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LETTER FROM THE LIEUTENANT

DAME **Margaret Romano**



Dear Knights & Dames,

Welcome to THE WAY! A new year, new decade, new beginnings.

Recently, there have been many new beginnings in Holy Sepulchre. We welcome our new Cardinal Grand Master, H.E. Fernando Cardinal Filoni. He follows in the footsteps of a dedicated leader, H.E. Cardinal Edward O'Brien. Our worldwide Order is fortunate to have our good works continue with his guidance.

Congratulations to our Grand Prior, H.E. Archbishop José H. Gomez on his appointment as President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and to our Lieutenant Emeritus, H.E. Sir Michael S. Feeley on his appointment to the Grand Magisterium. We're blessed with their strong leadership.

I hope you enjoy our new publication, the profiles on some of our members, the update on our year. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked on The WAY, giving of their time and talents. It's been a true labor of love!

The Western Lieutenancy has been blessed to have the support of members who share their generosity. From leadership, to helping out with our many events, to financially supporting our ministries, 2019 ended on a high note with your generosity. Thank You!

We look at these new beginnings, the opportunity to grow, wonderful new experiences. I look forward to working with you this year and in the coming years in continuing the growth of the Lieutenancy, in service to Our Lord Jesus Christ and our Mother Mary.

May Our Lady bless you and your families.
Deus Lo Vult!

Dame Margaret Romano, DGCHS
Lieutenant
Western USA Lieutenancy



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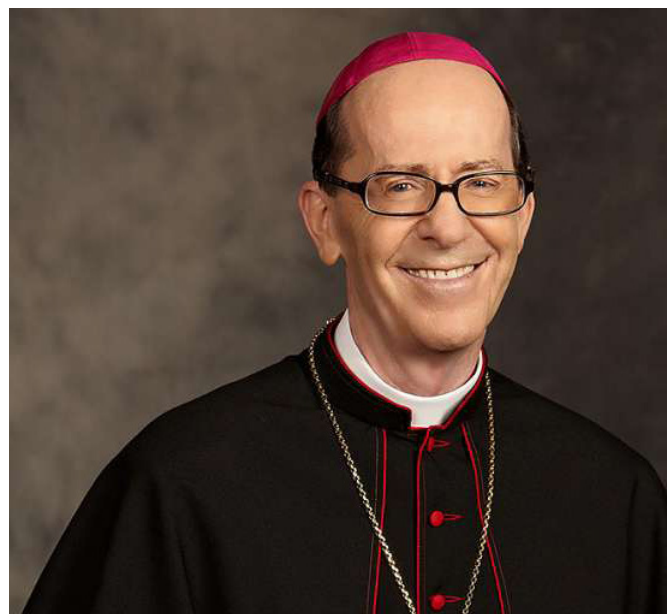


The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Western Lieutenancy, held in Scottsdale, Arizona, provided a rich opportunity for members to deepen their faith and recommit themselves to making a difference in the lives of their brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Special thanks are owed to Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, the Bishop of Phoenix, for hosting the annual meeting, during the 50th anniversary year of his Diocese, as well as the Co-Chairs, Sir Thomas and Dame Rosemary Castellanos, and the rest of the members of the Phoenix Host Committee.

The Annual Meeting began on Thursday with a pilgrimage to Saint Francis of Assisi Mission in Scottsdale.

Friday brought another successful Ministry Fair. After the Traveler's Mass on Friday afternoon, members attended one of three spiritual retreats. The Promotee Retreat was led by Father Stephen Porter and held at the Crosier Village in Phoenix; while Father Fred Adamson, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Phoenix, led the Investee Retreat, held at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish. Additionally, Father Dave Heney led the All Members Retreat.



*Top: The Investiture of new Knights by Most Reverend Archbishop Jose Gomez, KC*HS, Grand Prior Western USA Lieutenancy. Above: Most Reverend Thomas Olmsted, KC*HS, Bishop of Phoenix and host for the Annual Meeting.*

On Saturday, Bishop Olmsted celebrated the Promotions Mass where sixty-two Knights and Dames were promoted in rank. Following that, Sami El-Yousef, Chief Executive Officer of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, was the guest speaker at the all member lunch. The evening ended with a fun Route 66 celebration.



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Tony Amat



Top: Sir Thomas, KHS and Dame Rosemary, DHS Castellanos, our gracious hosts for the Annual Meeting with Fr. Fred Adamson welcoming all to Arizona!

Above: Dame Margaret Romano, DGCHS being promoted from Chancellor to Lieutenant for the Western USA Lieutenancy.

Top Right: The altar at St. Bernard Clairvaux Catholic Church in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Right: Dame Nancy Knight, Dame Janice Flood, Dame Claudia Critchfield and Dame Julie Nackard waiting for the Procession to begin.

After the All Member meeting on Sunday, we returned to St. Bernard of Clairvaux for the Investiture Mass, celebrated by our Grand Prior, H.E. Archbishop José H. Gomez. Fifty men and women were welcomed into the Order. The transfer of the office of Lieutenant from one member to another took place by decree of the Cardinal Grand Master. His Excellency Sir Michael Scott Feeley was succeeded by Chancellor Dame Margaret Romano, making her the eighth Lieutenant in the history of the Western Lieutenancy.



1: Happy to be at the Route 66 dinner!

2: Sami El-Yousef

3: H.E. Sir Pat Powers,
H.E. Dame Margaret Romano, and
H.E. Sir Tom McKiernan.



A variety of individuals were recognized for their service to the Western Lieutenancy. Receiving the Silver Palm of Jerusalem Award were Dame Rita Illig Liebelt, Sir Michael Joseph, Sir John Kilduff, and Sir Tom Kyd and Dame Margot Kyd. Additionally, Sir Jeffrey Boughrum and Sir James Burgess received the Archangel Award.

On Sunday evening, following the Investiture Mass, Knights & Dames dressed in their formal wear and attended the Grand Ball. The Traveler's Mass held the next morning brought an official end to a wonderful weekend of spirituality and community.



4. Enjoying the collection of classic cars at the Route 66 dinner.

5. Left to Right: Dame Susan De Pietro, Dame Rosemary Castellanos, Sir Dennis De Pietro and Sir Thomas Castellanos taking the gifts to the altar.



6. At the Investee Formal Dinner Sunday night. From Arizona, left to right, front row: Dame Elaine Ball, Sir David Ball, Bishop Edward Weisenburger Sir David Orr and Dame Mary Carmen Cruz-Orr. Back row: Sir Daniel Cutler, Dame Linda Cutler, Dame Karen McEwen and Sir William McEwen.

7. Investee Mass at St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Scottsdale Arizona.

8. The 2019 Investee Knights of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at rehearsal on Saturday.

9. Rev. Thomas Enneking, Dame Nancy Knight and Dame Julie Nackard offering information at the Ministry Fair Pigrimage table.

10. The gifts before Mass.

11. One of the eleven ministries of the order. Each ministry has an table at the Annual Meeting offering valuable information on how you can support a mission you feel drawn to.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PROMOTEEES!

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT COMMANDER

Sir David Ball, KCHS
Sir Drexel Gregory Bautista, KCHS
Sir David Belz, KCHS
Sir John Bertrand, KCHS
Sir Lawrence Farhat, KCHS
Sir Jerry Hackbarth, KCHS
Sir Victor Matheus, KCHS

Sir Ralph Pennela, KCHS
Sir Viktor Rzeteljski, KCHS
Sir Jamal Shehadeh, KCHS
Deacon Sir Dennis Sullivan, KCH
Rev. Sir Richard Vega, KCHS
Rev. Sir Vaughn Winters, KCHS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT COMMANDER WITH STAR

Sir James Heil, KC*HS
Sir Charles Irwin, KC*HS
Sir Wallace Matthews, Jr., KC*HS
Sir Patrick Park, KC*HS
Sir David Snyder, KC*HS

Sir John Stewart, KC*HS
Sir Percival Tamondong, KC*HS
Sir Anthony Telleria, KC*HS
Sir Joseph Valdes, KC*HS
Sir Nicholas Wittner, KC*HS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF KNIGHT GRAND CROSS

Sir Daniel Cutler, KGCHS
Sir Gabriel Ferrucci, KGCHS
Sir Richard Herbst, KGCHS

Sir John Scott Scherer, KGCHS
Sir Pieter Scholte, KGCHS
Sir Gary Cosmo Young, KGCHS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME COMMANDER

Dame Elaine Ball, DCHS
Dame Robyn Belz, DCHS
Dame Barbara Bertrand, DCHS
Dame Sara Ford, DCHS
Dame Nell Hackbarth, DCHS
Dame Maryann Hockstad, DCHS
Dame Frances Matheus, DCHS
Dame Cynthia Nuttall, DCHS
Dame Carol Page, DCHS

Dame Donna Pencz, DCHS
Dame Ida Pennella, DCHS
Dame Deborah Powers, DCHS
Dame Mary Elizabeth Rzeteljski, DCHS
Dame Majida Shehadeh, DCHS
Dame Mary Shannon Smith, DCHS
Dame Katherine Smith, DCHS
Dame Miriam Soikkeli, DCHS
Dame Joan Sullivan, DCHS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME COMMANDER WITH STAR

Dame Van Heil, DC*HS
Dame Carol Park, DC*HS
Dame Ruby Simpson, DC*HS
Dame Phyllis Snyder, DC*HS
Dame Susan Stewart, DC*HS

Dame Rebecca Tamondong, DC*HS
Dame Delores Telleria, DC*HS
Dame Renee Valdes, DC*HS
Dame Cynthia Wittner, DC*HS

PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF DAME GRAND CROSS

Dame Sharon Carelli, DGCHS
Dame Linda Cutler, DGCHS
Dame Susan Herbst, DGCHS

Dame Barbara Nelson, DGCHS
Dame Teena Scholte, DGCHS



2019 KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - INVESTEEES

Sir Paul Angelo, KHS
Sir Armand Brooks, KHS
Sir Gennaro Buonocore, KHS
Sir David Camarata, KHS
Sir Timothy Corcoran, KHS
Sir Jed Durbano, KHS
Sir Hiram Fernandez, KHS
Sir Jeffrey Heisel, KHS
Sir Robert Herness, KHS
Sir Mark Kalbfleisch, KHS
Sir Henry Korejwo, KHS
Sir D. Kirk LaPlante, KHS
Sir Christopher Lewis, KHS

Sir John Logan, KHS
Sir Joseph Maneen, KHS
Sir Thomas McCloskey, KHS
Sir Franklin McKown, KHS
Sir John Moran, KHS
Rev. Patrick Moses, KHS
Sir Dennis Mulhaupt, KHS
Sir David Orr III, KHS
Sir David Pino, KHS
Sir Stephen Rudnicki, KHS
Sir Douglas Stephen, KHS
Sir Daniele Struppa, KHS

2019 DAMES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - INVESTEEES

Dame Loretta Abril, DHS
Dame Terri Calderón, DHS
Dame Marguerite Camarata, DHS
Dame Debra Colletti, DHS
Dame Mary Carmen Cruz-Orr, DHS
Dame Susan Durbano, DHS
Dame Lynn Fernandez, DHS
Dame Rima Heisel, DHS
Dame Toni Logan, DHS
Dame Jennife Mallinger-McCormick, DHS
Dame Linda Maneen, DHS

Dame Quennie Manuel, DHS
Dame Mair Moran, DHS
Dame Stella-Ruby Palileo, DHS
Dame Ruth Palileo, DHS
Dame Melinda Poliarco, DHS
Dame Kathleen Jo Polowski, DHS
Dame Jennifer Rudnicki, DHS
Dame Barbara Stephen, DHS
Dame Mary Taillon, DHS
Dame Kristine VanCleve, DHS

Welcome to the order!

2019 LEGACY MEMBERS

GOLD

Sir Terrance Barry
Dame Elizabeth Barry
Dame Nancy Iredale
Sir Michael Joseph
Dame Maury Joseph

Dame Da'ad Maklouf
Sir Joe Micatrotto
Dame Constance Micatrotto
H.E. Sir Patrick Powers

SILVER

Deacon Sir Ryan Adams
Dame Wynsdey Adams
Rev. Sir Lane Akiona
Sir John Bertrand
Dame Brabara Bertrand
Sir Terrance Caster
Dame Helen Chan Hanley
Dame Ginny Clements
Sir Carlos Cuellar
Dame Patti Cuellar
Dame Rosa Cumare
Sir Raymond Dardano
Dame Rolinda Dardano
Sir Thomas Davis
Dame Ann Dickson
H.E. Sir Michael Feeley
Dame Janet Feeley
Sir Gabriel Ferrucci
Dame Maria Ferrucci
Dame Patricia Garczynski
Sir Frank Giannantonio
Dame Rose Giannantonio
Dame Alexis Gonyeau
Sir William Green

Dame Sally Green
Sir Leo Hadad
Sir Donal Hanley
Sir Robert Hoehn
Dame Lynde Hoopes
Dame Alyce Johnston
Dame Diane Kawamura
Sir Clay Klein
Dame Roberta Klein
Sir Tom Kleinbauer
Dame Dorothy Kleinbauer
Sir Richard Kolasa
Dame Sandra Kolasa
Sir Thomas Kyd
Dame Margot Kyd
Dame Joan Loffredo
Sir Thomas Mazelin
Dame Constance Mazelin
Dame Karen McClintock
Sir William McEwen
Dame Karen McEwen
Sir Terrence McGaughan
Dame Kathleen McGaughan
Rev. Msgr. Sir Dennis Mikulanis

Sir Ernest Nedder
Dame Kathleen Nedder
Dame Helen Pekny
Sir Thomas Romano
Dame H.E. Margaret Romano
Sir James Ronstadt
Dame Christina Ronstadt
Dame Doeleen Rover
Sir Michael Rover
Sir James Seaman
Dame Madalyn Seaman
Dame Colleen Shepard
Sir Michael Shepard
Dame Katherine Smith
Sir David Snyder
Dame Phyllis Snyder
Sir Brian Stevens
Sir Frederick Strasser
Dame Pamela Strasser
Sir David Tansik
Dame Linda Tansik
Sir Nick Wittner
Dame Cynthia Wittner
Sir Willaim Wolf
Dame Therese Wolf

BRONZE

Sir Phillip Bevins
Dame Marie Bevins
Sir Brad Cutler
Dame Linda Cutler
Dame Kathryn Colachis
Sir Mansueto Flaim
Dame MaryAnn Flaim

Sir Clay Hoffman
Dame Anne Hoffman
Sir Stephen Luchetta
Dame Kristin Luchetta
Sir Alejandro Sanguinetti
Dame Ana Sanguinetti

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Legacy..... to leave a lasting remembrance

The need to assist our Christian brothers and sisters
in the Holy Land
will continue for many years to come.

Remembering the
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre
Western Lieutenancy
in your Will or Trust
will carry forward your support
for the Christian presence
in the land of Christ's birth.

EOHSJ Annual Report

What we do matters

In 2019, thanks to your generosity, the Western Lieutenancy raised over \$1,200,000! With total membership of 1230, including exempt members, this is a great result!

Your commitment to the Holy Land is a blessing to our brothers and sisters who strive to live in a community of peace, love, and hope.

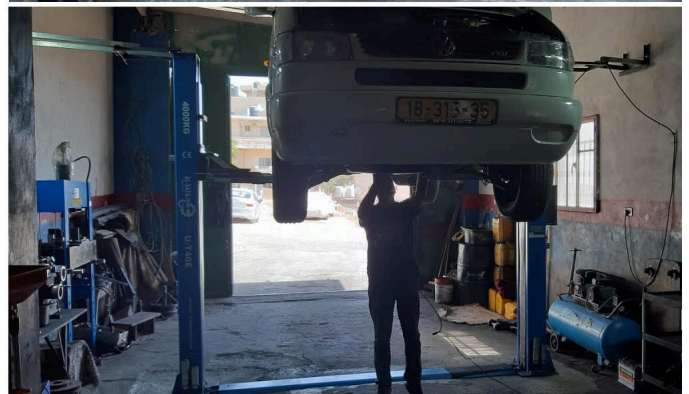
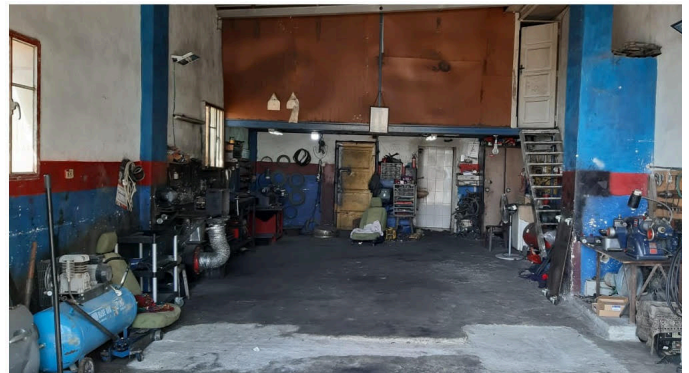
SPECIAL PROJECTS

Hogar Niños Dios	\$ 40,000
Bethlehem University	\$ 25,000
Bethlehem University	\$ 8,500
Kicanas Fund	
Zarqa Schools	\$ 28,000
Counseling Program	
Minor Seminary	\$ 5,000
De La Salle H.S. Debate Team	\$ 10,000
St. Vincent Ain Karem	\$ 15,000
Home for disabled children	
St. Yves Society Catholic	\$ 25,000
Center for Human Rights	
Mother of Sorrows Home	\$ 10,000
For the Elderly	
Latin Patriarchal Adopt A	\$ 50,000
Seminarian Program	
Pelazzo Della Pover	\$100,000
Renaissance Art	
Gaza Youth Training Center	\$ 15,000
HLEDF	\$ 23,000
TOTAL	\$354,500

CONTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

This amount includes Annual Contributions, Investee and Promotee Honoraria, Special Projects and Legacy Bequest Contributions

Total Contributions **\$ 1,200,000**



to support the Holy Land

SIR GODFREY OF Bouillon

When Godfrey de Bouillon - founder of the EOHSJ - answered the call of Pope Urban II in the 1090s to crusade for Jerusalem, he had certain weapons at his disposal. The most important one was prayer, which he assuredly relied on. He also had weapons that were reserved for the battlefield. A medieval knight, clad in armor, could strike an enemy with a lance while on a charging horse. Once dismounted, his sword became the principle weapon. Some nine centuries later, Godfrey de Bouillon's sword is displayed today at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.



As contemporary Knights and Dames, prayer remains our first, and foremost, method to bring about peace in the Holy Land. Going on pilgrimages and visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and other holy sites is another important means of supporting our fellow Christians.

A third way that Knights and Dames can make a meaningful difference is through their financial backing of the various Special Projects in the Holy Land that have been endorsed by the Western Lieutenancy. As the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate, the EOHSJ is vital to maintaining---and growing---the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

 *Painting, Collection Manta Castle, Italy
Photo by Wirkwurf.*

SPECIAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

1. The Zarqa Schools (both Zarqa North and South). Located in Amman, Jordan, the schools educate the children of refugee families. In recent years, Knights and Dames, through their contributions, have provided computers, laboratories, a library, and a range of infrastructure improvements.
2. The Holy Land Economic Development Fund, which finances micro loans - amounts no larger than \$15,000 - enabling Christians to start and grow small businesses, and, in the process, provide jobs that benefit their communities.
3. The Society of Saint Yves, a Jerusalem-based organization, providing pro bono legal representation in Israeli courts to fight human rights abuses. The Society handles over four-thousand cases annually in Eastern Jerusalem and the West Bank.
4. The Adopt-A-Seminarian Program is dedicated to educating, training, and forming men to serve as Priests in the Roman Catholic Community of the Holy Land. Contributions support the Latin Seminary in Beit Jala.
5. Bethlehem University, founded in 1973, is a Catholic co-educational institution dedicated to educating and developing individuals who can assume leadership positions in the Holy Land.
6. The Holy Child Program, located near Bethlehem, provides therapy and alternative education for children who suffer from complex mental health issues.
7. Hogar Nino Dios, located in Bethlehem, is an orphanage welcoming abandoned children with serious birth defects and illnesses.
8. Our Lady of Sorrows Home for the Elderly, in East Jerusalem, provides full-time care for senior citizens who have often been abandoned.
9. The schools of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, educating upwards of 20,000 students in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.

SIR MICHAEL SCOTT Feeley

WHO LOVES THE HOLY LAND,
PROMOTES
THE FAITH AND
GIVES ABUNDANTLY
HIS SERVICE

At the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Western USA Lieutenancy in Scottsdale, Arizona, a profound rite of the Order was observed: the transfer of the office of Lieutenant from one member to another by Decree of the Cardinal Grand Master. His Excellency Sir Michael Scott Feeley was succeeded by Chancellor Margaret Romano, making her the eighth Lieutenant in the history of the Western USA Lieutenancy. For Sir Michael, it represented the completion of a five-year tenure as leader of the

PATH TO BECOMING LIEUTENANT

lieutenancy, a period marked by considerable growth and success. The son of an Army Colonel who was a Special Forces Green Beret and a mother who served in the State Department, Sir Michael's life was shaped by a love of God and an ethic of serving others from an early point.

A graduate of Jesuit-run Georgetown Prep in Washington, D.C., he earned an undergraduate degree in Religion at Dartmouth, followed by a fellowship year in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He then studied Divinity and Law at Harvard, earning a Juris Doctor degree, before receiving a Master's in Theology from Oxford University.



Left: Sir Michael carrying the cross along the Via del la Rosa in Jerusalem.

Below: Cardinal Roger Mahony, Dame Janet Feeley, Sir Michael Scott Feeley and his Excellency Archbishop José Gomez.



SIR
MICHAEL SCOTT
FEELEY AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING
IN
SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA,
SEPTEMBER 2019



Photo by Tony Amat

For the past thirty years, Sir Michael has pursued a career as a partner in the Los Angeles law firm of Latham & Watkins. Married to Dame Janet for twenty-six years, the couple have two adult sons, Declan and Brogan. Dame Janet and Sir Michael have a deep partnership in their service to the Church and community. Long-time members of Saint Paul the Apostolic Catholic Community in Westwood, they have headed the parish Baptism and Marriage Preparation Ministries.

Sir Michael served for a dozen years as chairman of the California Patrons of the Vatican Museums, for twenty years on

the board of Saint Anne's Maternity Home, and ten years on the Cathedral finance committee, as well as many other boards and ministries. In addition to serving as vice chairman of the Carrie Estelle Doheny Foundation Board, he is active in the Order of Malta and Order of Saint Gregory the Great.

**A KNIGHT OF THE
HOLY SEPULCHRE**

Just a year after his investiture in 1997, Sir Michael was appointed as Los Angeles Area Co-Councillor, marking the beginning of years of dedicated service to the Order.

The period of 2013-14 was a critical one in the history of the Western USA Lieutenancy. His Excellency Sir William Davidson, who was in the midst of a successful tenure as the sixth Lieutenant, became seriously ill. Despite his worsening condition, he continued dedicating himself to the Lieutenancy until his death.

One of Sir William's priorities was finding the right person to be his successor. Working in collaboration with Vice-Governor General Sir Patrick Powers (the fifth Lieutenant) and Grand Prior Cardinal Roger Mahony, he urged Sir Michael Feeley to accept the appointment. Not having served in leadership in the Order for fifteen years, Sir Michael was reluctant to accept. He resolved "to talk to my heavenly Father and to my earthly spouse." After much prayer and encouragement from Dame Janet, he accepted the Cardinal Grand Master's invitation. Today, he recalls his wife's words, "if this is what the Holy Spirit wants, get out of your own way."

FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Things moved quickly: in December 2014, he received the Grand Master's Decree, and, in January, began serving as the seventh Lieutenant in the history of the Western USA Lieutenancy. Crucially, he convinced Dame Margaret Romano to take on the position of Chancellor, and, since then, they have worked effectively and joyfully in leading the Lieutenancy.

One of his initial steps was to re-structure the Lieutenancy in order to keep pace with changing times, beginning with updating the nomination process. Previously, there was no cultivation or discernment program for candidates for the Order. It was a secret process and potential members did not even know they were being considered for membership until they were invited to join. Under Sir Michael's leadership, the nomination process was opened up and made more transparent, enabling both the Lieutenancy and candidates to go through a mutual discernment period to vet the candidates and explain the mission and obligations of membership. Those invited to join now are better informed about the Order and its expectations, resulting in a much higher acceptance rate, and an increase in the number of new members becoming active in the Lieutenancy.

Sir Michael also standardized the timing of making annual contributions. Rather than having a yearlong rolling receipt of donations, asking members to make their annual contribution in December/January allows the Lieutenancy to distribute funds to the Holy Land much faster and to budget more accurately for the year. The percentage of members making an annual contribution has increased from around 48%, at the beginning of his tenure, to upwards of 88% now.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Under Sir Michael's leadership, the Lieutenancy has adopted several Special Projects, above and beyond the annual contributions, that have had a major impact in terms of supporting the Latin Patriarchate



Sir Michael visiting a school in Zarqa, Jordan.

of Jerusalem and Christians throughout the Holy Land. Among the organizations receiving significant support are the Latin Patriarchate seminarians, the Zarqa schools, Bethlehem University, the Society of St. Yves, the Holy Child Program, Hogar Niños Dios, and St. Vincent's Home for Disabled Children.

Other projects include providing wheel chairs, clothing, and a host of other essentials to children and the needy, as well as funding micro loans through the Holy Land Economic Development Fund, which enable Christians to start and grow small businesses, and provide jobs to help stimulate local economies.

Additionally, a number of other innovative programs were developed during the last five years.

Under the direction of Sir Michael Joseph, the Legacy Program has grown to over one-hundred members with millions of dollars in bequests going to help Christians in the Holy Land. Lieutenant Feeley also initiated the Ministry Fairs at the Annual Meeting, created the Archangel Awards for innovative service, encouraged strategic business plans for each Area, and revamped the Lieutenancy website and email communication system.

**"IF THIS IS WHAT
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HOLY SPIRIT
WANTS,
GET OUT OF
YOUR OWN WAY"**

-Dame Janet

THE GOAL OF SANCTITY

When asked what his top priority was during his tenure, Sir Michael said, “nurturing a Christian community that deepens the sanctity of its members, such that it overflows into loving accompaniment of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.” In support of this goal, he instituted several new opportunities for members, including the Thursday-night spiritual event at the Annual Meetings, as well as an All-Member retreat to go along with those for investees and promotees.

Sir Michael also initiated spiritual reflections for the Advent and Lenten Seasons, as well as the four feast days of the Order. These are now made available through email blasts and are posted on the website.

In the last five years, the number of annual Holy Land Pilgrimages, sponsored by the Order, have increased dramatically. Upwards of seven or eight a year now take place, having a profound effect on the spiritual lives of the pilgrims, deepening the understanding of our mission, and attracting new members to the Order.

Another stimulus for spiritual growth has been the advent of the Our Lady Queen of Palestine Program, created by Deacon Ryan Adams and his wife, Lady Wynsdey. The couple travel throughout the Lieutenancy year-round, doing presentations that promote awareness of the program and its mission.

During the past five years, First Monday Rosarys have grown significantly in popularity, with the number of members participating hitting new highs. Sir Michael believes that praying regularly together in small Christian communities is at the heart of our individual and collective sanctification.

THE YEAR OF MERCY

Sir Michael has a rich treasury of wonderful memories of the last five years. Prominent among them is the Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis from December 2015 until November 2016. To mark the Year of Mercy, Sir Michael asked each Area to undertake three special activities in their diocese: create an interfaith event, partake in corporal works of mercy, and conduct a pilgrimage to a local Door of Mercy. Some areas held interfaith discussions on the concept of mercy in Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, while others showed the movie *Open Bethlehem* accompanied by an interfaith panel discussion. Corporal works of Mercy included feeding the homeless and volunteering to visit prisoners. Sir Michael was particularly grateful for the robust response of our members to the graces poured out in the Year of Mercy.

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- Sir Michael Scott Feeley

A GRATEFUL LIEUTENANCY

As Dame Margaret succeeds Sir Michael, it is clear that his time leading the Western USA Lieutenancy has been a remarkably fruitful and successful period. He credits the accomplishments to a team of many members, who work so generously and selflessly for the good of the Order

in the service of Christ and the Christians of the Holy Land. We are happy to report the H.E. Sir Michael has been appointed to the Grand Magisterium. We thank his excellency and wife, Dame Janet, for all their contributions to the Order, and pray for their happiness and good health in the future.

DEUS LO VULT!

ARCHBISHOP JOSÉ GOMEZ, KC*HS President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Western
Lieutenancy
congratulates our
Grand Prior, Most.
Rev. José Gomez
(KC*HS), the Archbishop of the
Archdiocese of Los Angeles, on
being elected President of the
United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops (USCCB) during
the Fall General Assembly in
Baltimore on November 12th.
He had previously served as Vice
President of the Conference since
2016.

Archbishop Gomez is the first
Latino to hold the highest
leadership position in the
American Catholic Church. The
67-year-old Mexican-born prelate
received a standing ovation from
his fellow bishops after it was
announced that he had received
176 of the 238 votes cast on the
first ballot.

Reflecting on his election,
Archbishop Gomez said, “It is
really a moment of grace for me,
and I’m extremely grateful to my
brother bishops for thinking of me
for this position. It is an honor
for me to serve the Conference
of Bishops and the people of the
United States.”





Among the Archbishop's many supporters is Most Rev. Joseph Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno, who said, "We're in very good hands for the next three years". Having served as Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop in Los Angeles under Archbishop Gomez, Bishop Brennan is familiar with his former boss' leadership style. "He will delegate and he will seek help. And he'll get it. He's got lots of support from us."

The Archbishop's initial desire to become a priest coincided with the illness of his mother decades ago. The experience drew him into a deeper relationship with Christ through prayer, and ultimately to a life committed to serving God.

Born in Monterrey, Mexico, in 1951, to José H. Gomez and Esperanza Velasco, and having four sisters, he was ordained a priest on August 15, 1978. After receiving multiple degrees, including a Doctorate of Sacred Theology from the University of Navarre (Pamplona, Spain) in 1980, he served in various roles as a pastor in Texas.

Before succeeding Cardinal Roger Mahony as Archbishop of Los Angeles in 2011, he served as both Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Denver and as Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas. As Archbishop of Los Angeles, he oversees the largest Catholic diocese in the United States.

As Archbishop Gomez assumes leadership of the USCCB, he is mindful that "we are living in a moment of hope and renewal in the Church."

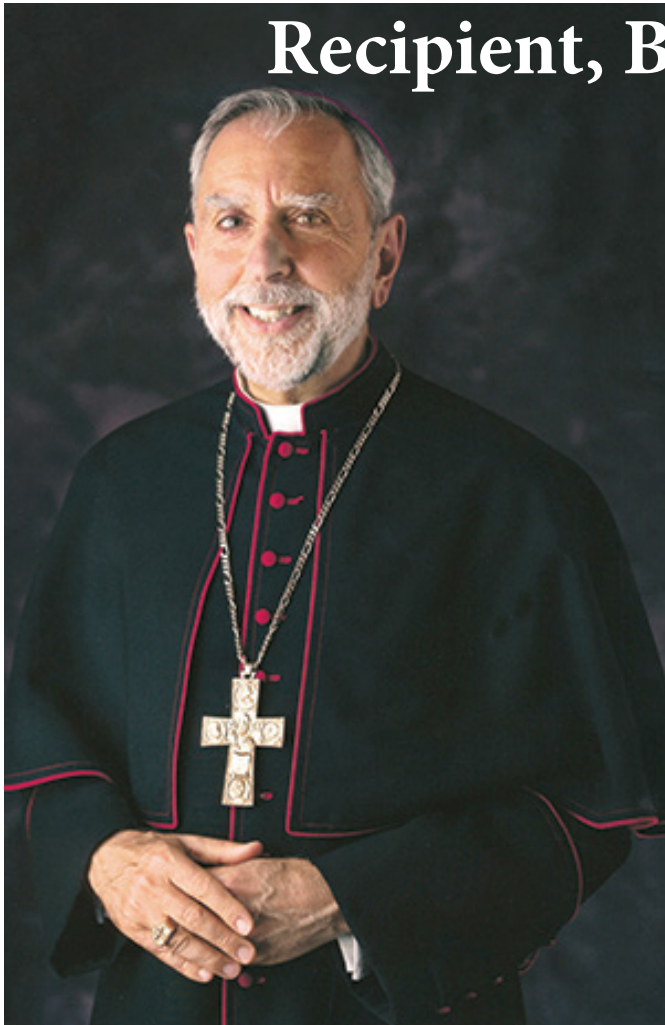
He proclaimed,

"I entrust these next three years to the maternal care of Our Lady of Guadalupe and I ask the prayers of my fellow Catholics --- all our priests, deacons, and seminarians; all our consecrated men and women; and especially our lay people, who are so vital in carrying forward the Church's mission."



THE ARCHBISHOP PIETRO SAMI 'STAR OF BETHLEHEM' AWARD

Recipient, Bishop Kicanas, KC*HS



Special congratulations are owed to Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas (KC*HS), Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson, and a longtime member of the Western Lieutenancy, for receiving The Archbishop Pietro Sami 'Star of Bethlehem' Award for Services to the Bethlehem University Foundation. The award was given by the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and presented to Bishop Kicanas at the Vatican embassy in Washington, D.C., on November 14th. Bishop Kicanas was recognized for his long record of service to the Bethlehem University Foundation, as well as his support for the endowed scholarship named in his honor---the H.E. Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas EOHSJ Scholarship Endowment---which supports Bethlehem University, and was created by the Knights & Dames of the Tucson Diocese.

Bishop Kicanas was born in Chicago in 1941 to parents of Lebanese heritage. He obtained a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois, and was ordained to the priesthood on April 27, 1967. He later earned a Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling and a Doctorate in Educational Psychology, both from Chicago's Loyola University.

Bishop Kicanas was named on January 24, 1995, by Pope John Paul II as the Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, and was consecrated to the episcopate on March 20, 1995, by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He chose to express his episcopal motto in both Spanish and English: "La Justiciable Promueve La Paz" and "Justice Begets Peace".

Bishop Kicanas was installed as Coadjutor Bishop of Tucson on January 15, 2002, and succeeded Bishop Manuel Moreno as the seventh Bishop of Tucson on March 7, 2003. In 2007, he was elected Vice President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and, in 2008, the USCCB selected him to be a member of American delegation to the twelfth World Synod of Bishops.

In 2017, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop Kicanas, Diocese of Tucson, and named as his successor Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger (KC*HS). That same year, he was appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Education Association, and served as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico, from September 2018 to July 2019. Bishop Kicanas holds honorary degrees from Lewis University and the University of Notre Dame.

"La Justiciable Promueve La Paz"
"Justice Begets Peace"

ECCLESIASTICAL MASTER



CEREMONIES

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic, KCHS

The Western Lieutenancy welcomes Rev. Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic, KCHS, as the new Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies.

The longtime Pastor of San Diego's San Rafael Parish has a history of serving the Lieutenancy. Since being invested in 2002, he has served in a variety of roles, including acting as a Retreat Master at annual meetings and leading pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

As Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies, he will be the official host of Lieutenancy religious ceremonies, insuring their smooth and proper conduct and adherence to liturgical standards.

The tradition of the Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies in the Church dates back to the fifth century. An Ecclesiastical Master of Ceremonies serves Pope Francis and is a member of his Papal Court.

A native of San Diego, Monsignor Mikulanic graduated with Honors from the University of San Diego in 1973, and then was sent by his Bishop to the North American College, the American Seminary in Rome. While there, he earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Theology at Angelicum University.

He was ordained a Priest at San Diego's Saint Joseph's Cathedral in 1977 by Bishop Leo Maher. After six years serving in parish ministry, he was sent to Rome for further studies, earning, in 1986, a Doctorate from Angelicum University in Sacred Theology, specializing in Ecumenism.



Since then, his primary ministry has been parish work in San Diego, as well as serving as the Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the San Diego Diocese. He is Director of Diocesan Cemeteries in San Diego, and has co-authored two books and contributed several articles to theological journals.

Monsignor Mikulanic is an oblate of Saint Andrew's Benedictine Abbey in Valyermo, California, and a member of the San Diego Civil War Roundtable.

W E L C O M E

GODFREY DE BOUILLON: The Makings of a Leader

It has been said that Godfrey de Bouillon--the founder of the EOHSJ--inherited qualities from his parents that combined to produce a man who was destined to become one of the greatest figures in all of Christendom. From his father, Count Eustace II (c. 1047-c.1089), a hero of the Norman Conquest of England, he was bequeathed military prowess, and from his mother, Saint Ida of Lorraine (c.1040-1113), a woman of deep sanctity, he received an abiding faith in God.

COUNT EUSTACE II

Count Eustace II, like his forebears, presided over the County of Boulogne in northern France. In the seventh century, the Virgin Mary arrived aboard an unmanned boat that sailed into the harbor of Boulogne. The Blessed Mother announced to the faithful onlookers that she had chosen the city as a place of grace. The apparition made Boulogne an important destination of pilgrims in the Middle Ages. Through both his parents, Count Eustace II inherited some of the noblest blood in Christendom. Among his ancestors were the Carolingians, who ruled much of central and western Europe in the early Middle Ages, and before them the Merovingian Kings of France, whose dynasty began in the fifth century. Count Eustace II could also trace a line of descent from Alfred the Great (849-899), who, at the time of his death, was the dominant ruler of England.

IDA OF LORRAINE



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Count Eustace II was a holy man whose benevolence toward the church was well documented. He was also the noblest of William the Conqueror's allies in the Norman Conquest of England, which occurred in the year 1066. His heroism at the decisive Battle of Hastings is memorialized on the extant Bayeux Tapestry, which was created in the eleventh century and chronicles the major events of the Conquest. In the aftermath of the defeat of the Anglo Saxons, Count Eustace II was granted significant land holdings in England.

SAINT IDA OF LORRAINE


In 1057, Count Eustace II was joined in marriage to Ida of Lorraine. Due to an extant biography, written by a contemporary Cluniac Monk, a good number of facts are known about her. Known for her generosity, she endowed multiple monasteries and abbeys, including those at Calais, Le Wast, and Cappelle, as well as the Church of Saint Nicholas in Boulogne, dedicated to the patron of Sailors and Pilgrims to the Holy Land. Saint Ida's holiness, and compassion for the poor, gained her the friendship and admiration of Saint Anselm of Canterbury (c.1033-1109), a Doctor of the Church, and Saint Hugh of Cluny (1024-1109).

Following Count Eustace II's death in circa 1089, Saint Ida's devotion to God resulted in several miracles. On one occasion, a woman with dropsy was cured when she touched her afflicted body. Another miracle occurred when Saint Ida encountered a deaf-mute girl who was shivering. After drawing the girl under her cloak, the child was soon cured. After Saint Ida's

death in 1113, additional miracles occurred at her grave. One involved her granddaughter Matilda, who was stricken with a high fever and after praying at her grandmother's tomb, her health was restored. These miracles led to Saint Ida of Lorraine's canonization. Acknowledged as a patron of widows, she is honored on her birthday, April 13th.

THE ARCHETYPE CHIVALROUS KNIGHT

Count Eustace II and Saint Ida of Lorraine were the parents of three sons: Godfrey de Bouillon, Baldwin, and Eustace III. The most notable was Godfrey, who responded to Pope Urban II's call to crusade, becoming the archetype chivalrous Knight. When Jerusalem fell in 1099, Godfrey de Bouillon, the leading Crusader, modestly declined the title 'King of Jerusalem', preferring to be called 'Defender of the Holy Sepulchre'. Upon the death of Godfrey in 1100, his brother, Baldwin, succeeded him and assumed the title 'King of Jerusalem', reigning until his death in 1118.

 *Fragment of the Tapestry of Bayeux, Odo, half brother of William the Great at the time his is cheering his troops.*



BISHOP JOHN DOLAN

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“He always made underprivileged his priority”

The Western Lieutenancy is blessed with many Bishops who are members. Among them, the Most Rev. John Dolan (KC*HS), Auxiliary Bishop of the San Diego Diocese, who was invested at the 2018 annual meeting in Anaheim.

He is not the first member of his family to be part of the EOHSJ. Both his parents--- Dame Catherine and Sir Gerald Dolan---who hold the rank of Knight & Dame of the Grand Cross, played important roles in the history of the Western Lieutenancy. Dame Catherine served as Secretary to the Lieutenant for seven years, during a period of rapid growth and expansion of the Lieutenancy. She demonstrated her devotion to the EOHSJ in many ways, even transforming part of her San Diego home into a Lieutenancy office. Today, she recalls being awakened in the middle of the night when the fax machine rang, signaling the arrival of a message from the Order's headquarters in Rome.

CALLED TO A LIFE OF SERVICE TO GOD

Born in 1962, Bishop Dolan was educated in San Diego Catholic schools, before attending Saint Francis Seminary and the University of San Diego, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy. He continued his studies at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, California, earning two Masters degrees, one in Divinity and the other in Theology. The Bishop's desire to become a Priest began forming early on, recalls his mother. The family's San Diego home was the scene of many memorable dinners attended by priests. Among them, Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic (KCHS)---currently Pastor of San Diego's San Rafael Parish---who encouraged a young John Dolan to consider a life of service to God.

PARISH MINISTRY

Following his ordination as a priest on July 1, 1989, Bishop Dolan devoted the next twenty-eight years to parish ministry in San Diego, serving at a number of churches. While Pastor at Saint Michael's Parish in Poway, he founded the Corporal Works of Mercy ministry, designed to help the poor and needy, not only in San Diego but around the world. Ana Alvord, the current director of the ministry, recalls how Bishop Dolan focused on those in need. “He always made the underprivileged his priority.”

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Photo by Chris Stone

While at Saint Michael's, he also originated the Founders 500, which enabled generous donors to contribute to the Corporal Works of Mercy ministry, and, in the process, support initiatives around the world. Among them, providing prosthetics to people in Mexico, educating children in Columbia, and building homes for the needy in the Philippines.

Teaming up with the American Haitian Foundation, the Corporal Works of Mercy ministry financed schools in the Caribbean nation. The ministry also supported The Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, an organization benefiting child victims of Kony's War, and other injustices, in the east-African country.

BECOMING AN AUXILIARY BISHOP

In 2017, Pope Francis selected then Father Dolan to become the Auxiliary Bishop of the San Diego Diocese. He was consecrated on June 8, 2017, having selected a coat of arms, featuring the words: "Abide in My Love." Soon after that, Bishop Sir Robert McElroy (KC*HS), of the San Diego Diocese, asked him to become a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

Bishop Dolan will, no doubt, have a sizable impact on the Western Lieutenancy, taking his philosophy of putting the poor and oppressed first, and applying it to the Christians of the Holy Land.

FEAST DAYS of the Order



St. Helena

Feast Day - August 18th

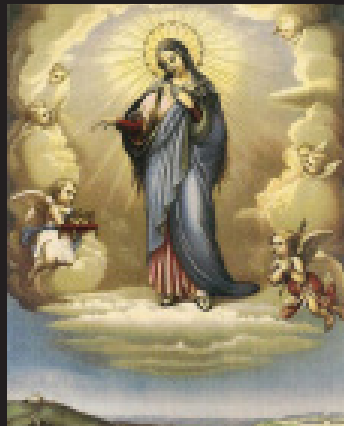
Holy and blessed Saint Helena, with the anguish and devotion with which you sought the Cross of Christ, I plead that you give me God's grace to suffer in patience the labours of this life, so that through them and through your intercession and protection, I will be able to seek and carry the Cross, which God has placed upon me, so that I can serve Him in this life and enjoy His glory ever after. Amen.



Pope St. Pius X, Former Grand Master of the Order

Feast Day - August 21

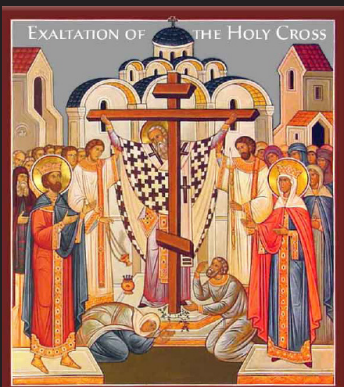
The Feast of Pope St. Pius X is a Feast of the Order at which a Plenary Indulgence can be granted under the usual conditions set by the Church. In the first few decades of the Twentieth Century, the reigning pontiff held the senior leadership position of the Order. During this period of time, Pius X intended the title Grand Master to be reserved for the papacy, a political move that linked the Order personally to the Pope without the Order becoming assimilated into the Holy See's own honors system.



Our Lady Queen of Palestine, Patroness of the Order

Feast Day is the last Sunday in October

Filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary should be a special characteristic of every member of the Order. The faith of Mary, Mother of Jesus, has illuminated the path that each member of the Order takes. Mary, the model of faith which is put into practice, is the woman who was docile to the voice of the Spirit, a woman of silence and hope. As the highly favored daughter of the Father, she is the perfect model of love towards both God and neighbor.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast Day September 14

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica and shrine built on Calvary by Constantine, which mark the site of the Crucifixion. However the feast, more than anything else, is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: His salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opens.

SIR CHUCK AND DAME EDE Radloff

It would be difficult to find two individuals whose contributions to the Western Lieutenancy have been more important as those of Dame Ede and Sir Chuck Radloff. When asked to appraise the San Diego couple's impact on the Lieutenancy, Vice Governor General Sir Patrick Powers responded, "if there was a MVP award given for the last twenty years of the Western Lieutenancy, the Radloffs would be the recipients."

Since the late-1900s, the couple have spent a significant amount of time living and working in the Holy Land, and, in the process, helping define the Lieutenancy's impact there. According to Sir Patrick Powers, "the selfless, dedicated service of the Radloffs to the mission of the Order has set the bar for what Knights and Dames should aspire to."

The couple's first pilgrimage to the Holy Land was in 1996, long before becoming members of the EOHSJ. En route, they paid a visit to the tiny Mediterranean island of Patmos, noteworthy for being the place where Saint John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation.

The Radloffs were longtime admirers of Thomas Merton, and figured the next best thing to meeting the late Trappist Monk himself was meeting his best friend, the Poet Robert Lax, who was living a sequestered, solitary life on the island. Their encounter with Lax led to a rich friendship that lasted until his death in 2000.

WITNESSING OPPRESSION IN THE HOLY LAND

The Radloffs arrived in the Holy Land several days before the rest of their pilgrimage group did, enabling them, through the help of a friend who acted as their guide, to visit many places not commonly seen by others. At a hospital in



Ramallah, they witnessed suffering children, who were victimized in various ways: some were the product of incest, while others were born at Israeli checkpoints without access to medical assistance. Some were abandoned by Moslem mothers, who feared retaliation by relatives, seeking to preserve their family's honor. The Radloffs were witnessing first-hand many cruelties, and, in the process, developing a sensitivity to the hardships of the Holy Land. They wondered if the Holy Spirit was leading them, and perhaps they were destined to try to make a difference.

SERVING AS VOLUNTEERS IN JORDAN

Not long after returning to the United States, an opportunity to make a difference emerged. Chuck, a retired CEO, received an invitation from the U.S. Agency for International Development to put his talents to work in Amman, Jordan. The Radloffs soon headed off to the Holy Land for a volunteer assignment.

It didn't take long before they found themselves immersed in the Arab culture of Jordan, and learning more about the lives of Christians in the Holy Land. The conditions the Radloffs witnessed made an indelible impression on them, filling them with a strong desire to do something more.

One night, after dinner at their hotel, they looked out on the vista before them: it was a clear evening and in the distance were the lights of Jerusalem. At that moment, they decided to dedicate the rest of their lives to helping the Christians of the Holy Land.

SOCIETY OF SAINT YVES

When the Radloffs returned home, they wasted little time, sending letters to Christian organizations in the Holy Land, offering their services as volunteers. Again, the Holy Spirit was watching over them, as they received a response from just the right person who could help them: Father Guido Gockel, a Mill Hill Missionary Priest, who was serving, at the time, as Director of the Pontifical Mission in Jerusalem and also on the Board of the Society of Saint Yves, a non-profit organization, providing pro bono legal defenses of Palestinians in Israeli judicial courts.

The Society was at a critical point: in order to continue meeting the needs of the growing number of Palestinians seeking assistance, the organization needed some retooling in terms of its structure and functioning.

Chuck, with his corporate background, was just the right man. The Radloffs made the commitment to return to the Holy Land, and, not long after arriving, Chuck went to work developing a successful operational plan and five-year growth strategy for the Society of Saint Yves. He created

personnel policies, job evaluations, salary structures, and often sat-in on meetings between lawyers and clients. Today,



Fr. Guido Gockel, Executive Director, Pontifical Mission Jerusalem

he continues to be in touch with the Society's Jerusalem office..

VISITING THE GAZA STRIP

Desiring to expand their experiences in the region, the Radloffs resolved to visit the Gaza Strip. In 2003, Chuck's arrival occurred on a day when destroyed buildings were still smoldering from a recent Israeli missile strike. To get there, he had to cross on foot the half-mile 'No Man's Zone', that connects Israel and Gaza, going through dangerous checkpoints at both ends. While he was crossing, a rivet gun opened fire in his direction, providing quite a scare.

What Chuck saw in Gaza still

haunts him today. Malnutrition was wide-spread and childhood mortality rates were skyrocketing. "It's like a lock-down prison." "Sewage and debris is everywhere." And the threat of being bombed is part of everyday life.

In 1948, as a result of the United Nations' decision to partition Palestine, over 700,000 Palestinians were forced to abandon their homes in Nazareth and seek refuge in the Gaza Strip. With a total population of 1.8 million, squeezed into an area of 140 square miles, Gaza is one of the most crowded places on earth.

In 2010, Chuck returned to Gaza, this time accompanied by Ede. They were joined by Sister Susan Sheehan of Jerusalem's Saint Vincent Home for Children, which supported half-a-dozen nursery schools in Gaza. They visited two of the schools, which required navigating buildings hollowed-out by a recent missile attack. While in Gaza, they also visited Holy Family Parish and School, and its Pastor, Father Jorge Hernandez.

BECOMING A KNIGHT & DAME

In 2003, Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis, Pastor of San Diego's San Rafael Catholic Church---the Radloff's home parish---sponsored the couple for membership in the EOHSJ. Following their Investiture, then-Lieutenant Sir Patrick Powers quickly realized what assets the Radloffs were and appointed Chuck the Lieutenant's Councillor -at-Large for the Holy Land, a position he stills holds today. Many of the Holy

Land Special Projects endorsed by the Western Lieutenancy today were once supported by the Radloffs and brought to the attention of the Order by the couple. A good example is the Society of Saint Yves. Since adopting the organization as a Special Project, the Lieutenancy's financial contributions have guaranteed the Society's survival and driven it to new heights. Today, Saint Yves manages some 4,000 cases per year.



Left: Chuck and Ede in front of the sword and spurs of Sir Godfry of Bouillon framed and hung in the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Below: Bishop Shomali, the Latin Patriarchate Bishop of Jordan.

A DEEP SPIRITUALITY

Today, the Radloffs are proud members of the Western Lieutenancy, holding the rank of Knight and Dame of the Grand Cross. They have fittingly received virtually every award the Order confers, including the Pilgrim Shell, the Golden Medal of the Patriarchal Basilica of the Most Holy Sepulchre, and the Diploma of 'Proper Merit', given by John Cardinal Foley.

But what they cherish most is the deep faith in God that their years in the Holy Land helped form. They are often comforted by their memories of visiting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in the pre-dawn light, and praying at the tomb of Jesus.

“EDE AND CHUCK HAVE A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR THE CHRISTIANS OF THE HOLY LAND.....”

- Bishop Shomali



Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem---was such an example.

Through their association with him, a long sequence of opportunities to help the Christians in the Holy Land developed that the Western Lieutenancy later adopted.

Today, Bishop Shomali is the Latin Patriarchate Bishop of Jordan, and regards his friends with deep affection, saying, “Ede and Chuck have a passionate love for the Christians of the Holy Land, having left the comforts of California and volunteering to serve our mission so many times.” “Coming yearly to the Holy Land was for Chuck a sacred necessity he couldn't live without.”

BISHOP SHOMALI

The Radloffs found that every time a door opened, it seemingly led to another, for which they credited the Holy Spirit. Working with Bishop William Shomali---at the time, the General

REV. LANE AKIONA Hopes for Peace



In 1827, the Fathers of the France-based Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary came to Hawaii and became the first permanent Catholic mission in the islands.

Today, Rev. Lane Akiona (KCHS), a Sacred Heart priest himself, continues that tradition, serving as Pastor of Saint Augustine Parish in Honolulu, which first opened its doors in 1854, making it the third oldest parish in Hawaii.

SACRED HEART FATHERS

The Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary was founded on Christmas Eve in the year 1800. As a missionary order, its priests set out to establish the Catholic Church at locations around the world. The Order found particular success in the Kingdom of Hawaii, originating what is now the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu and building a number of parishes, including Honolulu's Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace, the oldest cathedral in continuous use in the United States. The achievements of the Sacred Heart Fathers in Hawaii did not occur without overcoming considerable obstacles. In 1831, the Order was expelled from Hawaii by the monarchy, during a period of rampant hostility against Catholics. The Fathers were ordered to board the first schooner destined for California, where they went on to establish religious missions.



In 1837, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary returned to Hawaii, spreading the Gospel, building churches, and evangelizing new faithful. They succeeded at inspiring many Catechists who helped convert much of Hawaii to the Catholic faith. Among the Sacred Heart Fathers was Saint Damien of Molokai (1840-1889), who heroically ministered to the lepers of Hawaii, eventually dying of the disease himself.



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Father Lane Akiona (KCHS) was ordained as a Priest of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary on January 24, 1981. Born in Honolulu and raised on Molokai Island, he earned an undergraduate degree at Honolulu's Chaminade College and continued his studies at the Chicago Theological Union. During his thirty-eight years as a priest, his primary ministry has been parish work in Hawaii, becoming the Pastor of Saint Augustine Catholic Church in 2006.

Father Akiona was invested as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in 2005, and has served the Western Lieutenancy in many ways. Most notably, as Area Councillor of the Hawaii Diocese for six years. During his tenure, Hawaii was host of the Lieutenancy Annual Meeting.



A WELLSPRING OF SPIRITUALITY

Father Lane credits the EOHSJ as being a wellspring of spirituality in his life. Having made several pilgrimages to the Holy Land, he is keenly aware of the plight of Christians there, which, as Father states, "has made me a better priest and advocate for those who suffer." He has a fervent hope that one day, through the Grace of God, peace will come to the Holy Land, attracting large numbers of Christians, and that the EOHSJ will play an important role in bringing it about.

Being Pastor of Saint Augustine Church, located on Waikiki Beach, affords Father Lane a unique opportunity to enlighten people on the realities of the Holy Land. On weekends, upwards of ninety-five percent of those attending Mass are tourists. Through his homilies, he informs them of the challenges Christians face in the Holy Land, and suggests ways that they can make a difference, through prayer, almsgiving, and even joining the EOHSJ.

Like the original Sacred Heart Fathers who sailed to Hawaii in 1827, Father Lane is a dedicated servant of God and His Church, as well as the Western Lieutenancy.

MAHALO
for all your works Father!

Top Left: Rev. Lane Akiona of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus. Photo by FL Morris, Star Bulletin.

Far Left: The original Cathedral of Hawaii in the 1800's.

Left: St. Augustine Catholic Church, Waikiki. Photo by daryl_mitchell from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

EOHSJ'S Holy Land Economic Development Fund

"WHEN THERE IS
NO WORK,
THERE IS NO
DIGNITY"

– Pope Francis.



For over 900 years, the Knights and Dames of the EOHSJ have been defending, serving, and supporting the Church in the Holy Land in numerous and diverse ways. Today, the Western Lieutenancy continues this tradition by supporting over a dozen Special Projects under the purview of the Justice & Peace Committee that provide invaluable support to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

MICRO LOANS

Among the Special Projects undertaken by the Western Lieutenancy is the Holy Land Economic Development Fund (the "HLEDF") which supports the creation, growth, and sustainability of Christian, family-owned, small-businesses in the Holy Land through the funding of micro-loans up to \$15K. Through the HLEDF, in partnership with Caritas Jerusalem, the Western Lieutenancy funds loans to qualified and vetted Christian borrowers. The loans are locally administered and serviced by Caritas Jerusalem which has over 30-years of experience in this field.

As loans are repaid, the funds are used to fund new loans to other Christian borrowers in the Holy Land.

The HLEDF was established by the Western Lieutenancy and owes its founding to the success of a pilot micro-loan program started by the Justice & Peace team of Orange County, California under the guidance and vision of Dame Kathleen (DGCHS) and Sir Terrence McGaughan (KGCHS). The idea for the program was sparked when the McGaughans learned about Caritas Jerusalem's existing micro-credit program from a report delivered to the Lieutenancy by Chuck Radloff (KGCHS) in which he shared findings from his numerous bi-annual pilgrimages to the Holy Land. The program has evolved and grown into what it is today under the successive leadership of Lieutenants H.E. Sir Michael Feeley (KGCHS) and H.E. Dame Margaret Romano (DGCHS).

ENABLING CHRISTIANS TO REMAIN
IN THE HOLY LAND

To date, a total of \$119K for ten different loans has been funded. The loans create a ripple effect: not only have new businesses been established and made possible, but numerous new jobs have been created which in turn enable the wider community to prosper. More importantly, many Christians who would otherwise have had reason to leave the Holy Land because of the dire economic conditions, now have reason to stay and are able to remain and prosper in their homeland.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

There are many examples of HLEDF micro-loans having a trans-formative effect on the lives of Christian families and their small businesses across the Holy Land.

One recipient, who lived in Bethlehem's *Aida Refugee Camp*, sought a micro-loan to fund the creation of a business to support her family. An income-generating loan was awarded to purchase display refrigerators and other tools, enabling her eldest son to start a butcher shop which today has become a vibrant business.

Another woman used an HLEDF micro-loan to enhance and expand her boutique clothing shop, which features traditional Palestinian wedding dresses in addition to a full-line of fashionable clothing. Because of the shop's expansion, additional employees were hired, including multiple seamstresses who could work from home to remain with their young children. Eighteen years earlier, the shop owner's husband



had benefited from a micro-loan from Caritas Jerusalem which had enabled him to start his law office.

An executive chef was the beneficiary of a micro-loan which enabled him to fund the expansion of his catering business catering business, which he founded in Beit Sahour in 2008. Because of his growing list of happy customers, he needed funding to purchase additional catering and kitchen equipment. This additional equipment enabled him to increase his volume of business and subsequently hire additional employees, including assistant chefs and waiters, all contributing to improvement of the local economy.

Another young man from Bethlehem studied at the Culinary Art School of Food and Service in Jerusalem. His father owned two pastry stores in Jerusalem and sought to expand his business with his son. They applied for a micro-loan to help open a new sandwich and pastry shop in Bethlehem. The loan funds were used to purchase restaurant kitchen, and refrigeration equipment. Within three years the business was thriving, they paid off their loan, and they applied for a new loan for further expansion of the business.

Donations to the HLEDF are gifts that keep giving, because loan repayments from each loan are used to fund new loans. Thus, contributions to the HLEDF will fund loans to Christian family-owned small businesses for years, if not decades, to come.



is to give hope and economic opportunity to Christian families so that they remain in the Holy Land for generations to come. The HLEDF is currently under- taking a funding initiative to raise money to substantially increase the pool of funds available for funding micro-loans. The HLEDF is seeking financial support from sources both inside and outside the

One of the primary objectives of the EOHSJ is to help maintain the presence of Christians in the Holy Land. There are many EOHSJ programs which support the Church and her social, educational, and charitable organizations in the Holy Land. However, the HLEDF is unique in that it directly supports and impacts the daily lives of Christian families by offering them the opportunity to become self-sufficient, independent, and prosperous through small-business loans that are not available from other sources of credit in the highly challenged economy of Palestine.

Order. Funding initiatives are underway and include reaching out to Catholic business people who are not members of the Order and other Catholic and Christian organizations who see the great value of this program and want to join us in our efforts to help preserve the presence of a vibrant Christian community in the Holy Land.

Because the loans are repaid through the hard work, efforts, and ingenuity of the borrowers, the program raises people up with the dignity of their own labor rather than contributing to a culture of hand-outs and dependency on charity. The goal of the HLEDF

A successful fundraising event was recently hosted in San Diego by the Most Rev. Bishop John Dolan (KC*HS). A special feature of the evening was the appearance of Most Rev. Bishop William Shomali, the Patriarchal Vicar for Jordan, via Skype, who offered a strong endorsement of the HLEDF micro-loan program based on his first-hand knowledge of the beneficial impact that micro-loans have had on Christian families in the Holy Land.

THANK-YOU!

TO THE WESTERN LIEUTENANCY
ALL OF ITS MEMBERS
WHO HAVE
DONATED TO THE
HOLY LAND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.
YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

If you would like more information about the HLEDF or would like to inquire about ways to support the HLEDF, please contact Sir Pieter Scholte and Dame Teena Scholte at:

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NEWS

Upcoming Events



We welcome Sarah Knob who is the new Executive Director of the Western Lieutenancy. She graduated from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and comes to us with over ten years of office administration experience in the private and non profit sectors.

A reminder, Annual Contributions can be paid on-line by going to:
eohsjwesternusa.org

Mid Year Meetings 2020

- March 7, Los Angeles
- March 7, Orange
- March 14, San Diego
- March 18, Las Vegas
- March 28, Hawaii
- March 28 Salt Lake City
- April 21, Tucson
- May 2, San Bernardino
- May 12, Phoenix



Annual Meeting 2020

Diocese of Los Angeles
September 24-28

The Langham Hotel
 1401 S. Oak Knoll Road
 Pasadena, CA 91106



Annual Meeting 2021

Diocese of Las Vegas

The Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa
 11011 W. Charleston Blvd.
 Las Vegas, NV 89135

Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 4
 Shotgun Start 1:00 PM
Scholl Canyon Golf and Tennis Club
 3800 E. Glen Oaks Blvd.
 Glendale, CA 91206

Benefitting The Holy Child Program

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- Did you know that the Western Lieutenancy prays around **100 Rosary gatherings** in a year!
- Faith In Action Today (FIAT) is in the planning stages. Members will be able to volunteer 2-4 weeks in one of the order's ministries. You must have received your pilgrim shell in order to apply.
- The Medical Mission Project is in the organizational stages and will soon provide healthcare and instruction on prevention and treatment of illnesses as well as provide training on surgical procedures. **They are still in need of Doctors!**



2020 PILGRIMAGES to the Holy Land

Walking in the footsteps of Jesus



October 12 - 24, 2020

Under the Spiritual Direction of Msgr. Gregory W. Gordon, KHS

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October 19 - 31, 2020

Under the Spiritual Direction of Most Rev. Sir Edward J. Weisenburger, KC*HS

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October 26 - November 5, 2020

Under the Spiritual Direction of Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, KC*HS

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November 7 - 18, 2020

Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Sir Gregory P. Adolf, KCHS

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