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Southeast Has A New Lieutenant

Sir Raymond J. Garrity, Ed.D., KGCHS Succeeds Sir A.J. Capritto, KGCHS

Sir Raymond J. Garrity assumed the position of Lieutenant for the Southeastern Lieutenancy at the 2013 annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. He was presented with his Lieutenant's Mantle during the Sunday Investiture Mass. The ceremony was presided over by our Grand Prior, Archbishop Gregory Aymond. Assisting in the ceremony were Lieutenant Of Honor Sir A.J. Capritto, III, KGCHS and Vice Governor General Patrick Powers, KGCHS.

Lieutenant Capritto appointed Sir Raymond as Vice Chancellor for the Southeastern Lieutenancy In December 2009. In July 2010 he became Chancellor succeeding retiring Chancellor Sir Kenneth McLeod, Jr, M.D., KGCHS.

Sir Raymond is a professional educator who most recently served as Chancellor of the Delgado Community College in New Orleans. Dr. Garrity received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Loyola University in New Orleans and his Ed.D. Degree from Indiana University. He served as a science and chemistry instructor for ten years in New Orleans public schools and also served on the faculty of the LSU Medical Center in New Orleans and Meharry Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Garrity is a life long Catholic who has served in many volunteer positions at his home parish, St. Ann Church and National Shrine in Metairie, LA.



Annual Meeting and Investiture Birmingham, Alabama April 12-14, 2013



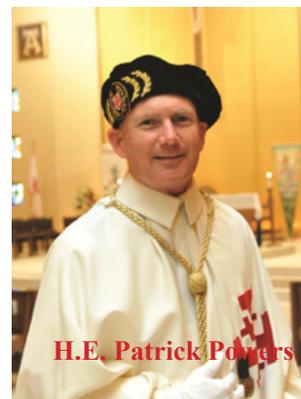
Seventy-Eight Knights and Ladies Invested Seventy-Nine Receive Promotion To Higher Rank

Registration for the annual meeting took place on Friday morning. Many members had dinner with the Bishop of their Diocese that evening.

Guest speaker at the Saturday morning Orientation Meeting was Sir Gene Silva, KGCHS of the Southwestern Lieutenancy. Sir Gene addressed the historical place of the city of Jerusalem and of the pilgrimages to the holy sites. He also spoke of the history of the Order in the centuries following the Crusades.

Also speaking on Saturday was H.E. Patrick Powers, KGCHS, Vice Governor General of the Order. Sir Patrick's first order of business was to announce that the Grand Magisterium had honored retiring Lieutenant A.J. Capritto, III with the title Lieutenant of Honor.

Sir Patrick described the structure of governance of the Order and his work with the Grand



H.E. Patrick Powers



Sir Gene and Lady Nancy Silva

2013 Annual Meeting Continued

Magisterium. He explained in detail how the contributions which members send to Rome are budgeted among the many requests for support which come from the Holy Land.

The annual Memorial Mass and conferring of promotions was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The local Ordinary, Most Rev. Robert J. Baker, STD, was the Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Our Grand Prior, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, was Principal Celebrant for the Vigil Service which followed the Mass.

The Saturday black tie dinner dance was held at “The Club” in Birmingham and featured a spectacular fireworks display arranged by the host committee which did a superb job with all the plans and arrangements for the meeting.



The annual business meeting was held on Sunday Morning. Following reports by the Secretary and Treasurer, members heard a lecture by Dr. Thomas Madden, Professor of Medieval History and Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at St. Louis University.

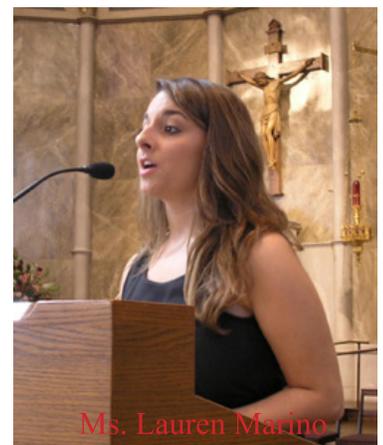
Dr. Madden addressed the subject of the Crusades from a contemporary academic perspective. He dispelled much of the misinformation and flawed analysis which informed many of the earlier accounts of the Crusades. The Crusades, asserted Prof. Madden, were precisely a reaction to four centuries of Muslim conquest which had overwhelmed two-thirds of the old Christian world. The Crusades were not a search for riches and wealth. Crusader Knights were wealthy men who frequently returned impoverished, if they were lucky enough to return at all. They set out not in search of earthly treasure but in hope of storing up eternal treasure for themselves.



The Sunday Mass of Investiture was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul with Archbishop Aymond as Principal Celebrant and Homilist. Those attending were treated to a magnificent performance by the Cathedral choir and by the beautiful voice of Cantor Lauren Marino, daughter of Sir Joe and Lady Sharon Marino, leaders of the Birmingham Organizing Committee.

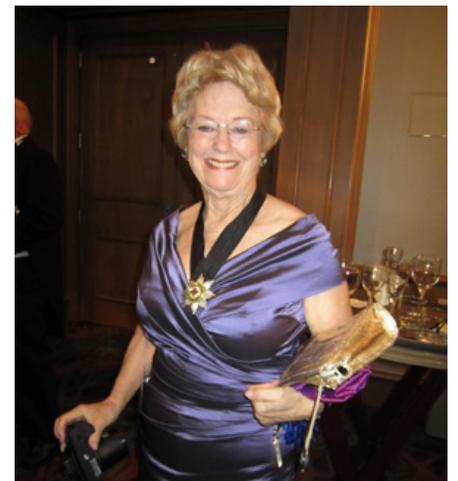
Sunday evening Knights and Ladies attended the formal white tie reception and dinner.

A highlight of the evening's dinner was the presentation of a pair of custom-made cufflinks to Lieutenant of Honor A.J. Capritto. The cufflinks, donated by the Stange Company, were engraved with his initials and dates of service and were a token of appreciation to Sir A.J. for his years of service to the Southeastern Lieutenancy. Sir A.J. was also presented with a large cake with symbols of the Order which he and Lady Eileen shared with the crowd.



Monday morning Knights and Ladies were invited to attend a Travelers' Mass which concluded the 2013 meeting.

Photos From The Annual Meeting



The Editor Wishes To Thank
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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FEBRUARY 1-11, 2013

Our Lieutenancy's 2013 pilgrimage to the Holy Land included 39 pilgrims. Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M., served as our spiritual leader throughout the trip. He has lived in Jerusalem for the past 28 years and is internationally known for his work in the Holy Land.

Two priests took advantage of our new "Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage Program", announced at our 2012 annual meeting, which invites parish priests to help the Lieutenancy promote pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and in doing so earn free passage if they bring at least 6 couples from their parish on the trip. Monsignor Michael McGraw, St. Joan of Arc Parish in Boca Raton and Fr. Gerald Ragan of St. Mary on the Hill Parish in Augusta and some of their parishioners made this pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our priests celebrated Mass in many of the Holy Sites including Mass with our group inside the Tomb of Christ, a very rare opportunity.

Our group was received on Friday, February 8th by Bishop William Shomali, Auxiliary Bishop of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. His Excellency awarded 14 Pilgrim Shells to the Knights and Ladies making their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Following the ceremony, group pictures were taken and a brief reception for the group was hosted by Bishop Shomali affording each an opportunity to visit with him. The Latin Patriarch, Archbishop Fouad Twal, was not available at that time.

The Lieutenancy's parish priests are encouraged to consider the benefits of our "Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage Program". Your participation in this program can help us in our efforts to promote pilgrimages and reward you with free passage to the Holy Land by bringing at least 6 couples from your parish on the trip. The Lieutenancy's Co-Masters of Pilgrimages coordinate the trip and provide the brochures necessary to announce all the details of the pilgrimage and are available to answer questions pertaining to any aspect of the trip.

Clergy making the pilgrimage have found it to be a spiritually rewarding experience as they celebrate daily Mass at some of the holiest sites of our faith and to be able to do so with some of their parishioners, we believe, can make it extra special. Those interested in making the pilgrimage do not have to be members of the Order, but will join our members and their friends. We know from past experience that pilgrimages to the Holy Land have a dramatic impact on our spiritual lives. We receive comments such as "it makes scripture come alive"; "I returned with renewed commitment to my faith"; and "I can't believe that I was able to walk and pray in the footsteps of Jesus".

Planning for the 2014 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is currently underway for early next year. Pricing for the pilgrimage is not complete as of this writing, but is expected to be approximately the same as the 2013 trip at \$3,299. The itinerary will be the same as in past pilgrimages. When the details and the brochures are complete, they will be posted on our webpage.

After planning 15 pilgrimages over 17 years for both the Lieutenancy and our Diocese of Venice, it was with mixed emotions that we announced at the annual meeting in Birmingham we are stepping down as Co-Masters of Pilgrimages. It has truly been a most rewarding and spiritually moving experience for us and we value all the nearly 400 pilgrims that have traveled with us as close personal friends. It has been a delight to serve you in this ministry and when you reflect on your pilgrimage experience, we would welcome a short prayer for us. (Maureen says I surely need it).

Our new Lieutenant, Dr. Raymond Garrity, has appointed Pierre and Rosalind Allemond as our replacements. They have traveled with us on 2 pilgrimages and we are confident that they will do an excellent job in continuing our Pilgrimage Program.

For information on the "Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage Program" or for a brochure covering the 2014 pilgrimage in detail when completed, please contact them at 318-452-6442 (Pierre) or 318-452-6443 (Roz) or e-mail them at cohsjalexandria@gmail.com with your name, address, and telephone number. You can also obtain a brochure on our webpage at sleohs.com, and at the news/events dropdown, click pilgrimages.

John & Maureen Lengyel
Co-Masters of Pilgrimages (Retired)
April 2013



PHOTOS FROM THE 2013 PILGRIMAGE



HELP WANTED

Title: Holy Land Legacy Guardian Program Advisor

Duties: One Advisor from each diocese to help Knights and Ladies target their generosity to support the Holy Land Christians with their needs for reliable jobs, affordable housing and education.

Without such assistance the Christian population will continue to decrease below its current three percent and it will no longer be possible to preserve and protect all of our sacred sites.

Credentials: Estate Planner, Financial Advisor, Attorney, Accountant, Insurance Consultant, Charitable Giving Administrator or similar. Active in Parish and/or Diocese.

Salary: Satisfaction beyond all measure.

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HOLY LAND MASS AND GIFT PROGRAM REQUEST FORMS

A privilege of your membership in our Order is to have Masses said in the Holy Land for personal intentions such as a baptism, birthday, thank you, confirmation, or graduation. Personalized cards are sent to the recipients.

To participate in the Program, just complete a Mass Request Form and send it along with your donation to the Holy Land Mass and Gift Program Administrators. Forms are available from the Administrators or on the Southeastern Lieutenancy website: www.sleohs.com.

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