



Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Southeastern Lieutenancy—Archdiocese of Miami Section

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Annual Investiture Ceremony

Atlanta, Georgia hosted the 2012 investiture ceremony the weekend of April 14-17, 2012. Members booked their rooms at the lovely Intercontinental Hotel in Buckhead from where they were transported to Holy Spirit Catholic Church both Saturday and Sunday. Sir George Levert, KGCHS and Lady Dale, LGCHS hosted the event providing a warm and beautiful reception for all. Sir George and Lady Dale were especially gracious to the Council during the festivities. The Order advanced 80 promotees at the Saturday Mass while 56 investees joined the ranks during an uplifting and spiritual service on Sunday afternoon.



50th and 25th Anniversary Celebration

Archbishop John C. Favalora KC*HS (Emeritus) observed two anniversaries at a celebratory Mass held at St. Mary Cathedral in Miami, Florida. His Excellency noted his 50th anniversary as a priest and his 25th anniversary as a bishop. The Order processed into the church and took their seats in the customary location. The president was accompanied by Area Representatives and other members of the Order. The Archbishop balances his time between Miami and New Orleans where he is reputed to harbor a guarded recipe for that southern favorite: okra!



President's Corner

Earlier in the year we heard caveats from the pulpit concerning the administration's foray into the question of separation of church and state. Archbishop Wenski warned in a recent column that . . . "today, America's 'first freedom', the freedom of religion, is under great stress if not under outright assault— and not just for Catholics." Timothy Cardinal Dolan emphasized that "It's not about contraception, not about a Catholic issue. It's not about partisan politics," . . . "This is a radical violation of the First Amendment." And, Father Davis of Church of the Little Flower during a homily last month said: "The time for passive Catholicism is over."

We may be at a crossroads in the United States where we cannot be content to only attend Mass on Sundays and move on with our lives as if it made no difference. Secular Catholics, and others, are fond of stating that they do not want to have the Church involved in political issues, but what happens when politics pushes itself into the Church? What is our response to be? We must pray for careful and thoughtful reflection.

New Members

The Order welcomed three new members into the Section at the Annual Investiture Ceremony conducted in Atlanta for 2012. The Grand Prior Archbishop Aymond knighted Sir Thierry Pauquet de Villejust (right) along with Sir Joseph Scerbo. He also recognized Sir Joseph's wife as Lady Barbara (Left). Sir Thierry commutes between his businesses on Miami Beach and Orlando, Florida. St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church is his local parish. Sir Joseph and Lady Barbara attend St. Pius X



Catholic Church where he assists with the finance committee while Lady Barbara is an Eucharistic Minister. All were highly recommended.

Promotions

Sir U. Joseph Terranova donned the baldric of the Equestrian Order during his promotion to Knight Grand Cross. Sir Joseph is a faithful member of the Order who is always willing to lend his experience to bolster the Section. Sir Dr. Imad Tabry and Lady Jo-Ann received respective promotions to Knight and Lady Commander. Sir Doctor Imad will be especially remembered for rendering his assistance as a knight guard for funeral services.



Rally

Church authorities encouraged parishioners to attend a rally on the courthouse steps in downtown Miami, Florida in March, 2012. The impetus for the gathering is defined further in the associated article found in this issue's President's Corner. Several hundred people attended, including members of the Order. We were addressed by members of the clergy and local supporters of religious freedom who advocated the continued adherence to the First Amendment concerning the separation of church and state. The weather cooperated as the assemblage voiced their respectful opinion that the government has no place dictating religious practices to any church. The enthusiastic group shared their concerns with commentary and ended with a recitation of the Our Father. All gathered promised to work tirelessly for the continued efforts of Cardinal Dolan as he pursues a judicial settlement to the dilemma.



Section President Bernard W. Wolff,
KC*HS supported effort.

Archbishop's Dinner

The Section feted Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski, KC*HS at the Miami Shores Country Club following the annual Our Lady of Palestine Mass at the Church of St. Martha on October 6, 2011. Several dozen knights and ladies attended this year's celebration. The Section President presented membership documents to new members.

Peter's Pence

In response to a letter of request from the Lieutenant of the Southeastern Lieutenantcy, the Section President appointed Sir Donn Tilson KC*HS as the Section coordinator for the collection efforts this year. Available knights and ladies processed in with the priest on Palm Sunday and read a letter from the Lieutenant at the end of Mass informing the parish that on Good Friday a collection would be taken up around the world and sent to the Holy Land as a charitable contribution. Our efforts help sustain Christianity in the Holy Land.



Basilica of Saint Mary Star of the Sea

On February 11, 2012 the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Mary Star of the Sea Church was named as a minor basilica by the Vatican. Basilica is a title of honor bestowed on a church of historical and spiritual importance by the Holy Father. Churches honored with the term basilica are of two classes: major and minor. To be named a minor basilica, a church has to demonstrate that it warrants the rank in terms of its historical significance, its architectural uniqueness, and its spiritual characteristics. Father Baker, the pastor, now will be known as the Rector of the basilica. The official designation ceremony will take place May 31, 2012 on the Feast of the Visitation.

Requiescant in Pace

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

Lady Vivien Decker, LGCHS

Sir James McCracken, KCHS

Sir Thomas Zaydon, KGCHS

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.

The 2013 Annual Investiture Ceremony will be hosted in Birmingham, Alabama on April 12—14, 2013. Details will be sent approximately six months 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 the form.

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