

The Order of Malta, American Association will be conducting its First Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin on August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>. The pilgrimage will be comprised of small group of 5-6 Malades and Caregivers from the Midwest.

MN area members may sponsor a person as a candidate. Each candidate will be evaluated by the Malade Selection Committee. Because this is the Association's first Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help and not knowing the facilities capabilities to accommodate handicapped Malades, the Malades for this first pilgrimage will need to be ambulatory.

Each Knight and Dame is called to do a pilgrimage to Lourdes within the first 3 years of Investiture, understanding that the Lourdes pilgrimage might not be financially feasible for some members, Grand Master Fra' Mathew Festing has indicated that this pilgrimage would meet the requirements of pilgrimage.

To propose a sick person for consideration for the pilgrimage, you must be willing to work with the Malade and Caregiver to help them make all the arrangements to attend the Pilgrimage. If possible, it would be helpful if you could also accompany them on the pilgrimage. If you have any questions or would like to request a Malade Sponsor Form please contact Anne Marie Hansen, DM. Watch your emails over the coming weeks for additional information.