly mass will be in San Francisco at St. Bonafice with **Ken Ryan** serving as our host. Our monthly mass is a great opportunity to worship together but also a chance to catch up on what is happening with the Auxiliary

Future Monthly Masses

April- Lourdes Reunion Day,

May- Carmel Mission, Carmel, Sunday, May 22

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORKS	Thursday, February 10, 6:00PM From the Heart World Trade Center, San Francisco Our annual fundraising event which raises funds to send a malade to the Order's pilgrimage to Lourdes in April
FAITH	Sunday, February 27, 10:30 AM Mass and Meeting St. John Vianney, Walnut Creek Host-Christiaan Klieger
WORKS	Sunday, March 20, 11:00 AM Day of Service St. Anthony's Foundation
FAITH	Sunday, March 20, 9:00 AM Mass and Meeting St. Bonafice, San Francisco Host- Ken Ryan

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Website Update

After a lot of hard work from a lot of people, we finally have our website up and running. On our site www.orderofmaltausawestern.org/auxiliary/htm which is part of the Western Association website, you can find information regarding upcoming events, our monthly mass schedule and news. In addition, you can find previous copies of our newsletter, the Malta Cross.



Day of Service at St. Anthony's Foundation

On Palm Sunday, March 20, the Auxiliary will be having its March monthly mass at St. Bonafice in San Francisco at 9:00 AM. In conjunction with our mass, we will also be having a day of service at St. Anthony's Foundation. Our day at St. Anthony's will start with a short orientation for members who have not worked at St. Anthony's. We will then switch down to the dining room for two hours of work serving lunch to those members of our community who are less fortunate than us. A short period of reflection will follow after our time in the dining room. If you have any questions, please contact **Anthony Ordon**, Auxiliary Vice President at aaordona@msn.com

A Message from our President

Dear Members,

I am very excited to have been chosen to lead you this year. The preceding years have seen a tremendous input of energy and organization and I hope to be able to continue in the tradition set forth by my predecessors. We have already begun the year with our first monthly mass organized around a general meeting of the Auxilliary office holders. Our main goal was to develop a calendar of masses that we can all plan to attend for the next six months. The events are listed in the newsletter and we will strive to update you regularly via email. We will also be using our website www.orderofmaltausawestern.org/auxiliary/htm as a further reference tool.

The officers have determined a fundamental goal this year of combining the unique components of Faith, Works and Social into our planned events. The Calendar is based around our Faith agenda of stimulating monthly mass attendance as a group. The masses will rotate around the dioceses of the bay area, but will concentrate a majority of the time in San Francisco. We will strive to couple a Works project with our monthly mass. The first act of charity as the auxiliary will be following our March mass at St. Boniface. Anthony Ordon has coordinated a time with St Anthony's Soup Kitchen for us to serve. Whenever possible, we will work directly with the Order to aide their projects. Primarily these days of Work will coincide with programs already in place such as the Lourdes Reunion Dinner. Finally, there is no reason young Catholics cannot spend time together and share their personal lives with each other. Therefore we will also include a Social aspect to our organization. The first of these is our From the Heart Program. Cyrus Johnson began this event as a fundraiser to provide passage of a Malade to Lourdes. It was so successful last year that the Auxilliary provided funds to the Order in order that two Malades were able to attend Lourdes. Ken Ryan has put together this years event at the World Trade Club on February 10th.

We have a very exciting year planned for the Auxilliary. However, without participation by our members it will be a flat experience. I urge all of you to attend as many events as your busy schedules provide and we welcome any introductions of friends you feel will strengthen our group.

Sincerely,
Clayton B. Fritz
President

