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5 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

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moments in gay new orleans history

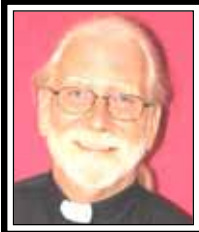
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Remembering Robin Malta

Monday, June 11, 2007, should have been a normal day at Salon D'Malta. Salon owner Robin Malta's appointment book was filled with appointments from 10am to 6pm. But Robin Malta missed those appointments. When he failed to show up at the salon, his employees became concerned and began calling him. Their repeated calls went unanswered. By early afternoon, Malta's sister, Monica Thurmond, a co-owner of the popular salon on Decatur Street in the French Quarter, was calling area hospitals in an effort to locate him. After closing the salon around 5:30pm, Monica and a fellow stylist went to Robin's home. A grisly discovery awaited them.

They found Malta face down in his bed, brutally beaten and dead. The object placed in his mouth made it clear that he had been murdered. Word spread rapidly and by noon the next day, Malta's salon and home became shrines and sites of mourning as his many friends and clients began gathering and leaving memorial gifts.

Robin Malta was a beloved figure in the gay community. A lifelong resident of New Orleans, Malta was a graduate of John Curtis High School. He moved briefly to Reading, Pennsylvania, to attend beauty school and then returned to New Orleans.



a community within communities

by The Rev. Bill Terry, Rector St. Anna's Episcopal Church,
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Beyond Election Day

During the several days after the election our usual noon mass brought several people who were/are in distress: Fear, anxiety, rejection and a jumble of emotions. This election cycle was filled with emotions from the start and no small amount of rancor. For Trump supporters it is a great new day. For Clinton supporters it is a dark day. So, for those who might be the later I offer a prayer that a friend of mine sent it. It is reflective of Celtic prayer forms. Use it as you wish:

Be strong, O my soul,
Be strong this day
To face this moment and feel its pain
To cry with our mothers and weep for our daughters
To stand by our fathers and sons of colour
And defend our true brothers and sisters of the Qu'ran
To serve compassion rather than fear
To invoke wisdom instead of ignorance
To elect humility over false pride
Be strong, O my soul,
Be strong this day
Be strong this day for love.
--by J. Phillip Newell

It seems to me that no matter who won this election some portion of the population would be distressed. Some

portion of the population would feel disposable. I've listened to everything that NPR has to say and the media will be talking about this for ages. So here we are and it's Thanksgiving. Is there much to give thanks for?

At St. Anna's we give thanks for our wonderful community partners past and present. In no short measure that includes this publication and its owners Rip and Marsha. The bartenders at The Friendly Bar, managers and bar-keepers at The Phoenix, Mag's, The Pub, Cutters, Golden Lantern and several organizations like the Lords of Leather and Bears Club. And let us not forget Stephaney and The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The risk and joy of saying this is that we at St. Anna's are so completely blessed by so many helpers, partners and well wishers I know that I will forget someone or some group. PLEASE DON'T BE OFFENDED because in the LGBTQ is overwhelmingly loving and giving.

At St. Anna's we give thanks for this support because it feeds the hungry. This generosity of spirit provides for children who have virtually nothing and nothing much to look forward to. This generosity of spirit feeds the faithful that come to pray at St. Anna's because they know that our peace and love are returned to us and to those that we care for seven fold. So we give thanks.

We give thanks to the voice of

He and his sister opened Salon D'Malta on September 14, 2004. The salon quickly became popular with Quarterites and others and was honored two years in a row as the outstanding hair salon in New Orleans. Malta also served as the Grand Marshal of Southern Decadence in 1998 and was involved in many local charitable fundraising events. Following Hurricane Katrina he volunteered his time for five weeks, seven days a week, cutting hair for the National Guardsmen in the New Orleans area and was awarded the Pennsylvania Guard's highest commendation issued to civilians for his service.

When managing Café Lafitte in Exile, Malta was inspired to create the annual Red Party. One afternoon in 1992, Malta was holding court in the bar and came up with the idea. The group of friends at the bar (which included Errol Rizzuto, Big Rick, Miss Fly and others) liked the idea and began brainstorming.

Charities that have benefitted from the Red Party include Belle Reve, Food for Friends, In This Together, W.E. Have a Heart Fund, and others. Not all of the designated charities have appreciated the Red Party's donation. Rizzuto recalls, "One year Robin had dedicated the proceeds to be donated to babies with HIV and when he tried to give the money to the charity, they refused it because it was from gays."

The police originally questioned Shawn Curry, a former roommate of Malta's, but ultimately arrested Mark Anthony Ott in July, 2008. Ott was convicted of the murder on December 11, 2009 and is currently in prison serving a life sentence. Robin Malta was 43.



Robin Malta
Photo by Larry Graham

PFLAG where I just did a radio interview. We managed to talk about rejection by churches and Christianity and fundamentally about the love of this Jesus guy. We give thanks for a chance to bring clarity to a religion that has been so abusive and yet, at its core, can and is so loving, inclusive, and demanding that power be just and moral and not used to abuse but to include.

Thanksgiving is not only about turkey and stuffing. O Lord let's not get into the great stuffing controversy we've had too much controversy as it is. Instead consider how valuable human life is and how sacred our shared journey's have become. Give thanks for the sacredness of our hearts, our minds, and our very being—give thanks. Give thanks that HIV/AIDS is no longer a death sentence and that our science has developed new ways to prevent and/or treat this once deadly killer. Give thanks for our elders who bear witness to and can tell us the stories of the atrocities that once were the law of the land and, at least for now, are no longer. As a Community within Communities we can hold what we have and insure that together we are safe.

If you are not a believer where do you direct this thanksgiving? Simple, change the words to being thankful for... Thankfulness is virtuous and achievable no matter whom you are. In the middle of crap you can find something, surely something that speaks to beauty, truth, or hope. If nothing else you can be thankful for the skies at

night and the gift of a subtle fog that shrouds our oaks and gives us a sense of mystery. Thankfulness. Thankful for the magnificent costuming for our Gay balls and the magnificent boys and girls that populate these pages. Thankful for music, dance, and gumbo...thankful.

So, really, no matter what develops on the political landscape we have each other and maybe for most that may be enough. For months I have been saying that as a Community within the larger Community we still have work to do. Maybe more work than we thought. Maybe more togetherness than we bargained for but here we are in our glory. We will not be pushed back and we will not be separated. We are a unique, beautiful and gifted community of human beings and yes, all of us, yes everyone created in the image of God. So pray if you can, hope if you dare, be comforted that we are not and have never been alone.

We are St. Anna's and I as a priest give Thanks to our Lord for YOU.

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under the gaydar

by Tony Leggio
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Hot Happenings

Happy Turkey Day. There is so much to be thankful for in this wonderful city of ours like the abundance of hot happenings all over the city. So get out of the house and enjoy this holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, November 22 – Sunday, November 27

The New Orleans Theatre Association proudly presents the New Orleans premiere of DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL at The Saenger Theatre (1111 Canal Street). Tickets for THE GRINCH start at \$26.25 and are available at the Saenger Theatre Box Office, BroadwayInNewOrleans.com, all Ticketmaster outlets and by phone at 800.982.2787. Audiences will discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life live on stage. Featuring the hit songs "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas," THE GRINCH discovers there is more to Christmas than he bargained for. Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from the holiday-loving Whos. DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL features magnificent sets designed by John Lee Beatty and costumes designed by Robert Morgan, inspired by Dr. Seuss' original book. The 2016 production is directed by Matt August and choreographed by Bob Richard, based on the original choreography by John DeLuca and originally created by three-time Tony Award® winning director Jack O'Brien.

Friday, November 25

You are cordially invited to NOAGE's Second Annual Gala themed "NOAGE Goes to Vegas!" The event takes place at Rosy's Jazz Hall from 7 – 10pm. There will be live entertainment, music, food, and drinks. There will also be lots of Vegas-style games, including card games and Roulette! Dress up as your favorite Vegas stars! - Elvis, Charo, Liberace, Britney, Celine, Frank, Dean, Sammy, Bette, Phyllis, Donny and Marie, Steve & Eydie,the possibilities are endless! (Costuming is encouraged, but not required.) All funds raised will benefit NOAGE, ensuring that the organization can continue providing great programming and services for LGBT+ older adults. Tickets are \$40 each. To order tickets go to www.noagenola.org.

Saturday, November 26

Join the Lords of Leather at Oz (800 Bourbon Street) at 8pm for their annual American Bandstand! This year's theme is "THE DIVA IN ME." For a mere \$15 donation you can watch the Lords set free their inner diva (it may or may not involve a Priest, holy water, pea soup, etc.)! Featured performers include reigning Miss Louisiana Leatherette Gia Gia Vanni, Tami Tarmac, and recent former Miss Louisiana Leatherette Vanessa Carr Kennedy! Elizabeth Bouvier will again be entrusted with the microphone and podium and host this show! Gary Vandeventer is again in the Director's chair!

Sunday, November 27

Come be a part of Johnny Passion's 5th Annual Winter Wonderland at the Eiffel Society (2040 St. Charles Ave). All proceeds after expenses will be split between Food For Friends and St. Anna's Food Pantry. VIP guests will enjoy a delicious catered sit down dinner while being entertained by local musicians. The venue will be decorated with beautiful winter holiday decorations. There will also be a red carpet entrance complete with paparazzi and a step and repeat background. After dinner, there will be a variety show filled with local celebrities and entertainers. To reserve your table or tables NOW, contact Misti Gaither via Facebook.

Wednesday, November 30

Persana Shoulders and Oz New Orleans (800 Bourbon Street) present another night of amazing pageantry! Come out to watch as entertainers from across Louisiana and the USofA compete for the title of Miss Gay New Orleans LA USofA. Three lucky entertainers will get their Golden Tickets to Miss Gay Louisiana USofA in March 2017! Cover is \$10. Interview is at 6pm and the pageant starts at 10pm. Winner receives \$300, state entry fee, tiara, sash, and sponsor gifts, 1st Alternate receives \$150, state entry fee, and sponsor gifts, and the 2nd Alternate receives state entry fee.

Saturday, December 3

Come celebrate 30 years of Art Against AIDS at Club XLIV at the Superdome. Enjoy entertainment, cocktails, and a delectable taste of New Orleans restaurants and more. Best of all you support the 3,000 men, women and children of NO/AIDS Task Force in their fight against HIV/AIDS. The special guest this evening is Michael L.

Walters who portrays Dame Edna! Sequins blaze and punchlines fly as renowned vocalist and stage actor Michael Walters presents an uncanny impersonation of Dame Edna that critics and stars alike have lauded for nearly 18 years! This is the 30th Anniversary of Art Against AIDS. "Join us as we bring together both visually stunning and spectacular performing arts all under the roof of Club XLIV on Champions Square at the Superdome." The times are 7 to 8pm – Patron Party and 8 to 11pm – Gala Event. For tickets, go to www.noaidstaskforce.org.

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Want all-access 24/7 to Oz (800 Bourbon Street), New Orleans' premier gay dance club and show bar? Join them for their VIP Card Pre-Sale Party from 8-10pm in their upstairs bar! Buy their 2017 VIP card, which gets you no cover and priority entrance all year round INCLUDING all major holidays, for a discounted price! Save \$50 on your purchase by attending!

Wednesday, December 7

Come out and make a families Christmas brighter at Toby's Christmas Party and Auction benefitting Families with Kids with HIV and AIDS from 8pm to midnight at the Four Seasons Bar (3229 North Causeway Blvd). All money will be used to buy kids toys, parents an outfit of clothes, Christmas dinner, and \$100 check made to Entergy. Party from 8-10pm and the auction at 10pm. There will be a \$5 minimum donation at the door.

Thursday, December 8

It's time once again to celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with the most spirited holiday party of the season. Tales of the Toddy® returns for its 11th year this December as the best bartenders in New Orleans shake up the idea of yuletide cocktails with nogs, toddies and other drinks that are guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. The city's newest and most legendary restaurants will also be there with the freshest flavors of the season as a live band plays holiday hits that will keep the party rockin' around the holiday tree all night long. The event will be held at the New Orleans Hyatt (601 Loyola Avenue) from 6:30 – 9:30pm. This year they're bringing back the spirited "Holiday Duos" competition where bartenders are paired up to compete to be crowned Tales of the Toddy champions. Restaurants will also get into the competitive spirit with attendees voting on their favorite dishes. It's all part of Tales of the Toddy 2016. See which bartenders, restaurants and sponsors are involved at this year's Tales of the Toddy: <https://talesofthecocktail.com/events/tales-toddy>. A portion of the evening's proceeds underwrites educational programming for the United States Bar-

tenders Guild. Ticket prices are General Admission: \$49.00, Hot Toddy Package: \$79.00. *The Hot Toddy Package includes complimentary parking, early event access at 5:30pm, and a limited-edition gift! For tickets and more information, go to <https://talesofthecocktail.com/events/tales-toddy>.

Saturday, December 10

Grab your passport and head to Paris for the 2017 New Orleans Pride Pageant! Honoring Miss New Orleans Pride 2016 Vanessa Carr and Mr. New Orleans Pride 2016 Eros Sea. The 2017 New Orleans Pride Pageant will be held at the Valiant Theatre (6621 St. Claude Ave) beginning at 6pm. Over \$1,200 in prizes will be awarded to the winners! Contestants eligible to compete must live within 73 miles of New Orleans. Please see the rules and regulations for more information. There will be TWO divisions: 1. Miss New Orleans Pride and 2. Mr. New Orleans Pride. All contestants must be 18 years and older. Visit neworleanspride.wix.com/pridepageant for complete details or to register.

Bartender of the Month: November

I absolutely love my bartender for the month of November. Not only is she a dear friend of mine, but she is in my opinion one of the best mixologists at a gay bar in the city. She is a larger than life personality that is well known in the city and far beyond. I am talking about none other than the incomparable Princesse Stephane at Mag's 940.



Bartender the Month Princesse Stephane @ Mag's 940

Princesse has worked at several bars in the city, but she has found a home at Mag's and honed her skill as a bartender. I would put her up against any of the Tales of the Cocktails stars any day of the week. She makes her own ingredients for cocktails as well as creates new concoctions for her patrons. She is a favorite among locals and tourists alike. Her witty repartee keeps people coming back for more.

Her selection of Bloody Mary's are by far the most superior in the city. I always stop in and start my weekends

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