Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem



Archdiocese of Miami Section

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Archbishop's Annual Dinner a Resounding Success



Sir Julio Torres and Lady Giselle attend Archbishop Favalora at the Surf Club during the annual Archbishop Dinner in the Archdiocese of Miami.

The Archdiocese of Miami Section feted Archbishop John C. Favalora, KC*HS at the Surf Club on Miami Beach after the annual Mass at Saint Patrick Catholic Church also on Miami Beach.

The Section President extended heartfelt appreciation to Monsignor Vaughn for arranging the use of St. Patrick and also to Mr. Mark Spencer, director of Liturgical music for the gracious donation of his time and talent . He is truly a master in the art of organ music and gentility.

Archbishop Favalora addressed the members and recognized those knights and ladies who received papal recognition for their service to the Church and to the Archdiocese of Miami (see Vatican awards).

During the cocktail hour, Section President, the Honorable Bernard W. Wolff, KCHS, KM conducted an informal business meeting. Sir Bernard introduced Lady Johanna Law, LGCHS as the Section Hospitaller and thanked Lady Yvelise Bosch, LGCHS and Lady Delores Wolff, LCHS for their assistance in planning the wonderful meal.

Sir Bernard informed the group that he had created three Delegations from the Section to better able to administrate to the members who are spread over a three-county area in the Archdiocese (see Delegations, page 2).

Much news in the Archdiocese of Miami Section can be accessed from the Lieutenancy Website. Submissions for publication can be sent to the Webmaster with the *caveat* that all items must be approved by the Lieutenant before they can appear on the Lieutenancy Site.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Special points of interest:

- ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER
- MASS AT ST. PATRICK
- SURF CLUB RECEPTION
- BUSINESS MEETING
- RECOGNITION
- VATICAN AWARDS

Vatican Awards

The Vatican recognized Jorge J. Bosch, KGCHS immediate Past President of the Archdiocese of Miami Section with a Papal Award for his dedication and good works for the Order.

The Archdiocese conducted a special recognition ceremony at St. Mary Cathedral, October 7, 2008 where Sir Jorge, Lady Vivien Decker and Sir Doctor Julio Torres, also members of the Order, filed to the altar to receive the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice decoration.

Earlier that evening, Sir Doctor Rodolfo Cepero had been admitted to the Pontifical Order of Saint Gregory the Great while Lady Joann Tabry was recognized as a dame of the Pontifical Order of St. Sylvester, Pope and Martyr. Both were acknowledged to have made outstanding contributions to the Archdiocese of Miami by working closely with the Archbishop and his representatives. They have exhibited a willingness to accept the unique responsibilities which come with the proper rank within these Pontifical Orders.

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Lady Johanna Law becomes Section Hospitaller



Ora pro nobis.

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The Section Representative appointed Johanna Law, LGCHS to the position of Hospitaller within the Archdiocese of Miami Section.

Lady Johanna will have several responsibilities aimed at fostering a ministry for the Section. She will maintain a Prayer List and apprise the Webmaster for inclusion on the Site for those who wish to be named.

Additionally, she will build a funeral guard roster for deceased members. This will entail soliciting available knights and ladies for special duty or entertaining volunteers from the membership to attend the funeral Mass at the request of families of the deceased. Most generally, two guards (in capes and berets) are dispatched to attend the casket once it enters the church. After the Mass, they accompany the casket once more to the door. Please call or e-mail Lady Johanna if you are able and available.

Another duty will be to inform the Section when a member is

hospitalized. This is a perfect opportunity to visit the sick and for those properly prepared, to administer Holy Communion.

Again, please contact Lady Johanna if you have an interest to assist us in this effort.

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Visitations announced

Many Catholics are unaware of the existence of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. It is an interesting fact that even though we trace our beginnings to 1099 and the First Crusade, we have managed to fly under the radar as it relates to current public knowledge.

The Section President has instituted a Visitation Program whereby he and Lady Delores attend Mass at different parishes within the Section. Depending upon the availability of the Celebrant, we introduce ourselves and mention that we are members of the Order and are paying them a visit that Sunday.

This is meant to be a familiarization and not a recruitment drive, which we do not do. At times, it generates interest among the priests and, to date, several have indicated an interest to participate in the Order's activities.

Sometimes, the President is recognized at Mass and once in a while is invited to speak for a few minutes after Mass about the history of the Order and our mission.

Currently the Section President has attended Mass in 16 parishes in Delegation III, Torquato Tasso.



Delegations identified by the Order's cross.

Section President creates three Delegations within the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Miami stretches from the Brevard County line to Key West, Florida. Within this geographic territory are located over 1.2 million Roman Catholics attending Mass in excess of 100 parishes.

The organization that will be formed by naming specific Delegates for these areas will better be able to manage the affairs of the Order within the Section as it grows. Each Delegate will minister to approximately 40 parishes within their assigned territory.

The Section President expanded on the concept of the Delegations during the annual business meeting and mentioned they are named after current and historical references to the Order. Delegation I is named for Baldwin - five were Grand Masters of the Order and Kings of Jerusalem; Delegation II, called Santo Onofrio which is our spiritual headquarters in Rome; and, Delegation III named after Torquato Tasso the most famous Italian poet after Dante Alighieri. Tasso wrote Jerusalem Delivered which depicts the

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Delegations (cont'd)

events of the first crusade under our founder Godfrey de Bouillon.

We are the first Section in the Lieutenancy to be authorized to create delegations.

Sir Bernard expects to fill the three Delegation posts in the next several months with a delegate for each who will assist him in the administration of the Section.

It is expected that the delegations will host events with the authorization of the Section Representative. And, of course, the primary gathering will occur at the celebration of the annual Mass for the Archbishop followed by an evening social and short business meeting.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRAY FOR PEACE!



Santo Onofrio Cloister

2009 Annual Investiture Ceremony

The beautiful ante-bellum city of Charleston, South Carolina will be the site of the 2009 Investiture Ceremony. The Diocese of Charleston will host the induction ceremony at the cathedral of St. John the Baptist May 15, 16 and 17, 2009.

Section President of the Charleston diocese, James Edmunds Wilson, KHS and his staff are planning a spiritual event that will touch the candidates and members alike.

The requisite paperwork and attending details will arrive in the mail early next year for submission to the Lieutenancy headquarters to secure attendance.

As usual, room reservations are made directly with the hotel.

Our own Lady Loraine Kayal lived in Charleston and will be

able to point out many interesting and historical sites for the asking.

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...induction ceremony at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist...

Pilgrimages

Several of our members have made pilgrimages to the Holy Land and other spiritual sites this year.

Reverend Juan Sosa, KHS of St. Catherine of Sienna recently returned from his travels in Jerusalem where he met the Latin Patriarch.

He was preceded in November

by recently inducted James Kelly, KHS who travelled to Jerusalem, and other areas, to pay his respects to the Land of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Reverend Fernando Hería, KHS also made the sojourn to the Holy Land this year from his responsibilities at St. Brendan. Sir John and Lady Maureen Lengyel, who are co-masters of Lieutenancy Pilgrimages arranged two this year; one in February and the other in November.

Next February's Pilgrimage has been arranged and Sir Bernard and lady Delores Wolff will be accompanying the Lieutenancy-(see Pilgrimage, page 4)



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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.

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http://www.sleohs.com

2010 Annual Investiture dates set

The Southeastern Lieutenant, Anthony J. Capritto III, KGCHS announced the meeting dates for the 2010 Investiture Ceremony.

The diocese of St. Augustine, Florida will host the event in Jacksonville, Florida April 16, 17 and 18, 2010.

Further details will be sent approximately six to eight weeks prior to the weekend.

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Pilgrimage (cont'd)

sponsored pilgrimage to the Holy Land with others from parishes around the Lieutenancy.

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PRIMUM REGNUM DEI Award

Archbishop Favalora nominated Dr. Edwin Vasquez, KC*HS for the Primum Regnum Dei award which is the highest recognition that the Archdiocese presents to its valued supporters.

Sir Edwin, along with others, received the award from the Archbishop and the acclamation of the Archdiocese at St. Mary Cathedral, September 28, 2008 with a standing room only presence of parishioners and wellwishers from around the Archdiocese.

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