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# Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem San Angelo Section News and Events

Southwestern Lieutenancy

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## Fall, 2023

### Upcoming Activities

*September 14, 2023*  
**Feast of the Exultation  
of the Holy Cross Mass**  
*held at two locations*

Cathedral Church of the  
Sacred Heart, San Angelo  
6:30 pm Mass

St. Ann, Midland  
6:00 pm Mass  
Dinner at Gerardo's Casita  
following Mass.

*October 20-23, 2023*  
**Annual Meeting**  
Southwestern Lieutenancy  
Omni Hotel Oklahoma City  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

## FEAST OF THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14TH

On September 14th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross in two locations, San Angelo and Midland.

Mass will begin at 6:30 pm at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart in San Angelo.

St. Ann Parish, Midland will begin Mass at 6:00 pm. Mass will be followed by a no host dinner at Gerardo's Casita restaurant.

We especially welcome those that will be invested in October to join us.



*Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating Msgr. Larry Droll, KCHS golden jubilee marking 50 years of priesthood. Photo courtesy of Allan Torre.*

## EQUESTRIAN ORDER PARTICIPATES IN TWO MAJOR DIOCESAN EVENTS: A GOLDEN JUBILEE FOR REV. MSGR. LARRY J. DROLL, KCHS AND THE ORDINATION OF FR. MIKE ELSNER

The Order participated in two important events in the life of the diocese as we attended the golden jubilee of Rev. Msgr. Larry Droll, KCHS and the ordination of Fr. Mike Elsner.

Msgr. Larry Droll, a member of the Order since 2005, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination at a Mass at St. Ann, Midland on Sunday, June 18th. Msgr Droll was the celebrant, and H.E. Bishop Michael Sis, KC\*HS delivered the homily. Following the Mass, the Knights and Dames were among a capacity crowd that joined together to celebrate Msgr. Droll's fifty years of ministry. The event was beautifully done with over five hundred people in attendance.



*Ordination of Fr. Mike Elsner, photo courtesy of West Texas Angelus*

At the other end of the spectrum, the Equestrian Order also attended the ordination of Fr. Mike Elsner on Saturday, June 10th at the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart.

As a Papal Order, the presence of the Equestrian Order at these important moments in the life of diocese helps to highlight the universal nature of the Catholic Church while adding additional solemnity to the events. It is much more than just entering in procession!

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## ANNUAL MEETING MASSES TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SHRINE OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER OCTOBER 20-23, 2023, OKLAHOMA CITY

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Our next annual meeting will be held October 20—23 in Oklahoma City. There is still time to register. So far, forty members from San Angelo have registered for the meeting.

**There still time to register!**  
**Register online at**  
**[www.eohssouthwest.com](http://www.eohssouthwest.com)—Click on “Donations”**  
**and log on.**

The Memorial Mass on Saturday and the Investiture Mass on Sunday will both be held at the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine. The Shrine was recently dedicated on February 17, 2023, and the chapel contains the remains of Blessed Stanley. He was born in Okarche, Oklahoma and served as missionary to Santiago Atitlan in Guatemala where he was subsequently martyred. His story is featured in the August West Texas Angelus. You can find it on page 12, “Blessed Stanley Rother: The farmer, the priest, the shepherd” by Maria

Ruiz Scaperlanda,  
author of the book,  
*The Shepherd Who  
Did Not Run*.



*Main altar of the Blessed Fr. Stanley Rother Shrine*

This year’s annual meeting features a Friday evening event at the First American Museum. On Saturday morning, while the Investees are attending orientation, there will be a talk on iconography.



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*Blessed Stanley Rother, pictured with his flock in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.,  
Photo courtesy West Texas Angelus.*

Adoration will take place at the hotel Saturday throughout the night. During this time the investees will sign their oaths in presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We are expecting eight to be invested from the San Angelo Section this year.

We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma City and pray that it may be time of joy, fellowship and spiritual growth.