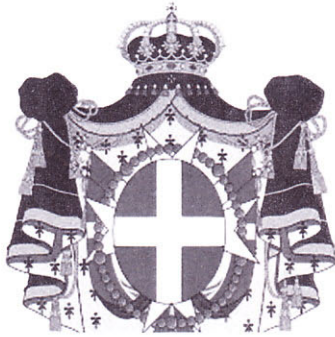


The Knights of Malta celebrate their 902nd anniversary:



Today, Knights do not wear armor or carry swords anymore but provide charitable work all over the world.



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H.E. President of Order of Malta Mr. Gilles DE WECK H.E. Ambassador of Chile José Luis BALMACEDA, H.E. Ardeshir ZAHEDI

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL OF ORDER OF MALTA-2015

The Order of Malta, Switzerland celebrated its annual Charity Ball in Bern on the 7th of February 2015 at the hotel Bellevue. Order of Malta is one of Switzerland's largest voluntary organisations,



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ROCH**

**The Swiss Association
of the
Order of Malta, like in
many other
countries, organize
yearly charity balls
where dignitaries
alongside
members
gather to raise funds
for the
association's
activities.**

the Order makes a positive
contribution to hundreds
of local communities in all
four language areas of Swit-



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Dr. Eva OTZEN-WEHMEYER, Dr. Jörg OTZEN**



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Mrs. DE SICART ESCODA

zerland (throughout whole
 Switzerland), with about
 4,000 members volunteer-
 ing their time to provide
 first-aid medical services
 at community and large na-
 tional events and ultimately
 saving lives. The Oder of



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Malta also touch many lives by caring for the vulnerable and disadvantaged across a number of community care initiatives. The Order's overriding mission is to care and help the sick, the needy and the most disadvantaged in society.

In the opening ceremony, President Gilles de Weck

**They also help
provide assis-
tance in natural
disasters such
as the
earthquake in
Haiti, or in war
zones**

referred to the role of the young generation in constructing the world of tomorrow. He added that the Order of Malta has decided to invite delegates of youth and in their presence concentrate the role of this generation and their responsibilities in contributing to greater understanding and affection between the

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people of this world.

Important people joining:

H.E. Ardeshir Zahedi, H.E.

Ambassador of Chile Mr.



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Ms. Soatiana LOUCHEUR**



José Luis Balmaceda, H.E.
Ambassador of Spain Mr.
Bernardo De Sicart Escoda,
Minister of the Embassy of
Argentina Mr. Luis E. Sus-
mann.

Number of people joining
Ball, estimated above 500
according to Order of Malta

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H.E. Ambassador of Chile José
Luis BALMACEDA**



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**Mr. Anton MITTERMAIR, H.E. Ardeshir ZAHEDI,
Mr. Antoine MITTERMAIR**

Size of charity fund raised
will be known in 3 weeks
but not made public

Speakers: President of
the Order: [HYPERLINK
"mailto:president@ordre-
demaltesuisse.org"](mailto:president@ordre-demaltesuisse.org) Gilles
de Weck, Mrs. Antoinette
Fierz-Cagianut and the
Bishop (representative of
the Catholic Church)



The Sovereign Order of Malta is a sovereign subject of international law. The Order - which is based in Rome has its own Government, an independent magistracy, bilateral diplomatic relations with 102 countries and is granted the status of Permanent Observer in many international organizations, such as the United Nations



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