



Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of St John – Knights of Malta

Knighthood for Dr. Sudhir Parikh

New Jersey-based physician, publisher and philanthropist Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh has been nominated as Knight of the Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of the Knights of Malta. The Knighthood ceremony was held on Mar 17 at the La Salle University in Philadelphia, according to a notification issued by Malta-based Ecumenical Hospitaller Order of the Knights.

The Knights of Malta, as the order is better known, was originally founded in 1176 in Jerusalem, during the Crusades to treat Christian pilgrims and soldiers. Dr. Parikh was honored in recognition of his philanthropic contributions that have enabled the Ecumenical Order to undertake humanitarian aid projects such as establishing orphanages, schools, training programs, medical assistance programs for the poor in association with local hospitals and general development projects without taking into consideration the color or the belief of the assisted.

The Knighthood is the latest among a series of honors and awards that Dr. Parikh has received during his three-decade long career and community service in the United States. Included among them are two of the most distinguished awards bestowed by the Government of India -- the Padma Shri and the Pravasi Bharatiya Saman. Dr. Parikh is also the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

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Knight1: Dr. Sudhir M. Parikh, publisher of Desi Talk, is flanked by Prince Peter of Lemessos, left, and Princess Alexandra, as he poses with his citation after being nominated Knight of Ecumenical Order of the Knights of Malta at a ceremony held at the La Salle University in Philadelphia, March 17.



Knight: Prince Peter nominates Dr. Parikh as New Jersey Assemblyman Upendra Chivukula looks on.