



EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Southeastern Lieutenancy - Archdiocese of Miami Section

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2015 New Orleans Investiture Ceremony

The 2015 Investiture Ceremony convened in New Orleans on November 7-9 at the Astor Crown Plaza in the French Quarter. The liturgical ceremonies were conducted at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday and Sunday. This year began the change in the Order's awarding of promotions and the investing of new members. Both the Promotion Ceremony on Saturday and the Investment Ceremony on Sunday were conducted before the start of the Masses. Vice-Governor General Patrick Parker was present for the weekend and delivered a report on the Holy Land during the General Meeting. We hosted 13 bishops and many Clergy Knights, some of whom were invested into the Order, joining a growing number of Canons of the Order.

The Archdiocese of Miami Section welcomes Reverend Michael Davis, KHS pastor of Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, along with Dame Maria A. Fuentes, LHS and Dame Ana Maria Li-Rosi, LHS into our ranks.

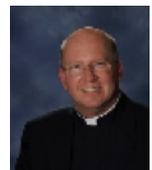
All bring special talents to the Order, including their sense of deep spirituality. We also welcome Monsignor James Dixon, KHS who, although a priest of New Orleans, has been in residence at St Anthony for some years.

The Vigil Service on Friday afternoon created a wonderful foundation for the Investees. The program consisted of several thoughtful readings which were afterwards accompanied by reflective music before the next set of readings. The program provided an excellent spiritual prologue to the coming weekend.

Of course, the Saturday black tie and Sunday evening white tie receptions and dinners provided ample opportunity for the newly knighted Chevaliers and honored Dames to don their decorations and join in the festivities. The Saturday evening dinner allows the sections to spend the time at dinner acquainting each other and meeting the new members. Sunday evening saw old and new friends across the various sections meet and share dinner together. As we parted, many offered their assistance at the upcoming event in Miami in 2016.



Church of the Immaculate Conception
(New Orleans, Louisiana)



Reverend Michael Davis
KHS



Ana Maria Li-Rosi
LHS



Monsignor Dixon
KHS



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Pilgrimage

There are many pilgrimages that members will take in life. Some will be internal pilgrimages of self- discovery and others will be more traditional, visiting churches, shrines, and other holy sites, especially the Holy Land. In May, Sir Bernard and Dame Delores visited Notre Dame du Paris, attended Mass at the Dom in Trier, Germany, and later in the journey attended Mass at the Carmelite Church of Our Lady



Victorious in Malá Strana, Prague, Czech Republic wherein is housed the Infant of Prague. The Infant Jesus of Prague is a 16th-century Roman Catholic wax-coated wooden statue of child Jesus holding a globus cruciger. The history of the Infant Jesus of Prague started in the 17th century when a statue of the Infant Jesus was brought into Bohemia (now Czech Republic) and eventually was given to the Discalced Carmelites in Prague. Since then, the statue has remained in Prague and has drawn many devotees worldwide who go and honor the Holy Child. Graces, blessings, favors and miraculous healings have been received by many who petitioned before the Infant Jesus.

Nostra Aetate

The Archdiocese of Miami, the American Jewish Committee, and St. Thomas University hosted a reflection on the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate on the campus of St. Thomas University. The Order was invited by the moderator, Monsignor Terence Hogan, KCHS based on our interest and mission in the Holy Land. Nostra Aetate is a declaration on the relation of the Church to non-Christian religions that was proclaimed by his Holiness Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965.

Nostra Aetate states, in part: "In our time, when day by day mankind is being drawn closer together, and the ties between different peoples are becoming stronger, the Church examines more closely her relationship to non-Christian religions. In her task of promoting unity and love among men, indeed among nations, she considers above all in this declaration what men have in common and what draws them to fellowship..."

The order was represented by the Section President, Sir Bernard W. Wolff, and Dr. David Osterberger, KHS at the November 5, 2015 event.



Monsignor Terry Hogan presiding at the Nostra Aetate celebration at St. Thomas University



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President's Corner

In lieu of my typical musings, I am publishing a listing of the committees that will function at the Miami investiture ceremony in October, 2016. Some responsibilities have been assigned, but there is ample opportunity for everyone to participate, especially since I support two-deep leadership.

- Co-Chairs: Bernard Wolff, KCGHS and Delores Wolff, LCGHS
- Banquet & House
- Confessions & Adoration Chapel
- Decorations: Dame Delores Wolff, Dame Diane Sepielli
- Hospitality
- Liturgical: Father Richard Vigoa, KHS, Monsignor Kenneth Hedrick, KCHS
- Liturgical Music: Father Richard Vigoa, KHS
- Orchestra
- Photography
- Publicity
- Registration: Sir Jack and Dame Jeanie Pflieger, Sir Bill and Dame Delores Woolley, LGCHS
- Transportation
- Ushering & Seating
- Volunteer Coordinator: Sir Bernard Wolff, KGCHS

2016 Miami Investiture Ceremony

The 2016 Investiture Ceremony will be convened in Miami, Florida. It has been about 14 years since our last hosting of our annual Lieutenancy event. We shall avail ourselves of the Downtown Hilton with which a contract has been signed with the local representatives. We have also finalized a transportation contract and have hired the Steve Chase Band which is scheduled for Saturday evening. The Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies, Monsignor Kenneth Hedrick, KCHS is in communication with Father Richard Vigoa, KHS concerning the liturgical elements of the weekend. It is now time to make your intentions known as to which committee would be appropriate for you: airport transportation; registration at the hotel; flowers and decorations; publicity; and, adoration chapel. Call me at 305-301-7474 with your interests.





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Promotions

This year's Mass of Promotion and Remembrance also found Section Delegate Sir Jay Dietl promoted to the rank of Knight Commander. This was also the first year that the promotion ceremony was conducted before the celebration of the Mass. Additionally, Dame Delores Wolff received the rank of Lady Grand Cross of the Order and Section President Bernard W. Wolff achieved the rank of Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



Delores Wolff, LCGHS
Bernard Wolff, KCGHS



John Jay Dietl
promoted to KCHS

Shrove Tuesday Event

Members of the Order met at the Cellar Club located at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida on the evening of February 9, 2016 in honor of Shrove Tuesday. In a spirit of conviviality, we were mindful of the beginning of the Lenten season the following day, Ash Wednesday. The Shrove Tuesday Event allows the Section to meet and renew friendships and to share ideas, especially about the coming Investiture Ceremony in Miami. Representatives from Broward and Miami-Dade offered their assistance for the October, 2016 ceremony when we host the Lieutenancy. Current committee responsibilities include: Dame Delores Wolff and Dame Diane Sepielli, decorations; Sir Jack and Dame Jeannie Pflieger along with Sir Bill and Dame Dolores Woolley (Palm Beach), registration; Sir Russell Sepielli, Sir Frank and Dame Linda Sioli, Sir Ron and Dame Agnes LeBright, and Sir Joseph and Dame Barbara Scerbo have all volunteered to provide needed assistance for future assignments. Section President Wolff ended the evening with a brief commentary about the purpose of the gathering, followed by insight into upcoming events for the year, among other topics.



Maria (Muñeca) Fuentes, LHS



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2015 Council Meeting

Below, you will find a few highlights from the 2015 Council Meeting held in New Orleans prior to this year's investiture ceremony. The Council meets every six months to conduct the business of the Order.

Sir Patrick Powers, Vice Governor General addressed the group and explained that the Holy Father has called for an Extraordinary Year of Mercy. It will be an amazing year as Pope Francis has designated priests who will be given extraordinary facilities to forgive sins not ordinarily forgiven at that level. It will create opportunities to encounter people of the Jewish and other non-Christian faiths in respectful dialogue. It will promote a great opportunity to reach out to fallen away Catholics. He encouraged each member to do works of mercy during this year and make the Year of Mercy a focus in our sections and in our Lieutenancy.

Sir Patrick continued by reporting that the Columbus Hotel progress is still slow. They are waiting for a decree from the court system in Italy, but once it is received they can begin renovations.

Monsignor Hedrick gave a report regarding liturgy and the new requirement to move the promotion and investiture ceremonies before the onset of Mass. This will clarify the importance of the Sacrament. Monsignor asked that when hosting sections are reviewing Churches for their services, that they choose a church with a large sanctuary.

Sir Jim Myers will be creating his last newsletter issue following this meeting. He is retiring and turning the responsibilities over to Dr. Dan Wagner. Ray thanked Jim for his work and Jim was commended by all present.

Deadlines for nominations, promotions and pilgrim shell applications must be into office by May 1st, 2016.



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