

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

Southeastern Lieutenancy—Archdiocese of Miami Section

December 2009

Dear Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre,

On the first Christmas, Mary, by God's privilege, became the Mother of the first priest of the New Covenant.

In this Year for Priests, may the Blessed Virgin of Bethlehem watch over our priests

and intercede on their behalf with Jesus, our Eternal High Priest. Pray for our priests.

I will remember you and your family at Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary.

+ John C. Favalora
Archbishop of Miami

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President's Corner

I suppose most of us feel a pull in several directions at this time of the year; elation and sadness. I imagine that it is part of the humanness in us. The temptation to nostalgically pen a few notes is irresistible, but I shall refrain. The year began on a high note with members of the Order travelling on pilgrimage with our sponsorship of a trip to the Holy Land in February. John and Maureen Lengyel (Venice Section) do a superb job organizing these sojourns under the spiritual guidance of Father Peter Vasko, President of the Holy Land Foundation and a long-time resident of Jerusalem.

There is much activity, albeit quietly, within the Section. Once the staffing is completed, we will research the possibilities of developing at least one other function for the knights and ladies in the Archdiocese. I wish to thank Lady Stephanie Murphy for assenting to relieve me of the burden of

producing the newsletter. She is an accomplished person with great skills in communication. Also, many thanks to Lady Silvia Chiocco for agreeing to become the Historian. I think each time I see her she has her trusty camera near at hand. Hopefully, she will produce a written history of the Section in the time ahead. Be prepared for interviews! And, thank you Lady Johanna Law for establishing the office of Hospitaller. She is gathering information for a database to create a funeral guard list, prayer list and last wishes list. Lastly, many thanks to Lady Delores who served as the event coordinator for the Archbishop Dinner. She, with her group, produced another successful evening to honor our Archbishop.

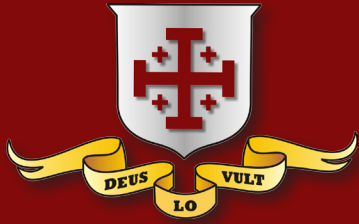
The Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, KCHS
President
Archdiocese of Miami Section

Archbishop Dinner

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem hosted the Annual Archbishop Dinner on October 22, 2009. Archbishop John C. Favalora celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Saint Joseph Catholic Church and delivered a very poignant and well-received homily. The Section President, Bernard W. Wolff, KCHS, KM rendered the reading while Lady Delores Wolff, LCHS led the gathering for the intercessions. The Area

I Representative, Ralph Chiocco, KHS and Lady Silvia Chiocco, LHS presented the gifts.

The cohort repaired to the Surf Club on Miami Beach for a reception and dinner. Sir Jorge Bosch, KGCHS and Lady Yvelise Bosch, LGCHS graciously offered their assistance in assisting Lady Delores with the planning and execution of the evening's festivities.

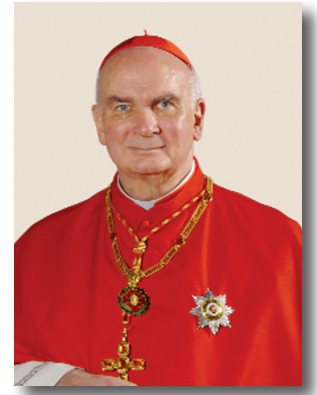


A Message from Cardinal Foley

Our most recent Consulta, held December 1 - 5, 2008, was a grace-filled occasion for the Order, with a number of valuable interventions by members of the church's hierarchy and countless significant contributions by the staff, as well as lieutenants who came from around the world. You have already received copies of the interventions.

...Our Lord teaches his disciples so well they must continually be transformed so they can be worthy to be called his disciples. This admonition is especially important for those of us who strive to make His presence felt in the lives of those around us through our good example. And it is

essential for us as we dedicate ourselves every day to support the community of Christ's followers in the Holy Land. I pray the Power-Point presentation, along with the interventions you received earlier, will help in this noble venture.



Sincerely in Christ,
John Cardinal Foley
Grand Master

Grand Master Call to Prayer

The Grand Master, His Eminence Cardinal Foley, is endorsing a call to prayer originated by Reverend Manuel Musallam who was the parish priest in Gaza for many years. He is asking everyone to pray for the people in Gaza on December 20, in anticipation of the first anniversary of the tragic attack on Gaza on December 26, 2008.

An invitation to share in a prayer for Gaza Strip to commemorate the last war on it

Let us pray for all who suffer in Gaza Strip;
for those who are deprived and oppressed;
for those who are sick and handicapped;
for those who are in darkness, in doubt, and in despair,
in loneliness and fear;
for prisoners;
for the victims of false accusations and violence;
for all at the point of death and those who watch beside them;
that God in His mercy will sustain them
with the knowledge of His love.
Lord hear us.

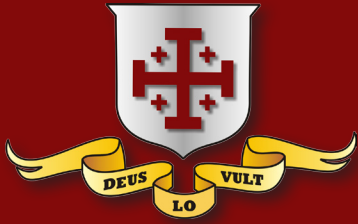
All: Lord, graciously hear us.

Father Manuel
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Investiture Ceremony

The Order will conduct the Investiture Ceremony in Jacksonville, Florida, April 16-18, 2010. The Section will have several new nominees inducted into the membership roles. Packets will be sent sometime in late February outlining the de-

tails of the weekend. As usual, we will be presented with a wonderfully uplifting and spiritual event organized by the Saint Augustine Section. Refer to the News/Events navigation tab on the Lieutenancy Website: <http://www.sleohs.com>.



About the Producer

Stephanie Murphy, LC*HS, was invested into the North Central Lieutenancy in 1994. Lady Stephanie transferred to the Southern Lieutenancy several years ago. She is the Director of Telecommunications at Nova Southeastern University. Stephanie spent 12 years at the Academy of the Sacred heart in St. Louis, MO and received her BA degree from St. Louis University. She spent many years in marketing and editing, before making the change to the telecom industry. Stephanie believes that her family is the only one in the entire Order with 3 active generations. Her mother, Lady Jeanne, is a member of the Central Lieutenancy (as was her father, the late Sir Edwynne Murphy). Jeanne's grandson and Stephanie's nephew, Stephen Murphy, is a member in Chicago.



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The Order's aims are:

To strengthen in its members the practice of Christian life, in absolute fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and according to the teachings of the Church, observing as its foundation the principles of charity which make the Order a fundamental means of assistance to the Holy Land; To sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains traditional ties; To support the preservation and propagation of the Faith in those lands, and promote interest in this work not only among Catholics scattered throughout the world, who are united in charity by the symbol of the Order, but also among all other Christians; To uphold the rights of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities and initiatives to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The contributions made by its members are therefore the Patriarchal institutions' main source of funding.

Knight's Prayer

O Lord, in memory of the five wounds that we carry on our insignia we pray to You.
Give us the strength to love all beings of the world our Father has created; and,
more so, our enemies. Free our souls and hearts from sin, from partiality,
from egoism and from cowardice, so we can be worthy of Your sacrifice of love.
Let Your Holy Spirit fall upon us all, the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre,
so it may render us as convinced and sincere ambassadors of Peace and Love among
our brothers and sisters and, especially, among all those who do not believe in You.
Give us Faith to face all the problems of everyday life and to deserve the day
to approach Your presence humbly, but without fear. AMEN.