

*The International Order
of
St. Hubertus*



*Deum Diligite Animalia Diligentes
(Honor God by Honoring His Creatures)*

*The Investiture of Knights
And
The Promotion of Knight Officers, Knight Commanders,
and Knight Grand Officers*

*Saint Paul Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado
May the Twenty-Seventh
Two Thousand Twenty-Three*

The Ceremony

The Procession: Ordensbrothers and Squires enter the Church as the Standard of the International Order of St. Hubertus is mounted and the ceremonial candles are lighted.

(Audience: Please stand as the procession enters)

Appointments: The Officers and Priors of the United States Chapter, the Grand Priors of the National Chapters of the Order, the Grand Prior of the United States Chapter and the Grand Master of the Order assume their positions.

Presentations: The St. Hubertus Relic, Chalice, Medals, Scepter, Sword, Constitution, Ewer and Tapestry are presented to the Grand Prior of the United States Chapter.

Anthem: When all have returned to their appointed places, the orchestra plays the National Anthem of the United States and all salute silently the other banners of National Chapters of the Order: Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Portugal, and Spain and the Chapters in Formation and Reunification Chapters.

Invocation: Fr. Louis Richard offers an Invocation.

(Audience: Please stand for and be seated after Invocation)

As a musical interlude we are honored to present Mezzo Soprano Jennifer DeDominici and Baritone Jonathan Hays to perform:

"Lascia chio pianga" from the opera Rinaldo by G.F. Handel

"Ombra mai fu" from the opera Serse by G.F. Handel

"Pur ti miro" from L'incoronazione di Poppea by Monteverdi

Oath: The Grand Prior of the United States administers to Ordensbrothers and Squires an oath to support the Amended Constitution of 2010. All Ordensbrothers reply in the affirmative: *Deum Diligite Animalia Diligentes*, the motto of the IOSH.

Knightings: Squires are called to the altar in groups where the Grand Master creates each a Knight and a Knight's Medal and Cape are presented to the new Knight.

Promotions: Ordensbrothers who are deemed to merit promotion to higher rank are recognized for their contributions to the welfare of the Chapter.

Benedictions: Fr. Louis Richard gives the final Benediction.

(Audience: Please stand for the Benediction)

Recessional: The Grand Prior of the United States returns the St. Hubertus Relic, Chalice, Medals, Scepter, Sword, Constitution, Ewer and Tapestry to their Bearers. The Herald leads the Recessional with the Officers and Priors of the USA Chapter, the Ordensbrothers, the Grand Priors of National Chapters of the Order, and the Grand Prior of the United States Chapter followed by the Grand Master of the Order.

Conclusion: The Ceremony is concluded.

Squires to be Knighted

United States of America Chapter

Charles Bradley Bynum	Richard C. Kessler
Michael F.X. Cassidy	James Bryant Laster
John D. Charbonnet, Jr.	John J. Lefkus, III
James Williams Collins	Peter J. Millett
Britton J. Condon	Dana Pruhs
Patrick Arthur Devlin	Carlton Shepherd Revere
Jason H. Downie	Ronald D. Robertson
James Dyess	Edward Kirby Rutledge
Brandon M. Easterling	Robert Joseph Sergi
Carlos E. Evans	Robert B. Smith
Carlton "Dewey" Everhart, II	David E. Snowden, Jr.
Glenn Joseph Fama	Scott Carr Steger
Peter Georgiopoulos	Ben Stimpson, Jr.
Louis M. Girard	William "Ellis" Sullivan IV
John L. Hagestad	Regis J. Synan
Grayson Hall, Jr.	Mark R. Taylor
Erik G. Hanson	Robertson Winn Taylor
Barton Hegeler	Richard Thalhimer
Paul C. Hegness	John Wesley Warrington
Luke Hilgemann	Edward W. Webb

Canadian Chapter

Luciano Cacioppo
Spyros Chrysochou
Perry Miele

Candidates to be Promoted

Knight Officers

William Birdzell	Fred J. Heyne, III
Laurance G. Broderick	Harvey C. Knowles, III
Louis Brutocao	David Larned
Prentiss C. Burt	Gerald L. McRaney
Greg den Herder	Charles Melman
Glen E. Frost	Douglas A. Sayer
David P. Hanlon	Marcus F. Schwartz, Sr.
Richard D. Hansen	Jeff B. Walker
William T. Harrington	

Knight Commanders

Charles R. Black	Philip W. Mancini
Charles A. Elcan	Steve Rice
Alex Maher	Thomas Veje

Knight Grand Officers

Michael J. Bertelsen, Esq	Glennon T. Gingo
Paul S. Checketts	Julius Peek Garlington, III
Richard Kyle Ellis	Brian M. Webber
Joseph M. Gaydos, Jr.	

MISSION AND PURPOSES OF THE ORDER

The International Order of St. Hubertus is an ancient knightly organization of like-minded sportsmen, hunters and anglers, who enjoy the fellowship of the Order and who share the same principles regarding sportsmanlike conduct, ethical hunting and fishing, and the conservation and preservation of wildlife and its habitat all over the world. Each Ordensbrother subscribes to the following principles and acts on them individually of his own volition.

TO PROMOTE SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT IN HUNTING AND FISHING

**TO FOSTER GOOD FELLOWSHIP AMONG SPORTSMEN
FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD**

**TO TEACH AND PRESERVE SOUND TRADITIONAL
HUNTING AND FISHING CUSTOMS**

**TO ENCOURAGE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND TO HELP
PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES FROM EXTINCTION**

**TO PROMOTE THE CONCEPT OF HUNTING AND FISHING
AS AN INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF HUMANITY**

**TO ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS
DERIVED FROM SPORTS HUNTING AND FISHING SUPPORT
THE REGIONS WHERE THESE ACTIVITIES ARE CARRIED OUT**

**TO STRIVE TO ENHANCE RESPECT FOR RESPONSIBLE HUNTERS AND
FISHERMEN**



THE LEGEND OF ST. HUBERTUS AND THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER



THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ST. HUBERTUS

St. Hubert was born circa A.D. 656, probably in Toulouse, the son of the Duke of Aquitaine. He was prominent in the Merovingian Court at Metz, and after the death of his wife following childbirth, was devoted to all forms of pleasure, particularly stag hunting.

According to legend, on Good Friday c. 684, as he was hunting stags in the forest of Ardennes rather than attending church services, he came upon a magnificent animal which he was intending to take until he saw that the stag had a golden cross between his horns. At that point St. Hubert had a Holy vision that he was to forsake his hedonistic ways, divest his worldly possessions and devote his life to helping the poor. After a subsequent life of piety, he became a very respected and successful Bishop. He died in A.D. 727 and his remains were interred to Amdain (now Saint-Hubert, Belgium).

St. Hubert was widely venerated during the Middle Ages and thereafter and his grave has been a pilgrimage site for 1300 years. His symbol — the stag's head and golden cross — is a familiar sight all over Europe.

In A.D. 1695, Austro-Hungarian Count Franz Anton Sporck instituted the Order of St. Hubertus to honor St. Hubert's memory and to promote responsible hunting and wildlife conservation. The Order continues to this day as the International Order of St. Hubertus. The motto of the Order is "Deum Diligite Animalia Diligentes," or "Honor God by Honoring His Creatures."

November 3rd is the Feast Day of St. Hubertus. It is celebrated each year at the Basilica where he is buried as well as throughout the sporting world in Europe. At the Basilica, the hunting horns are blown and hunters on horses with their barking dogs enter the church for a blessing. The members of the IOSH celebrate St. Hubert's Feast Day with dinners and shooting activities.

The convulsions of World Wars I and II led to the dissolution of the Order. After the Second World War, however, the Order was revived by the U.S. Ambassador to Austria and American High Commissioner, Llewellyn Thompson, along with General Mark W. Clark, U.K. Ambassador, Sir Harold Caccia, the British High Commissioner, Dr. Albert Messany of Austria and Austrian Chancellor Leopold Figl.

The current Grand Master is His Imperial and Royal Highness, Istvan Franz von Habsburg-Lothringen, Archduke of Austria and Royal Prince of Hungary.

THE ORDER IN AMERICA

1968 – George Wood was appointed Grand Prior and founded the American Chapter in 1968. The first Investiture of American Knights took place at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. The ceremony was presided over by then Grand Master Messany.

1975 – Grand Master Messany retired and George Wood was elected Grand Master. OB Wood was followed by Karl Weber as Grand Master in 1979.

1985 – Grand Master Weber asked Archduke Andreas Salvatore von Habsburg-Lothringen to act as Protector of the Order.

1991 – On January 8, Grand Master Weber asked Archduke Andreas to accept the office of Grand Master. Archduke Andreas did so and His Majesty Juan Carlos, King of Spain, assumed the position of Protector of the Order.

2013 – Brigadier General Jack William Nicholson assumed the duties of Grand Prior of the United States Chapter.

2013 – In March of 2013 HH Archduke Istvan von Habsburg-Lothringen became the fifth Grand Master of the Order since the Restitution. Archduke Andreas assumed the office of Grand Master Emeritus and King Juan Carlos continued to offer the Order his protection.

2016 – John Poindexter succeeded BG Nicholson as Grand Prior of the United States Chapter.

2020 – Boysie Bollinger succeeded John Poindexter as Grand Prior of the United States Chapter.

2021 – Four European Chapters separated from the IOSH for many years were re-affiliated in May at Kremsmünster, Austria.

PROTECTOR

His Majesty King Juan Carlos of Spain

GRAND MASTER

His Imperial and Royal Highness,
Istvan von Habsburg-Lothringen,
Archduke of Austria, Royal Prince of Hungary

GRAND MASTER EMERITUS

His Imperial and Royal Highness
Archduke Andreas Salvator of Austria

OFFICERS, UNITED STATES CHAPTER

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
Grand Prior	William C. Hayes
Chancellor	Brian MacDonald
High Justice	Jeffrey Parsons
Secretary	Joseph J. Trad
Treasurer	Michael J. Bayer
Herald	Ashton Smith
Marshall	Christopher B. Burnham
History & Archives Committee	Col. John S. Odom Jr.
National Membership	Carter H. Finnell
Co-Chairman	James Ham
National Social Chairman	Thomas M. Leland
Audit Committee Chairman	George K. Kollitides II
Grand Prior, Emeritus	John B. Poindexter
Grand Prior, Emeritus	Donald "Boysie" Bollinger

Ranks of the International Order of St. Hubertus

Squire

This is the entry level for members of the Order. It signifies that the Squire has met all initiation requirements and has been accepted for membership in the Order. Each Squire must participate in the activities of the Order and demonstrate sincere support for the United States Chapter. The Squire may then be recommended by his sponsor to his Prior and the Grand Prior to be created a Knight.

Knight

This is the first rank of the Order. It is conveyed to a Squire in a formal investiture ceremony during which he is dubbed by the Grand Master of the Order or his designate and attired in the Knight Medal and Cape. The Knight may now be addressed as an Ordensbrother.

Knight Officer

This second-level rank is typically conveyed to a Knight who has been active in the Order through participation in events for some years after his investiture as a Knight.

Knight Commander

The Knight Commander has demonstrated leadership in the Order for several years. He has been proactive through the development of events, the execution of projects and in enlisting new members.

Knight Grand Officer

The highest rank is reserved for the leaders of the Order; typically 10% or less of Ordensbrothers attain this rank. The Knight Grand Officer demonstrates senior leadership in the Order by arranging events and originating projects, through actively enlisting new members, and through significant and productive interaction with Ordensbrothers throughout the U.S. Chapter and the world.