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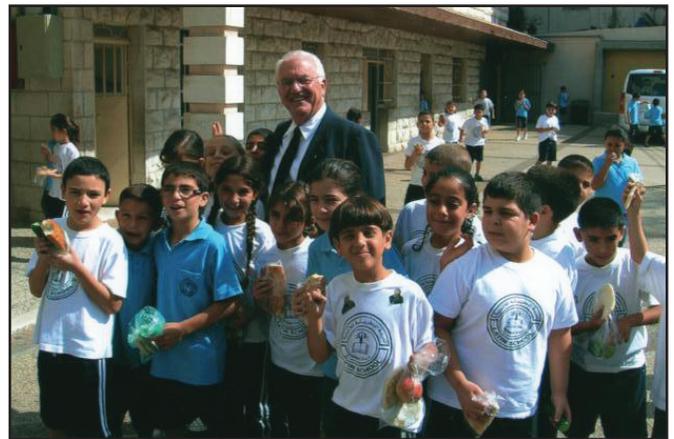
The Work of the Holy Land Commission

Members who attended the 2010 annual meeting will remember the presentation by Sir Thomas McKiernan, KCSG, KGCHS, a member of the Grand Magisterium and the Holy Land Commission. Sir Tom has kindly provided us with a report and photos from his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Sir Tom writes, "Here is the situation. On the Holy Land Commission there are three people. I am the scribe, that is, taking the notes and preparing the report for the Grand Magisterium and Dr. Christa von Siemens, President of the Commission is our chief photographer. Christa takes hundreds of photographs of projects in various states of completion, proposed projects for future years, people, buildings, children, plays and performances given by children. Generally only a few of the photos are used for the Grand Magisterium meetings..."

"Most of the projects are school renovations and improvements to nuns' convents and priests' houses and various modernization of plumbing, electric service, sanitary/bathrooms. This year and next we have two major projects, a new parish church in Aquaba in the South of Jordan and renovations of the sanitary facilities in the Patriarchal seminary in Beit Jala.

Sometimes a Lieutenant will ask me to drop in at a certain location his Lieutenancy supports and have a look around. If I get such a request, I do what I can to get to that location, even if it isn't on our agenda. Such are the photos from the school at Hashimi."



Sir Tom With Hashimi School Children

Facts About the Holy Land Commission

It is an advisory Commission of the Grand Magisterium. It evaluates projects presented for financial support by the Latin Patriarchate [Diocese of Jerusalem]. (Cont. p. 2)

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The Commission currently consists of three members of the Grand Magisterium: Dr. Christa von Siemens [Germany] President, Ing. Adolfo Rinaldi [Italy] Member, Sir. Thomas McKiernan [USA] Member. The members have degrees in Law, Engineering, Economics and Educational Administration and among them 6 languages are spoken.

Their mandate in brief: due diligence and fiduciary responsibility to ensure the efficient and appropriate use of the funds donated by the membership and to provide the Lieutenants information on the projects they wish to sponsor.

The current 2010 projects are: a High School in Rameh [Northern Israel], upgrading schools in Kerak, Naour and Wahadnah [Jordan], renovation of nuns' convent in Rameh-Nazareth [Israel]], phase one of new a church in Aqaba [Jordan]. The total of first

three projects is €1,240.000 (approx US\$ 1,686,400); the Aqaba project is still in discussion.

The members of the Commission make at least two site visits a year, sometimes individually and sometimes in teams. They examine the proposals, property, bids, and meet with the pastors, principals, teachers, parents, architects and Patriarchate personnel. They accept only those projects justified on the basis of detailed and convincing verification of the costs and benefits to the Christian community.

The area covered by the Holy Land Commission's mandate includes Israel, Palestine ["west bank"/occupied territories] and Jordan.. There are approximately 300,000 Christians out of a total population of 12 million in the three countries or less than 2.5% of the total population. The Latin Patriarchate has 43 schools with 20,000 students. There are 85 priests in the 50 parishes, curia , and seminary

Photos of Holy Land Commission Building, Repair, and Renovation projects



Please Remember Your Annual Contributions

Lieutenancy Mourns the Death of Long –Time Secretary Sir Robert F. Schaff, KGCHS

Sir Robert Francis Schaff passed from this life on November 19, 2010 at the age of 85.

Sir Robert was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He received five battle stars and the Purple Heart for wounds received during the battle for Iwo Jima.

Sir Robert served with distinction as Secretary of the Southeastern Lieutenancy from 1986 until his retirement in 2006. He was invested in the Order in 1971 when it was still part of the Southern Lieutenancy.

Lieutenant Capritto has provided this report of the funeral:

“The family contacted the office and asked whether they could put his cape on the coffin. We replied that we had a pall that we would provide for them to use. We suggested that the cape and beret could be draped over an empty chair near the coffin. I attended the funeral Mass. There were about 15 knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order present and some few members of Malta present. Members of the Knights of Columbus were also present. Bob was a member of Malta as well as the Knights of Columbus. Despite all this, the family was most interested in the Equestrian Order’s presence. The



Sir Robert F. Schaff receives the 2003 Lieutenant’s Distinguished Service Award from Lieutenant Robert Acomb

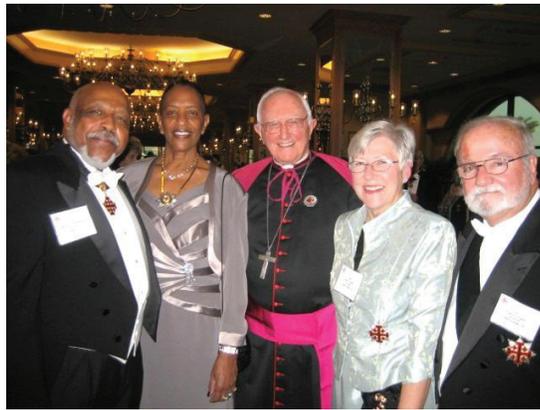
Equestrian Order pall was used on the coffin and the Equestrian Order cape and beret were displayed draped over the chair. They seemed to be so happy that we attended his funeral.”

Knights and Ladies of the Order offer their prayers and deepest sympathy to the Schaff family.

More Photos From The 2010 Annual Meeting



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2010 Lieutenancy Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Our Lieutenancy's pilgrimage program completed its fifth pilgrimage in November 2010. A total of 32 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 also pleased to have with us Father Peter Zalewski, Pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Panama City, Florida. He shared in scripture readings and served as the celebrant for daily Masses. He proved to be an outstanding homilist. Also part of our group were retired Sisters Kathryn Connelly and Catherine Kirby, Sisters of Charity from Cincinnati, Ohio who added to the sense of community and didn't even have to discipline anyone in the group for bad behavior.

At the various Holy Sites visited, narratives and explanations were given by Father Peter Vasko, another great homilist and preacher. As the Latin Patriarch, Archbishop Fouad Twal, was unavailable; the group had an audience with Bishop William Somali, Chancellor of the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem, who awarded 11 Pilgrim Shells to the Clergy and Knights and Ladies of the Order making their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land. All pilgrims renewed their baptismal vows at the River Jordan and the couples in attendance renewed their wedding vows in Cana, an emotional experience for all even after many, many years of marriage.

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 this journey to strengthen their faith to be an emotionally and spiritually rewarding experience which is having a profound impact on their Christian lives and love for Jesus and our Holy Mother Church.

Planning for the next pilgrimage back to the Holy Land is underway and is scheduled for February 14-24, 2012. Father Peter F. Vasko, OFM, will be our spiritual leader. If you are interested and wish to receive a brochure detailing the costs and the itinerary when they are complete, please contact us at 941-493-9607 or e-mail us at lengyelm@comcast.net with your name(s), address, telephone number and e-mail address. The brochures are expected to be completed by April 2011. The itinerary will be the same as for past pilgrimages and the price should approximate those of past trips.

As a reminder, information on pilgrimages is always available on our webpage: sleohs.com then menu picks – news/events – pilgrimages.

John A. Lengyel, KGCHS
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Co-Masters of Pilgrimages
November 2010

News From The Sections

Diocese of Alexandria



The observance of the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Alexandria was celebrated on August 6, 2010 with a 6 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral in Alexandria. It was on August 6, 1910 that the See City of Natchitoches was officially transferred to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria.

Bishop Ronald P. Herzog was the principal celebrant together with more than ten bishops from throughout Louisiana and neighboring states, and all priests from the diocese concelebrating. A reception was held immediately following the Mass at the Riverfront Center across the street from the Cathedral.

A representative from each parish and members of other religious organizations were invited to be present for the anniversary celebration. Twenty Knights and Ladies of the Order were in attendance for the celebration Mass.

On Sunday, October 24, 2010, sixteen Knight, Lady and Clergy members of the Order participated in Mass honoring Our Lady Queen of Palestine. The 11 a.m. Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald P. Herzog, KC*HS, Bishop of the Alexandria Diocese. The feast honoring Our Lady is always observed by local members of the Order on one of the Sundays in October.

Diocese of Charleston

On October 24, 2010, nineteen Knights and Ladies of the Order processed at Holy Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Queen of Palestine. Principal celebrant was Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of the Charleston Diocese. Among the concelebrants was Rev. James Parker, KCHS. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Gregory Wilson, KHS, Rector of the Cathedral.

Following Mass, the group enjoyed a low-country brunch at Poogan's Porch near the cathedral.



The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has named Rev. Richard D. Harris, V.G., KHS, Prelate of Honor with the title Reverend Monsignor.

This happy event was celebrated at Solemn Vespers on Sunday October 3, 2010 at St. Joseph Church in Columbia, SC where Msgr. Harris serves as Pastor. A number of Knights and Ladies of the Order were invited to process together with Priests from the Diocese including several Clerical Knights. Most Reverend Robert Guglielmone, Bishop of Charleston, led the celebration and presented Msgr. Harris with his Diploma from Rome.

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Diocese of Charleston, Continued

Following Solemn Vespers a gala reception was held in the Rowland Educational Building, named for the long-time Pastor of St. Joseph, Rev. Msgr. Charles H. Rowland, P.A., JCL, KHS.

Archdiocese of New Orleans

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond, KC*HS, reinstated the White Mass for the medical profession on October 14, 2010. This was the first White Mass for the medical profession which has been celebrated since Hurricane Katrina and it is hoped that it will mark the rebirth of the Catholic Physician's Guild.

The Mass was celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in the

Chapel of Notre Dame Seminary with physician representatives from the E.O.H.S.J., Knights of Malta, and Order of Knights of Lazarus processing. In attendance were approximately 100 medical students.

The Knights of our Order were represented by Kenneth McLeod, Jr., M.D., KGCHS, Thomas D. Giles, M.D., KHS, Frank J. Guidry, M.D., KC*HS, and Jack Jeff Jacobs, M.D., KHS.

Following an inspiring homily by Archbishop Aymond, at the conclusion of the Mass, the Archbishop requested all physicians and medical students remain standing and reaffirm the Hippocratic Oath.

The group was then invited to have refreshments at the Archbishop's residence .



**Photos
From
the 2010
Pilgrimage**



**Save The Date — 2011 Annual Meeting
May 27-29, New Orleans, LA**

Deceased Members' Capes

Capes from deceased members may be sent to the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem to be used when members receive their Pilgrim Shell, eliminating the need to carry capes from the US for the ceremony. Head wear and jewelry *should not* be sent. The cost is usually around \$20. They can be sent to the address below with a notation that it is the cape of a deceased member (name) and ask that they be remembered at Mass. The address is: Chancellor, Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, Jaffa gate, P. O. Box 14152, Jerusalem 91141, Israel.

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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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