St. Anne Catholic Church

Houston, Texas



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

The United States Chapter of The International Order of St. Hubertus

The Twenty-third of March, Two Thousand Thirteen

The Procession

Chaplain of the Order

Monsignor Russell G. Terra, K, G.O.

Chalice Bearer of the Order

Steve Raben, K,

Scepter Bearer of the Order

John Arnoldy, K,O.

Sword bearer of the Order

Keith Mosing, K,O.

Jewels bearer of the Order

Dan Tutcher, K,O.

Registrar of the Order

Jim Braniff, K,

Constitution of the Order

Donald O'Shei, K.C.

Herald of the Order

Allen Foster, K,C.

Music Director of the Order

Downey Bridgwater, K,

Master of Ceremonies

John Poindexter, K,G.O.

Knight Designates Knight Officer Designates Knight Commander Designates Knight Grand Officer Designates

Knight Grand Officers Knight Commanders Knight Officers Knights

Priors of the United States

Bill Bachenberg, K,O. Charles T. Foscue, K,G.O. Douglas Lynn K, G.O. John W. Nicholson, K, G.O.

John Poindexter, K, G.O.

Grand Prior of the United States of America
Robert L. Puette, K.G.O.

Grand Priors of International Chapters

Jesus Yuren, K, G.O. - Mexico

Marquis del Vado, K, G.O. -- Spain

Grand Prior of All the Americas
Thomas G. Fellner, K. G.O.

Successor to the Grand Master of the International Order of St. Hubertus His Imperial and Royal Highness Archduke Istvan of Austria, K,

GRAND MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF SAINT HUBERTUS
His Imperial and Royal Highness Archduke Andreas of Austria, K, G.O.

The Ceremony

The Procession: Squires and Ordensbrothers

(Please stand as the procession enters and remain standing through the Invocation)

The Appointments: Monsignor Russell G. Terra ascends the altar and faces the congregation. The Grand Master, the Successor Grand Master, the Grand Prior of the Americas, the Grand Prior of the United States, the Grand Priors of Mexico & Spain, and the Priors of the United States Chapter approach the altar.

<u>The Presentations:</u> The Chalice, Sword and Scepter of the Order are presented to the Grand Prior of the United States.

<u>The Anthems:</u> When all have reached their appointed places, the brass ensemble plays the National Anthems of Canada, Luxembourg, Mexico, and the Unites States of America.

The Invocation: Monsignor Russell G. Terra (Please be seated after the Invocation)

A Brief History of the Order: The Grand Prior of the United States of America

The Introduction of the Grand Master: The Grand Prior of the United States of America

Welcome and Greetings: The Grand Master

The Oath: The Grand Prior of the USA asks Knight Designates and ordensbrothers to stand and take an oath to support the Amended Constitution of 2010. The Grand Prior of the USA then asks all ordensbrothers to take their seats and asks the Knight Designates to remain standing. He then asks the Knight Designates to support the Mission of the Order.

<u>The Knighting:</u> After their affirmative response, the Knight Designates are called to the Altar in groups where the Grand Master dubs each Designate a Knight and their Knight Medal and Cape are presented to them.

<u>The Promotion of Rank:</u> The Herald invites the ordensbrothers designated for promotion to stand and come to the altar in groups by rank. The Grand Master promotes each Knight and presents them the Medal of their new rank.

The Benediction: Monsignor Russell G. Terra gives the final Benediction. (Please stand for the recessional)

<u>Returning the Symbols and The Recessional:</u> The Grand Prior of the United States returns the Chalice, Sword, and Scepter. Monsignor Russell G. Terra leads the exit procession with the Grand Priors, the Successor Grand Master, and the Grand Master exiting last.

The Knight Designates (Squires)

Dieter Krieghoff C. Marshall Ashmore Wayne LaPierre James Edward Bashaw Kurt White Lesh Lawrence N Brouse Meredith J. Long Angus Royal Cooper, III Ludovico Marenzi Berry R. Cox Brian Martin Joe R. Davis Edmunc McIlhenny Chris Dorsey Robert F. Murchison James Thomas Dorsey Gregory Neppl Sheldon R. Erikson Thomas Rogers Dan H. Flournoy J. Michael Rose Lloyd R. French, III John Seerey-Lester David Burton Garten Jose Shaji Richard L. George Geoffrey Smith John C. Goff Matthew Stuller Ned Holmes David Trebing John Jackson

Edward Jagels
Rodolphe de Changy (Luxembourg)

John A. Kamps
Carlos Felipe von Habsburg (Mexico)

Don C. Kennedy

The Knight Officer Designates (Knights)

Boysie Bollinger

Jim Braniff

Doug Bratton

John Brent

Frank Brownell

Bill Chiles

Don Kriley

Granger MacDonald

John Morgan

Reed Morian

Hagen Saville

Sam Saxton

Bill Chiles
Chris Cobb
Chris Cobb
Don Crowell
Pat Cunningham
Garrick Steele
Mike Wood

Jon R, Gray
Charles Guschewsky
Tom Held
Phil John
Chris Kinsey

Mikę Wood
Carlos Borbolla (Mexico)
Jesus Del-Olmos (Mexico)
Pablo Prats (Mexico)
Alejandro Siegrits (Mexico)

The Knight Commander Designates (Knight Officers unless rank shown)

Scotty Arnoldy
Downey Bridgwater
Tony Chimblo
Brad McWilliams
Keith Mosing
Frank Portale

Jerry Finger

Jim Porter

Tommy Forbes

Ed Jones

Jim Porter

Steve Raben

Dick Remaly

Roy Thiele-Sardina

John Kotts

Michael Luzich

Widel Martinez

Dan Tutcher

Jose Castello (Mexico)

Juan Antonio Cedillo (Mexico)

Vidal MartinezJuan Antonio CeaucWally McLallenJesus Viejo (Mexico)

The Knight Grand Officer Designates (Knight Commanders unless rank shown)

Allen Foster

Boyd Sharp

Don O'Shei

Istvan von Habsburg (Luxembourg)

Ranks within the International Order of St. Hubertus

Squire

This is the entry level for all members in the Order. It signifies that the individual has met all membership requirements and has been accepted into the Order. Each squire must participate in the activities of the Order and demonstrate support of the Order. The Squire may then be recommended by his sponsor to the Prior and Grand Prior to be invested as a Knight.

Knight

This is the first rank of Knight and it is conveyed to an individual in a formal investiture ceremony where he is dubbed by the Grand Master of the Order or his designate and given the Knight Medal and Cape. This is the rank where a member becomes an ordensbrother.

Knight Officer

This second level rank is typically conveyed on a Knight that has been active in the Order through participation in events/venues for several years after his investiture as a Knight.

Knight Commander

The Knight Commander has clearly demonstrated leadership in the Order after several years and he has been proactive not only through participation in events/venues but with the development and support of events/venues/projects and enlisting new members into the Order.

Knight Grand Officer

This highest rank is reserved for the leaders of the Order. Typically 10% or less of ordensbrothers attain this rank. The Knight Grand Officer demonstrates leadership in the Order being proactive through participation in events/venues/projects, actively enlisting new members in the Order and has significant interaction with ordensbrothers throughout the Chapter and around the world.

The History of the International Order of St. Hubertus

The International Order of St. Hubertus is the oldest hunting organization of its kind in the world. It was founded by Count Franz Anton Spork in 1695 in Austria. Although the original Register was lost, it is possible to reconstruct who some of the first Ordensbrothers were through the written notes of Spork.

The following names are mentioned: Emperor Karl VI, King August I, of Saxony and Poland, King August II, King August III, Hersog Morits Adolf, Bishop of Koenigsgraetz, Herzog von Bavaria, The Prince Eugen and Emanuel von Savoy, The Herzogs of Braunschweig and Wuertenberg, and many of the Princes of the leading families. The last Prince taken into the Order by Spork was Prince Jerome Radziwill.

The endless wars in Europe were the cause for the cessation of the Order. Reichs Hunting Master, Hermann Goering, did not allow the existence of a hunting organization outside the "German Hunting Association," Deutsche Jaegerschaft. Perhaps one reason for this was that he demanded membership in the Order, was refused by the Grand Prior, and then immediately executed the Grand Prior.

After the war Austria was again free, and the Order was restituted by Albert F. Messany of Vienna, at the request of Chancellor Figl of Austria, on May 1, 1950 under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Whenever you travel in Europe, and wherever outdoorsmen congregate, you'll see the time honored universal symbol of the Order - a Maltese Cross emblazoned between the antlers of a Royal Stag. This emblem originated in the 8th century when the Order was established in the Ardennes Forest which borders France and Belgium.

St. Hubert was born November 3 in the year 670. His birthday is celebrated by sportsmen throughout the world. This date is a religious holiday in many central European countries where sportsmen meet in their traditional costumes in one of the many churches dedicated to St. Hubertus, to receive their blessing and to repeat their sacred obligation - "To see that no free living animal or living plant will ever become extinct."

During the protectorate of Austria by the four Powers, the United States, Great Britain, France, and the U.S.S.R., following World War II, the restituted Order had its rebirth in Vienna on May 1, 1950. Four American sportsmen, and one Britisher became Knights of the Grand Chapter in recognition of the great contribution these men in their respective offices made to the present and future welfare of the Federal Republic of Austria. These men became members of the North American Chapter.

Llewellyn E. Thompson, K.G.O., United States of America Ambassador

General Mark W. Clark, K.G.O., Commanding General of the Allied Armed Forces in Austria

Halvor O. Ekern, K.G.O., Chief Political Advisor to the Armed Forces

George V. Wood, K, G.O., Consultant to the Ministry of Health for the Establishment of Hospitals and Health Facilities

Baron Harold Anthony Caccia, K, G.O., High Commissioner of Great Britain & Former British Ambassador

to the United States of America

In 1966 George Wood was appointed Grand Prior of the United States and founded the United States Chapter in 1968.

The first investiture of the United States Chapter took place at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco on St. Hubert's birthday, November 3, 1968, and Albert Messany, the Grand Master presided.

On November 3, 1975, Albert Messany, Restitutor and Grand Master announced his retirement because of ill health, and George Wood, having fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the constitution was elected Grand Master.

In June of 1979, The Grand Master, George Wood announced his retirement, because of ill health. Karl Christian Weber, having fulfilled all the requirements of the constitution and the rules and regulations, was appointed Grand Master of The International Order of St. Hubertus. Mr. Weber was a native of Austria and served as Honorary Consul General of Austria, in San Francisco.

Karl asked His Imperial Highnes, Archduke Andreas Salvador von Habsburg-Lothringen to be the Protector of the Order, and thus we again became a Royal Order.

In the spring of 1991 Karl Christian Weber announced retirement because of ill health, and appointed His Imperial and Royal Highness, Archduke Andreas Salvador von Habsburg-Lothringen as Grand Master.

Upon taking the position of Grand Master, the Archduke asked his Royal Highness, Juan Carlos, King of Spain, to be our Protector, and he agreed to do so.

On March 24, 2012 Grand Master Archduke Andreas of Austria named Archduke Istvan of Austria as his successor with the appointment to be made at a future investiture.

This is the status of the Order on March 23, 2013 as we hold the twenty-third investiture in the United States of America in Houston, Texas.

Current Officers of the United States Chapter

Grand Prior of the United States of America Robert L. Puette, K, G.O.

Priors
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Charles T. Foscue, K,G.O.
Douglas Lynn, K,G.O.
John W. Nicholson, K,G.O.
John Poindexter, K,G.O.

Treasurer
Michael A. Rosenauer, K.G.O.

Master of Ceremonies John Poindexter, K, G.O.

Membership Chairman Trig French, K, Robert A. Alleborn, K, G.O. Robert Harvey, K, G.O. Wayne Sheets, K, G.O.

Dennis Murphree, K,C.

Herald
Allen Foster, K,C.

Marshall Robert Alleborn, K, G.O.

This Investiture is dedicated to

His Imperial and Royal Highness Archduke Andreas of Austria



We know from our Grand Master's name that he is a member of the Habsburg royal family; a family which ruled the Austro-Hungarian Empire for over 300 years. A Constitutional Monarchy with the main capital in Vienna, it was geographically the second largest country in Europe after the Russian Empire. The modern-day nation states include Austria, Hungary, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, large parts of Serbia and Romania, and smaller parts of Italy, Montenegro, Poland and Ukraine.

The Archduke's father, a grandson of Emperor Franz-Joseph I (1830-1916), was born in Schonbrunn, the 1,441 room Imperial Palace in Vienna, where he lived until the end of the Monarchy in 1919. The Archduke's mother was a German princess. The Archduke was the seventh of their thirteen children.

The Grand Master was born in 1936 which was a very difficult time on the Danube as the Nazis took over Austria. The Habsburg family was confined to the castle for many years and it was just 6 days before the entire family was to be executed that the Wehrmacht collapsed.

After the war, the allies moved into Austria but unfortunately the castle where the Grand Master lived was in the Russian / Communist zone. This changed in 1949 when Austria became a free state and was no longer occupied. Hal Ekern, one of the founders of the Order in the USA, played a key role in freeing the Austrians.

The Grand Master moved to Spain in 1952 at 16 years of age where he finished school and was in business for many years. He returned to Austria some years ago where he lives in one of the Habsburg castles.

He was knighted into the Order in 1981 and became the Grand Master in 1991. Today marks his 22^{nd} year as the Grand Master of the International Order of St. Hubertus.