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Grandmaster Elevated to Cardinal

His Eminence John Patrick Cardinal Foley One of Two Americans Given Red Hat by Pope Benedict XVI

Rome, November 24, 2007

Pope Benedict XVI has elevated His Eminence John Patrick Foley, Grandmaster of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, to the dignity of Cardinal. Cardinal Foley was one of 23 men, and one of two American prelates, installed as Cardinals by the Holy Father at the November Consistory. In the October 17, 2007 announcement of the promotions, Cardinal Foley's name was listed second, indicating that he has been granted seniority over the remaining 21.

Then-Archbishop Foley had been named Pro-Grandmaster of the Order by the Holy Father in June 2007 succeeding Carlo Cardinal Furno who had reached the mandatory retirement age of 85 years.

The new Grandmaster was born in Darby, PA on November 11, 1935. He was educated at St. Joseph's College and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary where he earned a doctorate in philosophy. Cardinal Foley also earned a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1962. He served as assistant editor and Rome correspondent for the archdiocesan newspaper, and later as its editor from 1970-1984. Father Foley became a Monsignor in 1976.

In 1984 Msgr. Foley was called to Rome by Pope John Paul II where he was elevated to Archbishop and appointed President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. Archbishop Foley was probably best known outside the Vatican as the English language voice of the Midnight Mass celebrations at St. Peter's Basilica.



**Cardinal Foley Receives His Red Biretta
From The Holy Father**

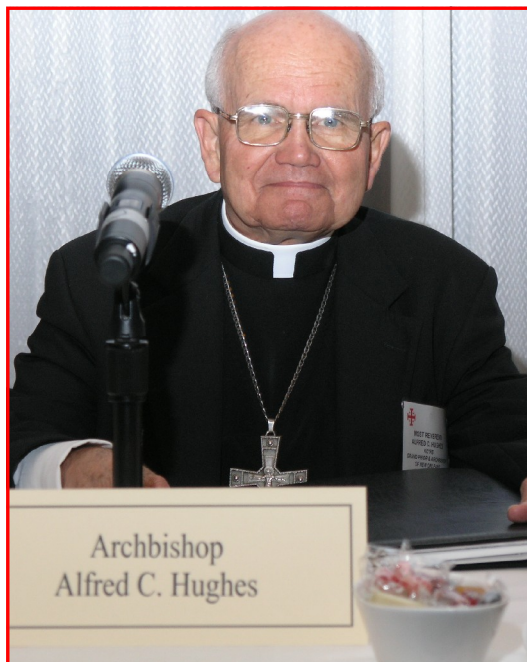
Address of Archbishop Hughes to 2007 Investees

The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre are somewhat obscure. What we do know is that Godfrey of Bouillon responded to the call of Pope Urban II to lead the first Crusade in 1099. He sold large portions of property to raise the money to conduct the campaign. He personally led the venture as a sacred trust. He was able to regain the Holy Places and protect the Christian community in the Holy Land. His followers wanted to make him King of Palestine. He refused on the grounds that only Christ could be the King of Palestine. He founded a religious order to remain in the Holy Land to protect the places that had been regained.

The efforts of the Crusades are often maligned today. There is no question but that some crusaders participated for base motives and some committed terrible atrocities. But, we must remember that those who responded to the call were engaged in an effort to counteract the aggressive actions of the Arab Muslims. Theirs was a defensive response in protection, both of the people in the Holy Land and the sacred places. Most were highly motivated and entered into this effort at great personal sacrifice.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre are the successors to the religious order which Godfrey of Bouillon founded. The mission of the Equestrian Order has been shifted to focus on assisting the Christian, especially, Catholic, community in the Holy Land to survive by offering principally, social and educational services.

Members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are called to live a life of holiness. All are committed to this by virtue of Baptism. This is an opportunity to re-commit ourselves to the baptismal call to holiness and to give witness, publicly, to this holiness in our lives. We are also called upon to sacrifice for the people and the places of the Holy Land. Sometime in our lifetime, we are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the land of Christ's birth so as to experience firsthand the sacred places, the plight of the Christian community and the challenges that our Order



faces today.

This afternoon we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. In the Eucharist, the Lord Jesus once again in sacrament offers himself to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. But at that service, we will also pray for the deceased members of our Order. We will promote those who are being raised to a higher rank in the Order. Finally, we will enter into a Vigil Service before a relic of the True Cross. This is a time that initiates the immediate preparation for investiture. Following the ceremony, the Blessed Sacrament will be available for Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as well. I encourage you to take seriously the opportunities offered for the spiritual renewal that this time can provide.

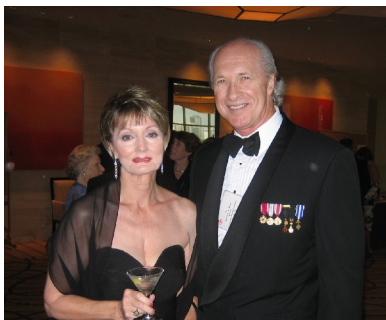
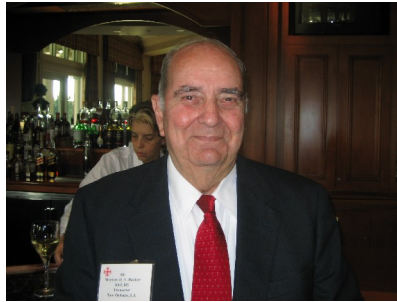
The motto of our Order is *Deus lo vult*. This literally means God wills it. Let us pray for the grace that we may always do God's will in our lives.

Prayer of the Knights and Ladies

O Lord, in memory of the five wounds that we carry on our insignia we pray to You. Give us the strength to love all beings of the world that Our Father has created; and, more so, our enemies. Free our souls and hearts from sin, from partiality, from egoism and from cowardice so that we can be worthy of your sacrifice of love. Let your Holy Spirit fall upon us all, the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, so that it may render us as convinced and sincere ambassadors of Peace and Love among our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and, especially, among all those who do not believe in You. Give us faith to face all the problems of everyday life and to deserve the day to approach Your presence humble but without fear. **Amen**

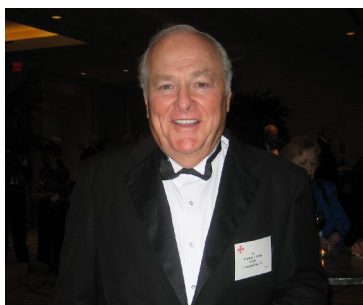
Our Lady, Queen of Palestine, pray for the peoples under your special protection. **Amen**

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News From The Sections

Diocese of Alexandria

The Alexandria Section mourns the death of Sir Sam Hyams Hill, Jr., KGCHS who passed from this life December 6, 2007 at his home in Natchitoches, LA.

Diocese of Baton Rouge

The second annual *Deo Gratias* dinner benefiting St. Joseph Seminary College & Abbey, was hosted by Baton Rouge Bishop Robert Muench at the Catholic Life Center, Sept. 9. Welcoming the guests with Bishop Muench were New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Hughes, Abbot Justin Brown, O.S.B., & Seminary Rector Rev. Gregory Boquet, O.S.B. The guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner by Louisiana Chef John Folse and a performance of the seminary Schola Cantorum.

Baton Rouge Knights, Ladies & spouses acknowledged as sponsors were: Roland & Kathryn Touns, Sam & Anne Bergeron, Janice Bueche, Donald & Sue Broussard, Herman & Zoe Schluter. Knights serving on the committee were: Harold Bahlinger, Vince Miranda, Karam Thomas, and Rev. Miles Walsh. Many Knights & Ladies attended the Deo Gratias event.

The Serra Club of Baton Rouge hosted its annual clergy golf classic on Oct. 9 at Bluffs Country Club in St. Francisville. Along with Bishop Muench, many Priests, Deacons & Serrans enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, BBQ and fellowship. This annual clergy golf classic was suggested and inaugurated by two Serran KHS leaders, the late Baton Rouge Charter Section Leader, Sir John V. Bueche, KGCHS, KSG, and current Baton Rouge Section Leader, Sir Don J. Broussard, KCHS, who has continuously chaired this successful annual event.

Over the years, several Knights, Ladies & spouses who have been sponsors of the Golf Classic are: Don & Sue Broussard, Janice Bueche, Herman & Zoe Schluter, Harold & Claire Bahlinger, Robert (III) & Virginia Bogan, Rhaoul & Geretta Guillaume, John & Faye Heroman, and Harvey & Adrienne Honore.

On Nov 8, 2007, the Baton Rouge Knights & Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre attended a Special Mass in honor of Our Lady Queen of Palestine celebrated by the Most Rev. Robert W. Muench, KC*HS at St. Joseph Cathedral. Concelebrants were Rev. Gerard Young, Cathedral Rector, and Very Rev. Paul Counce, J.C.L., KHS.

Participating in the Liturgy were Sirs & Ladies: Sophie Bergeron, John Heroman, Frank Zycha, Vincent Miranda and Stephen Thomas. Diocesan Leader Donald Broussard and Ass't. Leaders Janice Bueche and Zoe Schluter facilitated Bishop Muench with presentation of diplomas to 2007 promotees. After Mass, a social and buffet were held in the Cathedral Rectory.

Diocese of Charleston

Six members of the Equestrian Order received Papal Honors December 9, 2007 at Holy Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston. The six were honored by Pope Benedict XVI with the Cross *Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice* (For Church and Pope), a medal awarded by the Holy Father for exemplary service to the Church. The Honorees were: Rev. Paul Williams, O.F.M., V.F., KCHS, Deacon Billy Ellis, KHS, Sir Richard E. Koehler, KHS, Sir. R. Thomas Moore, KHS, Lady Christina H. Myers, LCHS, Sir James T. Myers, KCHS, Lady Agnes C. Kay Philip, LHS, and Sir Eugene J. Zurlo, KCHS. Principal celebrant was Rev. Msgr. Martin T. Laughlin, P.A., Administrator of the Charleston Diocese. Concelebrating was Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Roth, P.A., KCHS. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Edward Fitzgerald, KHS.

Archdiocese of Miami

Lieutenant Capritto has accepted the resignation of Sir Jorge J. Bosch, KGCHS as Diocesan Representative. He has appointed Sir Bernard William Wolff, KCHS, recently designated as Assistant Representative, as Representative for the Miami Section.

Diocese of Palm Beach

On November 6, 2007, Knights and Ladies of the Palm Beach Diocese attended a Day of Reflection at St. Patrick Church in Palm Beach Gardens. The sessions were led by Most. Rev. Octavio Cisneros, KC*HS, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn in New York.

At noon, the Mass of Our Lady of the Cenacle, honoring Our Lady of Palestine, was celebrated by Palm Beach Bishop Gerald Barbarito, KC*HS. Concelebrants were Bishop Cisneros and Reverends Brian Flanagan, KHS, Michael Edwards, KCHS, Gavin Badway, KCHS, and Kevin Nelson, KCHS. Fr. Brian King, KCHS, served as Master of Ceremonies.

On Saturday November 3, several Knights and Ladies attended a Memorial Mass for Sir Julian Olney, KC*HS, an active member of the Palm Beach Section who passed away recently.

Diocese of St. Augustine

The Knights and Ladies of the Order from the St. Augustine Section met in October, 2007 on the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine to give honor to the Blessed Mother, give thanks for their many blessings, and to remember Sir Robert Mickler, KGCHS who passed away in August. Bishop Victor Galeone, KC*HS celebrated Mass and a wonderful gathering followed.

**2008 Meeting and Investiture
Mobile, Alabama
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April 4—7, 2008**



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The New Grandmaster

Rome: November 2007

Lieutenant A.J. Capritto, III, KGCHS and Lady Eileen Capritto, LGCHS together with our Chancellor, Sir Kenneth McLeod, Jr., M.D., KC*HS and Mrs. McLeod were present in Rome for the Investiture of our new Grandmaster, H.E. John Patrick Cardinal Foley. They attended the November 24 Consistory at St. Peter's Basilica at which 23 new cardinals were elevated, participated in the Mass of Rings in which the new cardinals received their rings from Pope Benedict XVI, and attended receptions for the two new American cardinals at the Holy Sepulchre headquarters.



Lieutenant Capritto Greets the new Grandmaster



Cardinal Foley Receives His Red Hat From Pope Benedict XVI



Reception guests enter the courtyard of the Palazzo della Rovere. The palazzo was the home of Cardinal Giuliano della Rovere who became Pope Julius II. The property was given to the Order as its headquarters by Pope Pius XII.



Statue of St. Pius X inside the reception hall at the Palazzo della Rovere. As Pope, Pius X was also Grandmaster of the Order. Pius X honored the Order by attaching the military trophy to the Knight's decoration and also granted the use of the great white cape.

The Patriarch's Visit to Gaza

December 16, 2007

On Sunday the 16th of December 2007, the Patriarch Michel Sabbah paid a visit to Gaza in order to celebrate Christmas.

Taking into consideration that the town of Gaza has been living under extremely hard conditions and isolation for a very long time, the aim of his visit was to renew the courage and faith of the small Christian community which consists of four thousand people out of a population of a million and a half.

During the Mass, the Patriarch gave the sacrament of Holy Baptism to three children and the sacrament of Holy Confirmation to one girl.

The Patriarch also visited the Rosary Sisters in Gaza and called on the Greek Orthodox Church where he met with the Orthodox Bishop.

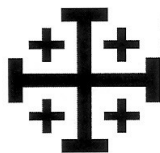


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