



EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

Southeastern Lieutenancy - Archdiocese of Miami Section

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Celebrating the 900th Year Anniversary of the Equestrian Order

The Archdiocese of Miami Section celebrated the 900th year of its chartered existence at a semi-formal dinner party set in the beautiful surroundings of the Colonnade Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida on Saturday, October 19, 2013. A cocktail reception presaged the evening's events setting the tone for the historic occasion. Knights, Dames, Ladies, and guests were greeted by photographers and ears were delighted by the sounds of Baroque and Romantic strains provided by Mr. Jose Fernandez and his classical guitar. Attendees segued to the reception line where they could greet Archbishop Wenski, KC*HS, the honoree for the evening. Section President Bernard Wolff, KC*HS recognized James D. Hogan, KHS a recent transfer into the Section, along with guests Dame of Malta Anne McShane, Professor Tom and Lynda De Vita, Bernadette Poitier, Francine Mondone (spouse of Sir John), and Lazaro Remior (spouse of Lady Melba). In addition, Sir Henry and Lady Jeannie Pflieger in the last year returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land under the sponsorship of the Order and the spiritual direction of Father Peter Vasko.

Archbishop Wenski, KC*HS, Section Grand Prior delivered the invocation which was followed by Section President Wolff informing all with a short rendition of the history of the Order thereafter offering a series of toasts to different dignitaries and notables in the organization. The Grand Prior also presented membership scrolls to: Father Carlos Vega, KHS; Father Alejandro Rodriguez, KHS; Father Luis Largaespada, KHS; John Mondone, KHS; Dr. Jose Jaen, KHS; and, Lady Constanza Jaen, LHS.

Professor De Vita, a renowned local artist, had privately presented the Section President with a sketch of the founder, Godfrey de Bouillon, astride his charger, hoisting a banner depicting the Cross of Jerusalem. Some have remarked of the uncanny resemblance between de Bouillon and Wolff! Thank you, Tom. During the course of the planning for the event, it was discovered that the Grand Prior would celebrate his birthday the evening before. That knowledge provided enough time to ensure the arrival of a small token of our appreciation which was presented at the dinner.

Anniversary Photo Gallery.



James E. Kelly, KC*HS

James E. Kelly, KC*HS and Delegate from Area 2 welcomes attendees to the 900th Anniversary Dinner at the Colonnade Hotel in Coral Gables, Florida. Sir James received his promotion to Knight Commander before the Mary Queen of Palestine Mass earlier in the evening at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Miami, Florida.



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Deacon Robert Binder, KHS

Deacon Robert Binder, KHS (I) greets Dr. Stephen Patterson, KHS (foreground) during the reception line prior to the 900th Anniversary Dinner. He is followed by a recent transfer to the Archdiocese of Miami James D. Hogan, KHS. Also seen are U. Joseph Terranova, KGCHS, Bernard W. Wolff, KC*HS, Section president, and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, KC*HS, the evening's honoree.



Jose Fernandez, KHS

Deputy Delegate, Jose Fernandez, KHS (I) raises his glass in a celebratory toast to the Order on occasion of its 900 years of existence. Across the table, Historian and Fulbright Scholar Professor Donn Tilson, KC*HS joins in the merriment.



Dr. Jose Jaen, KHS

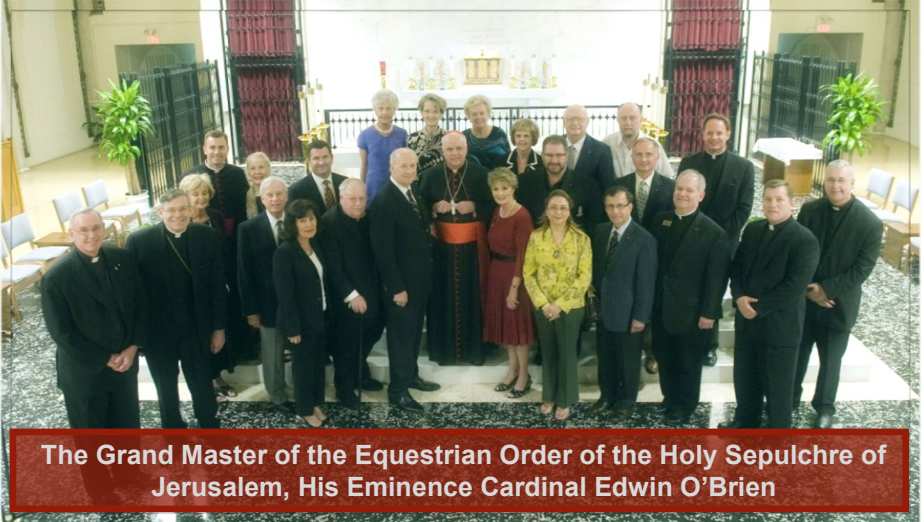
Section President Bernard Wolff, KC*HS congratulates Dr. Jose Jaen, KHS during the presentation of his membership scroll. Lady Constance Jaen can be seen returning to her seat after receiving her scroll from Archbishop Thomas Wenski, KC*HS seen in the background.



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Grand Master's visit to Florida



The Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien

The Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, poses with members of the Order at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida after presenting a talk acknowledging the seminary's 50th year and wherein he gave a brief history of our Papal order.

Mary Queen of Palestine Mass



Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, KC*HS

Section Grand Prior, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, celebrates the Mary Queen of Palestine Mass with the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre in attendance. Clergy Knights assist during the devotion at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Miami, Florida on October 19, 2013.



Dame Constanza Jaen, Section Hospitaller, delivers a reading at the 2013 Lady Queen of Palestine Mass.

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Latest appointments of the Miami Section



The Section President, Bernard W. Wolff, KC*HS appointed Dr. Stephen Patterson, KCHS as the Lay Master of Ceremonies for the Archdiocese of Miami Section on November 1, 2013. Sir Stephen will provide assistance during social events and religious functions for the Order as they are locally held. He will be particularly valuable during the upcoming 2016 Investiture Ceremony to be convened in Miami.



The Section President also appointed Delores J. Wolff, LC*HS to become the Section Lay Mistress of Ceremonies. Dame Delores has an extensive background in planning corporate events and has been heavily involved in the Order's local functions for many years. Her experience and knowledge of the Order and its activities are a welcome addition to this position.

President's Corner



Many of you have heard by now that we will entertain the Order for the 2016 Investiture Ceremony to be convened in Miami. Naturally, it will take an effort from all of us to successfully plan and execute an undertaking of this size. I look forward to working with you to make this a memorable occasion for the Lieutenancy. Please begin thinking about with which committee you would feel comfortable aligning yourself: reception committee; hospitality committee; transportation committee; banquet and house committee; confessions and adoration chapel committee; decorations; liturgical; liturgical music; orchestra; photography; publicity; ushering and seating; etc. I offer this expanded version only to introduce you to the several responsibilities that we will incur as hosts.

I will call an initial meeting of those who are interested in providing their expertise in order to coordinate the necessary posts that we shall need to fill. This meeting will occur shortly after the 2014 meeting in Palm Beach Gardens. The Lieutenancy will insist on a certain amount of oversight and we welcome their experienced and helpful insight. If any of you have a certain penchant for any of the above listed needs, please do call or email me of your interests. We have a large section and will require representation from across the area.



Johanna Law, LGCHS and Maria Figarola, LGCHS share a moment with Bernard W. Wolff, KC*HS, Section President at the Shrove Tuesday event at the Villagio Restaurant.

The Archdiocese of Miami Section celebrated Shrove Tuesday this year on March 4, 2014 at Villagio Restaurant in Merrick Park Place. Knights, Dames, and guests engaged in pleasantries while enjoying canapés and their favorite beverages. The Section President and Dame Delores hosted the evening's enjoyment prior to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. Some of the conversation centered on the 2016 Investiture Ceremony to be held in Miami and the upcoming ceremony for 2014 featured at Palm Beach Gardens on May 31st and June 1st later this Spring. Several members requested nomination forms for prospective new members and further discussion addressed the possibility of convening for a Mass in Broward County, supported by members from both Miami and Palm Beach.

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2013 Fall Council Meeting

The Lieutenant convened the 2013 Fall Council Meeting of the Southeastern Lieutenancy on November 4, 2013 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Routine matters provided the bulk of the weekend but the results of the Consulta held in Rome merited further reportage. There were representatives from all 50 Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations. Apparently, a revision of our Constitution is being promulgated, however no further details have been disseminated for general consumption. In addition, there is some interest in redefining our historical vision of the Holy Land by possibly including Lebanon and perhaps other countries. We will have to await the final decision of the magisterium. Some housekeeping related to recognizing the universality of the designation "Dame." The prenominal would be used in lieu of "Lady." There is nothing final on this matter, yet. There is also a move to equate Knight Commander with Star as a Grand Officer, similar to other legitimate orders.

The Lieutenancy decided to no longer promote members who are absent from the Investiture Ceremony, starting in 2015. Therefore, any member slated for promotion (and accepting) must be present for that weekend in order to be elevated in rank. The Order puts very little onus on us for our physical presence, notwithstanding the fact that we are expected to attend annual ceremonies, this does not seem like a particular burden for the promotees. There was also discussion on accelerated promotions for Commander and Commander with Star (Grand Officer) ranks.

The Lieutenant announced the appointment of a new Lay Master of Ceremonies. His name is George Zimmer, KC*HS. If you have been on a pilgrimage sponsored by the Order, you may have seen him. He seems to be a regular! The first time Dame Delores and I saw him occurred when we went on a pilgrimage several years ago.

Let us pray for the visit of Francis to the Holy Land

As this issue of the Newsletter was going to press, after the Christmas and New Year celebrations, the details of the Pope's trip to the Holy Land were officially announced: he will visit Amman, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem from 24 to 26 May 2014.

He will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic meeting of Pope Paul VI with the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Athenagoras, in Jerusalem, marking a milestone in the long march towards Christian unity, especially between Catholics and Orthodox, painfully divided since the Great Schism of 1054.

It is precisely at the Holy Sepulchre that a prayer meeting will take place with all the representatives of the Christian Churches of Jerusalem, in the presence of Francis and Bartholomew I, the current Patriarch of Constantinople.

All members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are therefore invited to join forces spiritually during the preparation of this event which will be "a pilgrimage of prayer" as Francis stated during the Angelus on 5 January in Saint Peter's Square. Our next Newsletter in the Summer, will report on the participation of the Order in this pontifical visit to the holy places in which our faith is rooted.



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