



EOHSJ San Antonio Section Newsletter

November 2023



Left: Knights and Dames attend August 20th Mass at San Fernando Cathedral celebrating The Feast of St. Helena. **Right:** EOHSJ members gather for a group photo after Mass – 65 members joined Archbishop Gustavo and Aux. Bishop Gary for a reception at the Cathedral Centre.

[Link to Other EOHSJ Photos](#)

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NOTES FROM OCTOBER 2023 MEETING & INVESTITURE:

“In these troubling times look to The Cross – our Order can and should be leading the way in support of the Holy Land”

Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, Grand Prior, Southwest Lieutenancy

Latin Patriarch, Pierbattista Pizzaballa was consecrated Cardinal on September 30. We met the Latin Patriarch Pizzaballa with the Alvey's in 2017 during the transition of Section Representatives. He is a prayerful leader, focused on works of charity. Please keep him in your prayers as you offer prayer and support for all people in the Holy Land. We hope you participated in the day of Fasting and Prayer for people in the Holy Land requested for Tuesday, October 17 by Cardinal Pizzaballa.

- Attending Investiture weekends is about advancing your spiritual formation. The goal of our Southwest Lieutenancy is to support the on-going spiritual growth of our

members. Check the website regularly for information and opportunities that will provide you support in your quest to reach the Heavenly Jerusalem.

- 117 new Knights and Dames were Invested into our Lieutenancy on Sunday, October 22 at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The Mass, Cardinal Di Nardo's homily, the choir music, and the beauty of this new church were memorable.

From the Archdiocese of San Antonio:

WELCOME TO NEW KNIGHTS & DAMES (invested in OKC – KHS/DHS)

Bishop Gary Janak
Sir Felipe & Dame Gloria Jimenez
Sir Victor (Trae) & Dame Joanie Gaenzel
Sir Noah & Dame Lacey Smith
Sir James & Dame Blanca Matz

Fr. Jordan Milligan – deferred investiture to 2024

CONGRATULATIONS TO MEMBERS PROMOTED:

Sir David Colton, KGCHS
Dame Darlene Colton, DGCHS
Dame Letty Elder, DC*HS
Sir Jerome Hoog, KCHS
Dame Sara Hoog, DCHS
Sir Owen Parker, KCHS
Dame Priscilla Parker, DCHS
Dame Nora Perez, DC*HS
Sir Thomas Shank, KCHS
Dame Thelma Shank, DCHS
Sir Odie (Lee) Spain, KCHS
Dame Leticia Spain, DCHS

- At the Council meeting Oct. 20 our Section reported 252 Members in the Archdiocese of San Antonio: 220 Active, 32 Inactive; 118 with Pilgrim Shell (47%).
- Very informative General Meeting led by Her Excellency, Lieutenant Lois Folger. Much of the information presented is included in this newsletter.

UPCOMING INVESTITURES:

Save these INVESTITURE Dates!! Please go to the Lieutenancy website for further details and check often for updates: www.eohssouthwest.com

2024 October 18-21 Little Rock, Arkansas
(hotel information will become available in January)

2025 !!	September 5-7	SAN ANTONIO, Texas <i>(a month earlier than usual)</i>
2026	tbd	Tulsa, Oklahoma
2027	tbd	Austin, Texas

OTHER TAKE-AWAYS from the Investiture/Meeting

Over the past 10 years, our Lieutenancy has sent over \$15 million to the Holy Land, and sponsored 27 seminarians, deacons and religious sisters and brothers on pilgrimages. YTD 2023 our Lieutenancy has sent \$1,065,000.00 in contributions to the Holy Land (second largest donation of all lieutenancies world-wide).

- Check the SW Lieutenancy website for prayers for the Holy Land and occasional news from the Latin Patriarch – but not as primary source for news of the conflict in Israel. Tune in to the news stations of your choice for that information.
- The Lieutenancy is a 501(c) 3 with its own EIN. If you have interest in various ways to send additional contributions pre-tax, discuss how to do this from your IRA or DAF (donor advised funds) with your financial advisor or CPA.

EOHSJ PILGRIMAGES - frequently check the Southwest Lieutenancy website:

www.eohssouthwest.com

Summer 2022 the Seminarians our Lieutenancy sponsored as Pilgrims to the Holy Land were accompanied by several Brothers from the Holy Cross Order and two Nuns. The Sisters and Brothers were funded separately, and the Holy Cross Brothers renewed their vows during the pilgrimage. The Seminarians shared that experiencing the Sisters' prayerfulness and witnessing the Brothers' vow renewals enriched their Holy Land Pilgrimage experience.

EOHSJ Pilgrimages scheduled through our Lieutenancy scheduled for the rest of 2023 and into early 2024 will be **rescheduled (NOT cancelled)** as needed in accordance with guidance from the U.S. State Department. Check the website for more information.

At the Investiture General Meeting on Sunday morning, Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo reminded us that **Christian Lives and our Holy Sites depend on our presence!!** Please pray DAILY for all people, especially Christians, in the Holy Land – that they do not feel compelled to flee and that with human lives, the holy sites also be spared. **PRAY, FAST AND ABSTAIN, GO TO AN EXTRA MASS EACH WEEK, and ATTEND ADORATION.** Many members have asked how they can help with additional financial support.

Buying gifts from the Holy Land supports the Christian Artists who make them, the Christians working in the stores that sell them and their families who they support.

GRAND MAGISTERIUM report during Investiture weekend General Meeting included:

Cardinal Filoni's book **"The House was filled with the Fragrance of the Perfume"** can now be accessed as an audio book on the North American EOHSJ website:

www.eohsjnorthamerica.org

As a Knight or Dame of the Order, your priorities for Catholic financial support are first your Parish, then your Diocese, then the Order. The priorities for the Order and the Latin Patriarch are Education, Humanitarian Aid, and Pastoral Care. During the COVID pandemic and now again during this time of turmoil, the Latin Patriarch has placed higher priority on the humanitarian aid, helping families with food, rent, utilities and other basics just to help the Christian families survive and stay in the Holy Land. During the pandemic, however, the 44 schools were closed for so long that they fell into disrepair and have deteriorated. Your efforts to continue to send financial help to the Holy Land is greatly appreciated, and if you can do more to assist with the repair and upkeep of the schools, please do so.

LOCAL EVENTS - FEAST OF ST. HELENA (San Fernando Cathedral)

- **August 20th** we held our semi-annual San Antonio Section event to celebrate the Feast of St. Helena at San Fernando Cathedral with a reception that followed in the Cathedral Centre. Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Sillar asked that the Knights and Dames re-dedicate themselves to the vows they took when invested into the Order, and so the 75 Knights and Dames who attended processed into Mass carrying red roses, laying them at the tabernacle behind the alter before being seated. It was a joyous occasion.
- At the Reception following Mass, with gratitude and enthusiasm we announced that **Sir Anthony and Dame Sherri Riveron** graciously agreed to Co-Chair our 2025 Investiture weekend, which our Archdiocese will host again **September 5-7, 2025!!!** Anthony and Sherri, and all of our Section Volunteers did such an outstanding job in 2018, and we are blessed the Riverons have said “yes” to the call to serve again. As the planning begins early January, members will hear more about opportunities to help with this massive effort, so that everyone who visits San Antonio to attend the 2025 EOHSJ Investiture can have the most spiritual weekend possible.

ARCHDIOCESE of SAN ANTONIO EOHSJ Section Events:

In August we met with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Sillar to discuss our San Antonio Section and plan upcoming events. Archbishop welcomed suggestions for the Knights and Dames to be in attendance at the **Chrism Mass** during the Easter season, as well as participate in **Ordination ceremonies**. As details for these events are firmed up, we will send updates.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to SAVE these 2024 DATES:

January 12

ALL NOMINATIONS (with completed paperwork) must be Received by Sir David Pollock **no later than Friday, Jan. 12th** for the 2024 Investiture in Little Rock, Arkansas. The timeline for nominations has been moved up by the Lieutenancy, Nominations

must be fully completed and submitted no later than this date or they will have to be held over until the following year

January 26	“NEW” Month for first of two San Antonio Section Mass / Dinner events; <i>(better date for Archbishop Gustavo than March)</i>
March 26	Chrism Mass – Holy Week <i>(details will be sent when received from the Chancery)</i>
May 18 (10am)	Presbyteral Ordination <i>(location tbd)</i>
June 8 (10am)	Permanent Diaconate Ordination <i>(location tbd)</i>
June <i>(tbd)</i>	Feast of Corpus Christi Mass and Procession (downtown streets)
July 18	Annual Holy Hour for Peace and Persecuted Christians in the Holy Land ; prayer service facilitated by Pilgrim Center of Hope
Aug 18 or Sept 14	Second semi-annual Section Mass and Dinner on or near either of these EOHSJ Feast Days : St. Helena or Exaltation of the Cross; details TBD

Thank You!

- To the 20 Knights and Dames who attended the **Feast of Corpus Christi** Mass and processed through the streets of downtown San Antonio on Sunday, June 11
- To the 45 Knights and Dames, who with Bishop Gary Janak, attended the **Holy Hour for Peace and Persecuted Christians in the Holy Land** coordinated by Rev. Deacon Tom Fox & Dame Mary Jane Fox at St. Matthew on Thurs., June 29
- To the many Knights and Dames who have honored the **11 Members of our Section who have passed in the last year** by participating in their Funeral Mass; the names of our beloved deceased Knights and Dames were announced during the October 21 Memorial Mass at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City.

We are grateful for your Presence, Prayer and Participation in this beautiful Catholic Order, as well as the sacrifices you make for the contributions (Purse) to support those who are struggling in our beloved spiritual home, the Holy Land.

Wishing all of you His Peace,

Sir David, KDGHS and Dame Janet Pollock, DGCHS
Archdiocese of San Antonio Section Representatives
Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem



EOHSJ Members and Investees gather for group picture before the Saturday Evening Black Tie Banquet in Oklahoma City – (October 21, 2023)



2023 San Antonio Investees



Members, Investees, Bishop Gary and Fr. Kevin enjoy Saturday Evening Banquet



Members, Investees and Fr. Ian Robbins enjoy Saturday Evening Banquet



Juan & Sandra Baez with New Investees
Bishop Gary, Blanca and James Matz

Pollock's and Vu's at the
White Tie Sunday Banquet



New Investees Gloria & Felipe
Jimenez (left) with
Dottie & Jack Nichols

Bishop Gary Janak processing out of the
Investiture Mass

