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GRAND MASTER EDWIN CARDINAL O'BRIEN CELEBRATES MASS OF INVESTITURE

**66 New Knights and Ladies Invested
132 Promoted to Higher Rank
22 Receive Pilgrim Shell**

2014 ANNUAL MEETING AND INVESTITURE

Knights and ladies gathered at the PGA Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, FL on Friday, May 30 this year for our Annual Meeting and Investiture.

Late Friday afternoon, the Order celebrated the Vigil Ceremony — known in Medieval times as the Vigil of Arms — for those to be invested at the Sunday ceremony.

On Saturday morning, Lieutenant Garrity convened the annual orientation meeting for new members with all Knights and Ladies invited to attend. Our first presentation of the morning was made by Sir Duke and Lady Rebecca Stern, administrators of the Holy Land Mass and Gift Program. One of the privileges of membership in the Order is to have Masses said in the Holy Land for personal intentions. All of the monies generated by this program go directly to the Lieutenancy for support of the Order's activities in the Holy Land.

Next, our Lay Master of Ceremonies, Sir George Zimmer, instructed the new inductees about the Sunday ceremonies which would take place at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola. Investees were urged to get on the first buses leaving the hotel and told where they should assemble at the cathedral. Sir George discussed how the processions into the Cathedral would take place and the proper way for the investees to carry capes and berets.

The guest speaker for Saturday was H.E. Prof. Thomas E. McKiernan, KCSG KGCHS, President of the Holy Land Commission and Member of the Grand Magisterium. Sir Thomas presented an overview of the work of the Holy Land Commission with the promise of a fuller discussion the following day. He described briefly the types of projects the monies sent to Rome are used for in the Holy Land.



Following the meeting and lunch, members departed for the Cathedral. The Saturday Mass each year is a Memorial Mass remembering those Knights and Ladies who have died during the past year. The Saturday Mass is also when the conferral of promotions takes place of those who are being elevated to higher rank. Principal Celebrant and Homilist for the Mass was our Grand Prior, Most Reverend Gregory Aymond, Fourteenth Archbishop of New Orleans.

Evening activities featured a black-tie cocktail reception at the hotel followed by a dinner dance.

Sunday morning Lieutenant Garrity convened the Lieutenancy Business Meeting. A financial report was given by Treasurer Sir James Laporte and the minutes of last year's meeting were presented by Secretary Sir Merrill Landwher. The minutes were accepted and it was announced that Sir Merrill was retiring from his position after many years of dedicated service. He will be replaced by Lady Nancy Powers, LGCHS of the Diocese of St. Augustine, FL.



The first guest speaker of the morning was Sir Joseph Spinnato, KGCHS,

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a member of the Grand Magisterium and a frequent visitor at our meetings. Sir Joseph began with a brief description of the finances of the Order and a report of its assets, contributions and expenses. He discussed the membership of the Order noting that approximately fifty percent of the worldwide membership came from the North American Lieutenancies.

Sir Joseph gave an update on the status of the Hotel Columbus situation which has remained unsettled and in the Italian Courts for the past seven years. The hotel is a part of the ancient Palazzo Della Rovere which was given to the Order by Pope Pius XII as its headquarters in Rome. The Grand Magisterium has been working for years to end its relationship with the company which has managed the hotel and to renovate it into a first class hotel under new management. He expressed optimism that the matter might be settled in the near future.

Sir Tom McKiernan then resumed his discussion of the work of the Holy Land Commission with slide photographs of the projects underway and already completed. He also gave a fairly detailed accounting of the finances of the Commission.

The third and final guest speaker of the weekend was Sir Rami Qumsieh, KHS, a Palestinian member of the Order. He described in great detail the hardships facing the Palestinians under the current circumstances in the Holy Land and made a plea for support from members of the Order.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Sir Duke and Lady Stern then assumed the podium for a very brief discussion of the Holy Land Legacy Guardian Program. They were able to present the Jerusalem Cross Gold Recognition Pins to those members who had contributed to the program at the highest category of giving. Those receiving pins were Sir John D. Herrick, KGCHS, Lady Grace Mangin, LC*HS, and Sir John Mangin, KC*HS.

Last on the program were Sir Pierre and Lady Roz Allemond, Co-masters of Pilgrimages, who announced the upcoming pilgrimages they would be leading and reminded members to visit their table in the foyer outside the meeting room.

Following lunch, the Mass of Investiture was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola. His Eminence Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, KGCHS, Grand Master of the Order, was Principal Celebrant and Homilist. All members processed robed in capes and berets/mantillas.

Sunday evening members enjoyed the reception and formal banquet. Knights were in white-tie and tails and Ladies in long dresses and full-sized decorations. Lieutenant Garrity was surprised at the banquet with the gift of a very large wooden Jerusalem Cross presented by Khaled Jacoub, United States Representative of the Bethlehem Nativity Group. The Group has been present with tables of their wares at our last several meetings.

It was announced that our next meeting, in the fall rather than spring, will be held in the city of New Orleans, November 6-8, 2015. All Knights and Ladies are urged to attend.

Monday morning a Travelers' Mass was celebrated and members departed for home.



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A New Book By Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, KHS

Each of us took promises when we joined the Order. Aspects of those promises were about prayer and the spiritual life. Fr. Kirby's new book, *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*, is a practical guide on how to develop and deepen a life of prayer. A member of the Order since 2012, Fr. Kirby has sought to reflect the ideals and mission of the Order in his life and priestly ministry (www.fkirby.com). This book can help us all! Endorsed by Bishop Guglielmone of Charleston, Bishop Baker of Birmingham, and Fr. Robert Barron, Fr. Kirby's new book is an invaluable resource for all of us to grow in the spiritual life. 135 pages. \$11.95. The book can be ordered through www.saintbenedictpress.com.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGES

November 1-11, 2014 and February 1-14, 2015

The Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Southeastern Lieutenancy, is offering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the period of November 1-11, 2014, and another pilgrimage February 1-14, 2015. The trips depart Newark, non-stop to Tel Aviv, and include first class hotels, private motor coach transportation, breakfast and dinner and all fees and taxes. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will be met by Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M. and President of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land who will be our spiritual leader throughout the trip. Fr. Peter has lived in Jerusalem for almost 30 years and is internationally known for his work in the Holy Land. Costs for the pilgrimages are: November (high season) \$3735 per person, double occupancy, and for February 2015 (low season) \$3456 per person, double occupancy.

NOTE: One need not be a member of the Order to participate in these pilgrimages.

For a brochure covering the pilgrimage in more detail, please contact Roz or Pierre Allemond, Lieutenancy Pilgrimage Coordinators, at 318-452-6443 or e-mail them at cohsjalexandria@gmail.com with your name, address, and telephone number. You can also view details on their webpage at sleohs.com, and at the news/events dropdown. Click pilgrimages.

There is a "Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage Program" 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 parishes on the trip. Being the celebrant at Mass at these most holy sites with members of their parish will make the pilgrimage extra special for both. Questions on any aspect of the program should be directed to Pierre or Roz Allemond, Co-Masters of Pilgrimages at 318-452-6443 or 318-452-6442.

VISIT THE WEBSITE: www.sleohs.com

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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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Recycle Your Unused Ornaments*

All of your unused ornaments can be put to good use. Simply place them in the recycle bin at the registration desk at our Annual Meetings

or mail them to:

EOHSJ
1050 Talleyrand Ave.
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

They will be reworked, saving the EOHSJ money that can be sent to support Christians in the Holy Land. Every little bit goes a long way in showing your support.

***Knights please remember that you will now wear your neck decorations with capes.**