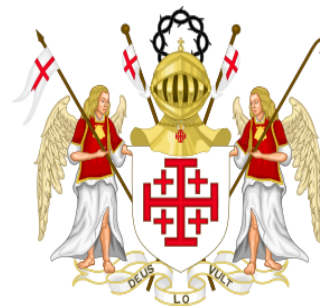


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The Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

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Dear Fellow Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre

On the midst of pending doom we have witnessed the heroism of a few in defense of our faith. In 1095 Pope Urban II called for a crusade to liberate Jerusalem from Muslim forces and to aid the Byzantine Empire which was under Muslim attack. Godfrey took out loans on most of his lands, or sold them, to the Bishop of Liege and the Bishop of Verdun and with his money he gathered thousands of knights to fight in the Holy Land as the Army of Godfrey of Bouillon. After the Battle of Dorylaeum {1097} and during the trek through Asia Minor, some sources suggest that Godfrey was attacked by a bear and received a serious wound which incapacitated him for a time.

But It was in Jerusalem that the legend of Godfrey of Bouillon was born. The army reached the city in June 1099 and built a wooden siege tower (from lumber provided by some Italian sailors who intentionally scrapped their ships) to get over the walls. The major attack took place on July 14 and 15, 1099. Godfrey and some of his knights were the first to take the walls and enter the city. It was an end to three years of fighting by the Crusaders, but they had finally achieved what they had set out to do in 1096—to recapture the Holy Land and, in particular, the city of Jerusalem and its holy sites, such as the Holy Sepulchre the empty tomb of Jesus Christ.



He endowed the hospital in the Muristan[1] [10] after the First Crusade. Once the city was returned to Christian rule, some form of government had to be set up. On July 22, a council was held in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Raymond of Toulouse refused to become king. Godfrey agreed to become ruler. As was typical of Godfrey's Christian ethics, he refused to be crowned king "upon the plea that he would never wear a crown of gold where his Saviour had worn a crown of thorns." [2]





“Their {relics} long history finds its roots in the Holy Land of Jerusalem. Saint John reports that the Roman Soldiers, on the night of Thursday to Good Friday mocked Christ and his kingship by robing him in a purple cloak and styling it with a Crown topped with thorns before crucifying him. {Gospel according to St. John, chapter 19}. The veneration of the instruments of the passion of Christ is mentioned in the 4th century in the tales of the pilgrims who visited Jerusalem, especially the true cross discovered by St. Helena, mother of Constantine, shortly after the Council meeting in Nicaea in 325. Between the 7th and 10th centuries, these relics will be progressively transferred to Constantinople in the chapel of the Byzantine emperors to protect them from looting similar to those suffered by the Holy Sepulchre during the Persian invasions.

In 1238. Baudouin II of Courtenay, the Latin Emperor of Byzantium in great financial difficulty proposed to the King of France Louis IX and future Saint Louis, to hire him the Crown of thorns; an offering that he accepted. But the regents of the Empire have already pledged the relics to Venetian bankers whom St. Louis will compensate. On August 19th, 1239 the procession arrives in Paris, the king leaves his Royal finery, endorses a simple tunic and, barefoot, aided by his brother, carries the Holy Crown to Notre-Dame de Paris. He then built a reliquary to the extent of these relics: the Holy Chapel.

During the French Revolution, the relics will be deposited at the Abbey of Saint-Denis and, without their reliquaries, at the national library. Following the Concordat of 1801, the Holy Crown was handed over in 1804, along with some other relics, to the Archbishop of Paris who assigned them to the treasure of the Cathedral on August 10th, 1806. They have been kept there since then entrusted to the canons of the chapter and with their worship placed under the statutory guard of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.” [3]



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On April 15th, 2019 and 780 years since the arrival of the Holy Crown to Paris and Notre Dame; the Cathedral caught fire and burned for many hours. Father Jean-Mark Fournier the Chaplain of the Paris Fire Brigade who formerly served as a Military Chaplain in Afghanistan {2016} before joining the fire brigade led a human chain of rescue workers and retrieved irreplaceable Christian relics the most precious being the Crown of Thorns believed to have been worn by Jesus Christ.

Philippe Goujon the Mayor of Paris's 15th District told reporters that Fournier insisted on being allowed into Notre Dame with the other firefighters. "Father Fournier is an absolute hero", a member of the emergency services told Sky News. "He showed no fear at all as he made straight for the relics inside the cathedral, and made sure they were saved. He deals with life and death every day, and shows no fear. He was praised for his work alongside the firefighters in the immediate aftermath of the horrific Bataclan terrorist attacks in 2015, when he first helped evacuate victims and then prayed over the bodies of the dead and with victims who had lost loved ones". "I gave collective absolution, as the Catholic Church authorizes me", Fournier said in the profile.

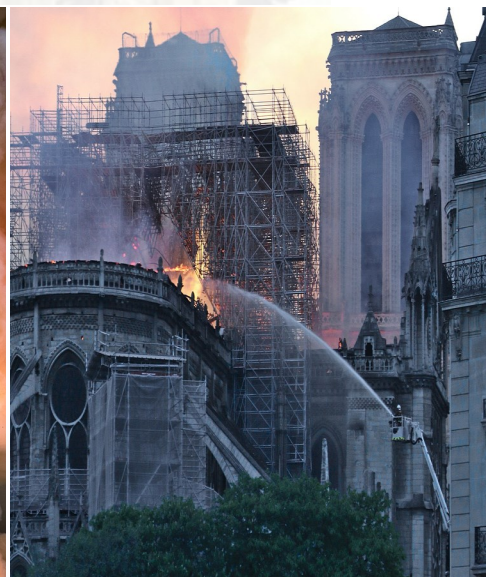
What has only been disseminated with discretion regarding Father Fournier is that he is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem whose section meets each Friday at St. Genevieve Chapel in Saint Etienne du Mont-Paris.



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On August 3rd, 2019 during a busy Saturday morning at a local shopping center in El Paso, Texas a lone gunman traveled over {600} six-hundred miles from the Heart of Texas and parked near a Walmart at the Cielo Vista Mall seeking something to eat but returned to his car to arm himself when he noticed that almost all of the persons in his line of sight apparently did not look like him {ethnically} so he shot and killed twenty-two {22} and wounded others before driving to the exit and surrendering to a police officer.

The next day on a beautiful Sunday morning a scheduled platelet donor arrived promptly at 8:00am to complete his pre-screen and had to park at the back of the building because hundreds of people had already queued in line from the entrance and around the entirety of the walkway. This lifetime donor discreetly worked his way through the line to arrive on time at the front desk as he had three hundred times prior and was promptly escorted to a waiting intake room and then to a platelet reclining table and upon completing his donation spent a precious few moments with the staff and thanked them for their service before departing as anonymously as he arrived. He as Father Fournier is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He is not performing heroics in Paris or anywhere else but a Brother Knight just the same from West Texas and the El Paso Section of the Southwestern Lieutenancy of the United States.



By ruperto miller from 'panama, panama - Sumida en el duelo, la gente de El Paso no quiere ver a Trump pasar por su pueblo, CC0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=81288165>

Father Fournier is also a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Father Fournier did not seek publicity and he certainly did not view himself as a hero. He was just doing his job and when entering the sanctuary replete with falling debris put his faith in the Lord as he only wanted to save the relics of Christ; and as the platelet donor who completed an ordinary but lifesaving act of community service are among the knights and dames we have come to know. From our section here in El Paso to each and every knight and dame from our lieutenancy of Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas and our Fellow Knights and Dames world-wide please accept our gratitude for all the work you do to support the Holy Land and the Church in Jerusalem.



2020 NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve concert held in Paris' fire-wrecked Notre Dame

Paris---Wearing hard hats and protective suits, members of the choir of Notre Dame Cathedral sang inside the medieval Paris landmark for the first time since last year's devastating fire for a special Christmas Eve concert; and accompanied by an acclaimed cellist and a rented organ, the singers performed beneath the cathedral's stained-glass windows amid the darkened church, which is transitioning from being a precarious hazardous clean-up operation to becoming a massive reconstruction site. The choir initially planned to bring in 20 singers but for safety reasons they were limited to eight. [14]

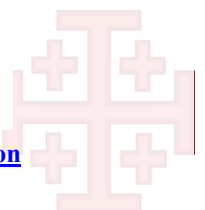
NOTRE DAME CHOIR ON CHRISTMAS EVE 2020.



2021 NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST RESTORATION PROGRESS PHOTOS

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During our annual meeting and investiture in San Antonio {2018} and while seated at dinner we decided to support the Diocese of El Paso in working with local and federal authorities to assist in any way possible with the surge of migrants seeking to start their lives over in the United States. Rueben Garcia of the Annunciation House previously stated on local television that his greatest fear was knowing that he has a limited number of beds each night for new arrivals to the United States and the next morning he must assist them in locating relatives and sponsors who are willing to pay for their transportation to their final destinations; and then Mr. Garcia appreciating that later that same day he would receive buses of newly processed immigrants as released by Federal Authorities-seeking food, shelter, clothing, toiletries, small amenities and finally transportation in a cycle repeating itself day in and day out at the Annunciation House. So members of our section provided help wherever it was needed from sorting donated clothes to driving families to the airport.

Like the Knights who protected the bridges and highways to and from the Holy Land providing safe passage for pilgrims seeking to visit Jerusalem and worship at the sacred sites therein we wanted to do our part to ease the painful transitions that many of these refugees moving in mass from the Northern Triangle [8][9] and the integrated economies of El Salvador [5], Guatemala [6] and Honduras [7] who have signed trade agreements with Columbia, Mexico and The United States. Within these countries there has been resistance, not so much to integration among the countries, but as it relates to negotiation policy outside the region, especially from groups like Guatemalan tenant farmers of the Peten region and the Honduran business class. The region has one of the highest homicide rates for a country with 39 homicides per 100,000 persons in Guatemala, 69/100,000 in El Salvador and 92/100,000 in Honduras [8].

On Sunday Evening in Albuquerque {2019} and as we listened to the testimony of Brother Peter Bray the CEO of Bethlehem University as our guest speaker who spoke of the daily hardships experienced by our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land; and in Brother Bray's Christmas email to Lieutenant Tom Standish he stated that it was even more difficult this year {2019} for Christians to enter into Bethlehem to worship at the place of Christ's birth and offer financial gifts in support of our church.



Santa Fe, New Mexico was founded in 1610 {400+ years} and is the oldest Capital of any State in the United States



We learned much in Albuquerque and Santa Fe during our brief but memorable visit to both cities. We want to thank Angelo Becclu on behalf of the Holy Father who conveyed his greetings and encourages all Knights and Dames to commit ourselves anew to our Order's noble mission of providing spiritual support and practical assistance to our Brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

We want to thank Our Grand Master-His Eminence Edwin Cardinal O' Brien, Our Governor General-His Excellency Leonardo Visconti Di Modrone, Our Grand Prior-His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, KGCHS; Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and Our Apostolic Administrator-The Most Reverend Pierbattista Pizzaballa;

We were welcomed by the The Most Reverend John C. Wester, KC*HS Archbishop of Santa Fe who like us wanted to express his sincere appreciation to the Knights and Dames of the Dioceses of Gallup, Las Cruces and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe: "who worked as a team; with special gratitude to Sir James MaGovern and Dame Pamela Kay Magovern who served as our Archdiocesan Section Representatives and Sir Paul Royer and Dame Elizabeth Royer who served as our General Chairs."





Our Lieutenant: Thomas R. Standish KGCHS

We owe a debt of gratitude for the tireless efforts of Sir Thomas Standish our Southwestern USA Lieutenant whose Sunday morning Financial Report in Albuquerque was a standing room only event.

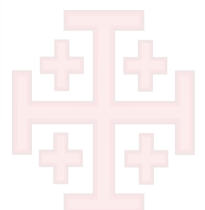
Sir Thomas described in passionate detail the extent of our giving as donating 10% of the total offering received by the Holy Church in Jerusalem worldwide!

Please join us in offering a mass in the name of our dearly departed knights and/or dames [10] [1Th. 4:14] for \$10.00 each or \$400.00 for all. A card will be mailed to the family informing them of your thoughtfulness.

.. *And* finally please remember to pray for the Christians in the Holy Land and make whatever sacrificial gift you can to the EOHSJ. The plight of Christians in Israel has become more acute because of the pandemic. Christians rely heavily upon tourism and this is the second year with few if any tours to the Holy Land.

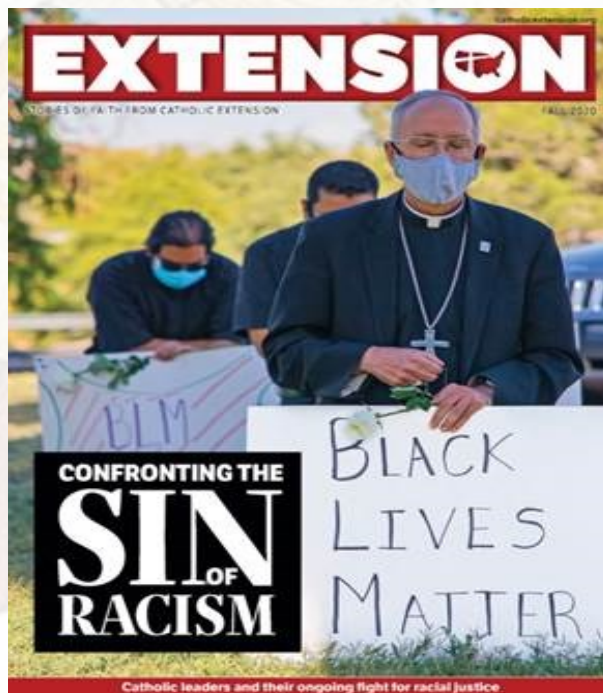


A very Special
THANK YOU
to
Thomas R. Standish
KGCHS
Lieutenant
Southwestern USA
For all you do!





Since the fall of 2019 after returning from Albuquerque and as the writing commenced on this newsletter we have remember in addition to the Mass Shooting at Cielo Vista Mall; the Deaths of over 700,000 Americans from the pandemic and 4,800,000 persons world-wide; and the closure of our churches due to COVID/19 with requests that we shelter in place especially if elderly. We learned of the loss of employment for over twenty million {20,000,000} of our fellow citizens and residents and in 2020 viewed on television the ensuing demonstrations/riots after the videotaped death of a fellow American in Minneapolis Police custody. Our Bishop Mark Seitz KC*HS hosted a prayer vigil in a local park and took a knee in sympathy with the movement of Black Lives Matter. Bishop Seitz then received a phone call from the Holy Father in appreciation for his courage. Bishop Mark Seitz was also previously featured on the Cover of Catholic Extension Magazine Fall/2020 with the caption: “Confronting The Sin of Racism.”



Bishop Seitz has also appeared with several diocesan priests for Public Service Announcements {PSA's} during this pandemic to encourage each of us to donate blood and blood products while donating their own blood, plasma and or platelets. We must also congratulate Bishop Seitz for his management of keeping our parishes closed though certainly to the consternation of some faithful. It was and is the right call to slowly re-open the diocese in compliance with the social distancing and masking requests as recommended by Immunologists, Infectious Disease, Subspecialists, The Center for Disease Control {CDC} our Mayor Oscar Leeser and El Paso County Judge Ricardo Samaniego.



Bishop Mark Seitz KC*HS meeting with Vice-President Kamala Harris in El Paso, Texas on June 25, 2021 and who asked Vice- President Harris to please engage with our faith community as partners on a path to bring relief and compassionate solutions to immigration issues in the Americas and to please "hear the voices" of those turned away at the border.





Over the last several years a number of parish churches in the Diocese of El Paso have been vandalized and the home of Bishop Seitz was burglarized as reported on the evening news. The most recent act occurred when a young man was arrested for destroying the 90 year old Sacred Heart of Jesus Statute behind the main altar of the downtown El Paso Church {St. Patrick Cathedral} [12].

Bishop Seitz was saddened by the destruction of the historic statue called the Sacred Heart of Jesus. “This statue is one of my favorite representations of Jesus – his arms open wide in welcome, his heart aflame with love for us,” Seitz said in a statement. “I would often take inspiration from this image as I prepared for Mass.” Seitz said very little is known about the person who allegedly destroyed the statue, but explained, “He certainly must be a person who is greatly disturbed to have attacked this peaceful place in our city and this image of the King of Peace.” Seitz added that: “I hope the suspect receives the help he needs. He will be in my prayers,” the bishop added. [13].

Last October {2020} we learned through our local CBS affiliate that Bishop Seitz may have tested positive for COVID/19 and shortly thereafter we read on the Front Page of the El Paso Times {October 9th} that out of an abundance of caution Bishop Seitz entered the quarantine protocol; and we are glad to know that one year later Bishop Seitz has fully recovered. Thanks be to Almighty God!

There remain many uncertainties as to how the last quarter of 2021 will unfold so we choose to live by faith one day at a time. We look forward to seeing each and every-one of you our fellow knights and dames as we share our experience, strength and hope with each other and celebrate with our investees as they are knighted in Fort Worth!
di volunt!

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**PATRIARCHATUS LATINUS-JERUSALEM**

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Dear Lieutenant Standish and members of the Southwest Lieutenantancy:

As you gather for your Annual Meeting and Investiture, I welcome you and commend you to the Holy Spirit for Inspiration and guidance, and to the intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus said to Levi son of Alphaeus "...Follow me, And he arose and followed him." {Mark 2:14} Jesus calls and at once his call is followed by the response of obedience. When we are called to follow Christ, we are summoned to an exclusive attachment to His person. It is a call to discipleship. Discipleship is not a new idea in the New Testament times. It is a well-established concept in the Greek world in the centuries before Christ. Perhaps a major factor behind the crises the Church has been facing for many years and which have weakened the Church's ability to shape lives in the likeness of her Master and Lord can be found in the neglected area of discipleship. For too long, in various Church institutions we've had crises due to a three faceted anomaly using the wrong measure of success; superficial Christianity; and the infancy of the believer.

For many, successful institutions are measured in the numbers attending, how busy they are, the money collected and given, the number of ministries and programs, available and the size of the facilities. But Jesus has told us what the true measure of success is for His church, and it is none of the above. In the Great Commission Jesus has given us one primary task-to "make disciples." The true measure of a successful church is whether disciples are being made who are going out to impact their families, friends, co-workers, and communities for Christ. Everything else is secondary to that. An incorrect focus in parochial ministry has frequently resulted in superficiality, immaturity and mediocrity marring contemporary discipleship and we are no longer producing gravitas in our walk with God. Thus, the third facet of the crisis, spiritual infancy, which is not "unless" you become like little children" as spoken by Jesus rather "spiritual babies" on spiritual milk not knowing how to feed themselves on the riches of Christ.

The challenge, therefore facing each of us is to be a disciple, one who has a personal passionate devotion to the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our spiritual formation, generally has been devotion to principles or to a cause. In times of difficulty, however, principles and causes do not save, do not have the ability to rescue the endangered.

To be a disciple is to be a devoted servant motivated by love for the Lord Jesus. Many of us who call ourselves Christians are not truly devoted to Jesus Christ. This passionate love for the Lord Jesus is not born of human nature, it's a gift of the Holy Spirit. We may admire, respect and revere Jesus but we cannot love Him on our own. It is a goodly idea to read the early chapters of the Book of Revelation wherein the Lord gives His evaluation of the seven churches. What is His evaluation of our individual, lieutenantancy and parish life?

With renewed thanks for your commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and your dedication to active and strong support of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. May the Lord impart abundant blessings as you go forward I responding to His call on your lives.

Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa

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OCTOBER TWENTY FIFTH THROUGH OCTOBER TWENTY EIGHTH
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
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La Conquistadora (*Our Lady of the Conquest* or *The Lady Conqueror*^[1]) is a small wooden statue of [The Virgin Mary](#) that currently resides in the Cathedral Basilica of [St. Francis of Assisi](#) in [Santa Fe, New Mexico](#).^[2] She was the first Madonna brought to what is now the United States. The statuette is carved out of wood, and measures approximately three feet in height.^[3] A so-called secret society, *La Cofradía de La Conquistadora*, maintains, protects, and preserves the icon and her belongings.^[4] This confraternity is also responsible for maintaining the icon's chapel located in the north transept of the Basilica. The icon is dressed by the *sacristana*, or sacristan who maintains the vast wardrobe that includes clothing, veils, crowns, jewels and wigs. Cancer survivors often donate hair for use in fashioning wigs worn by the statue. The garments that the icon is clothed in are often sewn and donated by the faithful; all are rich in detail and very fine, often with elaborate designs. The estimate of her total outfits is close to 300.^[5] Even non-Catholics find occasion to honor the statue. For example, actress Ali MacGraw commissioned a piece that was displayed at Santa Fe's Spanish Colonial Museum in an exhibit about the icon mounted during 2010.^[4] The statue's origins are not well-known, but the 15th and 17th centuries are the most likely possibilities.^[6] Her arrival into America was made possible by the Spanish, who carried several versions of The Virgin Mary with them on their travels.^[7] There is a long history of armies carrying statues of saints into battle, for various purposes.^[8] Although the exact date of the statue's arrival in the New World is unknown, the Madonna was brought to New Mexico via Mexico City by priest Fray Alonso de Benavides, arriving in Santa Fe on January 25, 1626.^[4] Benavides wrote about this date in his journal, but the Archdiocese commonly uses the date of 1625.^[9] La Conquistadora was originally known as **Our Lady of the Assumption**.^{[10][11]}



La Conquistadora, ca. 2007



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Each new generation gave The Virgin a new title, with the current title being given to her by Don Diego de Vargas after he had reclaimed the area of Santa Fe 12 years after the Pueblo Revolt of 1680.^[12] He believed that La Conquistadora would help him in battle and offer assistance against the Native Americans who controlled the land.^{[13][14]} To give thanks to La Conquistadora, the Fiesta de Santa Fe is now held every August, in which she is carried in procession to Rosario Chapel and solemn masses are held in her honor (novena masses).^{[15][4]} Another title was given to the statue in 1992, when then-Archbishop Robert Sanchez bestowed her with the name Our Lady of Peace



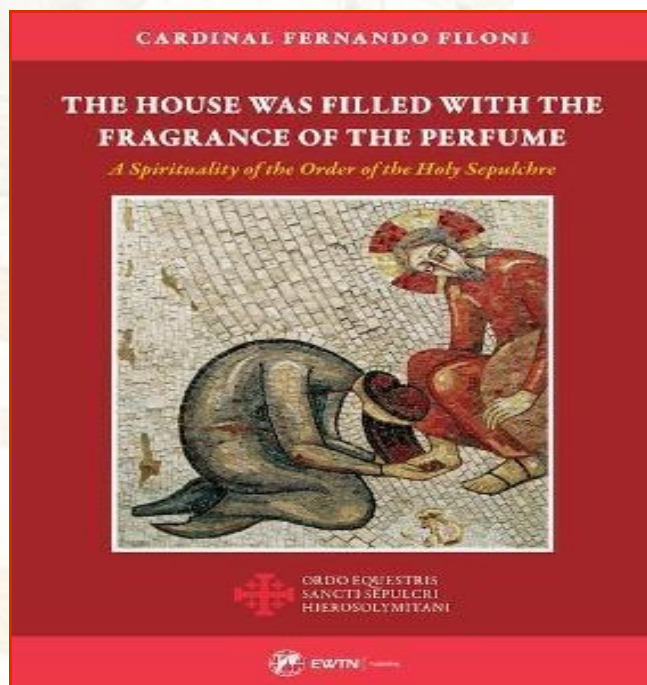
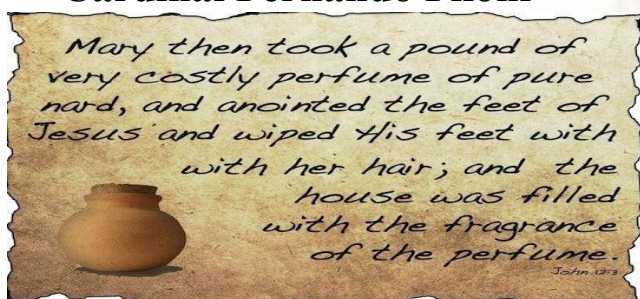
**Cardinal Fernando Filoni**

The House was Filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume *A Spirituality of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.*

by [Cardinal Fernando Filoni](#)

In this book on the spirituality of the *Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*, the Grand Master of the Order, Cardinal Fernando Filoni, reflects on the life, the beliefs, the values, and the choices of a Knight and Dame.

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It is the Order itself that gives primary importance to the vocation to holiness of its members and aspires to be an instrument of development and of deepening the spiritual progress of each and every person in the environment in which they live and practice their faith, writes Cardinal Filoni in the Introduction. Pope Francis, speaking to the members of this Pontifical Institution, encouraged them, not to forget that the principle aim of your Order lies in the spiritual growth of its members.

Therefore, any success of your initiatives cannot be separate from appropriate religious formation programs addressed to every Knight and every Dame, so that they may consolidate their own indispensable relationship with the Lord Jesus, especially in prayer, in meditation on the Sacred Scriptures and in furthering their knowledge of the doctrine of the Church (Address to the Members of the Consulta of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem {November 16, 2018}).

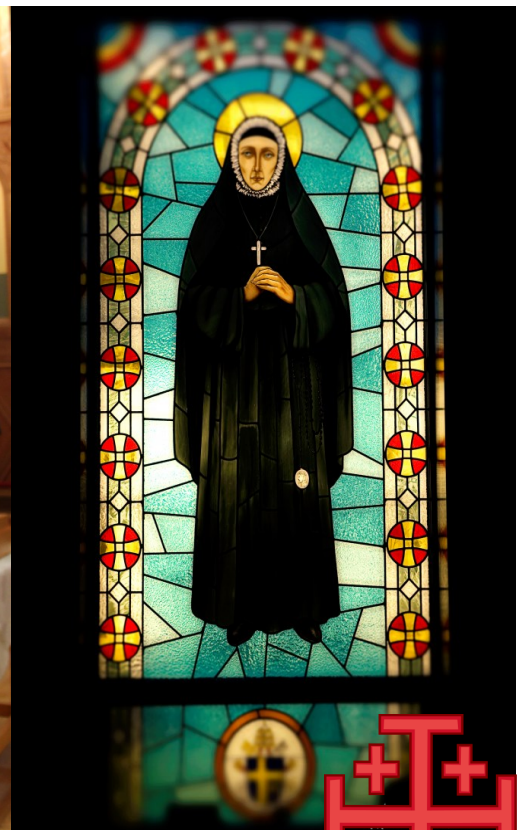


Knights Prayer



Ephesians 6:11-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



Archbishop of Galveston-Houston His Eminence GRAND PRIOR DANIEL CARDINAL DINARDO, KGCHS





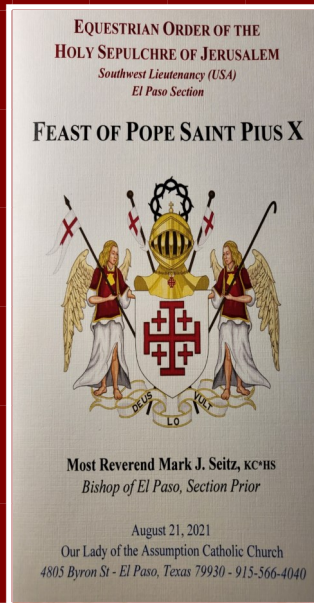
Calendar of Holy Feast Days for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem



The Feast of St. Helena



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



The Memorial of St. Pius X



Our Lady of Palestine

Saint Helen, also known as Helena of Constantinople (c. 250–330) the Mother of Emperor Constantine I. She is traditionally associated with finding the **relics of the true cross in Jerusalem** [[Photos](#)]

Our Lady of Assumption Church
El Paso, Texas
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St. Pius Catholic Parish
El Paso, Texas
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Virgin Mary
Our Lady of Peace
La Conquistadora:
Cathedral Basilica of
St. Francis of Assisi
Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Our EOHSJ Annual Investment and Business Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico {October 25-27th}.

It was a honor to have

Rev. J. Marcus McFadin, KCHS and Rev Mark Salas, KCHS
Become Knights in the El Paso, Texas Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher

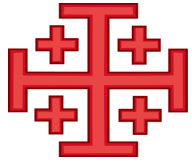
Rev. James Marcus McFadin, KHS

Rev Mark N.P. Salas, KHS



Photographs of the
Investees, Promotions,
and Dinner's in
[Santa Fe, New Mexico](#)
are available here:
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**Our Knights and Ladies Celebrated:
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
Friday September 13th, 2019**



Dame Maureen de la Rosa, DC*HS., Bishop Mark J Seitz, D.D. KC*HS., Dame Tamra Campbell, DHS., Rev. Mark Salas, KHS., Dame Luisa Zapata, DHS., Dame Patricia Foley, DHS., Dame Marie Portilo, DHS.



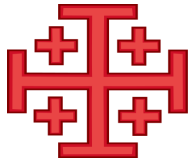
The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Friday September 13th, 2019



Sir Charles Campbell, KHS, Sir Hector Zepeta, KCHS, Sir Victor Portilio, KCHS, Sir Manuel de la Rosa, KC*HS, Bishop Mark J Seitz, D.D. KC*HS and Reverend Mark Salas, KHS.

[Exaltation of the Holy Cross {Novena}](#)



In Remembrance of St. Pius X, Pope August 21, 2019



August 21 is the feast of St. Pius X, the only canonized member of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of which he was Grand Master.

Giuseppe Sarto, who became the "parish priest to the world", was born in Riese, in the diocese of Treviso, on June 2, 1835. Ordained a priest in 1858, the year of the apparitions of the Virgin in Lourdes, Giuseppe Sarto was a man of prayer, humble, a worker, "just and righteous to the highest degree", according to those who knew him. Having become bishop of Mantua first and then Patriarch of Venice, he fought with courage and determination against "the crime of the modern era" which he defined as: "Wanting to substitute Man for God". Though he had a return ticket for the conclave of 1903, he did not, in fact, return to Venice but became Pope under the name of Pius X, "because the Popes who have suffered the most in this century have borne the name of Pius", he explained. His work – along with his young Secretary of State, Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val, appointed at the age of 38 –, allowed the Church to resist the forces that sought to bring it into subjection or under supervision, because he said, "better sacrifice wealth than freedom". He died on August 20, 1914, a few days after the start of the First World War. He is currently the only canonized saint who belonged to the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, of which he was Grand Master. To consolidate the position of the Order in the Holy Land, Pius X reserved for himself and his successors the office of Grand Master by the Apostolic Letter *Quam multa* dated October 13, 1908, and gave the Knights a place in the papal chapels, whilst the Latin Patriarch was appointed Rector and Perpetual Administrator of the Order.



In Remembrance of St. Pius X, Pope August 21, 2019

{L-R} Maureen, DC*HS & Manuel de la Rosa KC*HS, Hector Zepeda, KCHS, Bishop Mark J. Seitz, KC*HS, Charles Campbell, KHS, Patricia Foley, DHS and Luisa Zepeda, DCHS.
{Our Lady of Assumption Church-El Paso Texas}



On August 21, 2019, (the Memorial of St. Pius X), **Solemn Vespers** were celebrated by Bishop Mark J. Seitz, KC*HS at Our Lady of Assumption Church 4800 Byron St. El Paso, Texas 79930

Vespers were followed by the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**, also celebrated by Bishop Seitz. The memorial of St. Pius X is one of the four particular days of worship that Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem are requested to attend mass. We Thank Reverend Mark Salas for making our first Vespers Prayer Book, After Mass we all enjoyed a wonderful Italian meal with fellowship.



EOHSJ Annual Investment and Business Meeting October, 2019

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October 2021

Saturday Memorial Mass & Promotions



Sunday Investiture Mass



Photo Gallery Saturday Santa Fe, NM



Photo Gallery Sunday New Investiture Mass

San Martin de Porres Church
Albuquerque, NM

Sunday White-Tie Dinner



Saturday Black-Tie Dinner



Photos 2019

**Saturday Members
Memorial Mass and
Promotions {2019}**

**Saturday Night
Black Tie Dinner {2019}**

**Sunday New Members
Investiture Mass {2019}**

**Sunday Night
White Tie Dinner {2019}**





Saturday Black Tie Dinner in Albuquerque, New Mexico {October 26, 2019}



Dame Maureen de la Rosa & Sir Manuel, Bishop Mark Seitz, KC*HS, Reverend Mark Salas, KHS, Sir Earl Sanchez, Dame Marie & Sir Victor Portillo, Dame Patricia Foley, Reverend Marcus McFadden, KHS, Dame Tamra & Sir Charles Campbell, [{Saturday Black Tie Dinner October 2019}](#)

Below Left Maureen de la Rosa DC*HS & Manuel de la Rosa KC*HS [{Saturday Memorial & Promotions Mass October 2019}](#) Below: Reverend Marcus McFadden, KHS, Sir Earl Sanchez, Bishop Mark Seitz KC*HS and Sir Charles Campbell. Below: [{Sunday White Tie Dinner October 2019}](#)



[{Saturday Memorial & Promotions Mass Photos}](#)



Reverend Marcus McFadden, KHS, Sir Earl Sanchez, Bishop Mark Seitz, KC*HS, and Sir Charles Campbell.



ABQ-Sunday Evening Reception {2019} and sharing a moment with Fellow Knights and Dames from Houston



ABQ-Sunday Evening Reception {2019} with Knights and Dames from San Antonio {below/right}





Albuquerque {2019}





Albuquerque {2019}





Albuquerque {2019}



Sir Victor & Dame Marie Portillo, Reverend Marcus McFadden KHS, Dame Tamra & Sir Charles Campbell, Sir Manuel & Dame Maureen, de la Rosa, Reverend Mark Salas, KHS {Sunday White Tie Dinner October 27, 2019}
below: Reverend Mark Salas, KHS and Reverend Marcus McFadden, KHS





Albuquerque {2019}



Dame Marie & Sir Victor Portillo, Dame Tamra Campbell, Rev Marcus McFadden, KHS, Bishop Mark Seitz, KC*HS, Sir Charles Campbell, Dame Patricia Foley, Dame Maureen de la Rosa, Sir Earl Sanchez and Rev Mark Salas, KHS
 {Below} Reverend Mark Salas, KHS, Dame Tamra Campbell, Bishop Mark Seitz, KC*HS, Sir Charles Campbell
 {Below/Right} Dame Marie & Sir Victor Portillo,





**Sunday Investee Mass
Albuquerque, New Mexico
October 27, 2019**



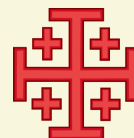
**San Martin de Porres Church
8301 Camino San Martin Southwest
Albuquerque, NM 87121
Sunday Investee Mass
October 27th, 2019
{[More photos](#)}**





In the Year of our Lord, August 17, 2020

Hear ye, hear ye



Dear Knights and Dames,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. It has been my strongest wish that we would be able to meet in Tulsa this year for our Annual Meeting and Investiture. However, as we approach two months from the date of our meeting, it is apparent that the meeting restrictions in place due to the Covid virus pandemic will not allow us to meet. Therefore, I am officially cancelling our meeting for 2020. Please cancel your hotel and airline reservations for this year's event.

Those who are eligible for promotion and those investees who were to be invested this year will proceed as follows:

Promotions in rank require the approval of the Grand Master of our Order, Cardinal Filoni. Approval for those eligible for promotion in 2020 has been received by our office. Thus 2020 promotions in rank will become effective Saturday, October 24, 2020. We will provide the opportunity for our 2020 promotees to have procession and recognition by our Grand Prior as part of our Promotion Mass at our 2021 meeting in Fort Worth.

Investiture, however, requires that the knight or dame must be present at the Investiture Mass and must be knighted by the Grand Prior or his substitute. This requirement means that we must postpone the investiture of our 2020 new members until our Investiture Mass on October 17, 2021 in Fort Worth.

The primary purpose of our gathering together annually is to offer prayers for the Holy Land. In order that these prayers may continue to be heard, I ask that during the weekend of October 24-25 you pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Palestine for the needs of all those who are suffering during this difficult time.

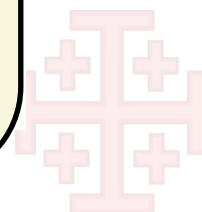
Our 2021 Annual Meeting and Investiture will be held October 16-19 at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel in Fort Worth, TX. Reservations through our hotel block will be available in November.

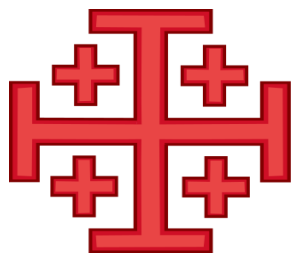
Thank you for your continued support of our Order. In the Holy Land, local restrictions and the absence of tourism have combined to make normally difficult life even worse. For many, our support is all they have.

And many thanks to Linda and Steve Pinion and their team for all of their work in preparing for our Tulsa Investiture. I regret that we are unable to meet this year but I look forward to seeing all of you in Fort Worth in 2021.

May God bless you abundantly,

Tom Standish
Lieutenant





**Informational Day
For Prospective Members
El Paso, Texas Section
Southwestern Lieutenancy**

Knights and Dames:
invited Prospective
Candidates to:

Nomination Sunday {2019}
November 18th, {2019} @ 2:00
Sir & Dame de la Rosa's home
In
El Paso, Texas



Knights and Dames:
invited Prospective
Candidates to:

Nomination Sunday {2019}
November 18th, {2019} @ 2:00
Dame Patricia Foley home
In
El Paso, Texas



In remembrance Of those Knights and
Ladies of this Holy Order who
preceded us in life an death....

**How does one join the EOHSJ El Paso, El Paso, Texas/
Southwestern USA Lieutenancy?**

One does not request admission to the EO. It is usually done anonymously by current member suggestions. Interested members should take it upon themselves to familiarize themselves with existing members and their name would be put forward unaware to the prospective member.

How long is the Investiture Process?

The Investiture Process takes approximately several months up to one year and the candidate must be fully oriented to the activities of the Order, such as a regular attendance and participation at the various functions held by the Order.

What are the various Order Activities throughout the year?

Activities include Parish Visitations at the request of the Bishop, Days of Reflection, Investiture/Promotion Ceremonies, the biannual Dinner for the Ordinary, and the Annual General Meeting. *St Helena, *St Pius X, Pope, *Exaltation of the Holy Cross, *Our Lady of Palestine, * Adoration and Funerals for Knights and Ladies.

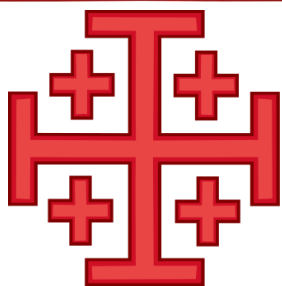
What is the minimum age for Investiture?

According to the rules of the Grand Magisterium, the minimum age is 25 years old, however a more mature age is recommended.

If you have any other questions that we did not answer please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to answer any of your questions. (contact@eohsjelpasotx.com)

Deus Lo Vult

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the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem**
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We Remember...
Reverend Monsignor Frances J. Smith, KCHS
1934 - 2020

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Smith, P.A.

El Paso - OBITUARY REV. MSGR. FRANCIS J. SMITH, P.A., MAY 20, 1934

Reverend Monsignor Francis J. Smith was called to God's Kingdom on January 24, 2020.

Monsignor Smith was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 20, 1934 to Francis J. Smith, Sr. and Mary Ellen Smith. He had one brother, Frederick Charles Smith who served on the Chicago Police Force for forty-three years...

...He was advocate on the Diocesan Tribunal and served for fifteen years as Vicar General under Bishop Raymundo Peña, D.D. and another fifteen years with Bishop Armando X. Ochoa, D.D.. His most beloved Pope John Paul, II, now St. John Paul, II on March 21, 1988 named Monsignor Smith Protonotary Apostolic with the title of the Reverend Monsignor. In later years he received the honor of being named Knight and Knight Commander of the Holy Sepulcher...

.... loved the Church he proudly served for over 50 years, but most of all, he loved his God. He was a man of the people and a humble Servant of God and he goes now to the home he so richly deserves. To say he will be missed is an understatement, he is an end of an era, we will not see his like again. The stories and generosity felt by Msgr. Smith are endless and will continue to be felt even after his passing. He will be dearly missed as he was a tremendous presence for us all.

May he rest in peace. [[Obituary Here](#)]





In the Year of our Lord, January 24, 2021



PRAYING FOR THE DEAD AND GAINING INDULGENCES POPE FRANCIS EXTENDS INDULGENCE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

November 1st the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation and November 2nd the Church remembers all the Faithful Departed. There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November. An indulgence can either be partial or plenary. It is partial if it removes only part of the temporal punishment due to sin, or plenary if it removes all punishment. To gain an indulgence, you must have the intention to gain them, and perform the works at the time and in the manner prescribed. {see more here}

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MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen



In remembrance Of those Knights and Ladies of this Holy Order who preceded us in life an death...

<u>Sir Francis S. Ansia, KCHS</u>	<u>1976</u>
<u>Sir Yazbik Daw, KCHS</u>	<u>1987</u>
<u>Dame Rose Rosales, DHS</u>	<u>1987</u>
<u>Sir. Moises Salazar, KCH</u>	<u>1987</u>
<u>Rev. Msgr. Francis Smith, KCHS</u>	<u>1987</u>





In the Year of our Lord, 2020



Sir Joe A. Rosales, KGCHS, Sir Francis S. Ainsa Jr., KCHS, Sir H. L. Mijares, KCHS, Sir Charles C. Campbell KHS





Final Reflections from our 2019 meeting in Albuquerque...

In Remembrance

S. Blandina (Maria Rosa) Segale, SC "Servant of God"
1850-1941

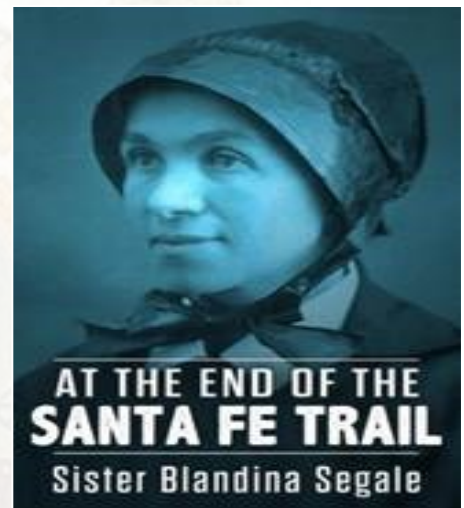
Blandina Segale, more commonly known as **Sister Blandina** (23 May 1850 – 23 February 1941) was an Italian-born American religious sister and missionary, who became widely known through her service on the American frontier in the late 19th century.^{[1][2]} During her missionary work, she met, among others, Billy the Kid and the leaders of the Native American tribes of the Apache and Comanche. She served as an educator and social worker who worked in Ohio, Colorado and New Mexico, assisting Native Americans, Hispanic settlers and European immigrants.^[3] The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe has opened a process to canonize Segale, for which it has received the permission of the Holy See. For this, she is honored by the Catholic Church with the title of Servant of God. She is the first individual in New Mexico's 400-year history with the Roman Catholic Church to have a cause opened for their beatification and canonization.^[1]



<https://www.srcharitycinti.org/who-we-are/archives/historical-resources/servant-of-god-blandina-segale-sc/>



By Old West photographer Ben Wittick (1845–1903) - Photo is in the public domain and has been reproduced for decades in publications and at numerous websites., Public Domain, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=45943821>



Legends

Segale's encounters with Old West outlaws later became the stuff of legend and were the subject of an episode of the CBS series Death Valley Days. The episode, called *The Fastest Nun in the West*, focused on her efforts to save a man from a lynch mob.^[6] According to one story, she received a tip that Billy the Kid was coming to her town to scalp the four doctors who had refused to treat his friend's gunshot wound. Segale nursed the friend to health, and when Billy came to Trinidad, Colorado, to thank her, she asked him to abandon his violent plan. He agreed. Another story says Billy the Kid and his gang attempted to rob the covered wagon in which she was traveling on the frontier. When he looked inside, he saw Segale. At that, Billy the Kidd simply tipped his hat and rode off in deference to her safety and the debt he owed her. Many of the tales were recorded in letters Segale wrote to her sister, and which were later published in a book entitled *At the End of the Santa Fe Trail*.^{[1][6]}

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blandina_Segale



Membership Roster El Paso Texas {2020}

Perpetual Prayers for all deceased members of the EOHSJ



Sir Halem Ayoub, KHS (eternal rest)	1987
Dame Rossalie Ayoub DHS (eternal rest)	1987
Dame Evelyn Ansia, DCHS (eternal rest)	1976
Sir Frank S. Ansia Sr, KCHS (eternal rest)	1976
Sir Francis S. Ainsa Jr., KCHS	1987
Sir Charles Campbell, KHS	2017
Dame Tamra R. Campbell, DHS	2017
Dame Marie Theresa Cataldi Portillo, DHS	2016
Dame Rosalie Daw, DC*HS	1987
Sir Yazbik Daw, KCHS (eternal rest)	1987
Sir Jose Manuel de la Rosa, KCHS	2015
Dame Maureen Anne de la Rosa, DCHS	2015
Dame Patricia Susan Foley, DHS	2018
Sir Francisco J. Guerra, KHS	2015
Dame Maria R. Guerra, DHS	2015
Sir Robert B. Hoppes, KHS	2015
Dame Maria Estela Patricia Pimentel Hoppes, DHS	2015
Reverend James Marcus McFadin, KHS	2019
Sir H. L. Mijares, KCHS	1989
Dame Christina S. Mijares, DCHS	1989
Sir Peter N. Pang, KCHS	2012
Dame Maria Socorro G. Pang, DCHS	2012
Most Reverend Raymundo J. Pena KC*HS	1987
Sir Victor Enrique Portillo, KHS	2016
Sir Joe A. Rosales, KGCHS	1987
Dame Rose Rosales, DHS (eternal rest)	1987
Reverend Mark N.P. Salas, KHS	2019
Sir. Moises Salazar, KCH (eternal rest)	1987
Sir Earl Francis Sanchez, KHS	2018
Most Reverend Mark J. Seitz, KC*HS	2014
Reverend Monsignor Francis Smith, KCHS 1934-2020 (eternal rest)	1988
Sir Hector Zepeda, KHS	2016
Dame Luisa R.M. Zepeda, DHS	2016

October 2021 New Member Investees 2021:

Guillermo Jiron
Ruth M Jiron
Antonio Acosta
Nydia Correa
Ronald Correa
Bob Rankin
Paula Rankin
Octavio Licon, MD
Rosario Licon

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.**





In the Year of our Lord 2021



Sir Frank Ainsa Jr. KHS

Knight's Code of Honor

My Soul to God – By The Full Spiritual Life;

My Life to Christ the King;

My Heart to our Blessed Dame;

And

My Own Honor – The Ineffable Honor That

Comes to Him Who Calls

The Church My Mother And To Him Who

Calls God, My Father

And Strives to Live Like HIS SON.





In the Year of our Lord 2021

**The Memorial Mass and Promotions on Saturday will take place at
Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church,
which is considered the largest Vietnamese church in America**



A statue of
Our Lady of La Vang
stands tall in front of the
entrance to the
Vietnamese Martyrs
Catholic Church.



Memorial Mass and Members Promotions

{Promotions are every five years}

Sir Francisco J. Guerra, KHS

Dame Maria R. Guerra, DHS

Sir Peter N. Pang, KCHS

Dame Maria Socorro G. Pang, DCHS

Sir Victor Enrique Portillo, KHS

Dame Marie Theresa Cataldi Portillo, DHS

Sir Hector Zepeda, KHS

Dame Luisa R.M. Zepeda, DHS





In the Year of our Lord 2021

OUR INVESTEEES

Joining the Order means taking on a commitment for life. The commitment is to be a Witness to the Faith, to lead an exemplary Christian life of continuing charity in support of the Christian communities in the Holy Land, and to maintain the true charitable commitment of a Christian. The purpose of an individual in joining the Order should be to serve the Catholic Church and to support the efforts of the Church and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Antonio Acosta Ronald
Correa & Nydia Correa
Deacon Guillermo & Ruth Jiron
Dr. Robert & Paula Rankin
Dr. Octavio Licon & Rosario Licon

We wish to thank our section leaders Manny and Maureen de la Rosa KC*HS for working with our aforementioned investees over the last two {2} years and we want to thank our investees for their perseverance through these difficult times. We are very grateful for your determination to see this moment through!



The Investiture Mass will be celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church in Mansfield, where a Carrera marble replica of the Pieta, more than seven feet tall, is the centerpiece of the narthex.



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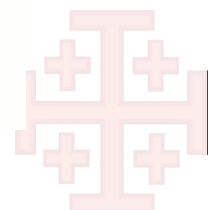


End Notes, Foot Notes & References

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- [9] In El Salvador 86% of the Population is Mestizo with Roman Catholics comprising 47% and Protestants 33% of the population [5]. In Guatemala 41% of the population is Mestizo with Catholics comprising 48% and Protestants 33% of the population [6]; and in Honduras 90% of the citizens are Mestizos with almost all Hondurans are nominally Roman Catholic and though membership in the Roman Catholic Church is declining while membership in Protestant Churches is increasing with 51% of the population identifying as Catholic and 365 as Evangelical Protestants and 1.3% claiming to be from other religions including Muslims, Buddhist, Jews and Rastafarians. {Wikipedia}.

[10]Christian legend:

The area just south of the [Church of the Holy Sepulchre](#) has a long tradition dating to the days of [Judas Maccabeus](#) (the 2nd century BC) based on incidents recorded in the [Second Book of Maccabees](#).^[1] According to the legend, King [Antiochus V](#) proceeded to [Jerusalem](#) to punish the [High Priest](#) for plundering [David's Tomb](#). While on [Golgotha](#), the king was directed in a divine vision to pardon the High Priest, and to build a hospital for the care of the sick and poor on that spot. In 1496, William Caoursin, Vice-Chancellor of the Hospitallers, wrote that Judas Maccabaeus and [John Hyrcanus](#) founded the hospital on that spot.^[2]



**[10]Christian legend:**

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[11] <https://www.versebyverseministry.org/bible-answers/who-are-those-who-are-asleep-in-1-thessalonians-4>

Who are those Paul's describes as "asleep" in 1Thessalonians 4?

Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica saying:

1Th. 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

1Th. 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

1Th. 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

1Th. 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

1Th. 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1Th. 4:18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

In v.13 Paul uses the word "asleep" as a polite way of describing death, in the same way we might say someone has "passed away" rather than saying the person has died. Therefore, those who are "asleep" in 1Thess 4 are those Christians who have died. By the context, we see Paul was referring to believers who die prior to Christ's coming for the Church at the Rapture.

[12][13] El Paso man faces added charges after arrest for statue destruction because Jesus' skin color 'wrong'
<https://kvia.com/news/crime/2020/09/15/jesus-statue-decapitated-in-brazen-vandalism-attack-at-el-pasos-st-patricks-cathedral/> abc-7 KVIA.com

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