

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Southeastern Lieutenancy—Archdiocese of Miami Section

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Mary Queen of Palestine Mass

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, KC*HS celebrated the Holy Mass during the Mary

Queen of Palestine celebration at the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. The evening Mass enjoyed the spiritual musical presentation by the well-known archdiocesan baritone Enrique Estrada, accompanied by Madeline Liu with her evocative mastery of the piano. The Order hosted the Archbishop at the popular Seasons 52 restaurant on Miracle Mile in Coral Gables following the Mass with 50 members and guests in attendance. Promotions to Knight and Lady Commander were



awarded to Dr. Imad and Jo-Ann Tabry during formal presentations at dinner. Sir Joseph and Lady Barbara Scerbo of Fort Lauderdale received their membership certificates, along with Sir Thierry Paucquet de Villejust of Miami Beach and Orlando.

Semi-Annual Business Meeting

The Section President represented the Archdiocesan membership at the semiannual business meeting held in New Orleans, LA October 20 –22, 2012 at the Hotel St. Marie in the French Quarter. The formal meeting followed a set agenda with Section Representatives reporting on their respective Areas of Operation. A matter of prime interest concerned the world-wide pilgrimage to Rome which will coincide with the Consulta. The Order is asked to choose a nine day period to say a Novena in conjunction with the Rome pilgrimage.



President's Corner

We appear to be experiencing a tremendous amount of discord in the life of the country. The bulk of the community of man seems to be of common mind on many of our cherished religious tenets, but yet, do not have the ability to definitively make their case to the government. Our prayer-felt intention is to simply state the overriding and absolute truth in a world of hedonistic infatuation: God is the Truth and the Way. We do not propound any particular philosophy in the matter as the focus of all philosophy is to uncover the truth. In that sense, all philosophy will lead to HIM. Our task is to not confound the issue with personal opinions but rather to exercise God-given rational thought forgetting our personal desires and following HIS lead. HE is at the center of all things and will fulfill all our God-centered wants, desires, and needs if we keep HIM in our forethoughts.

Perhaps if we begin the new year with HIM as our center of gravity, the mundane will become apparent and we will be able to grasp what is truly important: our relationship with the Almighty in Whom we should place our trust for if He is with us, who can be against us?

Appointments

The Section President recognized Joseph Scerbo, KHS by appointing him to hold



Joseph Scerbo, KHS

the office of Deputy Area Representative, assisting James Kelly, KCHS in Area II. Sir James and Sir Joseph will be instrumental in discharging the mission of the Order within the Section. Thierry Pauquet de Villejust, KHS holds a new seat within the Section as the liaison for public relations. Sir Thierry will assist the Section President in promoting the Order by a series of con-



Thierry Pauquet de Villejust, KHS

tacts with local media. We look forward to our presence being established in the public venue in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Pilgrimages

Holy Land: February 1 - 11, 2013.

Italy: April 22— May 2, 2013; Marion Shrines (France): May 6— May 17, 2013.

Rome: September 13 —15, 2013.



Pontifical Mass

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski KC*HS celebrated a Pontifical Mass on Sunday, September 9, 2012 commemorating the visit of Pope John Paul II on his visit to the Archdiocese 25 years ago. The Order participated in full church vesture,

honoring the singular event in remembrance of the Pope's visit to the Archdiocese of Miami and the Cathedral of Saint Mary.



Jay Dietl, KHS, Area I Representative; Dr. Jose Jaen, KHS; James Kelly, KHS, Area II Representative; Bernard W. Wolff, KC*HS, Section President.

2013 Investiture Ceremony

The 2013 Annual Meeting and Investiture Ceremony is scheduled for the weekend of April 12—14, 2013 in Birmingham, Alabama. The Birmingham area is also know as the home for the Catholic television station EWTN. A side trip to the site will be provided by the Birmingham section. Please refer to any details about this tour in the upcoming investiture packet.

Continuous Novena

Pope Benedict XVI declared that the "Year of Faith" would begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. We celebrate the 50th year of Vatican II and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church at this time. This time period is an opportunity to renew our Faith and commitment with Christ and the Church; it is also a time for public and private prayer for those in need, especially our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land and throughout the Mid East. The Order has called for a continuous novena during the Year of Faith for the Christians in the Holy Land.



Advent Reflections

The Section President delivered a series of reflections at the bequest of Father Sonny Moreira of St. Richard/Holy Rosary Catholic Church during the three Fridays of the 2012 Advent season. Sir Bernard spoke of the Rise of the Orders of

Knighthood within the Catholic Church. The first presentation delved into the rationale for a call for assistance by the Byzantine Emperor while suffering territorial incursion by Islamic forces. The second evening covered the 1st Crusade with additional commentary on the ensuing efforts to retain a Christian presence in the Holy Land. The final lecture visited the ongoing programs of the modern era knights, reflecting today's mission as hospitallers. The work of the three larger orders were illuminated: the



Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcre of Jerusalem; the Knights of Malta; and, the Teutonic Knights.

Requiescant in Pace

The following members have gone home to the Lord. Let us pray for their souls.

Lady Eleanor Bevilacqua, LGCHS

Reverend Monsignor Xavier Morras, KHS

ATTENTION

The Magisterium will no longer present the Pilgrim Shell to members of the Equestrian Order in Jerusalem unless they arrange their journey as part of a sponsored pilgrimage arranged by the Order. Members will still receive this award, but it will be presented by the Lieutenant at an annual investiture ceremony in the Lieutenancy. This new rule will take effect, immediately.

Again, the 2013 Annual Investiture Ceremony will be hosted by the Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama on April 12—14, 2013. Details will be sent approximately six weeks before the meeting. If you plan to sponsor new members, please submit the nomination form to the Section President at the earliest opportunity as it takes many months to fully process a new candidate.