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Synopsis on the challenges and delegations

May 22, 2017 at the Pierre Marquette Hotel in New Orleans, LA. Lieutenant Garrity gave a synopsis on the challenges that we experienced after the cancellation of the 2016 meeting in Miami. Section President Bernard W. Wolff, KGCHS related these issues in the Winter Section newsletter. Our usual administrative interests presented no particular surprises. The Lieutenant did mention that a reading of the Order's Constitution allowed for Sections to create Delegations where necessary. As you are aware, several years ago, I formed three Delegations in the Archdiocese of Miami to help with the burden of managing the Section. I recently added an additional Delegation to assist with growing membership. Additionally, all Section Representatives will be known by the style: Section President, whether they have a staff, or not. There have been some personnel changes in the Magisterium and Bishops have been added, or moved within the Lieutenancy. The Treasurer also reported that in 2016 we sent contribution to the Vatican in the amount of \$785,754.

- ◆ The Investiture Ceremony in Mobile

The Grand Master Cardinal O'Brien will be in attendance at the Investiture Ceremony in Mobile, AL. In addition, Vice-Governor General Patrick Powers will be present and Brother Peter Bray will be the featured Lieutenant Raymond Garrity, KGCHS convened the Southern Lieutenancy semi-annual business meeting on speaker.

- ◆ The 2018 Annual Investiture Ceremony

You should also be aware that we have begun planning for the 2018 Annual Investiture Ceremony that will be held in Miami. We, again, will enjoy the facilities of the Downtown Hilton with Masses currently being planned at the Cathedral of Saint Mary.





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The knowledge, rationale, and faith of our convictions

In a previous newsletter, I wrote that if, indeed, the pen is mightier than the sword, as knights and dames, perhaps, we should don the weapons that will bring us to everlasting victory in this troubled world. Christians appear to be under attack from within and without. Some secularists would have us confined to our closets while ISIS, and their ilk, would follow us in to kill us. It seems as though the rule of Diocletian is being resurrected, giving no quarter for our persecution.

We should gird ourselves with the knowledge, rationale, and faith of our convictions to stand toe-to-toe with those who would relegate us to the dust bin of history. I have always been an advocate for apologetics. But to wield this formidable weapon, we must be conversant in the Faith. We must be clear about our Catholic Identity and understand what it means to be a Catholic. We vow to follow the Magisterium in matters of Faith and to accept its teaching as the authority in doctrinal issues. We embrace both Faith and reason in our quest to know the Truth. In so doing, we must respond to our critics by writing and civil discourse, making our case with sober, rational thought, defending our principles and enlightening our detractors with our philosophy and theology.

In our constitutional republic, we are responsible for much of what occurs to us through the force of our democratic vote. Maybe we can create our own success at a modern Milvian Bridge by defeating the enemy of life and supporters of the culture of death by believing enough in our principles to resurrect a new Edict of Milan and remove the yoke of intolerance, the plethora of bias and prejudice, by resisting those who would do us harm via the ballot box.



Bishop Rodi, KC*HS knights Charles Eric Foucque de Villeneuve by authority of the Grand Magisterium at the 2017 Investiture Ceremony in Mobile, AL

Investees await induction at the 2017 Mobile ceremony. Charles Eric Foucque de Villeneuve can be seen at center.





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The Impact of hurricanes

Unbelievably, the Miami attendees investees, and promotees, after leaving the ravages of Hurricane Irma, were faced to contend with Hurricane Nate in Mobile, Alabama during the 2017 Investiture Ceremony. This chance event saw the Order experience two hurricanes in subsequent years that impacted the weekend! Hurricane Nate visited Mobile as a Category 1 storm and did not appear to impose too much damage. However, it caused the Lieutenancy leadership to alter some plans by holding the religious ceremonies at the Riverside Hotel instead of the Cathedral a few blocks away in an abundance of caution. Mostly, it was to protect everyone from some drizzle as the storm arrived Saturday evening and was well to the North by Mass on Sunday.

Congratulations

There were over 300 members who attended the event and regardless of the Hurricane, all planning went very well. Congratulations should be directed toward the Lieutenancy staff and Mobile Section President, Sir Robert Clements, for planning and executing a lovely weekend.

The Magisterium authorized the advancement of the Miami newsletter editor, Sir Thierry Pauquet de Villejust to the rank of Knight Commander and the investment of Sir Charles Eric Foucque de Villeneuve as a Knight of the Order.

Mobile presented the opportunity for a few 2016 investees to be recognized since the cancellation caused by Hurricane Matthew last year. Sir James Hogan and Dr. Julio Torres were promoted to Knights Commander and Lady Giselle Torres gained the rank of Lady Commander.

Additionally, 2016 investees, Sir Celso G. Goseco, Ph.D. and Lady Mary Ann Goseco, Ph.D. were decorated in Mobile. Previously, Bishop Peter Baldacchino and Mother Adela Galindo had received their decorations from Section President Bernard W. Wolff, KGCHS in Miami. Members Reverend David A. Zirilli, KHS, Sir John T. Ermer, Sr., KHS, Sir Dr. Miguel Anibal Trujillo, and his spouse, Lady Mayra Trujillo, LHS have yet to receive their decorations. Sir Celso and Lady Mary Ann also received their Pilgrim Shells on Sunday. Reverend Michael Davis, KHS pastor of the Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, FL received his Pilgrim Shell earlier.

On Sunday, a change of command for the Lieutenant was observed. H. E. Raymond Garrity, Ed. D., KGCHS was relieved and Mark O. Rodi, KGCHS stepped in as the new Lieutenant. The outgoing Lieutenant received the appellation of Lieutenant of Honor and was decorated with the Gold Palm of Jerusalem for his outstanding commitment, service, and attention to the success of the Lieutenancy.



Section President Bernard W. Wolff, KGCHS presents Bishop Peter Baldacchino, KC*HS with his certificate upon entry into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.



Investee Charles Eric Foucque de Villeneuve shares a moment with Lady Maria (Muneca) Fuentes, LHS and Sir Thierry Pauquet de Villejust, KCHS before his induction ceremony.



Sir Charles and Sir Thierry on Sunday afternoon.



Lady Mary Ann Goseco, Ph.D. at the Vigil Service Friday evening



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2017 Significant Events

◆ Archbishop Wenski Meeting

Section President Bernard W. Wolff, KGCHS met with Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, KC*HS the Ordinary's office on November 27, 2017. President Wolff related the proceedings from the Semi-Annual Council business meeting and investiture ceremony held in Mobile, AL. The Council provided updated requirements for promotions, including increases in stipends and placing a mandatory pilgrimage to the Holy Land for promotion to the rank of KC*HS and above.

Section President Wolff is a member of the council committee on promoting the identity of the Order within the organization and outside to the general public. The committee members advanced several ideas for the Council's consideration. Locally, President Wolff encourages all knights to wear a dark sport coat with the Order's blazer patch as an informal uniform.

The Council proposed that the Spring iteration of the semi-annual business meeting be changed to the second weekend after Easter in an effort to avert potential interference due to storms. The idea is being studied and will occur on a trial basis.

● Bethlehem University Gala

Section President Wolff and Dame Delores represented the Section at the Bethlehem Foundation Gala celebrated at the Airport Hilton on August 5, 2017. Attendees included interested parties from across the United States and a talk was delivered by Dr. Husam S.Zomlot, Chief PLO Representative to the United States with additional commentary by the Deputy Mayor of Bethlehem Hanna Hanania. The event was organized by Maher El-Hihi of California. Section President Wolff engaged both gentlemen in conversation about the status of Christians in Palestine after their presentations.

● Pastor Installation

Maria (Muñeca) Fuentes, LHS, Dame Delores Wolff, and Section President Bernard Wolff witnessed the installation of Reverend Luis Largaespada, KHS as the new pastor of St. Hugh Catholic Church in Coconut Grove, FL. It was a beautiful and spiritual event for all. A celebration was held afterwards in the hall.

● Christmas Concert

Members of the Order attended the Christmas Concert feted at Epiphany Catholic Church in South Miami, FL. A prominent member of the choir at Epiphany, Dame Johanna Law, LGCHS is a promoter of the concert series and can be relied upon for communications concerning these musical events.



Section President Bernard Wolff, KGCHS, Dame Delores Wolff, LGCHS, and Muñeca Fuentes, LHS pose with new investee Sir Charles Eric de Villeneuve after the installation ceremony in Mobile, AL



Dame Delores smiles as she is flanked by her husband, Bernard Wolff, KGCHS and new investee Charles Eric de Villeneuve at the Friday evening reception.



Sir Robert Clements, Mobile Section President discusses the evening with Sir Bernard Wolff, KGCHS Miami Section President



Dame Delores Wolff, LGCHS greets guests at the Friday evening cocktail reception during the Annual Investiture ceremony in Mobile, AL.



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President Wolff's actions for 2018

Section President Wolff has been very active since the Investiture Ceremony in Mobile, Al by visiting a dozen parishes in the Archdiocese, presenting certificates, and meeting with prospective nominees for 2018. He is occupied with planning for the 2018 ceremony and negotiating contracts for lodging, music, and transportation. Dame Delores and Section President Wolff will be hosting the 2018 Shrove Tuesday event at the River House in Fort Lauderdale this year. The pre-Lenten celebrations will be the fifth iteration of this event in the Section. President Wolff is considering alternating the Shrove Tuesday observation between Miami-Dade County and Broward County to afford more members the opportunity of attending nearer to their home base.

Important dates to remember

Many early students of history often lament memorizing dates, policies, treaties, and such, It is met with ennui and the information is soon forgotten. However, for Christians and Catholics in particular, there are a few dates in history that should come readily to mind. The authoress Diane Moczar reminds us of these facts in her book *Ten Dates Every Catholic Should Know*. Although many other dates could be included, I have taken the liberty to add two of my own: The Battle of Tours/Poitiers in 732 A. D. and the Siege of Vienna in 1683.

Ensuing newsletter articles will address these dates with a synopsis of the situation or an historical vignette of the events.

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