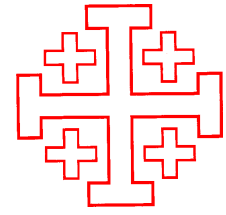


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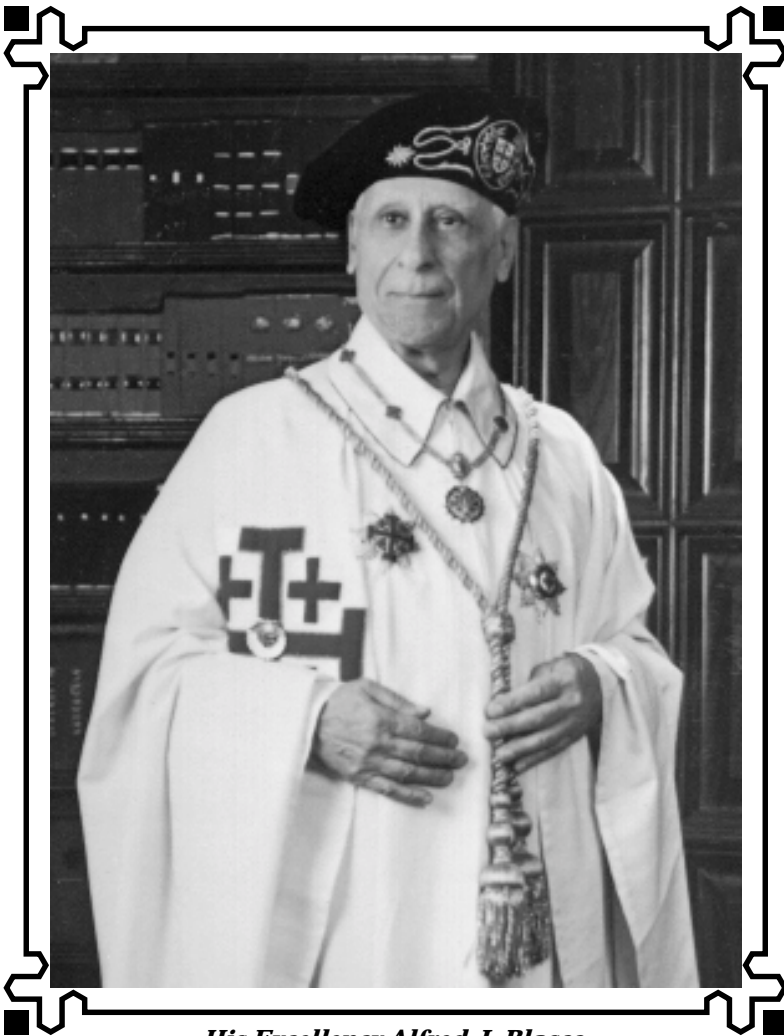
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His Excellency Alfred J. Blasco

His Excellency **ALFRED J. BLASCO** Knight of the Collar Member of the Grand Magisterium 1904-1999

His Excellency, Alfred J. Blasco, Honorary Vice Governor General of the Order, a Knight of the Collar and a longtime member of the Grand Magisterium in Rome, died on Sunday, June 20, 1999 in Kansas City, Missouri. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Thomas More Church in Kansas City. Sir Alfred was 94 and was preceded in death by his wife, Lady Kathryn, after 70 years of marriage.

Among his many distinguished positions, Al was the Lieutenant Emeritus of the Northern Lieutenancy, past president of his parish council and a trustee of Avila College in Kansas City. He received the Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of Christian & Jews and numerous other business accolades. In his professional life he rose from of-

vice boy to President and Chairman of Interstate Securities, Red Bridge Bank and Mark Plaza State Bank. He served several terms as national president of the American Industrial Bankers Association and was the recipient of several honorary doctorates.

Sir Alfred was the author of **THE MODERN CRUSADERS**, a recently published award winning book detailing the organization of the worldwide Order of the Holy Sepulchre and its growth in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Sir Alfred is often credited with the revival of the Order in the United States.

Two daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive him.

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The Modern Crusaders by the late Sir Alfred Blasco has received an Honorable mention for design and production in the annual Awards of the Catholic Press Association. The award is considered prestigious as only five books are so honored of the hundreds that are submitted for candidacy. In part, the reviewer wrote " ...this unusual book relates the role of Christian nobility in times past with the need of a counterpart in the approaching millennium...it has an exhilarating impact on the senses beyond its profound message." The book is available from the lieutenant's office.

Lieutenant's Message

Becoming a Knight or Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is not just a ceremonial Sunday afternoon in a cathedral with bishops, priests and friends; **it is a call to mission!** Specifically, two missions:

- ❖ To strengthen our Christian Life
- ❖ Support of the Christian Presence in the Holy Land with our TALENTS, TIME AND TREASURE.

We strengthen our Christian lives when we continue the lives that first called us to the attention of a Knight or Lady who proposed us for the Order; when we pray with our bishop and our fellow Knights and Ladies at the annual Mass in our diocese; when we pray daily for peace in Jerusalem; and when we practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, particularly when they involve a Knight or Lady.

We support the Christian presence in the Holy Land by using our TALENT, TIME and TREASURE as God gives us the vision to use them:

TALENT: God gave each of us different talents. It is in using our talents in the volunteer work of the Order that we give Him honor and glory. And, at the same time, help maintain the Christian presence in the Holy Land

TIME: Try to make time for the Order. We have a responsibility to attend the funeral of members, meet annually with our bishop and help the Section Representatives in your State and Diocese.

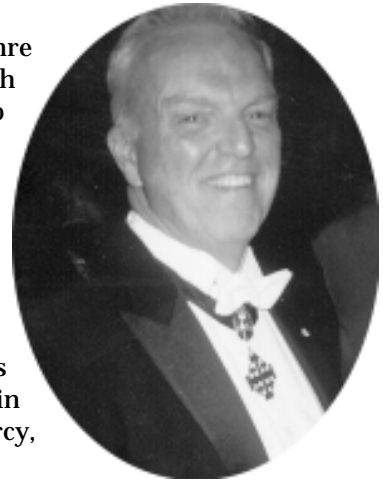
TREASURE: We support the work of the Latin Patriarch, clergy, religious men and women and the laity who take care of the needy and provide those spiritual and social services that are necessary for a civilized society. Your Investiture Honorarium and Annual Contribution are used for the support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

Thank you for your continued support of the Order and our work.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. McCabe, KGCHS
Lieutenant



Peace and Justice in the Holy Land

As announced in the last issue of *THE PAGE*, the Order has taken on the responsibility to inform our elected and appointed officials of the injustices in the Holy Land especially as they affect the native Christian population. This is to be accomplished through provision of information to our members who in turn will be urged to use their individual influence as citizens. Helping the cause of Christ in the Holy Land and advocating for the besieged Christians there, has always been at the top of priorities for the Order.

In furtherance of this goal, the Lieutenancies of the United States have formed a **JUSTICE & PEACE COMMISSION** with an office in the Washington D.C. area to be administered by Mr. Maurice Linwood Todd who will serve as Executive Director of the Commission. Each Lieutenant will appoint a **Coordinator of the Justice and Peace** Committee within the Lieutenancy. **Judge James R. McCormick** has been appointed to that role in the North Central Lieutenancy.

Although direct lobbying by the Order would be inappropriate, direct citizen action by individual Knights and Ladies is another matter. In fact, the lack of involvement by people who have a love for the church in the Holy Land allows misconceptions and myths to distort the formulation of national policy concerning the Middle East. Because of America's role as chief policy sponsor of the State of Israel, American members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre have a special responsibility to act when our government's policies affect the very survival of Christianity in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee.

As a starter in understanding the position of the Holy See and the plight of our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters, it would not be amiss for members to reread chapters nine and ten of **THE MODERN CRUSADERS**. Copies of the book on the Order by the late Sir Alfred Blasco are still available through the

Lieutenant's office. The Israeli slogan that Jerusalem is the "eternal and undivided" capital of Israel is in sharp conflict with the Church's historic position that the Holy City must be shared by the two peoples (Jewish and Palestinian) and the three monotheistic religions (Christianity, Islam and Judaism) with historic interests there.

Additional information can be obtained from the pamphlet, **OUR CONCERNS FOR THE HOLY LAND**, an address by Monsignor Robert L. Stern at a Lieutenancy meeting in 1994. This would likewise be a good start towards informing ourselves in preparation for civic action. This pamphlet was previously distributed to every Knight and Lady in our Lieutenancy. It is also available from the Lieutenant's office.

Now that the peace process is alive again, it is the right time to influence our leaders to press for just solutions. There is a terrible imbalance in bargaining power between Israel and the destitute Palestinians, unless the U.S. weighs in on the side of fairness. Justice and peace are at stake. Expect more on this subject in the next issue of **THE PAGE**. If you happened to receive the Holy Land Magazine, published by the Franciscans of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy Street, N.E., Washington, D.C., 20017) be sure to read the article by Fr. Thomas Stransky, "A Catholic Views Zionism and the State of Israel." Holy Land Magazine is another good place to begin educating yourself on these issues.

The author is rector of the Church's Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies in Jerusalem.

*This article was prepared by
Judge James K. McCormick, KHS,
Coordinator of the North Central Lieutenancy
Peace and Justice Committee.*

NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Nominations of lay men and women may be submitted to the Section Representative by members of the clergy or laity and will be forwarded to the Lieutenant pending successful completion of the nomination process.

Nominations of Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, may be made ONLY by the cleric's diocesan bishop or religious superior.

Please observe this courtesy, requested by several bishops and the Lieutenant.



Memories



◀ **General Chaircouple
Sir Leo and Lady
Helen Peterson with
Bishop Kevin Britt**



**Chicago's Lady ▶
Mary Kay Eyerman
and Detroit's
Bishop Britt**

▶ **L-R. Bishop James
Garland, Bishop
William Bullock,
Bishop James Griffin,
Bishop Anthony Pilla,
Cardinal Adam Maida,
Bishop Kevin Britt**



▶ **Chairman Leo Peterson
reports the weekend
events to PAGE Editor
Tom McKiernan**

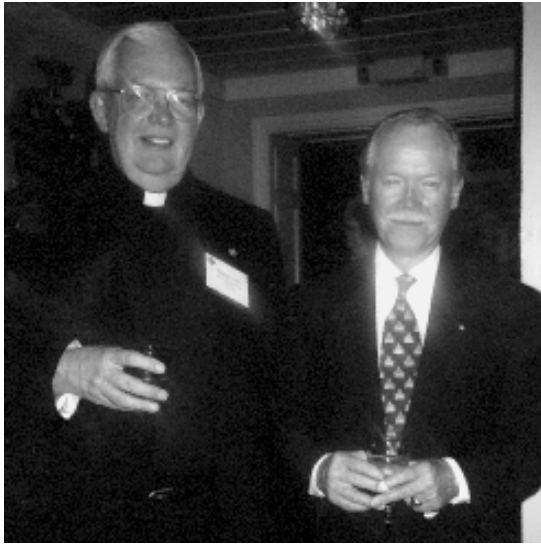
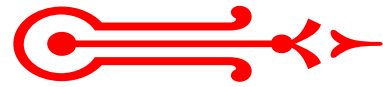


◀ **Cardinal Maida
presides at the
knighting ceremony**

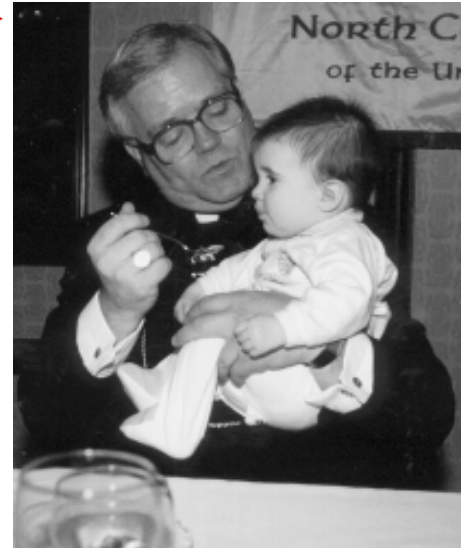
**L-R Sir Leo Frigo, ▶
Sir Joseph Durst,
Bishop Allen Vigneron,
Father Thomas Baima,
Lady Joan Durst**



of Detroit



Bishop Britt recruits new member Master Mark Langsenkamp of Indianapolis.



Monsignor John Kaising of Cincinnati and Lieutenant Treasurer John O'Malley Sr. of Wilmette, IL



Cincinnati's Bill Conway and former Cincinnati and Ohio State alumnus Bishop James Garland of Marquette, Michigan. What Fight Song is the bishop singing? Conway knows but pleads the fifth.

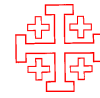


Sir Joseph Genovesi and Bishop Britt share a joke.





IN MEMORIAM



With respect and affection, we call the attention of our fellow Knights and Ladies to those members of the North Central Lieutenancy who have died recently. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, and His Beatitude, Archbishop Michel Sabbah, will provide for Masses in accordance with the privileges of the Order.

LOUIS A. ARRU:

Sir Louis was a real estate developer in Louisville who built three major shopping malls and over two dozen subdivisions and owned several drive-in theaters during their heyday period. The New York native served as Board Chairman of Bellarmine College, St. Mary's College, Ursuline College, Boys Haven and Aquinas Prep School. He was also National President of Serra International and Kentucky representative of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. He is survived by two sons, three daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



REV. LAWRENCE COZZI:

Fr. Cozzi, a member of the Scalabrinian Order, was known to thousands of Italians in the Chicago area. He was editor of the Fra Noi newspaper and Executive Director of Villa Scalabrini and Casa San Carlo and a former Director of Sacred Heart Seminary.



REV. JOHN KLEIN:

Fr. Klein was the former principal/rector of Quigley Seminary, South in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fluent in Spanish, he made ministering to the Hispanic community a priority of his priesthood. Colleagues reflected that he was a very bright man, and an excellent preacher, who spoke in simple terms and felt that being in a parish was what the Lord wanted of him. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, a sister, four nephews and a niece.



HILDEGARD M. McCARTAN:

Lady Hilda of Brookfield, Wisconsin had been married to Sir Tom McCartin for fifty years. Knights and Ladies of the Milwaukee area provided an honor guard at the funeral and the eulogy was delivered by Lady Sandy Pavlic, a family friend for 40 years. She is survived by her husband, Tom, three children and four grandchildren.

ROBERT A. PODESTA:

A child of the depression, Robert worked his way through night school at Northwestern and eventually founded his own investment firm. He was the first non New Yorker named to the board of the American Stock Exchange and served President Nixon as Chairman of the Economic Development Administration. Devoted to music, he founded Chicago's Grant Park Concert Society. His son's school voted him coolest dad three years in a row, and his children collectively described him as the "star in their lives." He was survived by his wife, Lady Corrine, four children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



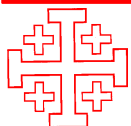
REV. MICHAEL ROCHFORD:

A priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Fr. Rochford was always a priest of the poor. His hands were "all over" programs to feed and clothe the poor but he could never be found to share the spotlight when programs were recognized. He seldom took the leadership roles but lent his considerable contacts to get things off the ground. He served in many parishes throughout Chicago and was a missionary in Ecuador. There were no immediate survivors.

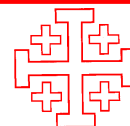


STELLA ZANNONI:

Lady Stella served for many years as Honorary Counsel for Italy in the State of Ohio. A resident of Cleveland, she and her husband, Sir Gene, owned an import specialty food company and brought the foods and wines of Italy to three generations of Ohio residents. She was the undisputed leader of Cleveland's Italian community and was named to the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame in addition to numerous honorary degrees, board appointments and diocesan commissions. Cleveland Bishop Sir Anthony Pilla celebrated the funeral Mass. Auxiliary Bishop James Quinn along with sixteen priests and all the Cleveland membership provided an honor guard. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 3 sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.



NEWS ABOUT KNIGHTS AND LADIES



Editor's Note: These notes are a summary of information I have received about Knights and Ladies of our Lieutenancy and a selection of items from other Lieutenancies that I believe are of interest to our members. **News items are always welcome.**



Monsignor Leonard Blair of Detroit has been elevated to the episcopacy and appointed as auxiliary bishop to Cardinal Sir Adam Maida of Detroit. Bishop Blair has been a priest for 40 years, a professor of theology in the archdiocesan seminary, and worked in the Vatican for several years. He is currently the pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI.

Jean and John Cortesi of the Chicago area received the *Pillar of the Community* award from Immaculate Heart Parish. The award was presented for a lifetime of community service. Chaircouple of the event were **Jeanine and Gabriel Viti**. Rev. Robert Kealy presented the award.

Albert F. Hickey III of Dayton, OH was elected as State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus for Ohio. As the chief official of the K of C in Ohio, Al has the responsibility to provide inspiration and leadership and to promote growth of the Order in Ohio.

Fr. Richard Mackowski, S.J., professor at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome will escort a *Holy Week Millennium Pilgrimage* to the Holy Land and Jordan, April 14-24, 2000. For additional information, call Georges International Tours (800) 566-7499 or (858) 566-9911.

George Maly of Indianapolis was recently featured in **The National Catholic Register** as an executive who evangelizes by example, not preaching. George reflected on his membership in *LEGATUS*, a membership group of Catholic CEO's founded by North Central member Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's Pizza. George believes CEO's have a tremendous responsibility in their companies and are role models for better or worse. By their attitude they can impose on the business world a tremendous amount of their own value structure. George and Betty-Jane served for several years as the Indiana Representatives of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Walter and Marian McNeely of Chicago celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 24, 1999.

Father Robert Morlino of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI has been elevated to the episcopacy and appointed as the new bishop of Helena, Montana. Bishop Morlino holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology and has taught moral theology at Detroit's Sacred Heart Seminary since 1990. He is the Moderator of the Curia and Rector of the Cathedral for the diocese of Kalamazoo.

John D. O'Malley Jr. and Felicia O'Malley announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Caroline. **Patrick O'Malley and Paulette O'Malley** announce the birth of a son, Deegan Patrick. Both fathers are the sons of **John D. O'Malley, Sr.** the Treasurer of the North Central Lieutenancy.

Robert and Mary Elizabeth (Sandy) Pavlic of Milwaukee, WI will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary on November 6, 1999.

Edmund Pellegrino, M.D. has been appointed as *Lieutenant of the Middle-Atlantic Lieutenancy*. Dr. Pellegrino is Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Georgetown and a former President of the Catholic University of America. He is a recipient of the prestigious Laetare Medal from the University of Notre Dame awarded for distinguished accomplishment for church and nation. He is also a Knight of St. Gregory the Great and a member of the Order of Malta.

Father Delbert Schmelzer of the Diocese of Madison, WI has been named a *Prelate Of Honor*. Monsignor Schmelzer is pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Verona, Wisconsin, Dean of the West Dane Deanery, Director of the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Pontifical Association, and a member of the diocesan Building Commission



L-R: Sir Richard R. Stedman, KSG, Lady Elizabeth Stedman and Bishop James Griffin pose with the biglietto of appointment to the papal household.

Richard Stedman, of Columbus, OH received the Papal honor of *Knight of St. Gregory the Great*. Columbus Bishop Sir James Griffin presented the honor in a ceremony in his private chapel. Richard also holds the papal medal *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifici*. Both honors were granted because of his extensive, generous and lengthy service throughout the diocese.

Justice and Peace Committee

In previous editions of THE PAGE, we have mentioned our intention to have a well-educated representative in Washington, D.C. who can explain to our government representatives the Christian point of view as it pertains to the Holy Land. The Palestinians make up approximately one half of the population in the Holy Land but receive only a fraction of the U.S. Aid. Our goal in this project is to bring Justice and Peace to the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection.

The initial meeting of the **Justice and Peace Committee** was held in Chicago, Illinois on July 14, 1999. Six American Lieutenants and Monsignor Robert Stern of CNEW were in attendance.

The Peace Committee is a joint effort of most U.S. Lieutenancies and is NOT a project of the Grand Magisterium. It will work with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and its

purpose is education and dissemination of information. The committee is not a lobby nor is its Executive Director a lobbyist. Additionally, the committee defined itself as *NOT ANTI ANYTHING*, rather PRO Justice and PRO Peace.

The committee interviewed a candidate for the position of Executive Director and after the interview reviewed the candidate's credentials and interview performance. After extended discussion, the committee agreed to extend an offer to **Maurice Linwood Todd**, who will establish an office in Crystal City, a suburb of Washington, D.C.

The committee allocated a budget of \$100,000 to cover salary, office expenses, administrative assistant, postage, travel, etc.

Further reports will be published in THE PAGE.

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