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January 17, 2012

Dear Knights and Ladies,

We rejoice to learn of the elevation of our new Grand Master to the College of Cardinals at a February 19, 2012 consistory in Rome. Pray for him and our order.

If you have not already done so mark your calendar for the following events; our planned Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is scheduled for June 4-14. Please promote it within your section, to prospective members and friends. It is a life defining experience and its impact will be with you forever. Our Pilgrim Master is Fr. Richard Kramer (rkramer@rockforddiocese.org). The second event is our Investiture weekend which is September 28 to October 1, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana. We will be honored with the presence of our Patriarch, Fouad Twal plus Fr. David Neuhouse, S.J. and a representative from the Grand Magisterium. Our hotel will be the Indianapolis Westin. The host couple are Mark and Marie Ford (ford1506@sbcglobal.net).

The month of April is special for our Church and our Order because we celebrate the life and death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI. We should give thanks for the example and guidance given us through both of these holy men.

Finally let me leave you with a word about gifts. A gift is something we all appreciate very much, it is a source of joy. Our annual gifts i.e. contribution, go the Holy Land and bring tremendous joy to those living in poverty and despair. Each of us are called to contribute of our time, talent and treasure to further God's Kingdom. We can devote time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the preservation of the holy places. Our talents can be used to perform corporal works of mercy. The donation part of our treasure enables the Order to do its good works in the Holy Land.

May the Risen Lord bless each of you and your families.

Charles H. Foos, KGCHS
Lieutenant

CARDINAL FOLEY'S FUNERAL



Reflections on the funeral of His Eminence John Patrick Cardinal Foley by Sir Thomas J. Lopez, Ph. D., KC*HS, KM

Five days after John Patrick Cardinal Foley was called home to Glory, people gathered from around the world for his funeral Mass and committal. Cardinal Foley's journey to his temporal earthly home began quietly, after a day laying in State at St Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania.

Reception of the Cardinal's remains at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul was followed by morning prayer. Lieutenants

came from near and far; our own representative of the Grand Magisterium. Our brother Knights and Dames came by car, by train, by plane. All were driven by a singular ardent will, to honor the life of this holy man. During the hours preceding his Funeral Mass, Knights and Dames from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem stood watchfully and reverently at the shoulders and feet of our dear Cardinal. Friends, family, and admirers streamed into the Cathedral, approaching the casket, touching his hand, saying a prayer, saying goodbye.

Many of Cardinal Foley's brother Princes of the Church made themselves present for their dear friend. Cardinals Maida, McCarrick, DiNardo, Wuerl, and Keeler all in attendance in choro. Both Cardinal Rigali and Cardinal O'Malley reverently concelebrated the Solemn Funeral Mass, with Pro Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, as principal celebrant.



Shortly before Mass, we processed to our places. Dozens upon dozens of bishops gathered for their beloved friend, flanking the altar while filling the apse of the Cathedral. Hundreds of diocesan priests to whom Cardinal Foley was friend, confidant, and inspiration nearly filled the left side of the sanctuary. On the right side of the sanctuary, family and friends as close as family were followed by two pews filled by our esteemed leaders and Lieutenants; then came ranks upon ranks of Knights and Dames of the Equestrian Order

of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Hundreds of seminarians and countless faithful rounded out the main sanctuary, filling the side aisles and most seats of the Cathedral.

Early into the Mass, Pro Grand Master Archbishop O'Brien extended an invitation to Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Vigano, to read a letter of condolence from His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father's letter was addressed to those gathered to celebrate the life of Cardinal Grand Master Emeritus Foley.



Following the Liturgy of the Word, a touching homily from Archbishop Timothy Dolan (New York,) himself a naturally effervescent speaker, reminded the faithful how great a communicator was Cardinal Foley. The Voice of the Vatican, the American who translated Midnight Mass in Rome to many Americans for decades, but so much more than that. He observed how Cardinal Foley was so much like his namesake, John the Baptist. Both these "Johns" were recognized voices, voices who spoke loudly, voices that led so many to Jesus.

Following the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Archbishop Chaput (Philadelphia) reminded us all how influential had been the life's work of Cardinal Foley, who embraced media. Recognizing Cardinal Foley as his own mentor as a young bishop, he spoke warmly of their meeting and friendship which started in Rome. He emphasized how Cardinal Foley brought the Gospel and Catholicism to the world through the spoken word, in radio and television. Archbishop Chaput encouraged especially the young seminarians and all in attendance, to follow in Cardinal Foley's footsteps, to be inspired by Cardinal Foley's holy and faithful life as a pioneer, and to use modern tools and social media to reach out to others and bring the New Evangelization, and to carry the Gospel to the world. Archbishop Chaput's endearing words served as a captivating preface to the final chapter of the afternoon, when he presided over the short commendation as Cardinal Foley was laid to rest.

For now, the body of our Grand Master Emeritus Cardinal Foley rests peacefully in the crypt below the altar of the Cathedral Basilica, in the city of brotherly love. It is fitting that this beloved son of Philadelphia finds his resting place in the same city as two other inspirational American Catholics, Saint John Nepomucene Neuman and Saint Katherine Drexel. 16th of December, the year of Our Lord 2011. A moving experience it was, a day touched by sorrow but filled with joy.



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL LIEUTENANCY

During the years I have been a member of THE HOLY LAND COMMISSION, I've often been asked, WHAT DO YOU DO ON THE COMMISSION? I've spoken about the role of the Commission at several Investitures and explained that we are a fiduciary watchdog for your generosity. We look at the projects being proposed for funding, speak with the pastors, principals, contractors, and then make a recommendation to the Grand Magisterium.

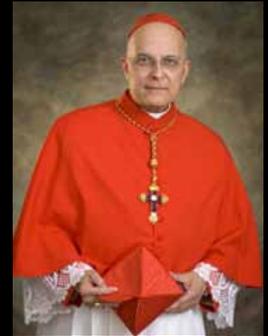


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Dr. Christa von Siemens, Germany, Chair,
Mr. Thomas McKiernan, USA, Member,
Dr. Michael Whelan, UK, Member*

Once a project is approved, then we monitor it through periodic site visits.

For a variety of reasons, many of our Lieutenancy members cannot attend the Annual Investiture Meeting. To help understand the role of THE HOLY LAND COMMISSION I am inserting, in this issue of THE PAGE, a copy of the report I prepared of our last Holy Land Commission site visit in October 2011. I hope, at least in part, this answers the question WHAT DO YOU DO?

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HOLY LAND COMMISSION SITE VISIT REPORT OCTOBER 2011



OBJECTIVE

To visit those sites in the Holy Land where projects funded by the Order are being carried out; to report to the Governor General on progress and to consult with the Latin Patriarchate about future projects.

EXISTING PROJECTS

EXTENSION OF SCHOOL AT RAMEH

We visited Rameh with the pastor Fr. Ilario; the architect; the supervisor of the construction company and a representative of the LPJ. The initial phase was delayed because of difficulties with the village council as to which local companies would get the work.

Those difficulties have been resolved and the project is underway, starting in May 2011 with a target completion of April 2012. The contractor estimated that the project is at a 20% state of completion.

Project value: 7,407,135 NIS (incl. VAT and all fees). Progressing close to Budget. Variations to date 7,656 NIS.

NEW CHURCH IN AQABA

We visited the new church in Aqaba with the architect, Osama Twal, and the Contractor Guido Al-Wajih. The project is looking very good with 43% of the skeleton completed and the total project estimated at 27% complete [excluding electrical or mechanical]. The project is on budget and is projected for completion in June of 2012

Project Value: 1.574 M JD of which the Order has committed 1.405 M JD with the balance coming from the local community.

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More News and Info on the Web ...

Grand Magisterium of the Order

www.vatican.va/roman_curia/Institutions_connected/oessh/



Latin Patriarchate

www.lpj.org



EOHS of J in the USA

www.holysepulchre.net



Catholic Near East Welfare Association

www.cnewa.org/home-us.aspx



New Manager of Lieutenancy's Website

Dr. Peter Fletcher has accepted the task of managing the website for the North Central Lieutenancy. The site has been restructured and will provide a wide range of news and features. The website address remains the same: www.holysepulchre.net We all express our gratitude to Dr. Fletcher for his exceptional work.



OTHER SITE VISITS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF MADABA

The new University site was visited where three Academic Schools are open to students starting this semester. The site is extensive with many facilities planned. A major sports facility is partially developed with a large swimming pool. It will be a very impressive campus when completed.

YOUTH CENTER AND PARISH GARDEN IN RAFIDIA

We visited the new youth center and parish garden and patio in Rafidia. This project, was skilfully designed incorporating an abandoned house behind the parish church. It is now a well used facility for both youth and families.

PATRIARCHATE SEMINARY IN BEIT JALA

The seminary in Beit Jala was visited and the rehabilitation of the student lavatories on the ground floor was reviewed together with the new guest lavatories. The work was nicely done and represented a significant improvement on the previous facilities. This project was funded by the German Lieutenancy.

VICARIATE IN AMMAN

On our return to Amman we visited the Vicariate and were cordially received by Bishop Selim. We inspected the corner of the Vicariate where the ground is sinking and according to architect Twal is a danger to the entire structure. There are significant cracks appearing in the stonework.

There are also plans for the remodelling and upgrading of the interior of the Vicariate building.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE

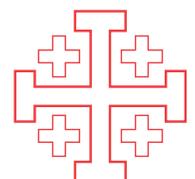
During our visit a number of potential projects for the future were recorded. These are

- 2nd phase to Rameh School
- 2nd phase Aqaba church
- Rehabilitation of the Amman Vicariate, 350,000 JD
- Rehabilitation of the priest house in Misdar, 150,000JD
- Rehabilitation of the Al Wahadneh priest house, 100,000 JD
- Amman/Al Wasfief 5th.& 6th. floor rehabilitation 250,000 JD
- Rehabilitation Amman/Hashimi priest house 50,000 JD
- Rehabilitation of Risayfah priest house 50,000 JD
- Rehabilitation of Aboud nuns house 350,000 NIS including:
 - 5th floor for school's offices and diocesan activities
 - 6th floor an apartment for visitors

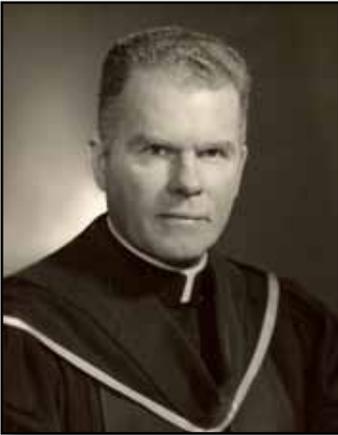
The figures shown against these projects are only indicative estimates, without any studies having been carried out, and are for discussion purposes only.

Mr. Thomas McKiernan
Dr Christa von Siemens
Dr Michael Whelan

NIS=New Israeli Shekel JD=Jordanian Dinar
1 NIS= US 27¢ 1 JD=US\$1.42



IN MEMORIAM



Msgr. Edward J. Duncan, P.A., who was chaplain and director of the Newman Foundation from 1943 through 1998, died on January 3, 2012. The Funeral Mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., bishop of Peoria on January 11, 2012.

Born in LaSalle, Illinois, on September 7, 1915, he attended St. Patrick's School in LaSalle and St. Bede Academy in Peru, Illinois. He then attended Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

Theological studies took him to the Canisianum at the University of Insubria and the College American in Sion, Switzerland. He completed graduate studies at The Catholic University of America, earning the licentiate and then the doctorate in sacred theology.

Early in his years as a priest, in 1943, he was named the chaplain of St. John's Catholic Chapel and director of the Newman Foundation at the University of Illinois. He devoted the rest of his priestly life to this ministry.

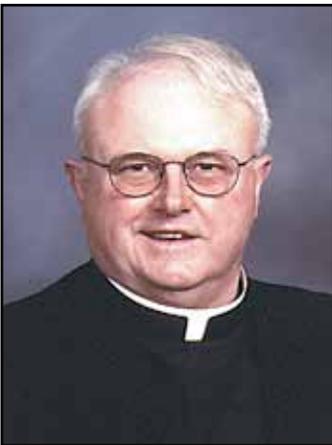


The Newman Foundation along with the Newman Residence Hall for men was on shaky ground financially, but through Msgr. Duncan's hard work and vision it grew to be a model for Catholic campus ministry. It remains the only Newman Center in the country with on-site housing for students in a Catholic faith-based environment.

For decades Msgr. Duncan was a fixture on the sidelines as head chaplain for the University of Illinois student athletes. He provided spiritual guidance to countless Fighting Illini student athletes.

He was named a prelate of honor with the title Rev. Monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1990, and a protonotary apostolic in 2000. Other honors included The National Achievement Award in Education from The Catholic University of America as well as the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal awarded by Pope Paul VI.

One of his wishes at the time of leaving active campus ministry that he hoped to be remembered as a "good priest who was present for students and inspired them to be active, faithful Catholics.



Rev. Msgr. Felix George Oehrlein entered eternal life on November 25, 2011 at the age of 72 at the University of Minnesota/Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota after a sudden illness. He was born on March 17, 1939 in Madison, Wisconsin to Felix and Florence (Smith) Oehrlein, Sr.

Msgr. Oehrlein grew up in Sauk City, Wisconsin where his family owned and operated Oehrlein Oil Company in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin for many years. He attended St. Aloysius School in Sauk City, Queen of Apostles High School Seminary in Madison, and studied philosophy and theology at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee.

He was ordained to the priesthood on May 29, 1965 by Most Reverend William P. O'Connor, Bishop of Madison, at St. Raphael Cathedral, Madison. In 1975, Msgr. Oehrlein received a Doctorate in Ministry from the Aquinas Institute of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa.

He served as associate pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish, Madison, and St. Joseph Parish, Baraboo. He was pastor of Our Lady of Hope Parish, Seymour, with the mission of St. Peter Parish, Elk Grove.

He was the founding pastor of St. Augustine University Parish, Platteville; pastor of St. Francis Xavier, Cross Plains; pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Parish, Sun Prairie; St. Mary Parish, Pine Bluff; and St. Cecilia Parish, Wisconsin Dells, where he was pastor since 1999.

Msgr. Oehrlein became an Eagle Scout at the age of fifteen. He served as the dean of the Grant County deanery; chair of the Diocese of Madison Golden Jubilee Committee; member of the Presbyteral Council and Camp Gray Board of the Diocese of Madison; member of the Catholic Herald Advisory Committee; and a director on the St. Clare Hospital Board, Baraboo. He was a long-time member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus and was chaplain to the Wisconsin State Patrol District One and the Kilbourn Volunteer Fire Department of Wisconsin Dells.

In 2005, Msgr. Oehrlein was invested as a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and was also nominated a Chaplain of His Holiness by Pope Benedict XVI.

Aside from his pastoral duties, Msgr. Oehrlein was an avid hunter and outdoorsman and enjoyed snowmobiling in northern Wisconsin and boating on the Wisconsin River with his dear friends.

Msgr. Oehrlein is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Thomas Dergee of Los Angeles, California. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Wisconsin Dells on December 2, 2011, with the Most Rev. Robert C. Morlino, Bishop of Madison, as the celebrant with Rev. Msgr. Charles Schluter as the homilist.

Lady Joyce E. Larson, LHS who was inactive and went to her eternal reward on December 8, 2011.
Most Rev. Mark F. Schmitt, KC*HS, retired Bishop of Marquette passed away on December 14, 2011.

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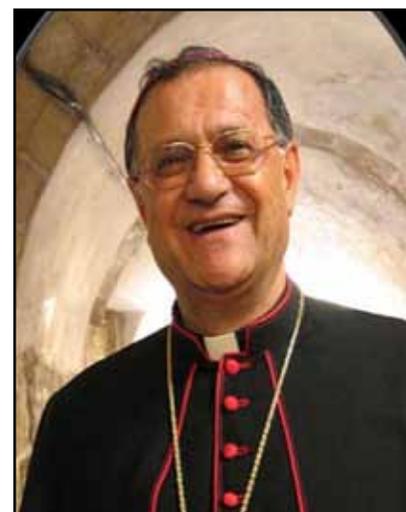
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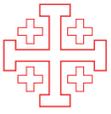
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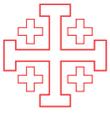


HIS BEATITUDE FOUAD TWAL



SERVING THE KINGDOM

Sir William J. Bobowicz, Jr., Psy.D., KC*HS
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Imagine for a moment, a knight cloaked with a white wool mantle draped in such a way as to expose the right side of his shining armor while masking his left. Upon entering the throne room, the knight sheathes his sword into its scabbard and with the same hand he lifts off his helmet, the colored light streaming in from the adjacent windows to shimmer off his polished visor and illuminating the rose hued granite walls. As he approaches the marble dais veined with red and green rock, a lady-in-waiting, dressed in flowing black damask, approaches and lifts his cape from his shoulders. Together the knight and lady kneel before the throne to pay homage to their king in His entire splendor.

If you are like me, such imagery conjures fantasies of great legacies, battles, and service to a most honorable leader. These are things that I am guessing many knights and ladies unconsciously are searching for when we join the Order of the Holy Sepulchre (After all, the running joke is that we are waiting for the Grandmaster to FedEx our horses to us any day, now). However, we struggle with the big gaps in our history: from the founding of a guard to protect the most holy tomb to centuries of sketchy facts that leave us with an inferiority complex up until the reconstitution of the Order by Pius IX in 1848. It is as if we lack stories to tell and maybe that is just it. We need to reclaim the stories that are a part of our legacy and that have kept a thread of connection with those first knights established by Godfrey all the way to our present day. I am encouraging our members to look for and record those stories of service – of knights and ladies serving the Kingdom.

Besides arguing that we have a need to reclaim our stories, myths, and history – which by the way helps to give cohesion and identity to a group – my point in offering that initial image of a knight and lady is to illustrate another aspect of the spirituality of our Order. The throne they were kneeling before was the altar and the king, of course, was Christ in the form of the Eucharist. In my last article, I argued that our spirituality is that of guardians of the way to and of those on the way to Heaven. Well, as Sir Dr. Scott Hahn has written, “Where the Eucha-

rist is, there is the king. And where the king is, there is the kingdom (Hahn, p. 177).” He goes on further to demonstrate that there is not one kingdom on Earth and one in Heaven, but they are one in the same kingdom and that one in the same kingdom of Jesus Christ is found in the Catholic Church (Hahn, p. 184-185). Therefore, if we are an order whose purpose is to lead people to the Kingdom of God, then we can succeed in that mission by leading, guiding, and protecting those pilgrims to the one true Church. As Pope Benedict XVI has stated, Jesus’ kingdom is based on truth (Benedict XVI, p. 194). Therefore, how do we defend the kingdom and lead pilgrims to it? By professing the truth in thoughts, words, and deeds (which correspond well to the Father who thinks the truth into being, the Son who proclaims the truth, and the Spirit who moves humanity into acting on the truth).

The Holy Father goes on further to state that “Peace cannot be established at the expense of truth (Benedict XVI, p. 201). This is why we must be warriors because we have to recognize that in the service of the kingdom we may have to engage in spiritual warfare – with our own desires, with deceived neighbors, and with the evils of this world. May we have the strength to engage in those battles and be strong defenders of the faith and of Holy Mother Church.

Lastly, I want to leave you with one thought or suggestion. When you genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar, do you imagine yourself like the knight and lady with humility before the Great King? We, in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, honor an empty tomb so that we may worship at an occupied altar, an occupied tabernacle, an occupied throne of our Lord. Next time as you pass before the tabernacle or altar, genuflect or bow and mutter to your king the beautiful Franciscan motto, “Deus Meus et Omnia” (“My God and My All”). For if you remember the other beautiful Latin phrase, “Lex Orandi Lex Credendi” (sometimes translated as “How we pray is how we come to believe”), then may you come to believe more strongly those words as you say them. “My God and my all...may You truly be everything to me, Your obedient subject.”

HIS BEATITUDE, FOUAD TWAL, LATIN PATRIARCH of JERUSALEM VISITS SIR KNIGHTS AND LADIES IN MICHIGAN

by Sir George Mallison, KC*HS
Section Representative for Lansing, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Gaylord Diocese

On Saturday, September 24, 2011 the Latin Patriarch was visiting in the State of Michigan. He requested to meet with the Knights and Ladies of the Order. He asked that they be in attendance at a Mass that was scheduled to be celebrated at Saint Mary Church in Chelsea, Michigan. He had requested a visit to the Parish of Saint Mary because the Reverend Doctor Father William Turner, KCHS and his parish had sponsored and hosted five Palestinian teenagers for a month stay during the summer in the U.S. The youth had the opportunity to meet the Archbishop of Detroit, Bishop of Lansing, assist the Parish in their Vacation Bible School, visit Saint Louis Center (a home for mentally challenged individuals) and participate in the Chelsea area Faith in Action group. They also had fun outings with their parish families.

A special audience with His Beatitude was held for the Knights and Ladies (39 were present) before the Saturday evening Mass. His Beatitude explained the importance of the new University he had founded in Jordan. He also spoke of the problems the Palestinians were ex-

periencing in the Holy Land. His presentation was very moving and enlightening.

The Knight Priests, Knights and Ladies provided an Honor Guard for the Patriarch during the Mass. He addressed the congregation about Christians in the Holy Land. Along with the regular Saint Mary congregation, several members of His Beatitude’s family which reside in the Detroit area was also present for the Liturgy.

After the Mass, the Parish hosted a reception in the parish hall. This allowed many of the Knights and Ladies the opportunity to speak privately with the Patriarch and also to meet some of his family who were also present.

The day was very moving and spiritually rewarding for all the Knights and Ladies who had the opportunity to meet and listen to His Beatitude and his messages of the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land.



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RECEPTION TO HONOR OUR NEW GRAND MASTER

On Tuesday, November 8, 2011, at the Palazzo della Rovere in Rome, a reception was held in honor of the feast of OUR LADY OF PALESTINE and also to introduce Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien to



diplomats, members of the Roman Curia and members of the Order from in and around Rome. The reception coincided with the semi-annual meeting of The Grand Magisterium and was attended by all the American members of the Grand Magisterium. The importance and respect the Holy See and the government of Rome places on our Order was shown by the presence of Cardinal Tracisio Bertone, Secretary of State of the Vatican and Dott. Gianni Alemanno, Mayor of Rome.

L-R Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop De Andrea, Cardinal Bertone, Governor General Borromeo and Mayor Alemanno (rear) Photo courtesy Catholic News Agency.