

*The International Order
of
St. Hubertus*



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

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
Nashville, Tennessee
April the Twenty-Sixth
Two Thousand Twenty Five*

**The International Order of St. Hubertus
Investiture Ceremony
April 26, 2025
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Nashville, Tennessee**

PRELUDE

Piece d'Orgue a' 5, Gravement, BMV 572 - J.S. Bach

Organ Concerto Op. 4 No. 4 in F major - G.F. Handel

Water Music, Allegro Maestoso, HWV 349 - G.F. Handel

PROCESSIONAL

The Procession: Ordensbrothers and Squires of the Order process, the Standard of the International Order of St. Hubertus is mounted, and the ceremonial candles are lighted.

(The Audience will please stand for the processional.)

Music - *Te Deum, Prelude - M.A. Charpentier*
Trumpet Tune And Air - H. Purcell
The Prince of Denmark's March - G.F. Handel

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

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

ANTHEM

Music - *The Star Spangled Banner- a cappella*

INVOCATION Fr. Richard offers the INVOCATION

(The Audience will please stand for the Invocation and be seated thereafter.)

IN MEMORIAM

We now remember all Ordensbrothers who have passed away, particularly those we have lost in the last year.

Carroll "Dean" Rasmussen, KGO Southwest Priory - July 20, 2024

Joseph "Joe" Russell, K Southeast Priory - November 30, 2024

Charles Marshall Ashmore, KO Central Priory - March 7, 2025

"Once a Knight, always a Knight."

THE OATH

The Grand Prior of the United States of America administers the Oath of the Order to all Knights of the Order. The Knights affirm the Oath by responding with our ancient Motto: Deum Diligite, Animalia Diligentes.

THE INVESTMENT OF KNIGHTS

Squires kneel before the Grand Master who "dubs" each with the flat of his sword and then announces "Rise Sir Knight". The new Knight then is vested with a Knight's Medal and Cape.

Music -

- o Laudatte Nomen Domini - a cappella - Christopher Tye*
- o Largo from Xerxes - G.F. Handel*
- o Ave Verum Corpus - Wm. Byrd*
- o Wachet Auf (Sleepers Awake) - J.S. Bach*
- o Sicut Cervus - Palestrina*
- o Air on G string - J.S. Bach*
- o Sing Joyfully - Wm. Byrd*
- o Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach*
- o If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis*
- o Ciacona in E Minor - D. Buxtehude*
- o Abendlied - J. Rhienberger*
- o Beati Quorum Via - C.V. Stanford*

PROMOTIONS

Ordensbrothers deemed worthy of promotion to higher rank for their manifold services to the Order are now recognized and promoted.

BENEDICTION

Fr. Richard - THE BENEDICTION

(Audience: Please rise for the Benediction)

RECESSIONAL

The Recessional commences and the audience remains standing.

Music - *Organ Symphony No. 5 in F Minor, Op. 42, No.1:V, Toccata - Charles-Marie Widor.*

CONCLUSION

The Ceremony is concluded.

MUSICIANS

The Order gives thanks to the talented musicians who filled our Investiture with grand music.

Brass - *Alec Blazek, Trumpet; Anthony Cosio-Marron, Trombone; Leslie Norton, Horn; José Sibaja, Trumpet; Beth Wiese, Tuba*

Organist - *Dale Nickell,*

Vocalists - *Lesley Mann, Emma Jackson, Bethany DiSantis, Angela Stenzel, Scott Brons, Kevin Salter, Matt Taylor*

Squires to be Knighted

United States of America Chapter

R. Ross Baker
Aaron Forrest Barrett
Michael Peter Behringer
Steven Rush Birdwell
Jim Bonanno
Brian D. Booth
Franklin (Spike) Otis Booth III
Frederick Avery Bourke III
Bryan Omer Colley
Giacomo (Jack) Conte
William Alexander Demmer
John (Jay) Alford Dick
Daniel Stewart Ferguson
Marshall Field VI
Matthew Ralph Grage
Robert Pettit Irwin
Thomas Jow
Kevin Patrick Kress
John W. Lake
Douglas Fred Londal
Kevin O'Brien Long
T.H. Lyda
Dennis Keith Macnab
Lee Edward Miller

Robert Munakash
Scott Neill
Andrew Neubauer
William (T.) Thomas Nolan II
Fabian Adolfo Onetti
Russell John Pepper III
Leander Henry Perez IV
Joseph F. Puishys
John Clinton Robertshaw
Steven Darryl Sanford
Glenn Robert Sarno
Anthony William Shepherd
Geoffrey William Shepstone
Theodore Briell Smith III
Christopher Wilson Stewart
Dhu C. Thompson
Keith Gordon Tidball
Remy White Trafelet
Brian Patrick Velo
William Forrest Ward, Jr.
Andrew Saleem Warwar
Philip Cargill Watt, M.D.
Milton H. West III
Mark F. Wheeler

Canada Chapter

Jeffrey Arthur Barefoot

Michael W. Gougeon

France Chapter

Charles Dib

United Kingdom Chapter

James Hall

Officer Promotions

United States Chapter

Knight to Knight Officers

Rick Bernard
Peter Herbert Chapman
Joshua Anthony Cunningham
Lee Danielson
Roger Engemann
Arthur T. French
Pedro Frommer
John W. Geary III
Christopher Gill
William Thomas Gimple
David M. Grimes

James Holleman
Colvin T. Matheson
Daniel Monahan
Matthew Martin Ogburn
Tom Opre
Very Rev. Louis J. Richard
Vincent Rossi
Kevin Russell
Robert Southworth Searle
Ralph B. Thomas
Thomas B. Whelan

Knight Officer to Knight Commander

Jamsheed (Jim) Ameri
William Birdzell
Greg den Herder
Wayne Franklin Farnsworth, Jr.
Fred J. Heyne III
Edward Richard Jagels

Constantine (Gus) Paul Kalpake
Robert (Rip) H. Kirby
Harvey Coles Knowles III
Randy Preston Long
John B. Rudi
Marcus Frank Schwartz, Sr.

Knight Commander to Knight Grand Officer

Daniel J. Genter II
James William Green III

Lincoln Perkins Lyman
Jack Daniel McCarthy, Jr.

Jesse Stringer Vogtle, Jr.

Canada Chapter

Knight Officer

**Spyros Chrysochou
Perry Miele
George Politis
Leon Raubenheimer
William Verity**

Knight Commander

Luciano Cacioppo

Knight Grand Officer

Timothy W. Hogarth

Argentina Chapter

Knight Officer

Jorge O'Reilly

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 Order's activities and demonstrate sincere support his National Chapter and the Order. The Squire may then be recommended by his sponsor to his Prior and the Grand Prior to be made a Knight.

Knight

This is the first rank of the Order. A Squire is made a Knight in a formal investiture ceremony, is dubbed by the Grand Master of the Order or his designate, and is vested with the Knight's Medal and Cape. The Knight is now 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, he was hunting stags in the forest of Ardennes rather than attending church services. There, he came upon a magnificent stag which he intended to take until he saw a golden cross between his horns and 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 HIH 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 that had 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

Title	Name
Grand Prior	William C. Hayes
Deputy Grand Prior	Jeffrey R. Parsons
Chancellor	Brian MacDonald
High Justice	John Odom
Secretary	Harvey Knowles
Treasurer	Michael J. Bayer
Herald	Tom Opre
Marshall	Christopher B. Burnham
History & Archives Chair	Col. John S. Odom Jr.
Membership Co-Chair	Carter H. Finnell
Membership Co-Chair	James Ham
Chapter Social Chair	Richard Ellis
Audit Committee Chair	Chuck Melman
Chapter Conservation Chair	J. D. Crouch
Grand Prior, Emeritus	John B. Poindexter
Grand Prior, Emeritus	Donald (Boysie) Bollinger