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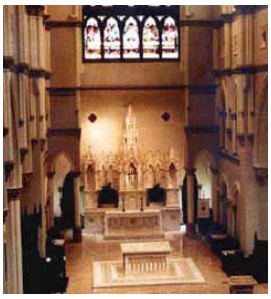
Order Invests 3 New Section Members in Charleston

The beautiful ante-bellum city of Charleston, South Carolina provided the setting for the 2009 Investiture Ceremony.

The Saturday afternoon Mass conducted at the Embassy Suites saw several of the Section members advanced in rank.

The Order elevated Lady Vivian Decker to the rank of Lady Grand Cross while Lady Maria Tilson became a Lady Commander with Star. Three Lady Commander promotions were presented to Lady Loraine Kayal, Lady Rima Mullins and Lady Maureen Smith.



St. John the Baptist Cathedral

Knights recognized by promotion are Sir Donald Tilson to Knight Commander with Star and Sir Edward Mullins to the rank of Knight Commander.

The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist heralded the Mass of Investiture on Sunday.

The Archdiocese of Miami welcomed three new members into the Section: Brother Frank Luks; Reverend Deacon Pimentel and his lovely bride Cecilia.

There will be very little delay in awarding the certificates this year as they are already in the Lieutenancy and are currently being shipped to the Section (June 4, 2009). Once they arrive, the Section President will deliver the formal documents to the deserving recipients.

When you see our new members, offer them a welcome hand and encourage them on their sacred mission.

Hearty congratulations are extended to all our promoted friends. May we all promote the well-being of our compatriots in the Holy Land and pray for their continued existence through our daily prayers and personal sacrifices. Amen!

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Pax vobiscum

Special points of interest:

- New Members
- Gold Palm Award
- Investiture ceremony
- Promotions

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Sir Jorge Bosch and Lady Yvelise Merit Golden Palms

The Vatican recognized Jorge J. Bosch, KGCHS immediate Past President of the Archdiocese of Miami Section and Yvelise Bosch, LGCHS with the Order's Golden Palm Award for their selfless dedication to the Order.

The Lieutenant called them to the altar of Saint John the Baptist Cathedral during the Sunday Investiture Ceremony conducted in Charleston, South Carolina and presented them with the well-deserved decoration.

Sir Jorge and Lady Yvelise served many years fostering growth and unity among South Florida Catholics by promoting the mission of the Order and coordinating the Annual Archbishop Dinner each fall, among many other personal sacrifices.

Both Sir Jorge and Lady Yvelise have been instrumental in personally assisting the new Section President during the hand-over of obligations and responsibilities in order to ensure a seamless transition.

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Julio Torres, M. D., KCHS, KM receives Peace and Unity Award

In 1999, Dr. Torres and his wife, Giselle, after traveling to Guatemala on a medical mission, founded Misión Médica Católica, a non-profit organization that organizes medical missions to Central and South America to serve the poor.

Since then, over 70,000 patients have been treated. Treatment includes free physical exams, diagnosis, surgeries and dispensing of medicines that are brought from the USA. All these services are offered gratuitously.

Spiritual guidance and counseling is also provided for those in need.

In the academic realm, he teaches medical students and residents as a Clinical Professor for the Nova Southeastern College of Medicine.

Dr. Torres is also active in his parish at St. Hugh Catholic Church in Coconut Gove. Additionally, he also participates in the music ministry.

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ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP DINNER DATE SET: OCTOBER 22, 2009

Mark your calendars

Details to follow

Grand Master calls for Prayer Service

"… Order is assisting in the rebuilding effort…"

The Grand Master, Cardinal John Foley called for an international Prayer Service in support of Christians in the Gaza earlier this year. He alerted the Lieutenancies who urgently forwarded the call to the Sections.

January 25, 2009, Archbishop John Favalora presided over a beautiful Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary and during his homily the Archbishop addressed the pain and suffering in the Mid East, especially in Gaza where at least one Catholic child died.

Earlier, President Wolff forwarded a letter written by the pastor of the only Catholic parish in Gaza wherein he related the horror of the fighting and the destruction to be found everywhere.

The Order is assisting in the rebuilding effort through the office of the Latin Patriarch.

Pray for Peace!

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Administrative Areas created within the Archdiocese

Areas identified by the Order's cross.

The Archdiocese of Miami stretches from the Brevard County line to Key West, Florida. Within this geographic territory are located over 1.2 million Roman Catholics attending Mass in excess of 100 parishes.

The organization that will be formed by naming specific Area Representatives (formerly Delegations) for these locations will better be able to manage the affairs of the Order within the Section as it grows. Each Area Representative will minister to approximately 40 parishes within their assigned territory.

The Section President expanded on the concept of the Areas during the annual business meeting and mentioned they are named after current and historical references to the Order. Area I is named for Baldwin - five were Grand Masters of the Order and Kings of Jerusalem; Area II, called Santo Onofrio recognized as our spiritual headquarters in Rome; and, Area III named after Torquato Tasso the most famous Italian poet after Dante Alighieri. Tasso wrote Jerusalem Deliv-

Areas (cont'd)

ered which depicts the events of the First Crusade under our founder Godfrey de Bouillon.

We are the first Section in the Lieutenancy to be authorized to create special administrative areas.

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AREA REPS APPOINTED

Sir Bernard filled the posts at Area I and Area III recently. **Sir Frank Sioli** accepted the position for Area III which stretches from southern Miami-Dade county to Key West. And, **Sir Ralph Chiocco** steps in as the Area I representative covering Broward county and parts of northern Miami-Dade. Area II which spans northern and central Miami-Dade awaits its Area Representative. The Area Representatives will assist the Section President in the administration of the Section.

It is expected that the Areas will host events with the authorization of the Section Representative. And, of course, the primary gathering will occur at the celebration of the annual Mass for the Archbishop followed by an evening social and short business meeting.

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Santo Onofrio Cloister

2010 Annual Investiture Ceremony

The Southeastern Lieutenant, Anthony J. Capritto III, KGCHS announced the meeting dates for the 2010 Investiture Ceremony.

The Diocese of Saint Augustine will host the 2010 Annual Investiture Ceremony in Jacksonville, Florida on April 16-18, 2010 under the supervision of Section President John J. Cascone, KC*HS and his support group.

The requisite paperwork and attending details will arrive in the mail early next year for submission to the Lieutenancy headquarters to secure attendance.

As usual, room reservations are made directly with the hotel.

The Spanish founded Saint Augustine forty-two years before the English colony at Jamestown, Virginia, and fifty-five years before the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts—making it the oldest permanent European settlement on the North American continent.

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...induction ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist...

Pilgrimages

The Section President, Bernard W. Wolff, KCHS and Lady Delores Wolff, LCHS returned in February from a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They accompanied other members of the Order, along with guests on a trip sponsored by the Order under the direction of John Lengyel, KGCHS and Maureen Lengyel, LGCHS accompanied by our spiritual guide Father Peter Vasko, O.F.M.

We travelled from Tel Aviv to Netanya where we spent the night. The next day found us in Haifa, Caesarea Maritime and on to Tiberias, spending several nights. This allowed us to visit Cana (renewing our marriage vows), the Jordan River (renewing our baptismal vows), Galilee (sailing on the lake) and Capernaum, visiting the very places frequented by Christ and the Apostles.

Passing through the Judean wilderness (see page 4, Pilgrimage) and Jericho, we spent several days in Jerusalem where the Latin Patriarchate conferred the Pilgrim Shell on the assembled members.

Pilgrim Shell

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The Order's aims are:

To strengthen in its members the practice of Christian life, in absolute fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and according to the teachings of the Church, observing as its foundation the principles of charity which make the Order a fundamental means of assistance to the Holy Land; To sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains traditional ties; To support the preservation and propagation of the Faith in those lands, and promote interest in this work not only among Catholics scattered throughout the world, who are united in charity by the symbol of the Order, but also among all other Christians; To uphold the rights of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities and initiatives to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The contributions made by its members are therefore the Patriarchal institutions' main source of funding.

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ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP DINNER: OCTOBER 22, 2009

Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem

Hospitaller Report

Lady Johanna reports that Sir Walter Meshaka of Area I spent time in Memorial Hospital undergoing surgery to correct a health issue.

As part of her duties she is compiling a list of those who will volunteer to pose as funeral guards, if requested by the familys of knights and ladies. Additionally, she is requesting contacts with whom she can communicate after the demise of a member. This person would request a funeral guard if not indicated before.

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Pilgrimage (cont'd)

Knightly transport in Judea

ERWIN M. VASQUEZ, M.D., KGCHS

On April 24th, the Broward County Health Department, Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Children and Families named their 2009 individual volunteers at a breakfast held at the Jacaranda Country Club. Erwin M. Vasquez, M.D. a Fort Lauderdale cardiologist was named the Individual Volunteer of the Year by the Broward County Health Department. Dr. Vasquez is founder and CEO of the Light of the World Clinic, Clinica Luz del Mundo. Last year alone, Dr. Vasquez volunteered more than 502 hours providing direct patient care and treatment. The Clinic provides services to more than 11,000 people a year saving Broward County taxpayers millions of dollars.