



On the 10th of March 2007, **Gennaro Buonocore**, a respected humanitarian of known virtues and dedication to the defense of the poor and oppressed was dubbed a "**Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem**" by the Order's XV Grand Prior, Major General Robert C.G. Disney.

The Order's guiding lights are the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, through which members aspire to serve faithfully as Knights of God's

Temple.

The motto of the Order, "*Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da gloriam*" is the Latin version of Psalm 115, verse 1 -- "*Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name be given glory.*"

The Order, in an age of democratic materialism and secular humanism, seeks, by reconstituting an ancient chivalric order, to adopt an organization of proven effectiveness in capturing the allegiance and spirit of dedicated leaders, and to show that spiritual idealism is most certainly relevant and not inconsistent with a sensibility for tradition, nor inconsistent with patriotism nor civic duty -- thus the Order's purposes include assisting and facilitating the growth of the virtues of Christian gentlemen and ladies, by endeavor with God's Grace. The members of this Order believe they have an obligation to participate in the coalescing and preservation of a constructive force similar to that which created knighthood and chivalry during the Middle Ages.

There is clearly a growing desire among caring men and women to spread goodness in the world. **The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem** is increasingly viewed as a means of doing so; its volunteer base is growing rapidly in terms of both numbers and talent. In order for a growing volunteer organization like SMOTJ to be effective on a

large scale, it utilizes the varied talents of all and magnifies the results of their efforts through effective organization-all the while keeping a singular crusading focus.

The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem supports many charitable organizations across the nation and throughout the world. Listed below are some of these worthy charities. The Order encourages all members to give generously of their time and resources to these causes through the annual contribution to the Jerusalem Mite, which supports the Order's work in the Holy Land, and through the members' support of different charitable efforts of their local Priory or *Commandery*. Chev. Gennaro Buonocore was induced into the Priory of The Light.

The Autonomous Grand Priory of the United States of America provided direct significant financial contributions to the following organizations:

- The Franciscans in the Holy Land
- The Augusta Victoria Hospital, operated by the Lutheran Diocese of Jerusalem
- The Anglican Diocese (to support St. George Cathedral and School) in Jerusalem
- The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate
- The Armenian Patriarchate to maintain many of the Old Quarter sites
- The International Orthodox Christian Charities

- The Chaldean Catholics in Iraq.

Priories, Commanderies and Preceptories have all provided donations to support these charities and many other local charities, such as the Fisher Houses that assist families of wounded combat veterans who are visiting those veterans. Their members have also provided many hours of labor to Habitat for Humanity projects across the country, and have supported international relief efforts with both donations and personal involvement of our medical professionals in Doctors Without Borders projects. Significant donations have been provided to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Relief efforts by the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. Many members have offered space in their homes to those left homeless by these disasters.

For more information about the Order please consult www.smotj.org