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EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are generally thought to date back to the First Crusade, whose leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem. As a component of his reorganization of the religious, military, and public bodies of the territories newly freed from Muslim control, he founded the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulchre. According to most accounts of the Crusades, the first King of Jerusalem, Baldwin I, assumed the leadership of this canonical order in 1103 and reserved the right for himself and his successors (as agents of the Patriarch of Jerusalem) to appoint Knights to it, should the Patriarch be absent or unable to do so.

The Order's members included not only the Regular Canons (*Fratres*) but also the Secular Canons (*Confratres*) and the *Sergentes*. The latter were armed knights chosen from the crusader troops for their qualities of valor and dedication; they vowed to obey the Augustinian Rule of poverty and obedience and undertook specifically to defend the Holy Sepulchre and the Holy Places, under the command of the King of Jerusalem.

Very soon after the First Crusade, the troops, including the Knights of the Order of Canons of the Holy Sepulchre, began to return to their homelands. This led to the creation of priories all over Europe, which were part of the Order. They came under the jurisdiction of the noble knights or prelates who had been invested at the Holy Sepulchre itself. Although they were no longer in the direct service of the King of Jerusalem, they continued to belong to the Order of Canons.

The Order began to decline as a cohesive military body of knights after Saladin regained Jerusalem in 1182, and completely ceased to exist as such after the defeat after the Fall of Acre in 1291. The passing of the Christian Kingdom of Jerusalem left the Order without a leader, though it continued to survive in the European priories thanks to the protection of sovereigns, princes, bishops, and the Holy See. While thereafter the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre rarely took part again in military action to defend Christianity, the priories kept alive the ideal of the Crusader knights: the propagation of the Faith, defense of the weak, and charity toward all.

In 1949 Pope Pius XII decreed that the Grand Master of the Order should be a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church and assigned the position of Grand Prior to the Patriarch of Jerusalem. In 1962 Pope John XXIII and in 1967 Pope Paul VI respectively reorganized and revitalized the Order by adding more specific regulations to the Constitution with the intention of making the Order's activities more coordinated and more effective. In February 1996 Pope John Paul II further enhanced the Order's status. Today it is a public association of the faithful with a legal, canonical, and public personality, constituted by the Holy See under Canon §1.1.

Over and above the Order's historic connotations and its eventful progress in times gone by, the valuable and interesting aspect of the Order today lies in the role assigned to it, which it pursues within the sphere of the Catholic Church and through its administrative structure and its local organizations in various communities.

THE ORDER TODAY

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities and initiatives to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Order's Mission includes:

- Sustaining and aiding the charitable, cultural, and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains traditional ties;
- Supporting the preservation and propagation of the Faith in those lands, and promoting interest in this work, not only among Catholics scattered throughout the world, who are united in charity by the symbol of the Order, but also among all other Christians;
- Upholding the rights of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

The Order is represented in almost every country in the world where there is a large Catholic community and appropriate conditions for activities that will allow it to achieve its objectives.

Together and individually, each Lieutenancy, Section, and Delegation draws up a yearly program of meetings and events aimed at strengthening the spiritual growth of the Members as well as events to raise awareness of the Order's role and activities in their respective local communities.

The donations raised for the Holy Land are administered by the Lieutenancies in accordance with the administrative and fiscal legislation of their country of operation, and each Lieutenancy maintains relevant accounts that are reported to the Grand Magisterium. These accounts include the amount of donations, the beneficiaries, and the purpose for which they are allocated.

The Order's policy is to help the Christians in the Holy Land achieve educational and professional standards that will enable them to play an active part in the society of their own country, at a level that will give them equality with people of other faiths.

In the latter half of the 20th century, the departure of middle-class Christian families from the Holy Land to seek a secure future abroad became a real exodus. Today, the number of Christians in different areas of the Holy Land varies from 2% to 4% of the local population. These are very largely craft workers, small tradesmen, and those working in the tourist industry that had developed alongside pilgrimages. Such very small minorities can only survive if their skills are high enough to earn them the appreciation and esteem of the society in which they live; and this can only be achieved through better standards of education and training.

GRAND PRIOR

H.E. THE MOST REV. JOSÉ H. GOMEZ, KC*HS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We welcome you with gratitude to our 2026 Annual Meeting. It is always a joy to gather with you in prayer and fellowship as we renew our commitment to the mission of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, who continue to face many hardships with remarkable faith and hope.

This year we have the blessing of meeting in the Diocese of San Diego, where Saint Junípero Serra, O.F.M., planted the Cross and established Mission San Diego de Alcalá, the first of California's twenty-one missions. From these shores, the Good News of Jesus Christ spread throughout California, shaping generations of faithful disciples and the life of the Church.

Our theme, "We Have Come to the Seashore," recalls the Gospel accounts in which Jesus called His first disciples from the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Leaving behind their nets, they entrusted their lives to Him and became evangelizing missionaries of the Gospel. That same invitation is extended to each of us today. Every day the Lord calls us to deepen our trust in Him and to proclaim the Gospel by the witness of our lives.

This year's gathering is especially joyful as we welcome more than 86 new Knights and Dames, who will be invested in the Order, and celebrate the promotion in rank of 65 fellow members. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. Your fidelity and generosity are a blessing to the Church and a visible sign of Christian hope for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. I thank you for embracing the responsibilities that accompany your vocation as members of this distinguished Order.

May these days renew your faith, strengthen your fellowship, and deepen your love for Our Lord. As we gather on these historic shores, may we once again hear the voice of Christ calling each of us to follow Him with renewed zeal and confidence.

Entrusting you and your families to the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, I pray that God bless you abundantly and grant you His peace.

+ José H. Gomez

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HOST BISHOP

H.E. THE MOST REV. MICHAEL PHAM, KC*HS



August 4, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the Seashore of San Diego!

With great joy, we, the Diocese of San Diego, welcome you this weekend to our Annual Meeting of the Western Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. As many people say, “San Diego is heaven on earth.”

San Diego is graced with great weather and offers the beautiful advantage of being within driving distance to the desert, mountains, and ocean. Our diocese spans two counties—San Diego and Imperial—and as a border diocese, we share in the mission with the Archdiocese of Tijuana, just 30 minutes south from where we are gathering this weekend, and two and a half hours east from the Diocese of Mexicali. Our diocese is also characterized by its rich cultural diversity, with more than 22 ethnic communities represented within our local Church.

Since this year is dedicated as a Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, commemorating 800 years since his death, it is especially fitting that we gather here, as we are home to the first California Mission—San Diego de Alcalá—founded by the Franciscans. As we also celebrate 250 years since the founding of this nation, we are reminded of our calling to proclaim Jesus Christ to all nations by virtue of our baptism. This shore, like the shore of Galilee, shares a profound connection to Christ as we continue the mission to spread the Good News throughout the earth.

May you experience awe and wonder during your time here, so that, like the disciples, you too may feel renewed in your call and mission.

United in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael Pham
Bishop of San Diego

VICE-GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR NORTH AMERICA

H.E. THOMAS POGGE, KGCHS



October 2026

Dear Knights, Dames, Clergy, and Bishops, “We Have Come to the Seashore.” This theme seems appropriate given your Meeting’s location in San Diego; but we can also envision being on the shore of Galilee with Our Lord. We are all witnessing the tragic events taking place in the Holy Land. As Knights, Dames, and Clergy, we are called to support the Mission of the Order to help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Pope Leo XIV on October 23, 2025, stated to the Jubilee of Hope pilgrims: “Today the Church once again entrusts you with the task of being guardians of the Tomb of Christ.”

His Eminence Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch, has stated that the challenges being faced by the Church today are unprecedented and has issued his Pastoral Letter *They Returned to Jerusalem with Great Joy*. You should have received a copy. It is very profound, and if you have not yet read it, I would encourage you to do so. He articulates his vision for peace in the Holy Land, referring to Jerusalem as “God’s dream.”

Please welcome H.E. Shawn T. Cleary, KGCHS as the new Vice-Governor General for North America. It has been a privilege to serve in this role for the past eight years. My wife, Anne, and I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. Thank you for the many kindnesses extended to us.

We are all called to be peacemakers. One of the Beatitudes in St. Matthew’s Gospel states: “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.” Please continue to support the vital work and mission of the Order both through our prayers and our financial contributions. The Latin Patriarch and our fellow Christians are looking to us as a source of hope for peace.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Pogge".

P. Thomas Pogge, KGCHS

LIEUTENANT

H.E. MARGARET ROMANO, DGCHS



Dear Fellow Knights and Dames,

Welcome to San Diego, site of the 2026 Annual Meeting!
We have "Come to the Seashore" and what a beautiful seashore it is!

We are so blessed to gather together in this beautiful place where the ocean reminds us of God's grace. Just as Jesus baptized us with water to bring us into new life, the sea sustains and enriches us. We welcome our members and new members joining our Western Lieutenancy family. May our time by the sea bring a weekend of spiritual renewal, opening our hearts to all in gratitude for our lives and the chance to help others.

As with every year, there are so many members who work tirelessly to bring this weekend together. Tremendous gratitude to our event chair, Dame Patty Garczynski and her team of dedicated members from the San Diego Area, who bring us together at the Thursday night special event, the Saturday party, and the Sunday Grand Ball. Many thanks to our Western Lieutenancy Liturgical, Ministry Fair, Registration, Volunteer Coordinator, and Marshal teams. There are no words to show our great thanks!

Congratulations to our Palm Awardees and Archangel Awardees! We recognize them for their service to the Western Lieutenancy. You will see an article on each of our honorees in the following pages. They embody what it means to be a member of our Order. We thank them for their giving of their time and talent.

I would also like to once again give special thanks and appreciation to our Bishops and Clergy, who give of their time to attend the Annual Meeting each year. We are blessed with your presence this weekend. Thank you for your deep dedication and the gift of your time. How blessed are we with their caring, walking with us, and sharing their spiritual gifts.

Gratitude shows in how we live our lives: the smile we give, the things we do, no matter how large or small. May the grace we receive this weekend, gathered as Knights and Dames together in San Diego, remind us always that we are called to bring the word of Jesus to our fellow brothers and sisters, carrying God's message to bring His hope, and His light to all.

May Our Lady and Her Son continue to bless you,
Deus Lo Vult!

H.E. Margaret Romano, DGCHS
Lieutenant
EOHSJ Western Lieutenancy

CHANCELLOR

SIR VIKTOR RZETELJSKI, KC*HS



Warmest greetings to all our Dames and Knights, especially those who will be invested or promoted at this Annual Meeting. May the joy and peace of the Holy Spirit be with each of you always.

Our theme for this annual meeting reminds us of the importance of the seashore in the Bible. It represents the border of the dangerous, chaotic sea and the firm foundation of the land. In John 23:1-19, Jesus meets the apostles after the Resurrection on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, and they recognize Him in the breaking of the bread and eat with him. It is on this seashore that Jesus asks St. Peter, “Do you love me?” three times. Peter’s positive response sets the course for the rest of his life. The Lord is asking us this same question on the seashore of San Diego. May God give us the grace to respond as Peter did and follow Jesus with love and courage wherever he leads us.

In order to nourish us on the journey, Jesus always leads us to himself in our prayers and the Eucharist. Our response to love and follow the Lord is confirmed when we enter into prayer at Mass and receive the everlasting covenant gifted to us in the Body and Blood of our Savior. How blessed we are indeed to be connected in this sacrament to a loving relationship with the Holy Trinity, each other and all of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

I trust this annual gathering will once again inspire each of you to grow closer to Christ and each other. I pray for the continued growth in your personal sanctification through your support and love of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Certainly, God’s love is needed there more than ever, and your outpouring of charity is critical in this land made sacred by our Lord. I am so thankful for your prayers and generosity that supports the good work of the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. May Jesus bless you abundantly and keep you strong in body and spirit!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Viktor Rzeteljski".

Sir Viktor Rzeteljski, KC*HS
Chancellor

ANNUAL MEETING CHAIR

DAME PATTY GARCZYNSKI, DGCHS

"COME TO THE SEASHORE"



On behalf of the Most Reverend Michael Pham, KC*HS, Bishop of the San Diego Diocese, and the Most Reverend Felipe Pulido, KC*HS, Auxiliary Bishop of San Diego, we welcome the Knights, Dames, Clergy, and Guests to "Come to the Seashore" for our Annual Meeting of the EOHSJ in our beautiful City of San Diego.

Our San Diego Diocese serves all of San Diego and Imperial counties, including 96 parishes, 14 missions, more than 140 active and retired priests ministering to almost 1.4 million faithful Catholics. Geographically, we span the entire southern portion of the State of California.

We are so excited to have you join us in our beautiful city. San Diego is the home of the first of the Alta California Missions, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, founded by St. Junípero Serra, O.F.M., in 1769. The Mission will be the site of our Thursday evening event, where we will tour the Mission, listen to a history of the Mission given by our Ecclesiastical Master of

Ceremonies, - Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, a native San Diegan, - celebrate Vespers, and enjoy a wonderful Mexican buffet, while sharing fellowship with our fellow Knights, Dames, Clergy, and Guests.

We have left Friday morning open, so that you will have the opportunity to choose from among the many attractions "America's Finest City" has to offer. Among those attractions are the world-famous San Diego Zoo, the SD Zoo Safari Park, Sea World, Balboa Park, the Hotel Del Coronado, La Jolla Cove, the Midway Museum, Birch Aquarium, and Torrey Pines Golf Course. Friday afternoon we will celebrate our Travelers Mass at the Torrey Pines Hilton, followed by our Retreats. The All-Member Retreat will be held at the Hotel, the Investee Retreat will be held at All Hallows Catholic Church in La Jolla, and the Promotee Retreat will be held at Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in La Jolla. Each of these Retreats will be conducted by one of our Clergy Knights and will include dinner.

Our Promotee Liturgy on Saturday as well as our Investee Liturgy on Sunday will be held at Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church in the University City area. Our Saturday evening event will highlight another well-known element of our San Diego history, Top Gun, which began at Miramar Naval Air Station (now Marine Corps Air Station Miramar). Come with your call sign, in character, to participate in this fun filled evening of music, games, prizes and excitement as we have an opportunity to reminisce about our favorite Top Gun characters and adventures!

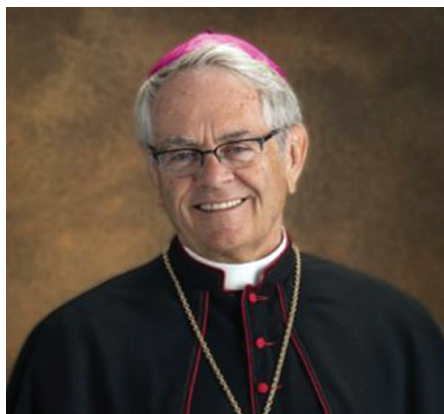
Our Sunday Gala Ball will be a fitting finale to a weekend filled with prayer, joy, fellowship, and love, providing us with renewed spirits as we continue our commitment to our Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Land where Our Savior walked.

Many thanks to all those who have helped make this weekend happen. It could not have happened without you, and I am very grateful.

Blessings,

Dame Patty Garczynski, DGCHS
San Diego Area Councilor

GUEST SPEAKER



H.E. THE MOST REVEREND GEORGE LEO THOMAS, PH.D.

Archbishop of Las Vegas

The Most Reverend George Leo Thomas, Ph.D., is the first Archbishop of Las Vegas, appointed by Pope Francis on May 30, 2023, when the Diocese of Las Vegas was elevated to a Metropolitan Archdiocese.

A Montana native, Archbishop Thomas was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1976 and went on to earn a Ph.D. along with graduate degrees in divinity and counseling. He served as chancellor and vicar general under three successive Archbishops of Seattle over nearly three decades, was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle by Pope John Paul II in 1999, and served as Bishop of Helena, Montana, from 2004 to 2018 before Pope Francis appointed him to Las Vegas.

He leads one of the fastest-growing archdioceses in the United States, serving more than 620,000 Catholics across 58 language communities.

In Archbishop George Leo Thomas's presentation, he will explore the seven distinctive signposts from his publication, *Seven Signposts: Inspired by Vatican II and Pope Francis*, discussing how they can enrich our spiritual journey as members of the Order.

In *Seven Signposts*, Archbishop Thomas draws on the pastoral vision of the Second Vatican Council — energized by the pontificate of Pope Francis — to identify seven mile markers that orient the life of the Church: the universal call to holiness, shared responsibility and synodality, the primacy of Word and Sacrament, the inseparability of worship and justice, and more. Members are encouraged to attend this talk ahead of the Investiture Mass as a final reflection on our calling as Knights and Dames of the Order.

THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

As members of the Order, we are all called to support and accompany our brothers, and sisters in the Holy Land. This entails a number of obligations, such as attending annual meetings and retreats, making an annual contribution, and praying for the Holy Land. Many of our members also serve on the council. These efforts and service are very valuable and much appreciated.

There are, however, a few members who instigate special activities above and beyond our expectations of those who have accepted the duties of an office. These members create something new, make an extraordinary contribution to our work, or move the Lieutenancy forward in a special way. To acknowledge and thank them, a new Lieutenancy recognition was established in 2016, the Archangel Award.

THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

REVEREND JOHN T. ASSALONE, KCHS



The Reverend John T. Assalone, KCHS, has served as a Roman Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of Las Vegas since his ordination on May 14, 2009. He has served as the beloved pastor of St. Francis of Assisi since 2012, and in 2020 during the Covid pandemic, completed the construction of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic School on the same campus.

As a late vocation, Fr. John enjoyed a distinguished career in the entertainment industry before he was ordained. He held a variety of leadership positions with Universal Studios Hollywood and the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, advancing from stage management to Executive Director of Entertainment, all of which provided him with valuable administrative, organizational, and creative experience that continues to enrich his ministry.

Fr. John also serves in various capacities in the Archdiocese as a member of the Presbyteral Council and Pension Boards. Fr. John was invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2016 and promoted to Knight Commander in 2024.

In a Council blessed with many excellent Knight Chaplains, Fr. John stands out as a special blessing. Even with many responsibilities in his parish and the archdiocese, he takes seriously his commitment to the Order. On many occasions, Fr. John has offered his ideas, time, and energy to foster fraternity and increase members' personal sanctification. He is the perennial host of the Mid-Year Meeting at the parish as well as many other events throughout the year.

Fr. John is humbled by this extraordinary recognition "for doing what he was ordained to do." He asks that we continue to pray for vocations and to share all the graces and gifts with which God has blessed us. He reminds us that "we should always keep our eyes on the Lord and Jerusalem, our destiny."



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

SIR JOHN D. BERTRAND, KC*HS
DAME BARBARA A. BERTRAND, DC*HS

A Shared Life of Faith, Leadership, and Service

John and Barbara Bertrand have devoted nearly five decades to strengthening Catholic marriages, families, vocations, and communities through a remarkable partnership in faith and service.

Their ministry began in 1977 with a Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend, inspiring more than 30 years of leadership with Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Together, they served at local, state, and national levels, including three years as the U.S. Secretariat Team, training hundreds of couples, priests, and bishops and helping advance the movement internationally.

John and Barbara also served the Diocese of San Bernardino as Directors of Evangelization and Family Life, while faithfully serving their parishes in numerous liturgical ministries. Their shared commitment to priestly vocations has included seminarian sponsorships, scholarships, and service with Vocation Boom, a ministry to increase vocations founded by Jerry Usher, and appearance on several EWTN vocation shows. Invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2019, they now serve as Co- Coordinators of the San Diego Ministries Committee. Their leadership inspired a fundraising initiative that raised nearly \$100,000 to support small Christian businesses in the Holy Land.



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

SIR ARMAND J. BROOKS, KC*HS

Armand J. Brooks is deeply honored to receive this distinguished recognition, which reflects a lifetime devoted to faith, family, and service. A lifelong Catholic from upstate New York, Armand attended St. Mary's Grade School and La Salle Institute before serving 21 years in the United States Air Force. In 1967, he married his beloved wife, Joanne Cioffi. Together, they have been blessed with four daughters and seven grandchildren.

For more than 40 years, Armand has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus, serving in both the Third and Fourth Degrees and holding leadership roles at the local and district levels. He joined the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Phoenix in 2019 and currently serves as the Phoenix Legacy Representative. He faithfully participates in and hosts the First Monday Rosary and has sponsored several new members into the Order.

A 2023 pilgrimage to the Holy Land further deepened Armand's faith and commitment to the Order's sacred mission. He remains profoundly grateful for the fellowship, spirituality, and privilege of serving others.

THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

DAME ELSA FLOREZ, DCHS



A pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October 2020 awakened Dame Elsa Florez's vocation to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. A grace-filled visit to Bethlehem marked a defining moment in her spiritual journey. At the Holy Family Children's Home, known as the Crèche, she was deeply moved by the children and experienced a profound interior call to service that would shape her future path.

Upon returning home, Elsa shared this experience with her spiritual advisor, Monsignor Antonio Cacciapuoti, KHS, who simply told her, "You belong in the Order." Unfamiliar with the Order at the time, Elsa sought the counsel of her pastor and former boss, Father Albert Bahhuth, now Bishop Albert Bahhuth, KC*HS. Together with Msgr. Antonio, he nominated Elsa for membership, and she was invested in 2023 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

Providentially, Elsa later met Deacon Sir Ryan, KCHS, and Dame Wynsdey Adams, DGCHS, and became involved with their ministry, Our Lady Queen of Palestine, supporting the very children who had first inspired her calling. Today, Elsa serves as Council Secretary for the Western Lieutenancy and volunteers at the EOHSJ office. She and her husband, Dean, are blessed with two adult children, Sean and Faith.

We in the Western Lieutenancy are blessed with her journey of faith and her "yes" to God's call. Thank you, Dame Elsa, for your giving and great works!



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

SIR DENNIS LONDON, KC*HS DAME SHARI LONDON, DC*HS

Sir Dennis and Dame Shari London are celebrating 35 years of marriage this year, much of which they have dedicated to serving the Church together. Dennis, who converted to Catholicism in 2005, started singing in his parish choir nearly four years before his conversion and continued his service after becoming Catholic. Both Dennis and Shari have been longstanding volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul in Huntington Beach, their Orange County parish. Their roles included serving on the parish council, acting as catechists, managing ministry schedules for over 500 liturgical ministers, and training altar servers for more than 13 years. Service remains a core part of their life, and they often say, "Service is our love language."

Dennis and Shari joined the Western Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2016. Inspired by their sponsors, Sir Ted, KGCHS, and Dame Jenn, DGCHS, Crowley, who served as Marshals for the Order's liturgies, they eagerly volunteered to assist at the Annual Meetings. They dedicated themselves to service each year and eventually became lead Marshals in 2025.

Despite relocating to Texas in 2018, they chose to stay with the Western Lieutenancy, valuing the strong friendships and spiritual bonds they had built. Today, they actively serve in various ministries at their local parish in Texas, expressing gratitude for every chance to serve the Church. Dennis and Shari look forward to many more years of committed service to the Order, the Church, and the Christian sites and holy places of the Holy Land.



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

H.E. THOMAS POGGE, KGCHS

DAME ANNE POGGE, DGCHS

Tom and Anne Pogge have shared a life distinguished by faith, family, and service to the Church and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Members of the Order since 1997, they have been married for 56 years and are blessed with five children and nineteen grandchildren.

Tom served as Lieutenant of the Northern Lieutenancy before his appointment in 2019 as Vice-Governor General for North America, overseeing the Order's 15 North American Lieutenancies. A lawyer by training, his distinguished career included

service with the U.S. Army JAG Corps, private practice, and corporate counsel. He later served for 13 years as Executive Director of the Institute for Priestly Formation Foundation.

Anne served on the Northern Lieutenancy Council and has devoted decades to her family, parish, and Catholic ministries. Together, she and Tom taught Natural Family Planning for more than 30 years. Anne also helped establish the Institute for Priestly Formation's Spiritual Moms Program and served on the Board of the Holy Family Shrine.

Tom and Anne are living examples of great faith to our God, each other, and their fellow man. They walk together in service, sharing their joy of life. The Western Lieutenancy is thankful for their care for our mission!



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

DEACON SIR DENNIS SULLIVAN, KC*HS

DAME JOAN SULLIVAN, DC*HS

Invested into the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in 2009, they have been active members serving the Western Lieutenancy first in the Diocese of San Diego and since 2011, with a move to Sedona, Arizona, in the Diocese of Phoenix. Deacon Dennis and Joan have led pilgrimages to the Holy Land, France, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. Their pilgrimage to the Holy Land has helped to recruit new members into

the Order. A personal highlight for them was the awarding of their Pilgrim Shell by the Latin Patriarch. Their next pilgrimage will be to follow in the footsteps of St Paul.

Since moving to Sedona, they have recruited several people to join the Order. This year their parish, St. John Vianney, will have four investees in addition to an Associate member! Along with their parish ministries, they help support the Christians in the Holy Land through the "Adopt a Seminarian" program and the "Our Lady Queen of Palestine" program. Additionally, they encourage the parishioners of St. John Vianney to support the Holy Land both spiritually and financially by encouraging parishioners to attend the Monday monthly rosary and by having Deacon Sir Ryan Adams, KCHS, and Dame Wynsdey Adams, DGCHS, come to talk about their mission to the Holy Land.

Deacon Sir Dennis and Dame Joan are honored to be awarded the Archangel Award, and they look forward to continuing their service to EOHSJ.



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

SIR DONALD G. REZ, KHS

Sir Donald G. Rez, KHS, is an accomplished attorney, whose distinguished career has been matched by a profound commitment to his Catholic faith and service to the Church.

A graduate of the University of Texas and Harvard Law School, Don has practiced law in California since 1978 and is Of Counsel with Fennemore. His professional achievements include recognition by The Best Lawyers in America and Southern California Super Lawyers. Inspired by his wife, Dame Terrya Rez, DHS, Don

entered the Catholic faith during a 1997 pilgrimage to the Holy Land, where he was baptized in the Jordan River and received his first Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. Since then, faith and service have remained central to his life. He has supported numerous Catholic ministries, served on parish and diocesan councils, and remains active as a Eucharistic Minister and lector. As a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Don has served in leadership roles and chaired the Western USA Lieutenancy's 2015 Annual Meeting in San Diego. Together, Don and Terrya remain devoted to the Order's spiritual mission and to supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Don and Terrya are blessed with two wonderful children and one grandson. He is an example of recognizing the importance of God in our lives, giving back in thanksgiving to those in need.



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

RT. REVEREND ARCHIMANDRITE ALEXEI SMITH, KCHS

Rt. Rev. Alexei Smith, a Greek Catholic priest, has served since 2000 as Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles, directing its relationships with other faith traditions.

Nationally, Father Alexei serves in the Muslim-Catholic, Hindu-Catholic, and Sikh-Catholic Dialogues sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In Southern California, he has held distinguished leadership roles in numerous ecumenical and interreligious organizations and currently serves as President of the Southern California Christian Forum.

A Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Father Alexei has led several pilgrimages to the Holy Land. A respected educator and frequent speaker, he has taught courses in ecumenical and interreligious relations at Loyola Marymount University, Mount Saint Mary's University, and other institutions. Father Alexei is currently teaching a Certification Course entitled "Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations: A Catholic Ministry." Previously, he co-taught an Interfaith course at Loyola Marymount University entitled "Literature and Faith in the Holy Land," offered by the Jewish Studies Program at LMU. He also taught a course entitled "Interfaith Dialogue Since Vatican II" at Mount Saint Mary's University, as well as a course entitled "Current Trends in Ecumenical and Interreligious Thought" as part of the International Institute of Tribunal Studies in Los Angeles.

Among his many honors, Father Alexei received Loyola Marymount University's President's Award in 2019, the University's highest non-degree distinction, recognizing his exceptional commitment to dialogue, understanding,

and service. In addition to all his work, Fr. Alexei is always ready to help the Western Lieutenancy. From writing articles to giving special presentations, "yes" is his answer when asked to do something. Thank you, Fr. Alexei, for devoting your life to our Church, and to people of all faiths. Your message of understanding and kindness is an example to all.



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

SIR FRED STRASSER, KGCHS
DAME PAM STRASSER, DGCHS

Following their investiture in 2001, Sir Fred and Dame Pam Strasser focused on how best to serve the Order and its mission. Being involved and serving has defined their lives as members. When the Diocese of Salt Lake City hosted its first Annual Meeting in 2004, they quickly realized there were many volunteer opportunities available. Pam co-chaired the first Adoration Chapel, which has remained a welcoming place of prayer at each succeeding Annual Meeting. Fred co-chaired the Marshals and Ushers responsibilities. They assumed the same Annual Meeting responsibilities the following year in support of the Hawaii Area Council. Since that time, they have continued to volunteer at the Annual Meeting in various capacities. When the Annual Meeting returned to the Diocese of Salt Lake in 2013, in their role as Area Councilors for the Diocese of Salt Lake City they served as co-chairs and welcomed the Western Lieutenancy to Utah. They oversaw volunteer coordination for that Annual Meeting and still serve as volunteer coordinators today. Beginning in 2015, they co-chaired the lead usher responsibilities for the Promotions and Investiture Liturgies. When the 2024 Annual Meeting returned to the Diocese, they once again co-chaired the Adoration Chapel. Locally, they have hosted the first Monday Rosary and potluck at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Park City, Utah since 2012. In 2018, they organized a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. During their eight years as Area Councilors, the Salt Lake Council began supporting the Zarqa Schools as a special project by providing backpacks, school supplies, school uniforms, and other necessities. They extend their gratitude to the volunteers whose ongoing dedication ensures our Annual Meetings are successful, spiritually welcoming, and deeply rooted in community. We extend our gratitude to Sir Fred and Dame Pam for their dedication to our Order!



THE ARCHANGEL AWARD

DAME RUBY SIMPSON, DGCHS

Dame Ruby Simpson, DGCHS, was invested into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Los Angeles in 2010. Her devotion to the Order deepened through two pilgrimages to the Holy Land with her husband, Dcn. Sir Richard Simpson, KCHS, in 2018 and 2022.

During their second pilgrimage, Ruby was profoundly moved by the mission of the Holy Child Program and became committed to helping secure a permanent home for its work. She supported efforts to raise funds toward the purchase of the property, which was successfully acquired less than three years later, strengthening the Program's future under the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Dame Ruby has

also served on the editorial team for *The Way Magazine*, writing articles of interest. If there is help needed, Ruby is willing to help, offering her creativity whenever asked. A longtime parishioner of St. Anthony in Upland, Ruby has served in RCIA, choir, and Eucharistic ministry, and currently serves as a lector and funeral coordinator. Her lifelong love of classical music inspired her to help found the Claremont Young Musicians Orchestra, and she continues to support music education for children. Married for 56 years, Ruby and Richard are blessed with two children, nine grandchildren, and a growing family. We are thankful to Dame Ruby for her commitment to serve the people as we are called!

PREVIOUS ARCHANGEL AWARDEES

2016

Deacon Sir Ryan Adams
Dame Wynsdey Adams
Dame Elena Biale +
Sir Carlos Cuellar
Dame Patricia Cuellar
Dame Rosa Cumare
Dame Ann Dickson
Dame Margaret Graf

2017

Sir William Green
Sir Terrance McGaughan
Dame Kathleen McGaughan
Sir James Salz +
Dame Judith Salz

2018

Sir Michael Joseph +
Sir Stephen Luchetta
Dame Kristin Luchetta
Sir James Taylor
Sir Albino Varquez

2019

Sir Jeffrey Boughrum
Sir James Burgess

2020

Sir Laurin Dodd
Sir Clay Hoffman
Dame Anne Hoffman
Dame Denise Meraz
Sr. Dame Lois Paha

2021

Rev. Gregory Adolf
Dame Sue Beidle
Dame Jennifer Crowley
Sir Theodore Crowley II
Sir Howard Drollinger
Sir Rich Herbst
Rev. Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis
Sir Ray Nolte

2022

Dame Jo Anne Lazar
Sir Joseph Maneen
Dame Linda Maneen
Rev. Msgr. Theodore Olson
Dame Teresa Ornelas
Dame Carol Page
Dame Gabriella Reitzell
Dame Kristine Van Cleve

2023

Sir Peter Godfrey
Dame Sharyn Godfrey
Sir James Mersch
Dame Julie Mersch
Rev. Msgr. Domenico Pinti
Reverend Stephen Porter
Sir Daniel (Dan) Torrington
Dame Patricia (Pat) Torrington

2024

Rev. Msgr. Robert Bussen
Most Rev. Richard Higgins, d.d., s.t.l.
Dame MaryAnn Hockstad
Dame Toni Logan
Sir John Logan
Dame Quennie Manuel
Reverend John Monestero +
Dame Cynthia Wittner
Sir Nicholas Wittner

2025

Sir Gregory Drexel Bautista
Rev. Michael Bucciarelli
Rev. David Heney
Sir Thomas McCloskey
Dame Constance Micatrotto
Sir Joseph Micatrotto
Dame Nancy Schanzlin
Sir David Schanzlin
Dame Suprima Stewart

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GOLD PALM OF JERUSALEM

DAME ROSA CUMARE, DGCHS



Dame Rosa Cumare, DGCHS, receives the Gold Palm Award of Jerusalem in recognition of her distinguished service to the Western Lieutenancy since her investiture in 2003. Her journey with the Order began after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with her father, Felix, where walking in the places sanctified by the life of Christ became an enduring inspiration for her service.

Dame Rosa's contributions to the Lieutenancy have been both varied and significant. After serving as a copy editor for the Lieutenancy newsletter, she was appointed Justice and Peace Commissioner by Sir Patrick Powers. Working with Father Alexei Smith, she organized educational excursions to religious exhibitions and encounters with Christian communities sharing responsibility for the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. She also produced a Stations of the Cross booklet featuring meditations written by Knights and Dames, an initiative that later inspired a Rosary meditation collection still in use by the San Gabriel Valley First Monday Rosary group. Under her leadership, the Justice and Peace Commission also supported the Holy Land through the sale of Taybeh peace lamps at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles.

An accomplished attorney, Dame Rosa has generously provided pro bono legal counsel to the Lieutenancy, assisting with copyright compliance, representation, and other legal matters. Her service reflects the expertise gained through a distinguished legal career, including many years as outside legal consultant to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Dame Rosa began her professional life teaching English and Comparative Literature at Harvard University and later at the University of Southern California, where she earned her undergraduate degree before completing graduate studies at Harvard. She subsequently earned her law degree from USC and established a respected employment law practice that includes service to religious organizations of various denominations.

Her commitment to Church and community extends well beyond the Order. She has served as president of The Labouré Society, supporting men and women pursuing vocations to priesthood and religious life; as president of Holy Family Adoption and Foster Care and the Pasadena Bar Association; and on the boards of Mayfield Senior School and St. Francis Center. She has also served the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and the Cardinal's Awards Committee.

A Dame Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, Dame Rosa has traveled extensively in the service of faith. Among her most treasured experiences was representing the Western Lieutenancy in Cyprus in 2010 during Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit connected with the Synod for the Middle East. The Gold Palm of Jerusalem fittingly honors Dame Rosa's enduring dedication to the Order, the Church, and the Christians of the Holy Land.

BRONZE PALM OF JERUSALEM

SIR JIM BURGESS, KC*HS



Sir James Burgess, KC*HS, a member of the Order since 2017, has served the Western Lieutenancy in a variety of ways. In 2019, Jim received the Archangel Award for his work, along with Sir Jeffrey Boughram, KCHS, who conceived, developed, and implemented a member survey to support strategic planning. Jim and his wife, Dame Elizabeth Burgess, DC*HS, who has also been a member of the Order since 2017, served as Area Councilors for Los Angeles from 2022 to 24. Since 2025, Jim has provided legal advice to the Western Lieutenancy, helping reduce litigation risk. Jim and Elizabeth made their first pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018.

Jim graduated from Beatitudes of Our Lord School in La Mirada and St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs before attending Claremont McKenna College, where he earned a BA in Philosophy and Political Science. He obtained his law degree in 1990 from the University of Southern California.

Jim was a commercial trial lawyer for 33 years, including at the law firm of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, where he was a partner for almost 25 years. In 2023, Jim retired from the full-time practice of law to become a full-time Arbitrator and Mediator with the American Arbitration Association and through his company, Burgess Dispute Solutions. Jim received the Wiley Manual Certificate for Pro Bono Services from the State Bar in 2010. Jim and Elizabeth received the Father Pat Traynor Award from St. James Inn in recognition of their community service, and the Scott and Jean Adam Light of Christ Award from Catholic Charities of Los Angeles for outstanding parish and community service.

Jim and Elizabeth are members of the St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Community in Westwood, where Jim is a lector and Eucharistic Minister. Jim was the President of the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, the oldest and largest provider of free legal services to those living in poverty in the greater Los Angeles area. Jim is an emeritus trustee at Marymount High School. He enjoys reading about U. S. presidential and military history and has visited 16 Presidential Libraries.

In gratitude for his giving of his knowledge, time and talent, The Western Lieutenancy is honored to present the Bronze Palm of Jerusalem to Sir James Burgess.



ALL-MEMBER RETREAT MASTER

VERY REVEREND CHRYSOSTOM BAER, O.PRAEM., KHS

Very Rev. Chrysostom Baer, O.Praem., KHS, will be serving as the Retreat Master for the All-Member Retreat. Born and raised in Orange County, California, he entered St. Michael's Abbey in 1993, was ordained in 2004, and became a member of the Order in 2023. He holds a Masters Degree in Theology from the Angelicum in Rome and a Licentiate in Canon Law from Saint Paul University in Ottawa.

Fr. Chrysostom is currently the Prior of St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado, California.



PROMOTEE RETREAT MASTER

REV. RICHARD VEGA, KCHS

Rev. Richard Vega, KCHS, has been a member since 2014. He will be serving as the Retreat Master for the Promotees at this year's Annual Meeting. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on June 18, 1983. Fr. Richard currently serves as the pastor of St. Frances of Rome Parish in Azusa. Prior to being named pastor in 2012, Fr. Richard served as President of the National Federation of Priests Councils, NFPC (2006-2012), which is headquartered in Chicago. Before his assignment in Chicago, he served as Pastor of La Purísima Concepción Parish in Lompoc, CA (1994-2006). He served as Parochial Vicar within the Archdiocese from 1983-1994.

Fr. Richard is a member of SOMELIT, *Sociedad Mexicana de Liturgistas*, and served on the Board of Directors of the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Fr. Richard has been a presenter for the Archdioceses of Los Angeles and of Chicago in Liturgy and has been a presenter for the Office of Religious Education at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress held annually in Anaheim. He has also been a presenter for the National Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) and the Los Angeles Office of Worship, with a particular emphasis on Christian Initiation.

Currently, he is a Candidate for a Doctor of Ministry degree at Azusa Pacific University. He has a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies with a concentration in Liturgical Studies from the University of Mount St. Mary, Los Angeles. Fr. Richard also has a Master of Divinity from St. John's Seminary, the Los Angeles Archdiocesan seminary.

INVESTEE RETREAT MASTER

REV. FREDERICK ADAMSON, KHS



The Investee Retreat Master at this year's Annual Meeting is Father Fredrick Adamson, KHS. He has been a member of the Order since 2010 and currently serves as pastor of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in North Scottsdale.

Reared in Southwest Michigan, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Phoenix on June 3, 1995, and has served as Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Tempe, and Parochial Vicar at Saint Theresa Parish in Phoenix and Our Lady of Joy Parish in Carefree. He served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Phoenix for 19 years, from 2004 to 2023.

Father Adamson earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Michigan and a Master of Divinity degree from Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo, CA. He worked for five years as a Registered Nurse with a specialty in cardiovascular intensive care and attended Arizona State University's Center for Nonprofit Leadership and Management.

Father Adamson has served on several diocesan committees and councils, including the Diocesan Finance Council and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council.

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N/A

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Rev. Frederick Adamson
Very Rev. Chrysostom Baer, O.Praem.
Rev. Richard Vega

Robers
Dame Hilary Crahan
Sir Nick Wittner

Saturday Dinner
Sir Vicente P. Bianes
Dame Linda Bianes

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Dr. Sir Jim Parish
Dame Emma Stewart
Dr. Sir Jim Stewart
Dame Susan Stewart
Dr. Sir John Stewart

Sunday Grand Ball
Sir John Pack
Dame Beverly Pack

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SAN DIEGO'S CATHOLIC MISSIONS

by Sir Clay Hoffman, KC*HS

Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, California's first mission, was founded on July 16, 1769 by Saint Junípero Serra, O.F.M., and is known as the Mother of the Missions. Moved to its current location in San Diego's Mission Valley in 1774, it is part of a chain of 21 missions founded by the Franciscan Order, which stretches northward throughout California. The name San Diego de Alcalá was given to the area by Captain Sebastián Vizcaíno when he arrived from New Spain in November 1602.

In 1775, Mission San Diego was raided by Native Americans, causing a fire that did significant damage. Padre Luis Jayme, O.F.M., who is buried in the Mission's sanctuary, was killed in the attack and became the first Christian Martyr in California. Padre Serra returned to the gutted site in 1776 to begin restoration efforts, and an outer defense wall was built around the mission to protect it from future threats. By 1790, most of the restoration was completed, with the church and other buildings situated in a quadrangle around a courtyard.

In 1797, five hundred and sixty-five Native Americans were baptized at the Mission, bringing the total number of converts to over 1400. The land area had grown to 55,000 acres, with vineyards, orchards, and vegetable gardens thriving, while wheat, barley, corn, and beans were harvested. The Mission owned 20,000 sheep, 10,000 cattle, and 1,250 horses.

In 1821, when Mexico gained its independence from Spain, Mission San Diego was given to Santiago Argüello, a major Mexican ranchero owner. Following the Mexican-American War and the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848, the U.S. Cavalry used the Mission for a military presence from 1850 to 1857. In 1862, the Mission lands were restored to the Catholic Church by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln.

In the American bicentennial year of 1976, Pope Paul VI

named the present Mission church a minor basilica. Today, it is an active parish within the San Diego Diocese and attracts a million visitors each year. It includes a museum, store, retreat center, and extensive gardens. Mission San Diego is located at 10818 San Diego Mission Road. The phone is 619-281-8449.

Mission San Luis Rey is known as the King of the Missions and is the largest of the 21 California missions. Founded in 1798 by Father Fermín Lasuén, O.F.M., a Spanish Basque Franciscan missionary, Mission San Luis Rey is 18th California Mission to be established and takes its name from King (Saint) Louis IX of France. Located in the north San Diego County City of Oceanside, the Mission is accessible via Interstate 5 near the California coast. At its peak, it covered almost 950,000 acres. The current church is a National Historic Landmark and is

a pristine example of early Spanish Mission design. The first Peruvian Pepper Tree in California was planted at the Mission in 1830 and has an iconic status today. After the Mexican Secularization Act of 1833, much of the grounds of the Mission were sold off, and during the Mexican-American War in Alta California (1846-47), the Mission was used as a military outpost by the U.S. Army. In July 1847, the U.S. government created an Indian sub-agency at Mission

San Luis Rey. Jean Baptiste Charbonneau —the son of the Shoshone Indian maiden Sacagawea, who had served forty years earlier as an interpreter and guide of the Lewis and Clark Expedition —was appointed the *Alcalde* or Mayor of San Luis Rey.

No religious services were held there until 1893, when Mexican priests were allowed to establish a Franciscan College at the site. A few years later, Father Joseph O'Keefe began the restoration of the old Mission, with the quadrangle and church being completed in 1905. In 1950, San Luis Rey College was opened as a seminary but was closed in 1969. Today, Mission San Luis Rey is an active parish of the San Diego Diocese and a working Mission, cared for by its parishioners, with restoration projects ongoing. It includes a museum, visitor's center, retreat center, extensive gardens, and the original cemetery. Mission San Luis Rey is located at 4050 Mission Avenue in Oceanside. The phone is 750-757-3651.



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IN MEMORIAM

SIR DOMINIC ALBO, JR., KCHS

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SIR WALTER BUTCHER, JR., KHS

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SIR GERALD F. DOLAN, KGCHS

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SIR JESUS GARCIA, KHS

SIR JOHN HABRA, KCHS

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SIR STEVEN HOOSTAL, KGCHS

DAME DIANE KAWAMURA, DC*HS

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SIR PAUL SLACK, KC*HS

DAME ERNA STEBBINS, DHS

SIR RONALD STEVENS, KCHS

SIR RONALD SWALLOW, KCHS

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PRAYERS OF THE ORDER



PRAYER OF THE ORDER

O Lord Jesus Christ, for your five wounds that we carry on our insignia, we pray to you. Give us strength to love all whom your Father has created and, more so, our enemies. Free our soul and heart from sin, from partiality, from egoism, and from cowardice so that we can be worthy of Your sacrifice. Let your spirit fall upon us all, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, so that it may render us as convinced and sincere ambassadors of peace and love among our brothers and sisters and, especially, among all those who think they do not believe in You. Give us faith to face all the problems of everyday life and to deserve, one day, to approach, humbly but without fear, Your presence. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE WESTERN LIEUTENANCY

O Almighty God, we, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, who throughout the centuries have watched and witnessed at the gloriously empty tomb of Jesus, beg you to send us forth again, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, clad in the armor of our faith, with good works as our sword, in the loving service of Christ our King. Amen.

KNIGHT'S CODE OF HONOR

My soul to God - by the full spiritual life;
My life to Christ the King; and
My heart to our Blessed Lady; and
My own honor - the ineffable honor that comes to him who called the Church my Mother; and
to him who calls God, my Father and strives to live like His Son.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Membership carries with it certain spiritual and temporal responsibilities, with the first being daily prayer for peace in the Holy Land. Praying the Memorare to Our Lady, Queen of Palestine is especially encouraged. The Blessed Virgin Mary, under this title, was officially declared Patroness of the Order in 1994 by order of the Apostolic See. The Memorare was given to the Order by St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, when he urged the Second Crusade.

PROMOTIONS IN RANK 2026

Promotion to the rank of *KNIGHT GRAND CROSS* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Sir Thomas Condon, KGCHS
Sir Raymond Dardano, KGCHS
Sir Peter Godfrey, KGCHS
Sir Jose Gutierrez, KGCHS

Sir Stephen Hager, KGCHS
Sir Edward Hess, KGCHS
Sir Gustav Mauler, KGCHS
Sir Gary Siroky, KGCHS
Sir Daniel Torrington, KGCHS

Promotion to the rank of *KNIGHT COMMANDER WITH STAR* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Sir Faris Auro, KC*HS
Sir Jeffrey Boughrum, KC*HS
Sir Armand Brooks, KC*HS
H.E. the Most Reverend Peter Bui, KC*HS
Sir Gennaro Buonocore, KC*HS
Sir Giuseppe Calderaro, KC*HS
Sir Patrick Esquibel, KC*HS
Sir Hiram Fernandez, KC*HS
Sir Héctor Fernández-Barillas, KC*HS
Sir Scott Fleckenstein, KC*HS
Sir Louis Gardner, KC*HS

Sir Henry Korejwo, KC*HS
Sir Joseph Maneen, KC*HS
Sir Thomas McCloskey, KC*HS
Sir Franklin McKown, KC*HS
H.E. the Most Reverend James Misko, KC*HS
Sir Dennis Mulhaupt, KC*HS
Sir James Parish, KC*HS
Sir Paul Urrea, KC*HS
Sir Michael Weinberg, KC*HS
Sir Teofilo Zeolla, KC*HS

Promotion to the rank of *KNIGHT COMMANDER* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Sir Allen Baytop, KCHS
Deacon Sir Thomas Imbruglia, KCHS
Reverend Monsignor Joseph Mayo, KCHS
Sir Kevin McClenahan, KCHS

Sir Thomas McCormick, KCHS
Sir John Pack, KCHS
Reverend Preston Passos, KCHS
Reverend Lawrence Seyer, KCHS
Sir Daniel Warden, KCHS

PROMOTIONS IN RANK

2026

Promotion to the rank of *DAME GRAND CROSS* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Dame Rolinda Dardano, DGCHS
Dame Carmen Eisenbart, DGCHS
Dame Sharyn Godfrey, DGCHS
Dame Rebecca Gutierrez, DGCHS

Dame Regina Hager, DGCHS
Dame Ledy Hess, DGCHS
Dame Denise Mauler, DGCHS
Dame Elizabeth Siroky, DGCHS
Dame Patricia Torrington, DGCHS

Promotion to the rank of *DAME COMMANDER WITH STAR* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Dame Patricia Baer, DC*HS
Dame Judith Boughrum, DC*HS
Dame Bonni Esquibel, DC*HS
Dame Lynn Fernandez, DC*HS
Dame Nicole Fleckenstein, DC*HS
Dame Leslie Gardner, DC*HS
Dame Maria-Cruz Gray, DC*HS

Dame Irma Lara, DC*HS
Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick, DC*HS
Dame Linda Maneen, DC*HS
Dame Mary O'Neil, DC*HS
Dame Nora Urrea, DC*HS
Dame Kristine VanCleve, DC*HS
Dame Jayne Zeolla, DC*HS

Promotion to the rank of *DAME COMMANDER* of the Holy Sepulchre:

Dame Sana Auro, DCHS
Dame Donna Baytop, DCHS
Dame Beverly Bianes Pack, DCHS
Dame Darlene Boyd, DCHS
Dame Jacki Curcio-Guinn, DCHS

Dame Vivian Imbruglia, DCHS
Dame Diana Limon, DCHS
Dame Cynthia Londo, DCHS
Dame Michelle Mitchell, DCHS
Dame Miriam Warden, DCHS

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE

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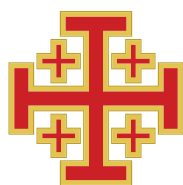
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The Order is honored and appreciative to have the 5 time Emmy Nominated Producer Tony Amat, for our Annual Meeting, and as the official photographer for *The Way* magazine. This year celebrates twenty years photographing, at a Knights of Columbus meeting, Bill Davidson announced that the

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Tony will be located in the Pre-Function Area on Friday-Sunday to receive Order Forms for formal pictures
(found in your Registration Packet)

On Sunday after the Investiture Mass, Tony will be set up in the Pre-Function Foyer and members will have 3 images to choose from. Select images in your formal attire, and/or family pictures.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	HOTEL LOBBY
5:00 PM	BUSES DEPART FOR THURSDAY NIGHT EVENT (<i>ticketed event</i>)	HOTEL LOBBY
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM	THURSDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT	OLD MISSION BASILICA - SAN DIEGO DE ALCALÁ

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	SCRIPPS BALLROOM I & II
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	MINISTRY FAIR	SCRIPPS BALLROOM I & II
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	VENDORS OPEN	PRE-FUNCTION FOYER
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM	TRAVELER'S MASS	GRAND BALLROOM A & C
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	INVESTEES / PROMOTEES / MARSHALS & USHERS MEETING (<i>after Mass</i>)	GRAND BALLROOM A & C
4:45 PM - 9:15 PM	ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	SCRIPPS BALLROOM I & II
5:00 PM	INVESTEES & PROMOTEES DEPART FOR RETREATS FOLLOWING MASS	HOTEL LOBBY
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	PROMOTEE RETREAT	MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC CHURCH
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	INVESTEE VIGIL	ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC CHURCH
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	ALL-MEMBER RETREAT	GRAND BALLROOM A & C
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	LIEUTENANT'S DINNER (<i>by invitation</i>)	FAIRWAY BALLROOM I
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	CONFESSIONS	COVE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

6:00 AM - 7:30 AM	ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102
7:30 AM	BUS DEPARTS FOR MASS - <i>Marshals, Ushers, Investees, Promotees, Robers</i>	HOTEL LOBBY
7:45 AM	BUS DEPARTS FOR MASS - <i>all Members and Guests</i>	HOTEL LOBBY
9:00 AM	PROCESSION BEGINS	OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
9:30 AM	PROMOTIONS AND MEMORIAL MASS <i>Investee rehearsal immediately following Mass</i>	OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	MINISTRY FAIR	SCRIPPS BALLROOM I & II
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	VENDORS OPEN	PRE-FUNCTION FOYER
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCHEON	GRANDE BALLROOM
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	ALL-MEMBER MEETING	GRANDE BALLROOM
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	SCRIPPS BALLROOM
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	CONFESSIONS	COVE
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	ADORATION	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102
6:00 PM	GENERAL RECEPTION - <i>all Members and Guests</i>	PARTERRE GARDEN
7:00 PM	DINNER PARTY "TOP GUN NIGHT"	GRANDE BALLROOM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102
7:00 AM - 11:30 AM	VENDORS OPEN	PRE-FUNCTION FOYER
7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	CONFESSIONS	COVE
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	"SEVEN SIGNPOSTS" <i>Presented by Archbishop George Thomas</i>	GRANDE BALLROOM
9:30 AM - 10:30 PM	BRUNCH	GRANDE BALLROOM
11:45 AM	BUSES DEPART FOR MASS - <i>Marshals, Ushers, Robers, Investees</i>	HOTEL LOBBY
12:15 PM	BUSES DEPART FOR MASS - <i>all Members and Guests</i>	HOTEL LOBBY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:30 PM	PROCESSION BEGINS	OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	INVESTITURE MASS	OUR MOTHER OF CONFIDENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
5:30 PM	FORMAL PORTRAITS	PRE-FUNCTION FOYER
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	LEGACY RECEPTION - <i>by invitation</i>	TORREYANA RESTAURANT
6:00 PM	GENERAL RECEPTION <i>all Members and Guests</i>	PARTERRE GARDEN
7:00 PM	GRAND BALL	GRANDE BALLROOM
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM	ADORATION CHAPEL	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	ADORATION CHAPEL OPEN	HOSPITALITY SUITE 1102
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	TRAVELER'S MASS & ROSARY	GRANDE BALLROOM
12:00 NOON	CHECK-OUT	HILTON LA JOLLA TORREY PINES

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2026 ANNUAL MEETING

DRESS GUIDELINES **WESTERN USA LIEUTENANCY**

Hotel Dress:

- resort casual
- no jeans
- collared shirts

Special Thursday Night Event

- resort casual

Friday's Vigil Retreats:

- church attire
- clericals for clergy

Saturday's Promotions and Memorial Mass:

- **Clergy:**
 - o alb with stole of the Order
- **Bishops:**
 - o mitre of the Order
- **Knights:**
 - o dark suit, white shirt, tie
 - o white gloves
 - o black shoes
 - o cape and rank neck cross
 - o beret (badge worn to the right)
- **Dames**
 - o dark dress or pantsuit
 - o black gloves (short gloves with long sleeves or long gloves with short sleeves)
 - o black shoes
 - o cape and rank neck cross
 - o mantilla
- **Clergy Investees:**
 - o alb with white stole (not of the Order)
- **Knight Investees**
 - o black suit
- **Gentlemen Guest**
 - o church attire
- **Dame Investees:**
 - o black dress with modest neckline or pantsuit (mantilla will be given at Friday Investee Retreat)
- **Lady Guests:**
 - o church attire

Saturday's Dinner: Top Gun Night

We encourage all guests to arrive in character with your aviators, flight suits, bomber jackets, and all your Maverick or any other additional characters are welcome.

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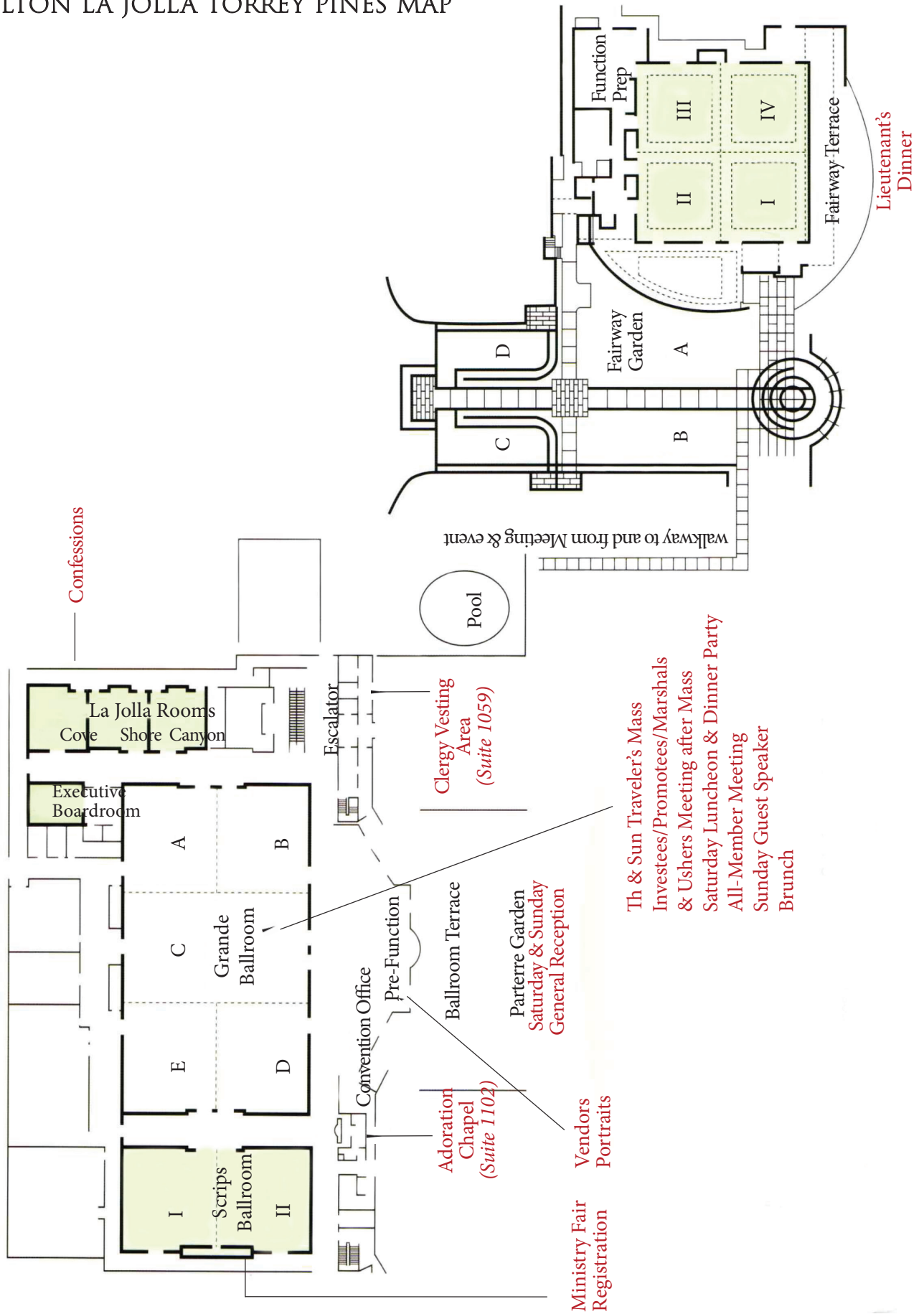
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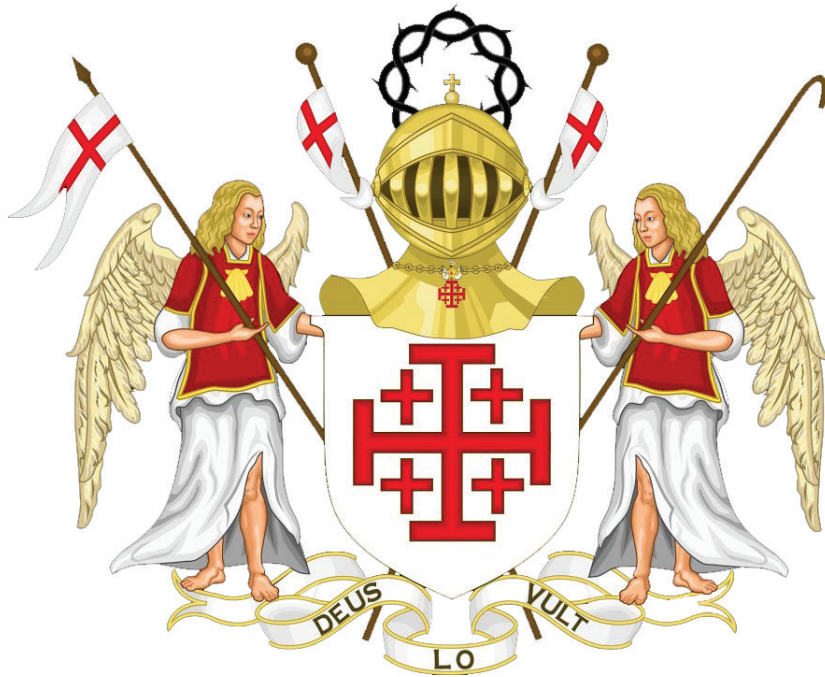
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 - o alb and stole of the Order
- **Bishops:**
 - o mitre of the Order
- **Knights:**
 - o black suit, white shirt, tie, no jacket, white gloves, black shoes
 - o cape and rank neck cross
 - o beret (badge worn to the right)
- **Dames:**
 - o black dress with modest neckline or pantsuit
 - o black gloves (short gloves with long sleeves or long gloves with short sleeves)
 - o black shoes
 - o cape and rank neck cross
 - o mantilla
- **Clergy Investees:**
 - o alb and stole of the Order (carried over the left arm)
- **Knight Investees:**
 - o black tailcoat; black formal pants; white piqué bow tie, white piqué vest, white formal shirt with piqué front, black formal shoes
 - o cape (folded over the left arm with Jerusalem Cross showing)
 - o beret (carried in the left hand)
 - o white gloves (will receive these at the Friday Investee Retreat)
- **Dame Investees:**
 - o black tea-length or floor-length dress (no bare shoulders or back, modest neckline)
 - o black gloves (short gloves with long sleeves or long gloves with short sleeves)
 - o black shoes
 - o cape (folded over the left arm with Jerusalem Cross showing)
 - o mantilla (will receive this at Investee Retreat)
- **Gentleman Guests:**
 - o church attire
- **Lady Guests:**
 - o church attire

Sunday's Grand Ball:

- **Clergy and Religious:**
 - o clerical suit or habit
 - o rank decorations
- **Knights, and Gentlemen Guests:**
 - o black tailcoat, black formal pants, white piqué bow tie, white piqué vest, white formal shirt with pique front, black formal shoes
 - o rank decorations (members only)
- **Dames, and Lady Guests:**
 - o floor-length evening gown (no bare back, modest neckline)
 - o rank decorations (members only)

HILTON LA JOLLA TORREY PINES MAP





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