

***St. Louis Cathedral***  
***New Orleans, Louisiana***



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

**The Investiture of Knights**  
***March 21, 2015***

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

# *The Procession*

Herald of the Order	<i>Christopher B. Burnham</i>
IOSH Standard Bearer	<i>Boysie Bollinger</i>
Master of Ceremonies	<i>John Poindexter</i>
Bearer of Candlelighter	<i>Tom Puff</i>
Music Director	<i>J. Downey Bridgwater</i>
Chaplain and Chalice Bearer of the Order	<i>Fr. William George</i>
Relic Bearer	<i>Robert H. Bowman</i>
Medals Bearer of the Order	<i>C. Allen Foster</i>
Scepter Bearer of the Order	<i>Vidal G. Martinez</i>
Sword Bearer of the Order	<i>Christopher S. Cobb</i>
Ewer and Orb Bearer of the Order	<i>Steven A. Raben</i>
Constitution Bearer of the Order	<i>Pat Cunningham</i>
Registrar of the Order	<i>Roy A. Thiele-Sardiña</i>

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## **Squires to be Knighted**

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**Knight Grand Officers  
Knight Commanders  
Knight Officers  
Knights**

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## **Priors of the United States**

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

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## **Grand Prior of the United States**

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

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## **Grand Priors of International Chapters**

<i>Jesus Yuren, K.G.O., Mexico</i>	<i>Marquis del Vado, K.G.O., Spain</i>
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## **Grand Master Emeritus of the International Order of St. Hubertus**

*HIRH Archduke Andreas of Austria*

## **GRAND MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ST. HUBERTUS**

*HIRH Archduke Istvan of Austria*

# *The Ceremony*

The Procession: Ordensbrothers and Squires enter the Cathedral 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 and remain standing through the Invocation)*

Appointments: Fr. William George approaches the altar and faces the assembly. Grand Master Emeritus, Grand Priors of the United States, Mexico and Spain, and the Officers and Priors of the United States Chapter assume their positions.

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

Anthem: When all have returned to their appointed places, the brass ensemble plays the National Anthem of the United States and all salute silently the other nations represented at the Investiture: Spain, France, England (U.K.), Scotland (U.K.), Luxembourg, Mexico and Argentina.

Invocation: Fr. William George offers an invocation

*(Audience: Please be seated after the Invocation)*

Address: The Grand Prior of the United States speaks on the topic of the Relic of Saint Hubertus recently presented to the United States Chapter of the International Order of St. Hubertus

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

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

Benediction: Fr. William George gives the final Benediction.

*(Audience: Please stand for the benediction and recessional)*

Recessional: The Grand Prior of the United States returns the St. Hubertus Relic, Chalice, Medals, Scepter, Sword, Constitution, and Ewer and Orb to their Bearers. The Herald leads the Recessional with the Grand Priors, the Grand Master Emeritus, and the Grand Master exiting last.

*(Audience: Please withdraw outside for photographs)*

# Squires to be Knighted

at the Investiture Ceremony  
conducted in New Orleans, Louisiana  
March, 21, 2015

<i>James Holleman</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Anthony Lombardo</i>	<i>Northwest</i>
<i>Butch Mach</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Marston Nauman</i>	<i>Northwest</i>
<i>Harry J. Phillips</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Stephen Roberts</i>	<i>Northwest</i>
<i>Randy Rodgers</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Wesley Bates</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Robert T. Stacy</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Walter Boomer</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>William Wise</i>	<i>Central</i>	<i>Arthur H. Cottingham, III</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Ronald "Ron" Beck</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Orrin Ingram</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Steven D. Brooks</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Jerome Jennings</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Brian Dailey</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Thomas Jernigan</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>James Montgomery Gingery</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>William L. "Bill" Jones</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Colvin Matheson</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>James "Jim" Maddox</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Joseph "Joe" Nardini</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Stephen Miley</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Justice O'Brien</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Edward U. "Ted" Miller</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>John O'Connor</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Charles "Chuck" Smith</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Tim Rupli</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>T. Bestor Ward, III</i>	<i>Southeast</i>
<i>Rob Searle</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Paul S. Checketts</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Avery Stirratt</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Robert C. Cohenour</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Christopher J. Webb</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Patrick "Pat" Diesfeld</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Hugh Wiley</i>	<i>Eastern</i>	<i>Daniel "Dan" Genter</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Eric de la Bigne</i>	<i>France</i>	<i>David "Dave" Gould</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Lambert DuPong</i>	<i>Luxembourg</i>	<i>James Ham</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Michael "Mike" Branham</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>Robert "Bobby" Mazurek</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Carter Finnell</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>Gerald McRaney</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Lars Magnusson</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>James Negele</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>J. Hanley Sayers</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>Fabien, H. E. Baron Reille</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Richard V. Spencer</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>Warren Stout</i>	<i>Southwest</i>
<i>Rick Steiner</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>Edward King</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
<i>Richard Sugden, M.D.</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>	<i>David Richards</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
<i>John Thodos</i>	<i>Mountain/Midwest</i>		

# *Ranks within the International Order of St. Hubertus*

## *Squire*

*This rank is the entry level for members in the order. It signifies that the individual has met all of the membership requirements and is ready for acceptance into the Order. A Squire must participate in the activities of his Priory and demonstrate support for the Order.*

## *Knight*

*A Squire becomes a Knight at a formal Investiture Ceremony, where he is "dubbed" by the Grand Master of the Order. At that time he is given the Knight's medal and cape. The new Knight is now an Ordensbrother in the Order and is expected to participate regularly in events in his priory and to attend subsequent Investitures and other National Chapter events. After being a Knight for two years, he can sponsor applicants for membership and is expected to be a part of recruitment for qualified members to the Order.*

## *Knight Officer*

*This initial promotion is typically conferred upon a Knight who has been consistently active in the Order through participation in his Priory's events or projects and in National Chapter events, after his Investiture as a Knight. He has a superior record of attendance at these functions and has recruited qualified individuals for membership.*

## *Knight Commander*

*The Knight Commander has clearly demonstrated leadership in the Order after a period of years. He has been proactive not only by participating in events and projects, but also by organizing, developing and leading them. He has been successful in recruiting Squires to the order. A Knight Commander is recognized by other Ordensbrothers as exemplifying the highest principles of the Order.*

## *Knight Grand Officer*

*The Order's highest rank is reserved for the most active leaders of the Order and typically, 10% or less of Ordensbrothers attain this rank. The Knight Grand Officer demonstrates leadership by being proactive through conceptualization and participation in events and projects. He actively enlists Squires and has significant interaction with Ordensbrothers outside his Priory and at the National Chapter and International level. Knight Grand Officers are eligible for leadership roles in the Order, both at the Priory and National or International level.*

## *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 identify some of the first Ordensbrothers from the records of Count von Sporck.*

*Among them, the following were inscribed: Emperor Charles VI, King August I of Saxony and Poland, King August II, King August III, Herzog Mortis Adolf, Bishop of Koenigsgraetz, Herzog of Bavaria, Prince Eugen of Savoy, the Herzogs of Braunschweig and Wuertenberg and Prince Jerome Radziwill.*

*The endless wars in Europe in the twentieth century were the cause of the suppression of the Order. After the war, Austria was again free and the Order was restituted in May, 1950 by Albert F. Messany of Vienna at the request of Chancellor Figl of Austria, the American High Commissioner and the British High Commander, Sir (later, Lord) Harold Caccia and Gen. Mark W. Clark. The restitution occurred under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.*

*St. Hubertus was born in the year 670. His name-day, November 3, 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 a 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 was reborn in Vienna on May 1, 1950, four American sportsmen and one British subject became Knights of the Grand Chapter in recognition of the contributions of these men, in their respective offices, to the present and future welfare of the Federal Republic of Austria. They later became members of the United States 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 requirements of the Constitution, was appointed Grand Master. Mr. Weber was a native of Austria and served as Honorary Counsul General of Austria in San Francisco.*

*Karl Weber asked his Imperial and Royal Highness, Archduke Andreas Salvador von Hapsburg-Lothringen, to assume the position of Protector of the Order, thus conveying to it the standing of a royal order.*

*Upon later taking the position of Grand Master, Archduke Andreas asked his Royal Highness, King Juan Carlos, King of Spain, to be the Order's 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 at the Investiture in Houston.*

#### Current Officer of the United States

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

*This Investiture of dedicated to*

**Archduke Andreas-Salvador von Habsburg**

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*Our Grand Master Emeritus*