

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM



Southeastern Lieutenancy - Archdiocese of Miami Section

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100th Anniversary of Pius X



Dame Mary Osterberger, Dame Diane Sepielli, Sir Russell Sepielli, Dame Linda Sioli, Sir Frank Sioli, Dame Agnes LeBright, Sir Ronald LeBright, Dame Delores Wolff, Sir Bernard Wolff, Sir Joseph Scerbo; Dame Barbara Scerbo, Sir Dr. Imad Tabry, Dame JoAnn Tabry, and, Sir Jay Dietl, Delegate

I-The Knights and Dames celebrated the 100th anniversary of Pius X by attending Vigil Mass at St. Pius X Catholic Church on August 16, 2014. Section President Wolff delivered an after Mass introduction into the history and mission of the Order for the parish and guests during the social portion of the weekend festivities at a fully-packed hall.

II-The Section was invited to the Episcopal ordination of Peter Baldacchino at St. Mary Cathedral. Bishop Baldacchino becomes the newest auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Miami. The Order processed into the cathedral at a well-attended program for the new bishop at the March 19, 2014 event.

III-The Section also had a successful representation at the Annual Investiture Ceremony held in Palm Beach Gardens at the end of May, 2014. Twelve new members were invested into the Order, including Fr. Richard Vigoa, KHS, the secretary for Archbishop Wenski, KC*HS. In addition, Sir Edward and Dame Rima Mullins were promoted to Grand Officers (KC*HS, LC*HS). Look for possible terminology changes with the new constitution. Nearly fifty members attended.

IV-On June 15, 2014 the Knights and Dames convened at St. Andrew Catholic Church in support of the pastor Reverend Michael Souckar, KHS who mentioned the mission of the Order and our service to the Holy Land during his homily.

V-The Section President met with Archbishop Wenski to recount the section's business interests during the month of August.

VI-The year's Mary Queen of Palestine was delayed until December 5, 2014 due to scheduling conflicts. Almost 60 Knights, Dames, and guests filled the Fountain Room at the Coral Gables Country Club after the celebration of the Most Holy Mass at St. Brendan Catholic Church. Archbishop Thomas G, Wenski, KC*HS concelebrated the Mass with several clergy knights and guest priests. Section President Wolff, and Archbishop Wenski presented certificates, decorations, and Pilgrim Shells to several of the knights and dames of the Order.

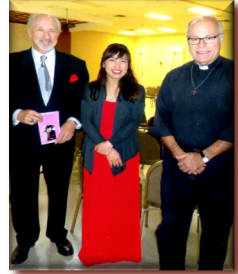


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VII-The new section banner made its first appearance during the procession at the Annual Mass and was also displayed during dinner. It will become a rallying point.



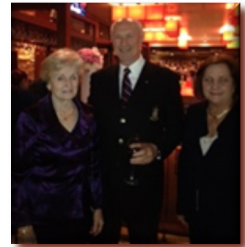
VIII-Bernard W. Wolff, KC*HS represented the Order at a benefit concert that occurred at Holy Rosary/St. Richard on December 18, 2014. Internationally known pianist, Rachel Naomi Kudo played selections from Fredrick Chopin which was well-received at the intimate gathering.



IX-Barry University celebrated their annual Veterans Mass during Founder's Week on November 10, 2014. Bernard W.Wolff (CW4, US Army, ret.), KC*HS performed as Eucharistic Minister and later met with former Barry president Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, LCHS who is a dame of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

X-The Semi-annual business meeting of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre was held in New Orleans, LA on December 15, 2014. Work is progressing on the introduction of a new computer system and database for the Headquarter's office in Metairie. We are still awaiting the finalized version of the new constitution. Hopefully, later in 2015, we will be receiving local copies. It does appear that a new regulation will require that advancement to Knight and Lady Grand Cross will involve a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You may also anticipate increased annual oblations and an increase in fees for promotion, all sanctioned by the Magisterium.

XI-A grand welcome to new transferees: Richard/Joanne Pisano KGCHS, LGCHS; Stephen W. Colella/Kari Colella, KCHS, LCHS.



XII-The Knights and Dames met for reflection of our Holy Land mission on Shrove Tuesday 2014 in preparation for the Lenten season. Our members met at the Villagio in Merrick Place within the City Beautiful Coral Gables,

President's Desk

News reports provide a troubling synopsis of rampage against Christians by anti-Christian zealots in the Holy Land, Africa, Pakistan, and elsewhere. Not since the time of Diocletian have Christians been under such vicious attacks as these. Indeed, the reporting suggests that Christian persecution is at its highest level in history. And, we only hear about what is able to be brought out of these troubled areas. The underlying fact is that the Christian population in some of these locations has been reduced to roughly two-percent, if not less.

The rise of the knightly orders was partially in response to the encroachment into the Byzantine Empire and the Holy Land by outsiders. Apologists, mostly in academia, attempt to rationalize the problem, but these learned have demonstrated a lack of historical knowledge with their pronouncements. Had it not been for Charles Martel in 732 A. D. and his defeat of Abdul Rahman in France, there may have not been a Christian presence in Europe, let alone the Holy Land. Again, lifting the siege of Vienna (1529) finally assured a European existence as we know it today.

However, a new wave of encroachment, coupled with low birthrates for Europeans, has presented new challenges to the Continent. It is surmised by some that as the demographic changes due to European women giving birth to 1.3 (depending upon the country) children per family unit, they will have lost their countries via democratic vote, if not sooner.

We must educate ourselves about the issues and the threat to our respective cultures. By understanding the reasons and actions of others, we will be better able to define the situation which will more likely allow us to take appropriate counter measures. May Our Lord and Savior protect us and guide us on the proper path.



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