October 1, 2014

TO: Women Attending the 2014 Lourdes Pilgrimage

FROM: Craig Jarchow, Chairman

RE: Women’s Work Uniform

All Dames of the Order, female Candidates in Formation, spouses, and members of the Auxiliary are to wear the work uniform described below throughout the week in Lourdes. Volunteers may wear this uniform if they wish, but it is not required.

Nurse’s Uniform: All women are to wear a white skirt, white blouse, black or beige stockings, and black shoes (tennis shoes are not acceptable). A red sweater or jacket may also be worn.

Nurse’s Veil: This is a white, cotton nurse’s veil, worn with a red, Malta pin. Both are provided by the Federal Association. They are distributed in Lourdes on the first day of the pilgrimage.

Lourdes Cape: This is the cape which all of the Dames of Malta receive when they are invested. It is a lined, black cape with the white Maltese cross on the left sleeve; it also has a hood. It is worn over the nurse’s uniform, unless the weather turns hot. It is a long, warm, and water resistant garment with zipper pockets on the inside. The Lourdes Cape is required for Dames of the Order.

The Lourdes Cape is optional for candidates, spouses, and Auxiliary members. The Federal Association office has a limited quantity of ladies capes, and we are happy to rent the ones we have.

For women who do not have a cape –

1. The office has a limited number of capes to rent out. To rent a cape, please send a $25 rental fee. Because the need often exceeds our supply of “rental capes” we have to establish a pecking order for women wishing to rent a cape. Spouses (of Knights) will get the highest priority, followed by candidates for the Order, followed by members of the Auxiliary. Friends and other volunteers will receive a cape only after these groups are taken care of. Thank you for understanding.

2. Another suggestion is that you borrow a cape from a Dame in your area who is not attending the pilgrimage. (That would be a big help.)

If you wish to rent a cape from the Federal Association office -- The “order form” is on the back. Please fill it out and send it back to the Federal Association office with the $25 rental fee as soon as possible. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE TO REQUEST A RENTAL – we really need the order forms to keep the requests straight. Thanks.
Ladies Cape and Veil / Pin Order Form

Name: __________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

__________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________  E-Mail _________________________

I am a (check one):     wife of a Knight
                        _____ Candidate in formation
                        _____ Auxiliary member
                        _____ Volunteer

_____ I would like to rent a cape.  Size _________ - small
                        _________ - medium
                        _________ - large
                        _________ - extra large

_____ I have included my $25 rental fee.

_____ I would like to request a veil and veil pin.

Please send this form to the Federal Association office –

**US Mail**
SMOM – Federal Association
1730 M Street, Suite 403
Washington, DC  20036

**Or FAX** – 202-331-1149

**Or E-Mail** – info@orderofmalta-federal.org

*Capes will be mailed 2-3 weeks before the Pilgrimage.*

After the Pilgrimage, please have the cape dry-cleaned and please wash and iron the veil. Please return these items by June 1.

Please attach your name to the cape or to the cleaner’s bag. It helps us keep track as they arrive, and it helps us with the sizing in the years to come.

Thank you very much.