

*The International Order
of
St. Hubertus*



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

*Christ Church Cathedral
Houston, Texas
May the Eleventh
Two Thousand Twenty Four*

The International Order of St. Hubertus
Investiture Ceremony
Christ Church Cathedral
Houston, Texas

Prelude

Organ Concerto Op. 4 No.4 in F major - Handel, arranged by Marcel Dupré

Rigaudon - Andre Campra

Tuba Tune in D major - C.S. Lang

Processional

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)

Music - *Te Deum, Prelude* - M.A. Charpentier
 March, Occasional Oratorio - G. F. Handel
 Scipio March - G.F. Handel

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.

Music - *Cantate Domino - a cappella*, S.A.T.B. Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni

Anthem: When all have returned to their appointed places, the National Anthem of the United States will be sung *a cappella*.

Invocation: Fr. Louis Richard offers the Invocation.

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

In Memoriam:

The following Ordensbrothers have passed away in recent years.
We use this occasion to honor their memories:

Albert M. Biedenharn III (Central Priory)
David Cooper Blee (Eastern Priory)
Powers Boothe (Southwest Priory)
John Brent (Central Priory)
Billy Brewster (Mountains Priory)
William Broadbent (Northeast Priory)
George W. Brown (Northwest Priory)
Joseph Clayton (Great Lakes Priory)
Joe Robert Davis (Central Priory)
William Dawson (Northwest Priory)
Timothy (Tad) Devine (Southwest Priory)
James (Jim) Easterling (Central Priory)
Douglass Eberhardt (Southwest Priory)
Kenneth Elliott (Southwest Priory)
Richard George (Central Priory)
Arnold Goldschlager, M.D. (Northwest Pr)
Jack Grundhofer (Southwest Priory)
Barron Hilton (Southwest Priory)
Robert Holmes Hood (Southeast Priory)
Murray Hutchison (Southwest Priory)
Thomas (Tom) Jeffries (Southwest Priory)
Eric Johanson (Southwest Priory)
Meredith Long (Central Priory)
Granger MacDonald (Central Priory)
Joe Markham (Southeast Priory)
S. Reed Morian (Central Priory)
Robert (Bob) Petersen (Southwest Priory)
Robert Power (Northeast Priory)
Samuel (Sam) B. Saxton (Eastern Priory)
John Seerey-Lester (Southeast Priory)
Wallace M. Smith (Central Priory)
Bolling P. (Bo) Starke (Southeast Priory)
Hubert Thummler (Mexico Chapter)
William (Bill) Tilley (Southwest Priory)
Robert (Bob) Van Dine (Southwest Priory)
Charles (Chuck) Walker (Mountains Priory)

Music -

Nimrod, from Enigma Variations, Sir Edward Elgar

"Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord" Genesis 10:9

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.

Music - *Laudate Nomen Domini - a cappella*, Christopher Tye
Largo from Xerxes - Handel
Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake) - Bach
Air on the G String - Bach
Laudate Dominum - Mozart
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach
Passacaille - Handel
Messiah, Pastorale - Handel

With Organ Interludes

Pastorale in F major, BWV 590 I - Bach
Pastorale in F major BWV 590 II - Bach
Adagio from Handel Organ Concerto Op. 4 No.4 in F major - arr. by Marcel Dupré

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

Benediction: 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.

Music: *La Rejouissance, from the Royal Fireworks* - Handel

Conclusion: The Ceremony is concluded.

Squires to be Knighted

United States of America Chapter

Jason (Chad) Arnette
Andrew David Baxter
Albert (Terry) E. Betteridge, III
Mark M. Connally, Jr.
Jeffery Daniel Craine
Matt Craine
Alfred (Alan) Foy Curry, IV
James Vincent Eckles
Geoffrey Michael Euston
Matthew John Everitt
Michael Kelly Fairchild
Bruce Edward Farrell
Jeffrey Keith Ferguson, MD
Brett Wayne Hall
Mark King Harman
Berkeley George Harrison
Jeffery D. Hildebrand
John Hollingsworth
Bradford Fitler Johnson
B. Bryan Jones, II
John (Hunter) Kearney
Stephen (Gunnar) Klarr

William H. Langenstein, III
Alexander Cunningham Lasater
Gregory Scott Leach
Eugene (Guinness) McFadden, Jr.
Jeffrey Allen Miller
David A. Modesett
Shaun Phillip Mooney
J.C. Pace
Jefferson G. Parker, Jr.
Kristin L. Perryman, Jr.
James J. Reiss, III
Edmund Rhett
Bryon Rockwell
William Overton Rodgers
Wilton Robert Stephens, Jr.
Clarence (Al) Stewart
Robert N. Stockett, III
Ian LaRue Thomas
Ryan Christopher Trott
James Shannon Tumulty
William E. Walker, III
Robert James Whann, IV

Canadian Chapter

Justin R. Fogarty
Leon Raubenheimer

George Politis
William Verity

Candidates to be Promoted

Knight Officers

Henry (Peter) C. Beck, III
Brad Fine
Glen E. Frost
John (Baker) Gentry, Jr
Richard S. Hill
John Keith
Robert H. Kirby
Trey Lipsitz
Douglas L. May
John R. Miller, IV

Daniel H. Moore
William Osborn
Phillip M. Plant
Joffrey Reney Pryor
James J. Reiss, Jr.
Timothy Proctor Schieffelin
Charles F. Smith, Jr.
Robert T. Stacy
James K. Wicklund

Knight Commanders

Thomas E. Jernigan, Jr.
Freeman Jones
James R. Klein
Ludovico Marenzi of Tagliuno & Talgate
Jack D. McCarthy, Jr.
Richard T. Robertson

James (Jim) McQueen Easterling, Jr.
Posthumous

Knight Grand Officers

Tony Gioffre
Alex Maher

Col. John S. Odom, Jr.
Thomas Hill Puff

Canadian Chapter

Knight Commanders

Gregory M.R. Hogarth
Timothy W. Hogarth

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.

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.

2022 – Bill Hayes succeeded Boysie Bollinger as Grand Prior of the United States Chapter.

2023 – After years of negotiations there was a formal reunification of the seventeen IOSH Chapters across the world and a new Constitution was ratified November 3, 2023.

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**



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

Msgr. Remo Emmanuel Longin Moederdorff, KGO

OFFICERS, UNITED STATES CHAPTER

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Grand Prior | William C. Hayes |
| Chancellor | Brian MacDonald |
| High Justice | Jeffrey Parsons |
| Secretary | Andrew LeGros |
| Treasurer | Michael J. Bayer |
| Herald | Ashton Smith |
| Marshall | Christopher B. Burnham |
| History & Archives Chairman | Col. John S. Odom Jr. |
| National Membership | Carter H. Finnell |
| Co-Chairmen | James Ham |
| National Social Chairman | Richard Ellis |
| Audit Committee Chairman | David Ellis |
| Grand Prior, Emeritus | John B. Poindexter |
| Grand Prior, Emeritus | Donald (Boysie) Bollinger |