

## **The Most Venerable Order of St. John Hospital of Jerusalem Confers Officer Brother Rank on Pave the Way Foundation Founder**

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On July 13, 2005, by consent of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, this honor was bestowed upon Mr. Krupp in recognition of his contributions to the betterment of mankind through the work of Pave the Way Foundation, founded by Mr. Krupp in 2002. The Pave the Way Foundation has achieved many historic firsts and is the only group in the world dedicated to improving the relations between the world's diverse peoples through gestures of good will. Mr. Krupp is one of the only Jewish men in history to be invested both by the Catholic Church as a Knight Commander of St. Gregory and the Episcopal Church as an Officer Brother of the Order of St. John.

“We are honoring Mr. Krupp for his stellar accomplishments on behalf of improved relations between men and women in every country, of every creed,” said United States Prior John Drexel IV. “His single-minded determination places him in the ranks of those few individuals who truly make a difference in the world. It is our certainty that through his continued work, he will bring honor to the Order of St. John.”

The ceremony took place on September 13th at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. In attendance were Grand Prior John Drexel IV, Barbara Haywood, Executive Director of the Order of St. John, Suzanne Bishopric, Chancellor of the Priory in the United States of America of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Prior to founding Pave the Way Foundation in 2002, Gary Krupp founded and operated several businesses in the medical field and managed the family commercial second mortgage business. He worked extensively with charitable and social betterment groups including the Caritas Foundation, the New York State Trooper Foundation, and Casa Sollievo Della Sofferenza, a 1500-bed health care facility in Italy. He was Vice-Chairman of the Coalition to Save Belleayre Mountain and sits on the board of the Long Island Forum for Technology. For his work, he has received several recognitions, including a Papal knighthood from Pope John Paul II and the Centennial Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund.

“I am extremely grateful for this recognition,” stated Mr. Krupp. “While it is an honor to be considered among many fine individuals in the Order of St. John, I must think in very practical terms. My new status as an Officer Brother will open more doors to the important work of the Pave the Way Foundation. Given the world situation, this is not at a time of leisure and celebration. I pledge to use the trust placed in me to improve the channels of communication between the peoples of earth. A greater unity between men and nations begins with communication and the result of communication is understanding and thus, peace.”

In just three short years, the Pave the Way Foundation has achieved many milestones that have led to an increased understanding and acceptance between the world's religious groups. Among other accomplishments, in January 2005, PTWF led a group of more than a hundred Jewish leaders to a private audience with Pope John Paul II, to thank him for all he has done for the Jewish people. The foundation has also arranged for the original works of Maimonides, the significant 13th-century Jewish philosopher, to be loaned by the Vatican to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, the first time ever that these important documents have been on Israeli soil. Other vital projects are ongoing.

#### About Pave the Way Foundation

PTWF has a simple yet monumental goal: To enhance the relations between the world's religions through gestures of good will and thereby embracing their similarities and savoring their differences. In today's world, some individuals try to achieve their agenda through violence, in the name of religion. To silently allow this to happen defames every faith. The vision of PTWF is that the unified voice of the world's great religious leaders condemning violence and promoting trust will pave the way to peace.

#### About the The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

The Order of St. John is an international order of Knighthood founded by the British Crown in 1888 in the tradition of the ancient Hospitaller Order of Saint John, with Priors, Commanderies and National Councils in some forty countries around the world. The Sovereign Head is the Sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, presently HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Mission of the Order of St. John is to prevent and relieve sickness and injury and to act to enhance the health and well-being of people of all races and creeds anywhere in the world.

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