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2009 Annual Meeting and Investiture

The 2009 annual meeting and Investiture were held in Charleston, South Carolina at the Embassy Suites North Charleston and Convention Center. A total of 156 Knights and Ladies were promoted to higher rank. Seventy-four Knights and Ladies were Invested in the Order.

Attendees enjoyed presentations by Brother David Carroll, Ph.D., KGCHS, on the history of the Order and of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and by Fr. Peter Vasko, OFM on the current Palestinian-Israeli situation. Knights and Ladies also viewed a video presentation by Anna Baltzer, an American Jewish woman, on her experiences in the Holy Land. Her work may be viewed at her web site: www.annainthemiddleeast.com.

The Saturday Memorial Mass was held at the Convention Center. Homilist for the Mass was newly-ordained Charleston Bishop Most Reverend Robert Guglielmo. The Sunday Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John in Charleston. Principal celebrant and Homilist was our Grand Prior, Most Reverend Alfred Hughes, KC*HS.

Next year's meeting is scheduled to be held in Jacksonville, Florida at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, April 16—19, 2010.



Archbishop Hughes' Homily at Investiture Mass

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This is a unique celebration of the Eucharist as 74 new members are invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. You who are investees are making a public commitment to strengthen your baptismal practice of Christian life in fulfillment of the faith and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. You are also pledging to sustain and aid charitable, educational, and social works of the Church in the Holy Land. Thanks be to God for your holy resolve.

Our Holy Father has just completed a very significant pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He insisted from the beginning that he was coming as a pilgrim and a messenger of peace. As a pilgrim, he not only visited the Christian holy places, but also those sacred to Muslim and Jew. As a messenger of peace, he tried to encourage the dwindling Catholic community and to reassure both Muslims and Jews of the Catholic Church's respect for them and desire for strengthened dialogue. He also urged political leaders to take effective steps toward a peace that would provide a separate Arab state and security for Israel. He urged all to move beyond any corruption of religion that promotes a violent and extremist ideology. He pointed to the importance of uniting reason with faith in addressing divisive issues. In short he called for a strong sacrificial love to realize peace.



But at each step of the way, the Pope's pilgrim status and message of peace seemed to be filtered through predetermined storylines. When he addressed Muslims, the media drum beat harkened back to the post-Regensburg hoopla which the media itself had created by misreporting what he was saying. When he addressed the Jews, the media wanted him to re-explain his forced conscription in the Nazi youth organization required of all youth at that time despite his personal revulsion. The motto of the *New York Times*, that claims to set the standard for news reporting in the United States, is "all the news that's fit to print." I wonder if a more accurate motto might be: "all the conflict we can generate."

But if we look carefully at today's scriptural passages we will recognize the roots of our Holy Father's message. It focuses on love; not a saccharine love, but a strong, sacrificial love in the face of challenge. The Gospel passage expresses it quite directly: "As the Father loves me, so also I love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love."

You may wonder: what do the commandments have to do with love? Did not Christ's twofold commandment of love (love of God and love of neighbor) supersede the Ten Commandments? Let us recall that Christ proclaimed quite explicitly: "I have not come to abolish the commandments, but to fulfill them."

The Sermon on the Mount captures the Lord's teaching on interior fulfillment of the commandments: for example, the need to desire reconciliation rather than vengeance in fulfillment of the commandment, "You shall not kill"...or the need to desire purity of heart in fulfillment of the commandment, "You shall not commit adultery." The Ten Commandments provide the outer parameters for living the love of God and neighbor; the Sermon on the Mount points to interior desire for a more spiritual compliance with God's will. So, we love God by worshipping him alone (first), glorifying his name (second) and fidelity to Mass and Sunday observance (third). We love our neighbor when we meet our obligations to family (fourth), to human life (fifth), to human sexuality (sixth and ninth), to social justice (seventh and tenth) and to integrity, both personal and public (eighth).

To be faithful Catholics, the strong sacrificial love which is at the heart of living the commandments in accord with the Gospel is going to cost us. To be a faithful member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, called to be a warrior for the faith, is not going to be easy. We are to be witnesses to strong sacrificial love in the way we live and promote moral truth.

Who of us, fifty years ago could have predicted that we would be called upon to defend in the public arena that marriage is only between a man and a woman? Or that human life is sacred, not only in the face of abortion and euthanasia, but also in light of the burgeoning issues related to biological research and practice? Or that the human sexual faculties are intended for marriage and human procreation, not for recreational indulgence or even

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sadistic torture? Or that those who participate in shaping our economy have a responsibility regarding honesty, responsible investment and concern for the needs of the poor? Or that there is such a reality as objective truth in the face of rampant relativism?

There is one issue, if we do not get it right, affects all others. Pope John Paul II began his encyclical "The Gospel of Life" with these words: "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message, lovingly received day after day by the Church. It is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as 'Good news', to the people of every age and culture." The defining issues of our times then, that we need to address with strong love is not the economy, nor security, nor the progress of the war against terrorism, nor health care, nor education. It is our fundamental commitment to the sacred dignity of each and every human life. For the position we take on the sacredness of all human life then impacts the way we address the economy, security, terrorism, health care and education.

Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, we stand for fundamental truth. Like our Holy Father, we are faithful pilgrims and messengers of peace. We speak and promote the truth courageously. We invite our Catholic institutions of higher learning to help us address it persuasively and with strong sacrificial love. Let us not be afraid of our mission. *Deus lo vult!*

PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



Memorial Mass at North Charleston Coliseum Bishop Guglielmo Delivers Homily

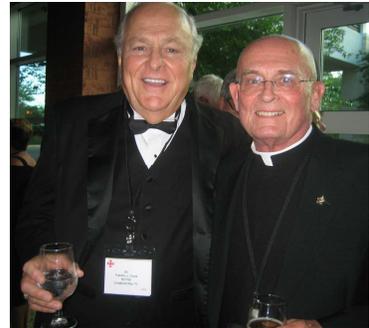


The Editor Expresses Thanks For Photo Assistance to Lady Gerry Urbanic, LHS and Lady Christina Myers, LCHS

More Photos From The 2009 Charleston Meeting



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NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS
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Members Awarded Jerusalem Palms



GOLD PALM OF JERUSALEM



SILVER PALM OF JERUSALEM

JOHN PATRICK CARDINAL FOLEY

Cardinal Deacon of the Church of Christ the King
GRAND MASTER OF THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER
OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Having considered your positive sentiments towards the Holy Church, to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and to the Holy Land, we are most pleased to gratefully recognize your merits.

By virtue of the authority vested in us by the Supreme Pontiff,
we hereby bestow upon you,

Gold Palms of Jerusalem

Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan
Lady Yvelise Bosch
Sir Jorge Bosch

Silver Palms of Jerusalem

Sir Warren Backer
Sir Anthony D'Amico
Lady Paricia Hotard
Sir John Herrick
Sir Peter Koury
Lady Sue Munchrath

You are also hereby empowered to wear the insignia on your chest as a mark of our gratitude and to use it freely in all ways which are permitted.

In witness of the foregoing we have had this diploma prepared
and have hereunto appended our signature and our seal.

Given at Rome from the Seat of the Order,
GOLD - this 5th day of June 2008
SILVER - this 11th day of November 2008

FEBRUARY 2009 PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Our Lieutenancy sponsored its first 2009 pilgrimage in February. It was preceded by two pilgrimages in February and November of 2008. A total of 21 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.

We were pleased to have with us Father Gregory Wilson, Rector of St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Charleston, SC. He was the celebrant of most of the daily masses and proved to be an outstanding homilist. Throughout the day, scripture readings, narratives and explanations were given by Father Peter, another great homilist and preacher. As the Latin Patriarch was unavailable, the group had an audience with the Bishop Kamal Bathish, Vicar General, of the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem, who awarded 9 Pilgrim Shells to the Clergy, Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem making their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. All pilgrims renewed their Baptismal Vows at the River Jordon and the couples in attendance renewed their Wedding Vows in Cana.

These were but a few of the many spiritually moving experiences of the pilgrims. To have prayed the Stations of the Cross in the footsteps of Jesus, concluding with visits to Calvary, where he was crucified, and the Tomb where he was buried and resurrected, were surely some of the highlights of the trip.

These pilgrims, as have others before them, found that this trip was an emotionally and spiritually rewarding experience and is having a profound impact on their Christian lives and love for Jesus and our faith.

A November 4-14, 2009 pilgrimage has been finalized and is open for reservations at this time. Bishop Frank Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida, will serve as our "Host Bishop". The trip will depart out of Miami to Newark and fly non-stop from Newark to Tel Aviv. This pilgrimage is expected to fill quickly, so if you are interested and wish to receive a brochure detailing the costs and the itinerary, please contact us.

Pilgrimage planning has already begun for year 2010 with a trip planned to Rome and Italy late summer/early fall 2010 and the annual pilgrimage to the Holy Land for October 27-November 6, 2010. Pilgrims from our previous Holy Land Pilgrimages will receive a brochure on the Rome trip when they are printed. Anyone else interested in either of these trips should contact us at 941-493-9607 or e-mail us at lengyel@comcast.net with your name(s), address, telephone number and e-mail address.

John A. Lengyel, KGCHS

Maureen H. Lengyel, LGCHS

Co-Masters of Pilgrimages

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE HOLY LAND MASS AND GIFT PROGRAM

FOR WHAT INTENTIONS CAN MASSES BE SAID? The most common intentions are repose of soul, recovery of health, anniversaries, birthdays and holidays such as Christmas and Easter. However, Masses can be for any special need or celebration and the Request Form also provides space for you to describe your intention.

WHEN WILL A MASS CARD BE SENT? A Mass Card is usually mailed the day after the Request Form is received. At the same time, an Acknowledgment Card and a new Program Brochure with a Request Form is sent to the member requesting the Mass.

WHO CAN REQUEST A MASS? Any member of the Southeastern Lieutenancy can request a Mass, but the recipient does not have to be a member.

WHAT IS THE SUGGESTED DONATION FOR A MASS? The minimum donation is \$10.00 for each Mass. However, since the donations provide very needed support for the Christians in the Holy Land, amounts above the minimum provide even more assistance to our brothers and sisters.

HOW MUCH OF EACH DONATION IS ACTUALLY USED FOR CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE HOLY LAND? One hundred percent! Program expenses are also donated and volunteers do the work.

IS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO USE THE PROGRAM TO HONOR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS? A gift to support the Christians in the Holy Land can be made in someone's name. The recipient will receive a special Gift Card and you will receive an Acknowledgment Card.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE MASS AND GIFT REQUEST FORMS? Copies of the Program Brochure which contain the Request Form can be (1) obtained from your Diocesan Representation, (2) downloaded from the Southeastern Lieutenancy website <http://www.sleohs.com>, or (3) requested from the Program Administrators, Rebecca A. King Stern, LCHS, and Dr. Duke Nordlinger Stern, KCHS, 244

Lieutenancy Pilgrimages to the Holy Land

Lieutenant A.J. Capritto has named Sir John A. Lengyel, KGCHS and Lady Maureen H. Lengyel, LGCHS as Co-Masters of Pilgrimages for the Southeastern Lieutenancy of our Order.

Sir John and Lady Maureen have led a number of successful pilgrimages to the Holy Land and are preparing to do so on a regular basis in the future.

To obtain information about upcoming trips, please contact the Lengyels at 941-493-9607 or e-mail them at lengyelm@comcast.net



SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting and Investiture

April 16-19, 2010

Hyatt Regency Riverfront, Jacksonville, Florida

NEW HOLY LAND MASS REQUEST FORMS AVAILABLE

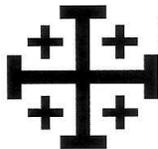
There are new brochures for the Holy Land Mass and Gift Program. They contain modified request forms which provide more options as to how the Mass Cards can be handled. The new brochures with the request forms can be obtained from your Diocesan Representative, on the Southeastern Lieutenancy website: <http://www.sleohs.com>, or from the program administrators, Rebecca A. King Stern, LCHS and Dr. Duke Nordlinger Stern, KCHS, 244 Sandy Run Drive, Greer, SC 29651-7409.

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