"The Number One Purpose of the Order is to get you to Heaven"

Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo

Greetings to the Knights, Dames and Clergy of the EOHSJ San Antonio Section!
This **October 2026 Newsletter** covers topics addressed in the Southwestern Lieutenancy Council meetings and the Sunday, October 18th General Meeting at the 2026 Annual Meeting & Investiture in Tulsa, OK.

Thank You again to the 2025 Investiture Committee! In the minutes from the Spring Council Meeting (distributed to the Council in Tulsa), Lieutenant Lois Folger again thanked our Archdiocese of San Antonio Section, Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Bishop Gary Janak, Bishop Michael Boulette, Dame Sherri and Sir Anthony Riveron and the entire 2025 San Antonio Section Investiture Committee for their warm hospitality and ***"an exceptional Fall Investiture Weekend in San Antonio last September 2025".*** We continue to be grateful for the hard work of the Investiture Committee.

Southwestern Lieutenancy Membership Report 2026

Our SW Lieutenancy is comprised of 2,581 Members as of September 18, 2026; (38.9% Knights; 48.4% Dames and 12.7% Clergy which includes Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious). Since the last Investiture, 47 members passed away. 48.9% have made a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and achieved their Pilgrim Shell. The Archdiocese of San Antonio Section has 237 Active Members with 50.2% having achieved their Pilgrim Shell, and 9 Members who have passed away YTD (more than any other Section).

2026 Tulsa OK Investiture:

On Saturday, October 17th, our Lieutenancy celebrated 100th Anniversary of the Order in the U.S. and our 40th year as the Southwestern Lieutenancy. At the Memorial & Vigil Mass, we honored deceased members of our San Antonio Section. Sunday, October 18th we honored and celebrated our new Investees and those who were promoted:

Congratulations and Welcome to our San Antonio Section 2026 INVESTEES!!

Sir Warren Wilkins, KHS
Sir Ed Candelaria, KHS
Sir Mario Martinez, KHS
Rev. Jorge Haro, KHS
Dame Anne Wilkins, DHS
Dame Maria Candelaria, DHS
Rev. Victor Patricio Silva, KHS

Congratulations to our Section's Promotees (to the Rank of):

Sir David Aguilar, KC*HS
Sir Juan Baez, KCHS
Dame Leticia Cerda, DCHS
Sir Terrance Duffey, KC*HS
Sir Mitch Finnie, KGCHS
Sir Mario R. Garcia, KC*HS
Sir Frank Herrera Jr., KGCHS
Rev., Deacon Jackey Nichols, KCHS
Dame Marilyn Murphy, DC*HS
Dame Sandra Baez, DCHS
Sir Oscar Cerda, KCHS
Dame Susan Duffey, DC*HS
Dame Christine Finnie. DGCHS
Sir Joseph Hernandez, KGCHS
Dame Cecilia Elizondo-Herrera, DGCHS
Dame Dorothy Nichols, DCHS

SAVE these FUTURE Annual Meeting & INVESTITURE Dates!!

NOTE: After 2027, the next three years' Investitures are scheduled in September - The following Investiture dates and locations are posted on the Southwestern Lieutenancy website:

2027: Oct 15-18 in Austin, TX

2028: September 14-18 in Sante Fe, NM *(includes one extra day for additional formation events)*

2029: September 14-17 in Fort Worth, TX

2030: September 6-9 in Houston, TX

Announcements at the General Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18th:

Congratulations to H.E. Dame Lois Folger has been appointed as Lieutenant for a second term (four years) through 2030.

Grand Prior for SW Lieutenancy: Congratulations to Daniel Cardinal di Nardo who has retired from this post after 21 years and was honored at the Sunday Investiture Mass as well as the white-tie banquet that evening. Archbishop of Oklahoma City, His Excellency Paul Coakley, has accepted the appointment as the new Grand Prior for our Lieutenancy and was installed during the Investiture Mass on Sunday, Oct. 18th . Congratulations also to Archbishop Coakley!!

See Oct. 25 Email from EOHSJ SW order@eohssouthwest.com for the Sunday morning presentation on conditions in the Holy Land and where your contributions are making a difference!!

Also, many members who attended requested the link for Dr. Mike Scherschligt's Daily Rosary Meditations: https://www.dailyrosary.net

MEMBER HANDBOOK published – (SW Lieutenancy website: **eohssouthwest.com**)

Members who attended the 2026 Annual Meeting & Investiture in Tulsa, OK received a copy of the new Member Handbook, which is now available on the Lieutenancy website under "Resources". The Member Handbook will be updated on-line as necessary in "real-time" so members can always access the most current version.

We are excited the Lieutenancy has created a Member Handbook to provide helpful information to our Members and New Investees, including: Introduction / Spirituality of the Order / Institutional Information – About the Order / The History of EOHSJ / The Order's Connection to the Holy Land / Administration / Prayers of the Lieutenancy / Internet Resources / The Order in North America – Personal Conduct and Organizational Integrity documents. The Handbook also includes guidance on wearing capes, headwear and insignia. **Please familiarize yourselves with the contents of the Member Handbook and refer to it as your first resource when you have questions.**

New Member Nominations for 2027:

We will receive the specific Timeline by the end of October and share it at that time. Consider that the Investiture in Austin 2027 would be easy travel for new Investees and those who receive Promotions.

Remember **we INDIVIDUALLY take a Vow for Life to support the Christians in the Holy Land** with Prayer / Purse / & Pilgrimage. The minimum age has been lowered to 25 years of age and all those nominated should be able to demonstrate a stable Catholic life and commitment that will enable them to keep this vow no matter the personal ups and down that may come in the future.

Discern about who you might nominate during the upcoming Holiday Season and share your involvement in the Order with potential Nominees. NOTE: Only the Archbishop can invite Clergy and nominate them. Send us an Email if you have a recommendation and we will provide a list to the Archbishop, but do not extend an invitation. (Note: the Lieutenancy is only permitted to have up to 10% of members be clergy). **We encourage our current Members of the Clergy to participate in EOHSJ events with their parishioners, and to Nominate active parishioners who would also be dedicated to supporting the Holy Land.**

This year the Lieutenancy Officers facilitated a virtual Orientation for Investees, which enabled the on-site Orientation on Saturday morning at the Investiture weekend to be shorter and the Investees were able to attend the Formation Presentation on St. Francis of Assisi with the other Members of Order that morning. The speaker was excellent and the presentation was very interesting, offering details of St. Francis' life that many members had not previously known.

Pilgrimages:

Members take a vow to make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and many members return again and again. As a member of the Order it is important to achieve your Pilgrim Shell and it is a requirement for promotion to KC*HS / DC*HS (Knight/Dame Commander with Star). In recent years due to Covid and the wars in that region, many pilgrimages have had to be rescheduled, but several are planned for 2027, including resuming those for Seminarians. Please see the Lieutenancy website for current information with itineraries and registration forms: **eohssouthwest.com**

In addition to the Holy Land, our Lieutenancy offers pilgrimages to other shrines and holy sites, and they often have waiting lists, so check the website often for international as well as local ("neighborhood") pilgrimages our Sections may offer (such as The Holy Sepulchre Treasurers from the Terra Sancta Museaum, Jerusalem at the Kimbell Museum in Ft. Worth last spring, etc.).

Donations & **"Ensuring Our Future"** (Capital Campaign):

The Southwest Lieutenancy contributions in 2025 totaled $1.6 million and Lieutenant Folger reported this was one of the largest amounts in the world that went to the Latin Patriarch. In addition, the Capital Campaign has raised $10 million of the $12 million dollar goal, with $2.5 million contributed by our Southwestern Lieutenancy to-date! Thank You to all who donated!! During the General Meeting a speaker from the Holy Land Commission shared details of how the money has been spent to provide humanitarian aid, as well as restore damaged churches and schools. The slide show presentation included photos, detailed information and a video of the local children thanking members of the Order for their support. The presentation has been posted on the Lieutenancy website.

See Oct. 25 Email from EOHSJ SW order@eohssouthwest.com for further information regarding the Member Handbook, Presentations and other resources the Lieutenancy offers members.

If you did not receive that Email on Sunday, Oct. 25 directly from the email address above, please contact Cindy Rogan in the Houston office to confirm their database has your correct Contact Information.

2027

We will be meeting with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller in the coming weeks to begin planning next year's Section events. When dates are determined a "Save-The-Date" will be distributed. For now, please continue to pray daily for Peace in the Holy Land, watch the website for upcoming Pilgrimages, send in your Annual Contribution for this year if you have not already done so, discern on who you will nominate as members for 2027 and be sure to put the Austin Investiture weekend on your calendars!

Wishing you and your families a blessed holiday and Christmas Season,

Sir David Pollock, KGCHS and Dame Janet Pollock, DGCHS – Section Presidents