

*The International Order
of
St. Hubertus*



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

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

*Old Saint Mary's Cathedral
April the Fourteenth
Two Thousand Eighteen*

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)

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

Presentations: The St. Hubertus Relic, Chalice, Medals, Scepter, Sword, Constitution, Ewer and Orb 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: Canada, Austria, Spain, France, England, Scotland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Romania, Mexico and Argentina.

Invocation: Fr. William George offers an invocation

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

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 dubs each a Knight and a Knight's Medal and Cape are presented to the new Knight.

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

Benedictions: Fr. William George 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 Orb to their Bearers. The Herald leads the Recessional with The Officers and Priors of the United States Chapter, the Grand Priors and Representatives of the National Chapters of the Order, the Grand Prior Emeritus of the United States, the Chancellor of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Master of the Order and the Grand Prior of the United States Chapter exiting last.

Conclusion: The Ceremony is concluded.

(Audience: Please withdraw outside for photographs)

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 principals 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 on 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

&

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 all of his worldly possessions and devote his fortune and 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 translated to Amdain (now Saint-Hubert, Belgium).

St. Hubert was widely venerated during the Middle Ages and thereafter. 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. This 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."

The date of 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 hunting 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 IOSH celebrate St. Hubert's Feast Day with dinners and/or shooting activities.

The convulsions of World Wars I & 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.

Consistent with the creed of the Order, the Grand Master invites outstanding sportsmen who share a passion for hunting, fishing, and conservation to become Knights of the Order and thereafter to promote sportsmanlike hunting, wildlife conservation, protection of the environment and wildlife habitat, traditional hunting customs and ceremonies, and good fellowship among sportsmen.

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 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 take 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 – 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 continues to offer the order his protection.

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	John B. Poindexter
Grand Prior Emeritus	Jack Nicholson, BG, Ret.
Chancellor	C. Allen Foster
High Justice	Vidal Martinez
Secretary and Website Director	R.H. Tibaut Bowman
Treasurer	J. Downey Bridgwater
Herald	Christopher Burnham
Quartermaster	Christopher Cobb
National Membership Chairman	Dennis Murphree
Audit Committee Chairman	George K. Kollitides II
History and Archives Committee, Co-Chairmen	Steven Raben Col. John S. Odom Jr.

Ranks and Instructions for Wearing Decorations

Squire

This is the entry level for members of the Order. It signifies that the Squire has met all membership requirements and has been accepted for membership in the Order. Each Squire must participate in the activities of the Order and demonstrate support for the Order. The Squire may then be recommended by his sponsor to his Prior and the Grand Prior to be invested as 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 after several years. He has been proactive not only through participation in events but in development of events and 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 leadership in the Order through proactive participation in events and projects, through actively enlisting new members, and through significant interaction with Ordensbrothers throughout the Chapter and the world.