

The Order of Malta



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The Order of Malta is a fascinating institution of vast political and religious history. Nine centuries have passed since its inception, years which attest to its work both in aid and arms. The Order seemingly has gone through two acts. It was intended as a charity and served as a defender of Christendom in its original medieval inception (Act I). As the centuries rolled on and the Order fell into disarray at various points, it developed underlying characteristics in opposition to Christianity (Act II). The political and religious importance of the Order in modernity is increasing. There exist many curiosities regarding the Order, which is itself a sovereign and extremely powerful entity. Much is purported concerning a hidden side to the organization, of which was great interest to me in relation to the study trip. The visit within the Order's compound satisfied and exceeded expectations, at least on a visual and aesthetic level. This research led me to affirm my suspicions and conclude that the Order operates on a false pretense.

Origins of the Order

Somewhere in the midst of the 11th century, as with other similar orders of the time like the Knights Templar and Teutonic Knights, “the Benedictine abbey of St. Mary of the Latins was founded in Jerusalem by merchants from Amalfi.”¹ It provided a space of refuge for the poor and for pilgrims. Incidentally and according to legend, the location of the Abbey was where the angel announced the conception of St. John the Baptist. (For future reference it is interesting to note here that in the early Middle Ages, brotherhoods of highly esteemed artists began to form. “Their places of assembly were called Lodges and their members took the name of Freemasons.

¹ Sire, H. J.A. The Knights of Malta. London: Yale UP, 1996. 3.

Their patron saint was St. John the Baptist.”)² Nevertheless, as the crusades sparked at the turn of the 11th century at the behest of Pope Urban, the Hospital of St. John the Baptist garnered immense fame. They became incorporated by the church as the Hospitallers of St. John, the first of the great centralized orders of the Middle Ages. They were essentially the strong arm of the Pope. After disagreement with the Knights Templar over the invasion of Egypt and other items, the Hospitallers, who sided mainly with the monarchy, grew militarily. They set up shop on the island of Rhodes in the 14th century and later moved to Malta in the 16th century. Apart from aid work, they of course dealt with military arms. Eerily, signs exist that this early line of work exists in some form today.

The Present Day Order

Many personal beliefs and questions regarding political, financial, spiritual and international institutions have been affirmed during my stay in Geneva. Curiosity and anticipation were high regarding the Rome trip, the Order of Malta in particular. The weekend prior, we spent a night at the manor of the Knight of Milan of the Order of Malta, having a brief breakfast with him. We heard of the charitable work they do and such. That it is “recognized by nations as an independent subject of international law” is curious and potentially troubling.³ Professor Molina later on stated aside that the Order was indeed a secret society. What kind of secret society? I had a hunch from previous bits of research I had done on the elusive topic.

Concerning the illicit actions of Council for National Policy members, the Knights of Malta have been classified in line with similar questionable characters as “the Council on Foreign Relations, the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon, the Church of Scientology,

² Bennett, John R. The Origin of Freemasonry and Knights Templar. 1907. Internet Archive. 1 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.archive.org/details/originoffreemaso00bennuoft>>. 70.

³ "Sovereign Order of Malta - Official site." Sovrano Ordine di Malta - sito ufficiale. 15 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.orderofmalta.org/site/domrisp.asp?idlingua=5>>.

Freemasonry, the CIA, Nazis, the Church Universal & Triumphant, the Ku Klux Klan, Templeton Foundation, Racists and other cults and organizations.”⁴ Best-selling author and renowned serious researcher F. William Engdahl has relayed that the Order of Malta possibly “controls the world arms trade.”⁵ In fact, numerous powerful political actors are members of the Order, from old CIA co-creator Dulles, former CIA heads William Casey and George Bush to former Blackwater executive Joe Schmitz. “Some Blackwater executives even boast of their membership in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.”⁶ This further gives credibility to the claim Engdahl has passed along, heard amongst intelligence circles. In a new book by senior researcher Gerard Aalders, Prince Bernhard von Lippe-Biesterfeld is damningly identified as “a man who lies, scams, accepts bribes, cheats on his wife, serves only his own interests, consorts with unreliable individuals, arms deals, corrupts ministers [and] continuously spreads false stories about himself.”⁷ He was heavily involved in the arms trade.⁸ Why is this relevant? Bernhard is the founding chair of Bilderberg, an annual rotating group of 125 powerful people from all walks of life who have been steering planetary affairs since 1954 and are set to meet 14 May 2009 in Athens.⁹ He is also a member of the Order of Malta.¹⁰ The membership list is a dead giveaway as to the illicit nature of the Order.

Prussian militarist

⁴ "The Council for National Policy: What it Is." Seek God - Home Page. 14 Mar. 2008. 01 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.seekgod.ca/cnp.htm>>.

⁵ Engdahl, William. "Order of Malta - Sources." E-mail to the author. 1 Apr. 2009.

⁶ Scahill, Jeremy. Blackwater The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army. New York: Nation Books, 2007. 17.

⁷ "Waarom was 'deugniet' prins Bernhard zo razend populair?" Netwerk 31 Mar. 2009. 15 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.netwerk.tv/uitzending/2009-03-31/waarom-was-deugniet-prins-bernhard-zo-razend-populair>>.

⁸ Smits, Hank W. "Onderzoek: Prins Bernhard vuistdiep in wapenhandel." Quote 3 Apr. 2009. 15 Apr. 2009 <http://www.quotenet.nl/q-a/onderzoek_prins_bernhard_vuistdiep_in_wapenhandel.php>.

⁹ "The most powerful elite will meet in Athens." GR Reporter 23 Mar. 2009. 15 Apr. 2009 <<http://www.grreporter.info/statiaen.php?mysid=1823&t=16&SESID=2k4jiri54aepimma12mc6fce05>>.

¹⁰ "Geschiedenis." Souvereine Militaire Hospitaal Orde van Malta. 15 Apr. 2009 <http://www.maltezerorde.nl/gesch_rang_grootkruis.htm>.

“Von Steuben is one of four men often cited by Blackwater officials as founding mercenaries of the United States, the others being Generals Lafayette, Rochambeau, and Kosciuszko, whose monuments stand across from the White House in what some Blackwater officials have taken to calling ‘Contractor Park.’”¹¹

Basic research shows that all these men indeed were Freemasons. There is no question that Freemasonry has infiltrated the Order of Malta, it is wholly evident by the symbolism witnessed on the trip. The professor may have been referring to this point or to the general structure and secretive nature of the Order. Indeed, “the Knight of Malta, as a Masonic grade, was established in England in the early part of the seventeenth century.”¹² The Order seems to have come a long way from its original intentions and logically, given the span of time and opportunity of discontinuity to foster a new path for the Order. Professor Rakisits made the comment that the Order is particularly present and powerful in Geneva. The Catholic and Protestant branches of the Order combined and formed the Chivalric Alliance of Orders of Saint John or “the Alliance.” Their headquarters is in Switzerland.¹³ This further validates Professor Rakisits comment.

Freemasonry

This is not the place to go into in-depth examination of Freemasonry, but those who dismiss it as a harmless brotherhood are completely in the dark. Serious study of such an organization yields the fact that the “supreme being” members are required to believe in as they join is ultimately Lucifer. 19th century Masonic high-priest Albert Pike wrote in *Morals and Dogma*

¹¹ Scahill, Jeremy. Blackwater The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army. New York: Nation Books, 2007. 193.

¹² Macoy, Robert. General History, Cyclopedia and Dictionary of Freemasonry. New York: Masonic Company, 1872. 329.

¹³ The Alliance of the Orders of St. John of Jerusalem. 15 Apr. 2009
<<http://www.allianceofstjohn.org/index2.html>>.

“Lucifer, the Light-bearer! Strange and mysterious name to give to the Spirit of Darkness!
Lucifer, the Son of the Morning! Is it he who bears the Light, and with its splendors intolerable
blinds feeble, sensual or selfish Souls? Doubt it not!”

He further goes on to state that these matters are kept hidden from most members, the majority of which constitute the first three degrees are clueless and are thought of as “cattle” by the higher degrees. The fact that a great deal of powerful politicians, not limited to James Baker III and the Bush dynasty, worship Lucifer is disturbing.¹⁴ That the Order of Malta is part of or has been hijacked by such an organization is equally troublesome. While on the subject of Lucifer, another curiosity is the organization Lucis Trust. Located off Palais des Nations, it openly worships Lucifer as the Christ and is preparing for his return.¹⁵ Lucis Trust holds prestigious “consultative status” with the United Nations, is on the roster of its Economic and Social Council and runs the UN meditation room in New York. Don’t let anybody tell you black is white.

The Tour

Though I had only read about the Order of Malta’s illicit behind the scenes operations, I could only imagine what their offices or church could look like. The mental images I was half-expecting of esoteric and ancient symbolism and their actual materialization half-surprised me. We were not allowed to enter the Order grounds when we visited the area with the son of the Knight of Milan a few days before the group arrived. It was amusing peeking through the keyhole to see St. Peter’s Basilica. The ideology of the key reminded me again of secret societies and their obsession with keys to secret knowledge. Again, that goes in line with what was mentioned earlier, that the true knowledge is gnostic and kept from the uneducated masses.

¹⁴ Engdahl, William. Stoljeće Rata 2: Tajni Geopolitički Plan Američke Vlade. Zagreb: Detecta, 2008. 231.

¹⁵ "Lucis - The Esoteric Meaning of Lucifer." Lucis - Home. 15 Apr. 2009

<http://www.lucistrust.org/en/arcane_school/talks_and_articles/the_esoteric_meaning_of_lucifer>.

The symbolism ran rampant. The large Egyptian influence on the church has absolutely nothing to do with Christianity and everything to do with the mystery religions of Egypt and subsequently Freemasonry, which adheres to the same. The use is not limited to just the Order, as Egyptian obelisks can be spotted heavily among Washington D.C. (as pointed out earlier due to the founders) to St. Peter's square. The double-headed eagle goes back to the Middle Ages and also is predated by the original Chaldean use. It possibly signifies sun worship and duality in conquest of both east and west by means military and political (religious, economic, etc.).¹⁶ The art historian leading our group gave a lame explanation of how the incessant presence of skulls symbolized the dead buried on the mound, finally admitting that there even exists hidden symbolism that "they do not even know about." Further add in snakes, demons and bones to the mix. The black and white tiles again are reminiscent of none other than Freemasonry. Utilizing common sense and logic, I do not see how any of the gross number of these dark and satanic depictions can possibly legitimately be part of a Christian church.

The Verdict

The Order of Malta operates on a façade. The official story is that it operates to help the sick and needy and to carry out good works. It is obvious that many of its members take part in a slew of illicit and horrible activities. Its members occupy positions of high power in politics and finance the world over. Furthermore, the Christian nature of the Order is supplanted and starkly contrasted by the Luciferian infiltration of Freemasonry. They use the typical trick of playing on people's emotions. The average person would not question the aims of the Order nor dare to consider underlying facts that suggest the Order is sleeping in the devil's bed. Most do not have

¹⁶ "The Double-Headed Eagle" Masonic Dictionary | Your Daily Lesson In Masonic Education. 15 Apr. 2009
<<http://www.masonicdictionary.com/doubleeagle.html>>.

the capacity or the will to do so. Indeed, it is very difficult to face such deceit and peer into the heart of darkness.

The study trip proved to be illuminating in many of its aspects. The tour of the Quirinale Palace was fantastic. The trip to the Vatican was not as exciting due to it being my third visit. An inside look at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations was fascinating, relevant and timely, considering their push for potentially controlling and regulating world food use and resources through the Codex Alimentarius or food code which is to be subsequently forced down the legislative throats of individual nations. Will the day come when natural supplements and organic food will no longer be within the commoner's grasp as the monopoly of dangerous genetically modified crops becomes our only option? The lecture at the Italian Society for International Organization was very informative. Their school seems to provide an excellent model upon which the Geneva School of Diplomacy could strive to replicate in part. The speaker was amusing; talking about a European regionalized super-state as the goal, dream and ideal as if you were mad not to think likewise. The Order of Malta was the highlight of the trip and one of the items on the itinerary I was most looking forward to. By getting a glimpse of various institutions and organizations ranging from the political to the spiritual, I was able to put together a bigger and better picture of how they all overlap in certain areas and how they come together. The intricacies and inner workings of power are fascinating. It also gave me a sense of what I do and do not want to do in choosing future career options.

Appendix A

