



# **Southeastern Lieutenancy**

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**Join Us In New Orleans**  
**Annual Meeting and Investiture**  
**November 6-8, 2015**  
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### **THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING AND INVESTITURE**

**The program will feature speakers at both plenary sessions. The orientation speaker for investees on Saturday morning will be Sir Patrick Powers, KGCHS, Vice Governor General for North America. He will give an overview of the development of the Order and the Order's role in the modern world. On Sunday morning Sir Patrick will return to speak to the entire assembly with a report from the Grand Magisterium. Our keynote speaker for Sunday morning will be Monsignor John Kozar, President of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. He is a frequent visitor to the Holy Land, and will speak on the current situation for Christians in that part of the world, particularly in light of ISIS. Lieutenant Garrity has heard him speak and described his presentation as enlightening and inspiring. At the Sunday session Duke and Becky Stern will speak about the Legacy program and we will honor major contributors to the that program. Also, at one of the two plenary sessions Pierre and Roz Allemond will speak about our Lieutenancy's pilgrimage program. All members are encouraged to attend both sessions.**

# The Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception



Masses for the 2015 Annual Meeting and Investiture will be celebrated at the historic Church of the Immaculate Conception (the “Jesuit:” Church) directly across from the Baronne Street entrance to the Roosevelt Hotel.

The original church on this site was built by French Jesuits who came to New Orleans in the 1830s. The first Mass in the new church was celebrated on August 15, 1857. The lot on which the church was built was a water-covered cypress swamp. It had to be drained inch-by-inch, foot-by-foot. As the city grew around the church, the location eventually became a part of the central business district.

The church lasted for 71 years but eventually construction of nearby office buildings took its toll on the old structure which was deemed structurally unsafe. The old building withstood the pile driving of the adjacent Pere Marquette Building as well as the extra 500 piles for the garage behind the church. However, the blasting of dynamite half a block away for the Canal Bank Building finally rendered the church useless. The church had to be taken down brick by brick. Demolition was completed in September 1928 and new construction began the following month.

The cornerstone of the new church was laid on May 16, 1929. The altar was replaced, the organ reconstructed and the pews put back in position by February 17, 1930. Mass was said at the new Immaculate Conception Church and a solemn dedication took place on March 2, 1930.

## Our Grand Prior, Archbishop Gregory Aymond's Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage

As Catholic Christians, we believe that marriage is between one man and one woman. This belief is rooted in Sacred Scripture, Natural Law and 2000 years of Christian Tradition. To change and redefine marriage will have ramifications for families now and in the future. I stand with the Catholic bishops of the United States as we had hoped there would have been another means of moving forward in society without redefining marriage and family life.

While we stand firm in this belief, as Christians we must extend respect to all and treat all of God's children with dignity even in disagreement. We cannot be disrespectful but always loving in witnessing our faith. Disrespect and hatred can never be condoned.



## UPCOMING HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE February 17-27, 2016

The Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Southeastern Lieutenancy, is offering a pilgrimage to the Holy Land for the period of February 17-27, 2016. The trip departs Newark, non-stop to Tel Aviv, and includes first class hotels, private motor coach transportation, breakfast and dinner, and all fees and taxes. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv, we will be met by Fr. Peter Vasko, O.F.M., and President of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land who will be our spiritual leader throughout the trip. Fr. Peter has lived in Jerusalem for almost 30 years and is internationally known for his work in the Holy Land. Cost for the pilgrimage is \$3,471 per person, double occupancy. **NOTE: One need not be a member of the Order to participate in these pilgrimages.**

For a brochure covering the pilgrimage in more detail, please contact Roz or Pierre Allemond, Lieutenancy Pilgrimage Coordinators, at [318-452-6443](tel:318-452-6443) or e-mail us at [eojsalexandria@gmail.com](mailto:eojsalexandria@gmail.com) with your name, address, and telephone number. You can also view details on our webpage at [sleohs.com](http://sleohs.com), and at the news/events dropdown, click pilgrimages.

There is a "Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage Program" which invites parish priests to help the Lieutenancy promote pilgrimages to the Holy Land, and in doing so earn free passage if they bring at least 6 couples from their parish on the trip. Being the celebrant at Mass at these most holy sites with members of their parish will make the pilgrimage extra special for both. Questions on any aspect of the program should be directed to **Pierre or Roz Allemond, Co-Masters of Pilgrimages at [318-452-6443](tel:318-452-6443).**

# NORTH AMERICAN LIEUTENANTS MEET

The Annual meeting of the North American Lieutenants was held the first week of June in Quebec City, Canada. In addition to lieutenants from the United States and Canada, the meeting was attended by our Grand Master, His Eminence Edwin Cardinal O'Brien, the Governor General Count Agostino Borromeo, and the three Grand Magisterium members from North America. Also participating in the meeting were Monsignor Robert Stern, a member of the Order's Constitution Commission, and Monsignor John Kozar, Executive Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA). The presider for the meeting was His Excellency Sir Patrick Powers, Vice-Governor General for North America.

The gathering opened on Thursday evening with a vesper and prayer service in the historic Basilica of Notre Dame de Quebec. Presiders for this service were Cardinal O'Brien and His Eminence Gerald Cardinal Lacroix, Archbishop of Quebec. After the service, Cardinal Lacroix hosted a reception for attendees at his residence.

At the opening business session on Friday morning the Governor General gave a report on the state of the Order. At present membership in the Order consists of some 30,000 Knights and Dames throughout the world. Thanks to the contributions of these members, the Order has been able to continue our support for numerous projects in the Holy Land, and has been able to respond to special requests from the Latin Patriarch. Sir Patrick presented a session on the finances of the Order. The Order is committed to increasing transparency in



financial matters and as a result, regular financial reports will be issued to all lieutenancies. Monsignor Kozar presented a report on the status of Christians in the Holy Land, particularly in light of gains made by ISIS in the area. While the number of native Christians in this area has decreased, some 100,000 migrant workers are now employed in Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank. The vast majority of these workers are Catholic and caring for both their spiritual and material needs has placed an increasing burden on the Church in the area. The session concluded with an extensive report from Sir Tom McKiernan, president of the Holy Land Commission, regarding building projects supported by the Order. The afternoon session was devoted to an open forum at which lieutenants could discuss matters of concern in carrying out their mandates.

Saturday morning was devoted to a number current issues. A report was given on the status of the Columbus Hotel in Rome. Italian courts have supported the Order's case for terminating the current operator who has failed to perform satisfactorily. However, while the courts have ruled in the Order's favor, intricacies of Italian law mean that it will be at least another year before the operator will be removed. A lengthy discussion regarding Madaba University in Jordan followed. The Order advanced (loaned) a considerable sum of money for construction of a library, but as yet the library has not been built. The meeting concluded on Saturday evening with a farewell dinner in the historic Chateau Frontenac Hotel. The 2016 lieutenants' meeting will be held in June in Baltimore.

*Raymond J. Garrity, Ed.D., KGCHS, Lieutenant*

## Newsletter To Have New Editor

The next issue of the *Newsletter*, Vol. 28, No. 4, will be my final issue as Editor. My first issue as Editor was Vol 19, No.1 which announced Sir A.J. Capritto, III's appointment as our new Lieutenant. Lieutenant Capritto was very interested in the *Newsletter* and saw to it that his first issue and all those that followed were printed in color on heavy paper stock. Older members will realize how much improved the appearance of the *Newsletter* became under A.J.'s leadership, and for that I am extremely grateful as it made my job that much easier.

Many of you will have become used to seeing me everywhere at the meetings taking photos. That was one of the parts of the job I will miss most. But you will also have seen me progress (perhaps not the best term) from a cane — as pictured here in Charleston in 2009 — as the result of an autoimmune disease, to a wheelchair the past three years as a result of spinal surgeries, and most recently from five hip operations last year necessitated by two bad staph infections which joined the party following a hip replacement. It became immediately clear that I could not function in my usual fashion from a wheelchair and it is only thanks to the kind help of a number of Knights and Ladies, most especially my



wife Christina, that we have had the right photos and a sufficient number of photos in order to produce a *Newsletter* for the Lieutenantcy office in New Orleans to send to the printer.

Lieutenant Ray Garrity has been fortunate to recruit Sir Daniel F. Wagner, KCHS to serve as the new Editor. Dan and his wife Lady Carolyn M. Wagner, LCHS (pictured above) were invested in 2009 at the meeting in Charleston. We are members of the same parish in Columbia, SC where Dan has had a hand in everything printed by the parish for a number of years. He is far better equipped to take on the task of Editor than I was when I started. Please be sure to say “hello” to Dan and Carolyn when you see them at the meeting.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Lieutenantcy in this way. It was a lot of fun too, and I shall miss it. I look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans, Jim

### ***Recycle Your Unused Ornaments***

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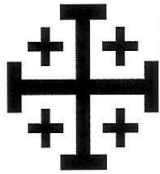
**They will be reworked, saving the EOHSJ money that can be sent to support Christians in the Holy Land. Every little bit goes a long way in showing your support.**

**\*Knights please remember that you will now wear your neck decorations with capes.**

# Photos From the 2014 Annual Meeting



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When you place your order, you will need the Jerusalem Cross Registration Number which is 0353544. (Have the representative verify that this is the Jerusalem Cross.) You will also need a Customer Number which will be assigned to you when you place your first order and, in the future, will identify you with the Jerusalem Cross. If you forget your Customer Number after your first order you can also be located by your name and zip code.

The Jerusalem Cross from Lands' End is only to be used by members of the Order and the Registration Number must not be given to non-members. The Southeastern Lieutenancy receives no benefit from the registration of the Jerusalem Cross or from any embroidered clothing. This information is provided only to let you know of another way to display the Jerusalem Cross.

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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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS**