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2018 Miami Investiture Ceremony

The Archdiocese of Miami became the focal point for the October 2018 Investiture Ceremony for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Fifteen years had elapsed since the last successful ceremony in Miami. As you can imagine much effort was spent preparing for 2016 until all was thwarted by Hurricane Michael. However, 2018 took its place in history with a spectacular event that saw a first for the Order. The Downtown Miami Hilton became the base of operations with spiritual and ceremonial activity mostly located at the Cathedral of St. Mary. Investees, and others, participated in the Vigil Service on Friday evening in a special area of the hotel before entertaining their diocesan bishops at a later meal in the Miami area.

The long weekend began with the Council dinner on Thursday evening where the governing body of the Lieutenancy met and dined in Coconut Grove, Florida at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. Beautiful views of the sunset and pleasure craft docked at the wharf enhanced the pleasantness of the evening. The delicious and savory meal, served by an agreeable and diligent wait staff, satisfied the appetites of the well-travelled knights and dames.

The normal agenda was followed for the weekend with a meeting for investees and guests on Saturday morning and a general business meeting on Sunday before Mass. The intention of the Saturday Mass adhered to protocol where respect was rendered to those who passed to their heavenly reward the previous year. This is also the Mass for those who were to be recognized by promotion.

Members and guests enjoyed the Saturday evening reception in their tuxedos and cocktail dresses. The hour saw much conviviality as old friendships were renewed. The happy revelers finally entered the dining room and were entertained by the internationally renowned Steve Chase Band. The highly talented musicians read the timber of the room and soon had many diners on the dance floor for much of the evening.





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I believe this was one of the few times when the tenor moved among the tables with his beautiful voice to the enjoyment of the attendees.

At the Sunday afternoon Mass, the Grand Prior, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, KC*HS inducted 12 new Miami investees into the Order, among others of the Southeastern Lieutenancy.

The grand finale at the Sunday reception, where all Knights were dressed in their white tie and tails with the Dames in gowns, created a magnificent perception of elegance as the hosts, the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, KGCHS and Dame Delores Wolff, DGCHS had arranged for a flash opera to surprise and please the assemblage. Midway through the reception, a tenor's voice wafted over the crowd as the first strains of an aria from La Traviata could be heard. He was soon joined by the soprano who formed the perfect complement. Soon, the balance of the 15 voices in the opera ensemble accompanied the duo to complete a magnificent production of the aria which can be accessed on the website. An additional two pieces were performed completing the flash opera for the evening as the performers dispersed into the crowded room.

Of course, the formal dinner followed and by all accounts was excellent fare for the members and their guests. The Travelers Mass completed the weekend on Monday morning to the spiritual benefit of those who remained on the property.



Dame Muneca, Dame Jocelyn, Dame Delores .



Grand Magisterium Consultor Sir Thomas McKiernan, KGCHS poses with Section President Sir Bernard Wolff, KGCHS .



Dames Delores and Muneca accompany Count Eric Charles at the Sunday evening reception in Miami.



Dame Delores and Section President Sir Bernard at Sunday evening dinner .



Dame Muneca, in white gown, and Dame Delores (with neck jewel) stand with the cast of the "Flash Opera." Once again, President Wolff photobombs the group in the background (tallest).



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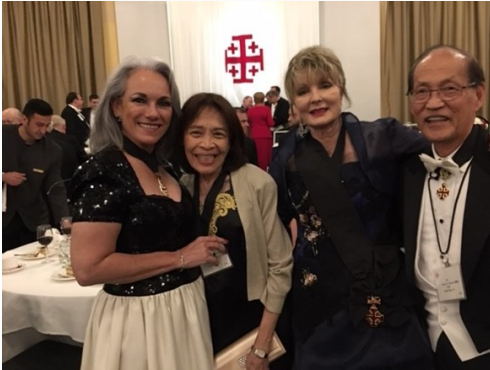
Dame Muneca and Dame Delores flank the Grand Prior Archbishop Gregory Aymond.



Countess Jocelyn and Count Jacque after their investiture .



Dames of the Holy Sepulchre .



Dame Muneca, Dame Mary Anne, Dame Delores and Sir Celso enjoy the reception on Sunday evening .



Section President Wolff photobombs Father Richard Vigoa, Dame Muneca and his lovely wife Dame Delores .



Dame Delores and Dame Muneca, smiling .



Count Jacque Meyer de Stadelhofen, KHS; Dame Muneca Fuentes, DCHS; Dame Delores Wolff, DGCHS; Countess Jocelyn Meyer de Stadelhofen; and seated, Count Eric Charles Fouque de Villeneuve, KHS.



Soon to be inducted, Sara Tejeda advances to the altar (foreground) .



Head Table at the Saturday evening dinner .



Archbishop Wenski chats with Count Eric Charles Friday evening.



Dame Muneca receives her promotion to DCHS from the Grand Prior .



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The Feast of Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King celebrated at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Florida on November 25, 2018 presented a beautiful spiritual and picturesque scene to parishioners, guests, and members of the Order.

The Pastor, Reverend Michael Davis, KCHS formed the procession in the vestibule and included the most recent Knights to be invested in Miami who are members of his well-known parish. Following the altar servers and the processional cross were Sir Raoul Cairo, KHS, Sir Carlos Chialastri, KHS and Deacon Roberto Fleitas, KHS. Sir Carlos and Sir Raul took their position at the altar and stationed themselves for the Mass. Knight Chaplain Michael Davis, KHS introduced these newest members joining him at the altar and also acknowledged the Section President, the Honorable Sir Bernard Wolff, KGCHS and Dame Delores Wolff, DGCHS who were in the pews.

President's Remarks

Many of you have heard my comments about the Archdiocese of Miami Section, that in my opinion, geographically resembles the country of Chile. It is long and narrow and difficult to administrate. Looking at a map, you can see that it stretches from the Palm Beach county line all the way to Key West. Accordingly, I have reorganized the Section early in 2019. The Section will consist of five Delegations that will assist in servicing 10 deaneries of the Archdiocese of Miami from the Order's perspective. Each Delegation will interface with two deaneries in order to better promote our activity within the Section. Delegation I will be headed by co-Delegates, Sir Joseph Scerbo, KCHS and Dame Barbara Scerbo, DCHS. The Delegation Prior will remain Reverend Michael Greer, KHS. Delegation II will consist of co-Delegates Sir Russell Sepielli, KCHS and Dame Dianne Sepielli, DCHS. They will be assisted by co-Deputy Delegates, Sir Guido Tejada, KHS and Dame Sara Tejada, DHS. The Delegation Prior and the Delegation Deacon will be named in the near future. Delegation III personnel are under consideration and will soon be named. Delegation IV is the responsibility of co-Delegates Sir Carlos Gato KCHS and Dame Maryann Camps-Gato, DCHS with co-Deputy Delegates to be named, shortly. Monsignor Kenneth Schwanger, KCHS is a Knight Chaplain and the Delegation Prior. Finally, Delegation V is represented by Delegate Sir Carlos Chialastri, KHS and his Deputy Delegate Sir Raul Cairo, KHS. Reverend Michael Davis, KCHS is a Knight Chaplain and the Delegation Prior who is assisted by Delegate Deacon Roberto Fleitas, KHS.

These appointments should lead to a more efficient, robust, and manageable operation within the Section. Personnel choices have been thoroughly vetted and will make wonderful additions to the leadership roles. They bring enthusiasm, knowledge, and inherent skills to their respective Delegations. I look forward to working with them as the Section grows in membership.



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Archbishop Wenski's Dinner

Many thanks to our members at the Church of the Little Flower for providing a beautiful and spiritual venue for the Mass with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, KC*HS on March 9, 2019. The Knights and Dames processed in with an impactful presentation as Miguel Trujillo, KHS led the assembly with the Ensign of the Section and witnessed by a full church at the 5:00 P. M. Vigil Mass. The clergy on the altar that assisted the Archbishop included members of the Order, Reverend Michael Davis, KCHS and Deacon Roberto Fleitas, KHS. Section President Bernard Wolff, KGCHS rendered the first reading and gifts were presented by Dame Delores Wolff DGCHS, Dame Muñeca Fuentes, DCHS and attended by Carlos Chialastri, KHS and Raul Cairo, KHS as approximately 40 Knights, Dames, Postulants and guests observed from the front pews. The recessional ended with photographs being snapped in the vestibule as we prepared to leave for dinner at Morton's Steakhouse in Coral Gables.

Upon arrival at Morton's, we were ushered to the "upstairs room" which had been wonderfully prepared for us. It was an elegant setting enjoyed by all. The Archbishop opened the evening with a Benediction which was followed with a few words by the Section President. He announced the creation of a new delegation to assist him in his duties and obligations on behalf of the Order. Sir Bernard announced that Sir Carlos Chialastri, KHS would serve as the new Delegate for Delegation V and Sir Raul Cairo, KHS would become the Deputy Delegate. By the grace of the Archbishop, Reverend Michael Davis, KCHS will become the Delegation Prior and Sir Robert Fleitas, KHS will assist as the Delegation Deacon.

An additional appointment was made for Delegation I. Sir Joseph Scerbo, KCHS and Dame Barbara Scerbo, DCHS were named as the new co-Delegates for the Delegation. Additional appointments for members will be forthcoming.

The Section extends its profuse thanks to Father Davis for his encouragement, fidelity, and interest in the Order and our Mission. This adulation extends to our new members at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables and all the people in the background who made this a memorable occasion.

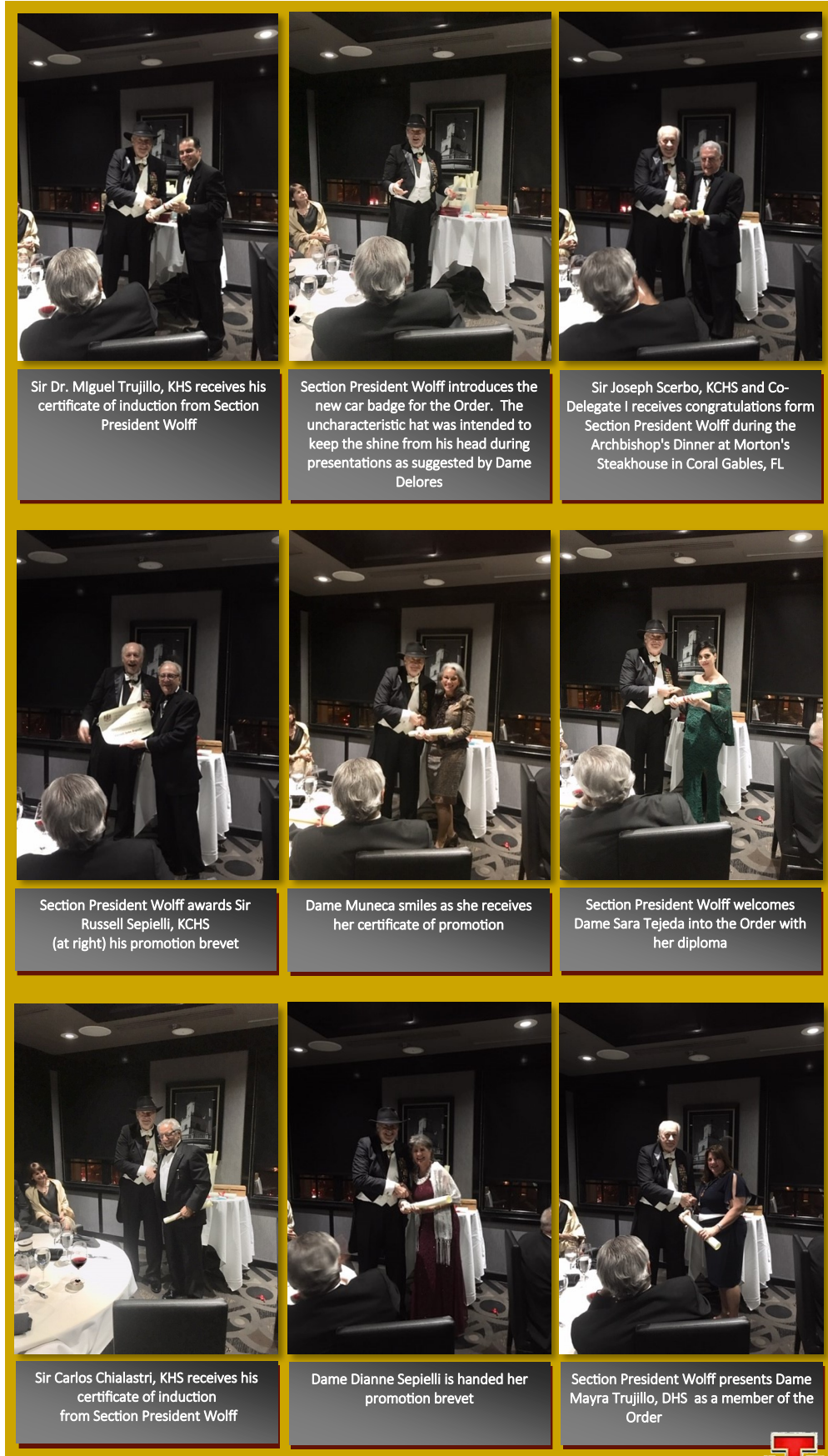




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Sir Dr. Miguel Trujillo, KHS receives his certificate of induction from Section President Wolff



Section President Wolff introduces the new car badge for the Order. The uncharacteristic hat was intended to keep the shine from his head during presentations as suggested by Dame Delores



Sir Joseph Scerbo, KCHS and Co-Delegate I receives congratulations from Section President Wolff during the Archbishop's Dinner at Morton's Steakhouse in Coral Gables, FL



Section President Wolff awards Sir Russell Sepielli, KCHS (at right) his promotion brevet



Dame Muneca smiles as she receives her certificate of promotion



Section President Wolff welcomes Dame Sara Tejada into the Order with her diploma



Sir Carlos Chialastri, KHS receives his certificate of induction from Section President Wolff



Dame Dianne Sepielli is handed her promotion brevet



Section President Wolff presents Dame Mayra Trujillo, DHS as a member of the Order





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Morning of Reflection

The Archdiocese of Miami Section sponsored a Morning of Reflection at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The Pastor, Monsignor Kenneth Schwanger, KCHS, addressed an audience of 14 Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem with his remembrances of El Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. Monsignor Schwanger made the pilgrimage on eight separate occasions and rendered a thoughtful and moving tale of his peregrinations. The story was interspersed with personal reflections and anecdotes that were easily adapted to each individual. Our journey through life is met with some of the same tribulations which he encountered along the way. Each person finds that to reach our goals, we need the help of many people to assist us on our personal journey to attain our heavenly end.

The group repaired to the Bahama Breeze afterwards to enjoy each other's company and discuss the journeys of Monsignor Schwanger who regaled us with additional stories.



Monsignor Kenneth Schwanger, KCHS related his adventures on El Camino de Santiago during the 2019 Morning of Reflection held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church



Sir Frank Sioli, KHS and Dame Linda Sioli, DHS



Sir Carlos Gato, KCHS and Dame Maryann Camps-Gato, DCHS enjoying the table at Bahama Breeze after the 2019 Morning of Reflection



Back row; Sir Frank Sioli, KHS, Dame Linda Sioli, DHS, Dame Norma Perez, KHS, Sir Gustave Perez, KHS; Center row: Dame Mary Osterberger, DHS, Sir Celso Goseco, KCHS, Mary Anne Goseco, DCHS, Dame Delores Wolff, DGCHS, Dame Muneca Fuentes, DCHS Front row: Dame Maryann Camps-Gato, DCHS, Sir Carlos Gato, KCHS





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Sir Carlos Chialastri, KHS pay special attention to Monsignor Schwanger. Sir Carlos is the Delegate for Delegation V and Monsignor Schwanger is the Delegation Chaplain for Delegation III



Dame Mary Osterberger, DHS



Figure 1 Dame Muneca, DCHS and Dame Norma Perez, DHS listen earnestly to the invocation given by Monsignor Schwanger.



Dame Norma Perez, DHS and Sir Gustave Perez, KHS can be seen over the right shoulder of Monsignor Schwanger



Figure 2 At center, Section President Wolff prepares for the invocation to be delivered by Monsignor Kenneth Schwanger, KCHS



Dame Mary Anne Goseco, DCHS and Sir Celso Goseco, KCHS have made their selection



The Knights and Dames manage to fill most of the dining room. Monsignor Schwanger completes the ensemble at center right





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Necrology

Since the last newsletter four of our members are enjoying the heavenly paradise. In November, Sir Henry (Jack) Pflieger, KCHS and Sir James Kelly, KC*HS, Delegation I representative passed to their eternal reward. January saw Reverend Monsignor Thomas Marin changed his residence from his earthly home to beyond the Pearly Gates of Heaven. And, we saw the last of our dear members, Dame Lilia Fernandez who passed to her final glory later in the year. Pray for their eternal souls now, and forever. Amen!



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