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First Tuesday Update...FTU...April 2, 2024

THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR: YOU ARE NEEDED!

Our March 7th MYM was impactful on many fronts. But nothing was more impactful or decisive than this...each of us, as members of this Holy Papal Order, are now more than ever NEEDED to serve! Never more so than in our 925-year history. The founding principles of the EOHSJ are to serve and protect the family of God in His Holy Birth Land. This IS who we are and this IS what we do.

The words of our Savior make it abundantly clear that we follow His lead in all we do...

"For even the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve others and to give His life as ransom for many..." Mathew 10:45

It is not likely that our lives will be required, but our prayers, petitions and resources are imperative. We heard from the opening prayers to the closing, that we have to not only be knowledgeable and generous, but we must let in the light of truth to all we can, for the good of our Holy Land family...

"I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". John 8:12

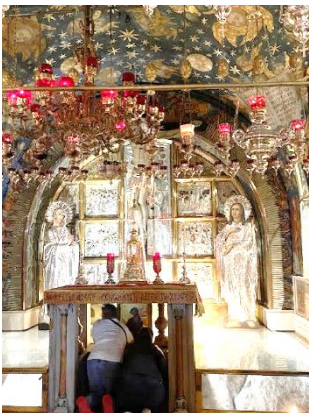
As members of the Order, you are literally in the center of this world event, and it is a maelstrom of disorder and discontent. We owe it to all we come into contact with to understand what our Christians in the Holy Land are facing daily. We are not anti-Israeli, we are not only pro-Palestinian. We are Catholic Christian's who recognize this hate is on both fronts and often we are the folks who can address both of these sides...we can be the "WD-40" between them.

In your daily encounters, as Dames and Knights, you are looked to for opinions and guidance. You have the opportunity and obligation to enlighten the truth to many. The media on both sides is often distorted, distracted and disconnected from the situational reality. Pray with fervor and try to tell all that only God's intervention will make it right...not the IDF, not Islamic extremism...only Jesus Christ can make the difference. Therefore we, the body of Christ are His feet to go, hands to do, mouth to speak and the heart on earth that must show His love to all sides and implore for His peace on earth.

YES, prayers for the many (on both fronts) who need this CONVERSION of HEART. There is no other way. The EOHSJ is best suited to fulfill Christ's call to...

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation." Mark 16:15

In His Service, Love and Joy...Joe/Connie 🇫🇮 🙏





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Connie's Corner

As Holy Week and our Lenten journey has come to an end, we must remember that He Is Risen!!!! Will we continue to examine our relationship with our Lord through prayer and meditation? Where are we in our goal of surrendering ourselves to God? Do we now have a new focus as we move forward. Lent and Easter are not the only time for self-examination. Remember the tomb is still empty.

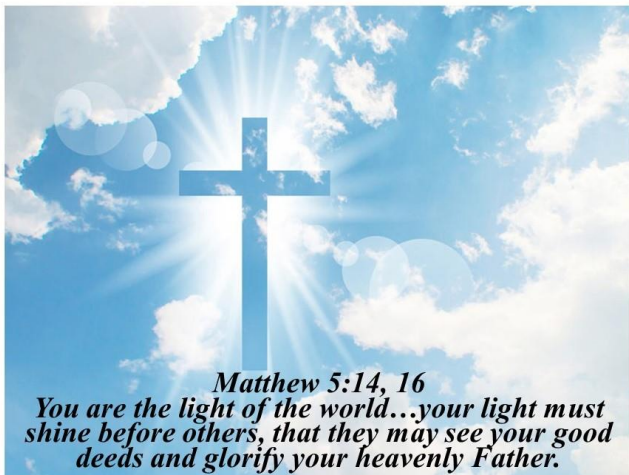
As you know we are in Florence, Italy visiting our family. When visiting here we attend Santi Apostoli Church. Built in 1100's. Gemma, our granddaughter, attends confirmation faith formation. After class last week she was practically in tears, I asked what was wrong, she said, "Nana do you know what they did to Jesus!" I put my arm around her and I said yes, I do. How could they do those terrible things? How could God allow it, that is his Son. I answered the only way I could...saying yes, God could have stopped it, Jesus could have said I cannot do this, but they love us so much that Jesus as a man was willing to sacrifice himself so our sins can be forgiven. Remember the tomb is still empty!!

In His Service,

~Connie

ROSARY...what a blessing to have our First Monday Rosary less than 24 hours after Easter Sunday. As we heard at the MYM, the Rosary in the LV Council continues to grow stronger every month. Dames Julia and Jennifer are marvelous guides through these Mondays and we can feel the surge of graces that are flowing from the spiritual energy of those attending. How about YOU, is there anything in particular that we may assist to help you make this once a month prayer time together. If we can help, contact the Spiritual leaders or ourselves. The next Rosary is on **Monday, May 6th at BGHS**. See you there!

SPIRITUAL LEADERS... Hallelujah the Lord has risen!



During this Easter season let us not forgot all of the time and effort we devoted during Lent to our God and to our surrender to him. Let us keep him at the forefront of our daily lives, by shining our light into the world. Be a good steward of your light

As a reminder, we emailed the Las Vegas EOHSJ prayer partners on the first day of Spring, March 19th. Please pray for your partner, as we are sure that they will feel your prayers in the silence of their hearts. If the spirit moves you, you may reach out to them.

If you did not receive an email, please contact us and we will share with you your new prayer partner.

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DCHS (702) 596-6861

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MENTORING INITIATIVE... The Mentoring Initiative falls under the “Engagement” Committee’s purview and our goal is to welcome our newly-invested members into our Council. This initiative was begun this year, with twelve of our members serving as mentors to each of the twelve members who were invested last October in Pasadena.

We want to make each of you feel welcomed and appreciated – and integral to our Council because you are integral!

Please make a point to introduce yourself and others to these newest members at our Monthly Rosaries and our upcoming Summer Retreat in August. Answer any questions they may have about the Order and our own Council’s projects. Our new members are the future of our Council and we appreciate you!

FIAT UPDATE...FIAT #1... by the grace of God we are again getting closer to setting a date with our first four FPs (FIAT Pilgrims). They, along with us, are ready and willing to go! Obviously, we need to ensure their safety, but we are now targeting this coming January 2025 from just after New Years Day for three weeks. We will keep you updated each month. We plan on there being a number of FIATs per year. IF YOU are interested in a future FIAT, please contact Joe/Connie so that we may keep you updated on the coming opportunities to be a part of this 3-week service to God’s family and thus serving our Lord 🙏



PILGRIMAGES SPONSORED BY THE LV COUNCIL....

HOLY YEAR ALL ITALY...March 17-29, 2025... phenomenal time in Rome, Assisi, and Florence, featuring day trips to Orvieto, Lucca, Pisa and Siena. Holy Year Masses at the four major Basilicas of Rome and visit to EOHSJ Headquarters at the Vatican. Blest to be led by three Spiritual Leaders: Bishop Higgins, KC*HS, Fr. Roy Kurian, Deacon James Carabajal, KCHS. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE...October 20 - November 1, 2025... get on this list fast as it will get filled quickly. Includes stays in Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. 13 days of spiritual joy and exhilaration. There will be at least 2 Spiritual leaders including Fr. Daniel Rolland, KHS. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN / PETRA...April 2026... exact dates soon This magnificent pilgrimage will include Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Kerak, Petra and incredible sites throughout. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.



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EASTER GREETINGS FROM FR. LOUIS...As we celebrate the joyous season of Easter, may the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ bring new meaning and purpose to your life. May His love and sacrifice inspire you to embrace each day with faith and courage. Let this Easter be a time of renewal and rebirth, filling your heart with peace and joy. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Easter.

Much Love,

Father Louis Salman

General Chaplain of the Youth in Palestine
& Vocation director in Palestine

FROM OUR ABOUNA BERNARD POGGI/RECTOR BEIT JALA SEMINARY...on March 17th we received this great photo from Abouna that shows himself and many of the Beit Jala Seminarians gathered on the Island of Cyprus (part of the Latin Patriarchal realm. The occasion was for the ordination of the new Bishop...Bishop Bruno Varriano, the Patriarchal Vicar for Cyprus. May God Bless him and all of those in His flock on Cypress. Note our own Jiries is kneeling furthest to the right!



YOUR LINKS TO THE HOLY LAND...This special program, originated by our LV Council, can be described as a long-distance community outreach of our EOHSJ members to those working at the charitable facilities, seminary and local businesses within the Holy Land. All of these facilities and local business we support and utilize during our pilgrimages and FIAT program visits to the Holy Land.

We have 10 new additions to the Links to the Holy Land Program. We are continuing to accept participants to the program. A sign-up sheet will be available at all rosaries and the "after rosary social".

Here is a re-cap of the program participants. More details to follow.

Active Participating Members	21
To Be Assigned (to Holy Land Individual)	3-5
Newly Signed Up Members (to be assigned)	10

~Madalyn Dornak, DHS



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EASTER MESSAGES FROM YOUR SEMINARIAN....

Happy Easter! Wishing you a joyful and blessed celebration filled with love, hope.

On this Easter, may the Holy Land be blessed with hope and peace, as the spirit of renewal fills hearts with compassion and understanding.

You are in my prayers in these Holy Places.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

Christ is Risen!

Have a blessed season of Resurrection,

Your son in Christ,

Jiries Abu Khalil

Seminarian for The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

Latin Patriarchal seminary- Beit Jala

JUSTICE & PEACE... Virtually everyone in Gaza is struggling to get enough food—2.3 million people. Nearly a third of the population is experiencing the highest level of catastrophic hunger.

In the north, outright famine is projected within two months, the World Bank said. They warned that if Israel broadens its offensive to the packed southern city of Rafah, as Prime Minister Netanyahu vowed, the fighting could drive over 1 million people into catastrophic hunger and potentially cause famine in the south.

"This is the largest number of people facing imminent famine in the world today, and it has only taken five months to occur," said Matthew Hollingworth, the acting World Food Program country director for the Palestinian territories.

"It is not a question of logistics. It is not because the United Nations has not provided enough support. Trucks are stopped. People are dying, while the land crossings are artificially closed." Starvation has driven Palestinians to eat grass, weeds, and mix animal fodder and bird feed in flour to make bread. "We have stopped differentiating between donkey food and human food. We are eating anything," Mazen Terk, 30, told Middle East Eye.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said, "Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war." Israel denies the tactic and says that claims of widespread hunger are false.

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader

WESTERN LIEUTENANCY WEB SITE...remember, we do have a really good web site that can keep you up to date on so many aspects of our WL, the ORDER and the events of the other Councils. We do share our FTU with many folks but the larger picture of the Lieutenancy is best captured by staying in tune with our website at www.eohsjwesternusa.org



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ENGAGEMENT... MINUTE SPOTLIGHT...MARCH 2024 ROSARY. It is my pleasure to introduce you to Sir George Rogers and Dame Tammy Rogers.



They joined the Order in 2017 after Fr. Bede Wevita, a member of our Council, asked them to prayerfully consider the Order. Fr. Bede was the pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish at the time. George and Tammy remain active parishioners of SEAS, as it is fondly called.

George and Tammy also participate in many activities of the Order. But their favorite part of being in the Order is going on pilgrimage. They joined the 2018 Pilgrimage and, as Tammy says, being on pilgrimage “truly shows the reality of the Gospel”. Even six years later, she says one can still “envision the places from memory” and they can’t wait to go again.

They particularly wanted to share with you the song George always associates with the Order: “Jerusalem My Destiny!”

And one stanza of this song reads:

*All the worlds I have not seen you open to my view.
Here among you I have found a vision bright and new.*

It sounds as if George and Tammy found a new vision of the Gospel on pilgrimage and in the Order. How blest we are to have them as fellow members!



~Dame Ruth Palileo, DHS

LVC MEN’S BOOK CLUB...We’ve finished reading. “The Scarlet Letter, by Nathaniel Hawthorne” written in 1850 some 200 years after the occurrences in the Puritanical New England wilderness, between a woman, a man, and child. The woman who sinned embraces her sin and survives, the man who covers his sin dies, and the child they had together inherits a fortune and lives ever after. Quite a story.

Of note (in the last few pages) as in almost an epilogue in the story Hawthorne writes ... “Women ... came to Hester (the woman referred to above) asked why they were ... wretched ... She assured them, too, of her firm belief that, at some brighter period, when the world should have grown ripe for it, in Heaven’s own time, a new truth would be revealed, in order to establish the whole relation between man and woman on a surer ground of mutual happiness.” From 1650 ...

Our next read “The Spear. by Louis de Wohl” ... a novel about the Centurion who hurled his spear into Christ’s side. A novel set in the times preceding and after the Crucifixion. Where was the Centurion before, was he at the trial, the scourge, the agonizing walk to Calvary? What about after? We know expressed belief ... “This man was truly the son of God” ... What else?

This panoramic novel of the last days of Christ ranges from the palaces of imperial Rome to the strife-torn hills of Judea-where the conflict of love and betrayal, revenge, and redemption, reaches a mighty climax in the drama of the Crucifixion. For this is the full story of the world’s most dramatic execution, as it affected one of its least-known participants-the man who hurled his spear into Christ on the Cross.

Louis de Wohl is a significant Catholic Apologist and author, believes the book his Magnum Opus of his literary career.

Reading is great, learning rewarding, and discussions of our books better. Join us...call Jeff at 702,523.32370

~Sir Jeffrey Boughrum, KCHS



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**WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO INVITE MEMBERS TO THE FORMATION OF THE
EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM?**

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem holds a prestigious place in the Catholic Church, dedicated to the preservation and support of the Christian presence in the Holy Land. As one of the oldest chivalric orders, it boasts a rich history and an esteemed lineage of knights and dames who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church and its mission.

Inviting new members to the formation of this noble order is of utmost importance for several compelling reasons. Firstly, the Order's primary objective is to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. By inviting new members, the Order ensures a continued influx of resources, both financial and human, to carry out its charitable works. These works include providing education, healthcare, and humanitarian aid to Christians and other communities in need, as well as preserving the holy sites and assisting the local clergy in their mission.

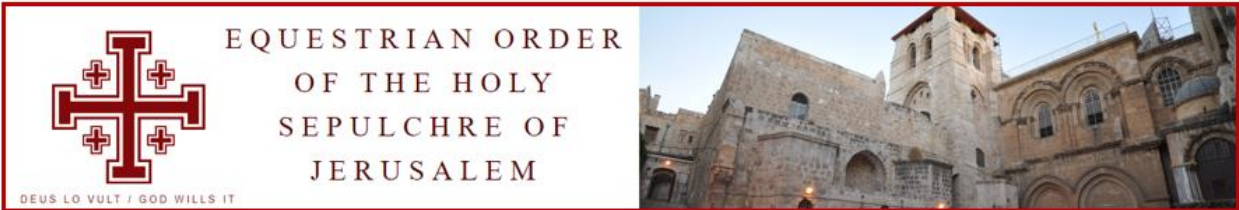
Furthermore, by inviting new members to the formation of the Order, it strengthens the bond of solidarity among Catholics worldwide. Becoming a member of this esteemed Order not only grants individuals the opportunity to actively participate in the preservation of the Christian faith but also fosters a sense of belonging to a global community of like-minded individuals. This camaraderie allows members to forge lifelong friendships, share experiences, and support each other in their spiritual journeys.

Moreover, joining the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem provides a unique avenue for personal spiritual growth. By committing to the ideals of the Order, members are encouraged to deepen their faith, live virtuously, and embody the values of chivalry. Through participation in various spiritual activities, such as pilgrimages and liturgical celebrations, members can strengthen their relationship with God and find spiritual inspiration in the Holy Land.

In conclusion, inviting members to the formation of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is vital for the continued success of the Order's mission. By doing so, the Order secures the necessary resources, fosters a sense of solidarity among Catholics, promotes personal spiritual growth, and harnesses the diverse talents of its members. Ultimately, joining this noble Order allows individuals to make a lasting impact on the Christian presence in the Holy Land and uphold the values of faith, charity, and chivalry.

~Dame Queenie Manuel, DCHS





FINALLY...CAN YOU HEAR YOUR NAME?



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As we enter the “post-Easter” season there tends to be a “now what happens after Lent syndrome”. Sometimes, almost a spiritual let down. Today’s (4/2/24) Gospel (John 20:11-18) gives us some of the most timely and important words of guidance for Dames and Knights. Here we have the very downtrodden Mary Magdalene, peering into the Tomb, the actual spot of today’s Holy Sepulcher, and she is weeping. The Tomb is

EMPTY, why weep? She had followed and listened to Jesus for weeks and months...yet, she still thought a human force had stolen...”my Lord”.

Then we read that Jesus says to her “women why are you weeping?” Even then she thinks it was the gardener speaking to her. Some times we have the same spiritual block.

But, when Jesus said to her the name she was given...”MARY!” She immediately realized it was the Messiah. She recognized Jesus in the hearing of her name from Him. And what about us as Dames and Knights, who pledge ourselves to this Holy Empty Place? Do we hear our names called by Jesus. Does His recognition of who we are makes us realize just who we are and what we are to do for His family on earth? Let us ask ourselves if we truly recognize Jesus Christ...for IF we do, then the next words from the mouth of Jesus to Mary will become more than simply Scripture...they become the Spiritual heart and blood of our eternal life.

“I am going to my Father and YOUR Father, to my God and YOUR God.”

Let us pray to have the graces to HEAR our name from Jesus every day of our lives, as we move forward to serve His Family, Our Family on earth.

In His Love, Grace, Peace, Joy and Service...Joe/Connie 