

*St. Matthews Cathedral*  
*Washington, D.C.*



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

**The Investiture of Knights**

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

## *The Procession*

Chaplain of the Order	<i>Fr. Robert George, Squire</i>
Chalice Bearer of the Order	<i>Fr. Robert George, Squire</i>
Ewer & Orb Bearer of the Order	<i>Dennis E. Murphree, K.C.</i>
Scepter Bearer of the Order	<i>C. Allen Foster, K.G.O.</i>
Sword Bearer of the Order	<i>Christopher S. Cobb, K.</i>
Registrar of the Order	<i>Roy A. Thiele-Sardiña, K.O.</i>
Constitution Bearer of the Order	<i>Vidal G. Martinez, K.O.</i>
Herald of the Order	<i>Christopher B. Burnham, K.</i>
Master of Ceremonies	<i>John B. Poindexter, K.G.O.</i>

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

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Knight Grand Officers  
Knight Commanders  
Knight Officers  
Knights

### Priors of the United States

<i>Dr. Robert Harvey, K.G.O.</i>	<i>William Hayes, K.C.</i>
<i>Donald M. O'Shei, K.G.O.</i>	<i>John B. Poindexter, K.G.O.</i>
<i>Riley Boykin Smith, K.O.</i>	<i>T. Garrick Steele, K.O.</i>

### Grand Prior of the United States of America

*John W. Nicholson , K.G.O. BG(Ret.)*

### Grand Priors of International Chapters

<i>Jesus Yuden, K.G.O. - Mexico</i>	<i>Marquis del Vado, K.G.O. - Spain</i>
<i>Francesco del Cueto Donde, K.G.O.</i>	<i>Jesus Martin, K.G.O.</i>
Representative - Mexico	Representative - Spain

### Grand Master Emeritus of the International Order of St. Hubertus

*HIH Archduke Andreas of Austria*

### GRAND MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF SAINT HUBERTUS

*HIH Archduke Istvan of Austria*

# *The Ceremony*

The Precession: Designates, Ordenbrothers and Squires

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

The Appointments *Fr. William George, Squire*, ascends to the altar and faces the congregation. The Grand Master, the Grand Master Emeritus, the Grand Prior of the United States, the Grand Priors of Mexico and Spain, and the Officer and Priors of the United States Chapter approach the altar.

The Presentations: The Chalice, Ewer, Sword, Scepter and Orb of the Order are presented to the Grand Master.

The Anthems: When all have reached the appointed places, the brass ensemble plays the National Anthems of Luxembourg, Spain, Mexico and the United States.

The Invocation: *Fr. Robert George*

*(Please be seated after the Invocation)*

Welcome & Greeting: The Grand Prior of the United States

Address: The Grand Master

The Oath: The Grand Prior of the United States asks Knights Designates and Ordenbrothers to take an oath to support the Amended Constitution of 2010. The Grand Prior of the United States then asks all Ordenbrothers 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.

The Knighting: After the affirmative response, the Knight Designates are called to the altar in groups where the Grand Master dubs each a Knight and Medal and Cape is presented to him.

The Benediction: *Fr. Robert George* gives the final Benediction.

*(Please stand for the recessional)*

Returning the Symbols and Recessional: The Grand Prior of the United States returns the Chalice, Ewer, Sword, Scepter and Orb. *Fr. Robert George* leads the exit processional with the Grand Priors, the Grand Master Emeritus, and the Grand Master exiting last.

## The Knight Designates (Squires)

Thomas N. Amonett	Central	Michael Joseph Bayer	Eastern
Henry Constable Beck III	Central	Robert Blakely	Central
George Trenholm Boggs	Eastern	David Blee	Eastern
Jim J. Brewer	Central	Bill K. Brewster	Eastern
Neal D. Carlson	Central	Angus Royal Cooper II	Central
Thomas E. Crocker	Eastern	Ralph Crosby	Eastern
J. D. Crouch II	Eastern	Jay Davis	Central
Michael C. Dawson	Central	Christopher Dorsey	Southwest
Jonathan S. Finger	Central	Charles S. Foster	Eastern
Pedro J. Frommer	Central	William L. George, S.J.	Eastern
Robert Earl Giles	Central	Michael Leonard Gulino	Eastern
Fred J. Heyne III	Central	William M. Hitchcock	Central
William G. Hooks	Eastern	John Rossman Huff	Central
Freeman Jones	Eastern	Trey Lipsitz	Central
Jesse R. Marion	Central	B. J. Megargel	Eastern
James Francis Mitchell	Southwest	Joshua Powell Moutin	Mountain/Midwest
Charles Neuhauser	Eastern	David A. Ott	Central
Jeffrey R. Parsons	Central	Leander H. Perez III	Central
George H. Pretty II	Southeast	J. R. Pryor	Central
Thomas Hill Puff	Central	Ralph Bowman Thomas	Central
William M. Simmons	Central	Andrew Peter Stifel	Eastern

## The Knight Officer Designates (Knights)

<del>Robert Allen</del>	<del>Eastern</del>	K.O.	John Wood Bolton, Jr	Eastern	K.O.
P. Nicolas Caldwell	Central	K.O.	Angus R. Cooper III	Southeast	K.O.
James M. Easterling, Jr.	Central	K.O.	Peter Horn	Eastern	K.O.
Will Jones	Eastern	K.O.	<del>George Kollitides</del>	<del>Eastern</del>	<del>K.O.</del>
Dieter Krieghoff	Eastern	K.O.	<del>Reed Morian</del>	<del>Central</del>	<del>K.O.</del>
Lloyd U. (Bud) Noland	Eastern	K.O.	David Trebing	Eastern	K.O.
Thomas Lee Williams	Eastern	K.O.			

## The Knight Commander Designates (Knight Officers)

John Barksdale	Central	K.C.	Donald (Boysie) Bollinger	Central	K.C.
Christopher B. Burnham	Eastern	K.C.	Barry R. Cox	Central	K.C.
John A. Dougherty, Jr.	Central	K.C.	Roger Lake	Northwest	K.C.
Granger MacDonald	Central	K.C.	Kris Perryman, Sr.	Eastern	K.C.
Sam Saxton	Eastern	K.C.			

## The Knight Grand Officer Designates (Knight Commanders)

John Scott Arnoldy	Central	K.G.O.	Christopher S. Cobb	Eastern	K.G.O.
Bill Hayes	Southwest	K.G.O.	Dennis Murphree	Central	K.G.O.
Jim Porter	Central	K.G.O.	Riley Smith	Southeast	K.G.O.
T. Garrick Steele	Eastern	K.G.O.	Roy Thiele-Sardiña	Northwest	K.G.O.

# *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 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 who 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 and support of events/venues/projects but also 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 having 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 von Sporck in 1695 in the Kingdom of Bohemia. Although the original Register was lost, it is possible to reconstruct who some of the first Ordenbrothers were through the written notes of Count von Sporck.*

*The following names are mentioned: Emperor Charles 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 Emanuael 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 Count von Sporck 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 of 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, the American High Commissioner and the British High Commissioner, Sir (later, Lord) Harold Caccia, Gen. Mark W. Clark, 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 behind the antlers of a Royal Stag. This emblem originated in the 8th century in the Ardennes Forest which borders France and Belgium and was where St. Hubertus lived.*

*St. Hubert was born November 3rd in the year 670. His birthday is celebrated by sportmen 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 the blessing and to repeat their sacred obligation - "To see that no free living animal or living plant will ever become extinct."*

*When the restituted Order had its rebirth in Vienna on May 1, 1950, four American sportmen and one Britisher became Knights of the Grand Chapter in recognition of the contribution of these men in their respective offices made to the present and future welfare of the Federal Republic of Austria. They later became members of the North American Chapter.*

The first investiture of the United States Chapter took place at the Bohemian Club in San Francisco on St. Hubert's Day, November 3, 1968. 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 appointed 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, was appointed Grand Master. Mr. Weber was a native of Austria and served as Honorary Consul General of Austria in San Francisco.

Karl Weber asked His Imperial Highness, Archduke Andreas Salvador von Hapsburg-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, Archduke Andreas asked 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.

On March 23, 2013, Archduke Istvan of Austria, having fulfilled all the requirements of the Constitution, was recognized as Grand Master by the Grand Chapter and was invested with the office at the Investiture in Huston.

This is the status of the Order on April 5, 2014 as we hold this investure in the United States of America in Washington, D.C.

### Current Officers of the United States

#### Priors

East	<i>T. Garrick Steele, K.O.</i>	Grand Prior	<i>John W. Nicholson, BG (Ret.), K.G.O.</i>
Central	<i>John B. Poindexter, K.G.O.</i>	Chancellor	<i>C. Allen Foster, K.G.O.</i>
Southeast	<i>Riley Boykin Smith, K.O.</i>	High Justice	<i>Vidal Martinez, K.C.</i>
Mountain/Midwest	<i>Donald M. O'Shei, K.G.O.</i>	Secretary	<i>Roy Thiele-Sardiña, K.C.</i>
Northwest	<i>Dr. Robert Harvey, K.G.O.</i>	Treasurer	<i>J. Downey Bridgwater, K.C.</i>
Southwest	<i>William Hayes, K.C.</i>	Herald	<i>Christopher B. Burnham, K.</i>

#### Master of Ceremonies

*John B. Poindexter, K.G.O.*



*This Investiture is dedicated to*

## **Curtin Winsor III**



Our beloved Ordenbrother

Died December 11, 2012

Requiem in Pacem