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2008 Annual Meeting—Mobile, Alabama

Sixty-Four New Knights And Ladies Invested

89 Knights and Ladies Promoted

The Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Lieutenancy was held at the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabama from April 4 - 6, 2008.

Following registration on Friday afternoon, a number of the Sections hosted dinners for their local bishops. Saturday morning, all members were invited to the orientation meeting for new investees. Our Grand Prior, Archbishop Alfred Hughes, discussed the spiritual nature of the Order and the duties and obligations of membership. Once again, as last year, attending members heard a lively and informative lecture from Br. David Carroll, Ph.D, FSC, KGCHS on the history of the Order and of the Holy Sepulchre Church. Saturday afternoon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Archbishop Hughes celebrated the Memorial Mass for deceased members and the Vigil Service. Retired Mobile Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb delivered the Homily at the Mass which was concelebrated by visiting bishops and priests. Saturday evening, members enjoyed a black-tie reception and dinner-dance.

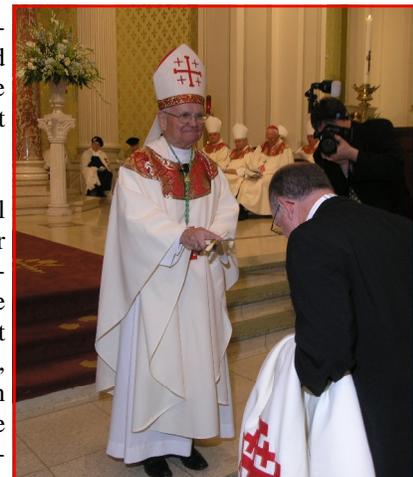
The continental breakfast for members on Sunday morning was followed by the annual Lieutenancy meeting at which the Treasurer and Secretary delivered their reports. Members also heard an informative report on conditions in the Holy Land from Msgr. Archimandrite Robert L. Stern, KC*HS.

Sunday afternoon's Mass of Investiture was also held at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Hughes was once again principal celebrant together with Archbishop Lipscomb and visiting bishops and priests. In his homily, Archbishop Hughes reflected on the fact that recent polls indicate that many Americans change religions the way they change clothes; that religion for many has become a matter of taste. However, he proclaimed, "The Lord has rescued us, who profess membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, from religious diletantism. He has once and for all revealed the way, the truth and the life. Faith in him is intended to penetrate the deepest recesses of our souls." He called on us to be men and women of prayer and to "recognize that we are on a spiritual journey to the new Jerusalem"

Sunday evening, members enjoyed a white-tie reception and formal banquet. Members departed Monday following an early Travelers' Mass.



**Procession Into Cathedral Basilica
Of the Immaculate Conception**



**Archbishop Hughes Dubs New
Knights**

*Our Grand Prior, Archbishop Alfred Hughes, KC*HS, Receives The Gift Of A Special Chalice from Pope Benedict XVI*

At his April 16, 2008 meeting with U.S. bishops at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, singled out for special recognition New Orleans Archbishop Alfred Hughes, and presented him with a special chalice signifying solidarity with the “immense suffering endured by the people of God” from the disastrous effects of Hurricane Katrina. Archbishop Hughes first used the chalice in celebrating Mass at his residence on April 18. He plans to use the chalice when celebrating Mass at St. Louis Cathedral and at Masses celebrated throughout the Archdiocese.



Archbishop Hughes' Homily At Mass of Investiture

Today's Gospel passage presents to us a powerful resurrection account which culminates St. Luke's Gospel. Throughout that Gospel Luke portrayed the Lord Jesus as making a relentless pilgrimage from Galilee to Jerusalem where his mission was to be accomplished. Luke also recorded how Jesus entered into significant teaching at meals along the way. Finally, he continually portrayed Jesus as a man of prayer. All of these three themes (pilgrimage to Jerusalem, significant teaching at table, and Jesus as a man of prayer) converge in this one passage today.

Two disciples were on their way (not to, but) from Jerusalem on the very day the Lord had risen from the dead. They were depressed over the devastating events they had just witnessed. Their hopes had been dashed. Then the Risen Lord caught up with them. But, something within them prevented them from recognizing him.

The Lord Jesus then gently drew out of them an account of their dispiriting experience of his passion and death. Then, patiently, he began to relate their experience to Sacred Scripture and showed them how all they had just gone through had been foretold in Sacred Scripture.

Something began to happen within these disciples. Their hearts were burning. They were moved by him. They knew they did not want him to leave them. “Remain with us,” they blurted out.

So Jesus accepted their invitation. As he sat at table with them, he took the bread that was offered him and began to celebrate what must have been the first Eucharist after the resurrection. And they recognized him in the “breaking of the bread.” Suddenly all came clear: Jesus, the man of prayer, who had revealed his true identity so many times before at other meals, had completed his pilgrim mission in Jerusalem...and they had made a big mistake. They needed to go back to Jerusalem themselves, and so they did immediately, even though it was now night! They moved from being disillusioned disciples to emboldened apostles of the Risen Lord.

Like the first disciples, our faith is tested as well. How deep is our Easter faith? The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life just released a few weeks ago a report that reveals adherence to religion in the United States to be



Archbishop Hughes' Homily Continued From Page Two

remarkably fluid. More than 44 percent of Americans move from one religion to another during their lifetime. This is astonishing...and troubling.

If this statistic reflected a serious pursuit of the truth on the part of those who migrate from one faith to another, it could be interpreted in a positive way. I recognize that some of you have come to Catholic faith at considerable personal cost in pursuit of the truth. But the evidence seems to suggest that for too many Americans religion, like clothes, is more a matter of taste. For too many of us, religion seems to be a garment that we wear when we like it and discard when we don't. This phenomenon places self before God!

The seriousness of faith is fundamentally compromised if we do not bring to it a sincere desire to know God, to learn why he created us, to discover the ultimate purpose of life and to give ourselves wholeheartedly to him.

Faith has to do with the truth by which we live our lives. If religion is reduced to personal preference rather than the claims of objective truth, to personal comfort rather than sacrificial gift, to personal convenience rather than self-commitment, then religion becomes vacuous. Personal disappointment with a bishop or a priest or anyone in the Church or a pastoral decision that seems difficult to accept can then become the justification for abandonment of faith.

The good news of Easter is that God has triumphed over falsehood, superficiality, sin and death in Christ Jesus. As recorded in today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter declared on Pentecost: "God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses..." And the same Peter wrote in his inspired letter read today: "He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God."

The Good News does not stop there! The Lord and Savior of us all established a Church which is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. He promised in his risen life to be with us in that Church until the end of time, even when members sin or make mistakes. He has cautioned us that there will be an ultimate judgment which will reveal the truth about ourselves, our lives and our eternal destiny.

The Lord has rescued us, who profess membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, from religious dilettantism. He has once and for all revealed the way, the truth and the life. Faith in him is intended to penetrate the deepest recesses of our souls. It is to capture body, mind, will and spirit. Private interpretation, individualistic preference and subjective perception of truth all bow to an objective faith and a surrender in love to the Lord who will not disappoint. This is true for all, but I lift this up to you who today commit yourselves to holiness of life, public witness to the faith and to sacrificial support of the vulnerable Christian community in the Holy Land.

We are called to be men and women of prayer. We are called to focus on Jerusalem literally in our concern for the Christian people there who need so much support and encouragement at this time in their difficult history. We are also called to focus on Jerusalem spiritually as we recognize that we are on a spiritual journey to the new Jerusalem. And we do this at a sacred meal – the sacrificial meal called the Eucharist. So let us too join the disciple of today's Gospel in recognizing the presence of the Lord in the sacred breaking of the Eucharistic Bread...then head for Jerusalem, our Order's apostolate and our eternal home. *Deus lo vult.* God wills it!

Photos From the 2008 Annual Meeting



Celebrating the Eucharist at the Mass of Investiture



Msgr. Eskind & Archbishop Hughes Prepare For Mass



Archbishop Lipscomb and Visiting Bishops



Blessing Decorations



Lt. Capritto Reads Decree Of Investiture



Investing New Knights



Msgr. Greig Leads Gift Bearers



Our Chancellor, Dr. Ken McLeod Is Promoted to Knight Grand Cross

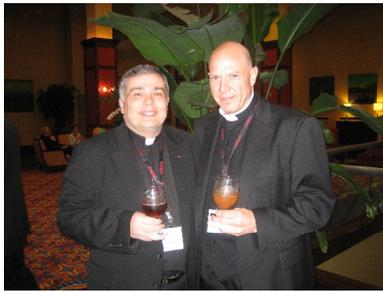
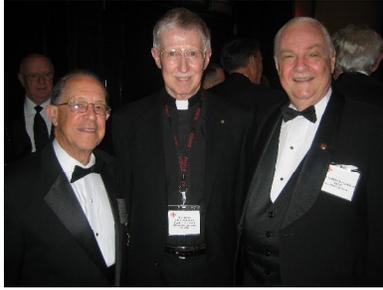


Archbishop Lipscomb and Knight Chaplains



Archbishop Hughes Greeters Worshippers

More Photos From The 2008 Annual Meeting



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News From The Sections

Diocese of Alexandria

Knights and Ladies of the Diocese mourn the death of Lady Lillian Garcia Sleet who passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 3, 2008 in Alexandria, Louisiana. Lady Lillian was a native of New Orleans, but lived most of her life in Alexandria where she was very active in her Church and in community activities until poor health prohibited her from doing so any longer.

On March 29, 2008, forty lay and religious members of the Alexandria and Shreveport Sections of the Order gathered for their annual Mass and Picnic Brunch. A Rosary preceded the Mass which was held at St. Augustine Church in Isle Breville on Cane River. The

Mass was con-celebrated by Bishop Ronald Herzog, Msgr. Joseph Susi and Fr. Jacob Thomas. After Mass, everyone enjoyed a delicious brunch at Magnolia Plantation.

Diocese of Palm Beach

On February 4, 2008, Knights and Ladies attended our annual Mass and dinner for the Palm Beach Diocese. Bishop Gerald Barbarito celebrated the Mass. Con-celebrants included Msgrs. Steven Bosso and Michael McGraw, and Revs. Michael Driscoll, Brian Flanagan and Thomas Barrett. The Mass was held at the Cathedral with dinner at the Mirasol Club.

***Save The Date For the Annual Meeting
May 15-17, 2009—Charleston, SC***

Lieutenancy Pilgrimage To The Holy Land



At The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



Twenty-Seven Pilgrim Shell Recipients

John A. Lengyel, KGCHS and Maureen H. Lengyel, LGCHS, Co-Masters of Pilgrimages

In February, Lieutenant, A. J. Capritto and his wife Eileen led the first Southeastern Lieutenancy Pilgrimage since 2000 to the Holy Land. We were also pleased to have as part of our group His Excellency, William R. Houck, retired Bishop of Jackson Mississippi who was the principal celebrant at each daily Mass assisted by Deacon Bob Binder. A total of 44 Knights, Ladies and guests made the trip. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we were met by Father Peter Vasko, O.F.M. our spiritual leader throughout the Pilgrimage.

In addition to visits to the many religious sites, scripture readings by Bishop Houck and narratives and explanations given by Father Peter, the group had an audience with Archbishop Fouad Twal who awarded 27 Knights and Ladies their Pilgrim Shell. Archbishop Twal will be installed as the new Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem in May, with the retirement of Michel Sabbah. All pilgrims renewed their Baptismal Vows at the River Jordon where Jesus was baptized by St. John the Baptist. Couples renewed their Wedding Vows with Bishop Houck in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle, changing water into wine.

These were but a few of the many, many spiritually moving experiences of the Pilgrims and to have prayed the Stations of the Cross during Lent in the footsteps of Jesus and concluded with visits to Calvary, where he was crucified, and the Tomb where he was buried, were surely the highlights of the trip.

The trip was an emotional and spiritually rewarding experience for all of us that will undoubtedly have a profound impact on our future Christian Lives.

The November 2008 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land has also been sold out and a waiting list for any cancellations has been established.

A February 2-12, 2009 pilgrimage has been finalized. If you have not requested to be on the mailing list and wish to receive a brochure detailing the costs and the pilgrimage itinerary, please contact us at 941-493-9607 or e-mail us at lengyel@comcast.net with your name(s), address and telephone number. Based on the level of interest in the pilgrimages expressed at our annual meeting in April, we expect this trip to sell out as well.

Requiesant in Pace

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A Mass will be celebrated for each individual listed below at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre or at a church in the Holy Land. If you wish to request an additional Mass for any of these deceased members who died during the past year and who were remembered at the Memorial Mass celebrated during the recent Annual Meeting, please indicate the **Name of the Member and your name and address and send your check in the amount of \$10 per Mass requested to: Sir Duke N. Stern, KCHS, 244 Sandy Run Drive, Greer, SC 29651**

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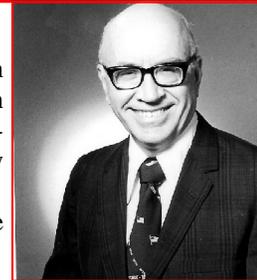
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Sir Truman Stacey, KGCHS Receives National Honor

Sir Truman Stacey, long-time Editor of the Lieutenancy's Newsletter, has been awarded the Medal of Honor by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The award recognizes an American-born citizen who exemplifies extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism proved by his outstanding contributions to country, state and fellow man.

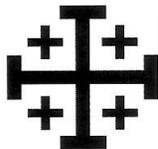
Among his many awards and honors, Sir Truman is a Knight Commander of the Fleur de Lis and a Knight of the Pontifical Order of St. Gregory the Great.



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