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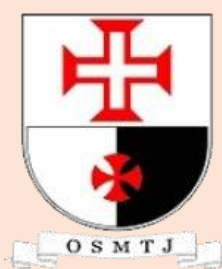
International Newsletter

PURPOSE OF THE ORDER: The present-day Order is self-governing, subject to no higher authority than obedience and devotion to Christian chivalric ideals and teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the promulgation and spread of those ideals and teachings throughout the world. The Order draws its power to govern from the consent of its member constituent bodies, its Christian strength from religious protectors, and its chivalric authority from royal patrons.

GRAND PRIORY INAUGURATION

By Grand Master, Ronald S. Mangum

On 15 April, 2022 the Grand Master attended a virtual ceremony with the Grand Prior of Portugal H.E. Luciano Fernandes, and twelve knights and dames of his Grand Priory to celebrate the inauguration of the Grand Priory under Brother Luciano. The zoom ceremony included Templar music, and Non Nobis, and ended with a "Salud" to the health of all present. The Grand Priory continues a long and proud tenure of Templarism in the tradition of the original knights of the Middle Ages.



APPOINTMENTS

By Grand Master, Ronald S. Mangum

The following individuals have been selected as Grand Magistral Legates; for the Middle East is Bishop Alex Levin, Eastern Europe is Count Marcin Zamoyski, and Western Europe is Dr. Graham St. John-Willey. The duties of Magistrate Legates may be found in the Rules.

YouTube Video Recommendation

Grand Master Ronald S. Mangum presents The Letter of St. Bernard of Clairvaux in Modern Day Templarism; In Praise of the New Knighthood. The presentation is dated October, 2019, but highly recommended to watch.

[I Conferência Internacional - Ronald S. Mangum - In Praise of the New Knighthood - YouTube](#)

Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina Projects

By GP Robert Erent, Croatia

The Grand Prior of Croatia informed the Grand Master that contacts had been made with the international organization LIONS, whose High Representative discussed with the Order projects that would be financed together, primarily for humanitarian work, especially with children, and plans for some projects that could be realized with international financial assistance in the field of the Templars in the Republic of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The projects, Slavonski Brod, Kiseljak, and Rijeka are being finalized. All three projects are very demanding. The Slavonski Brod Project is led by the Reverend Brothers Stipo Corluka and Zeliko Golubicic. The Kiseljak Project is led by OSMTJ BiH and headed by Antoni Beus, and Nikica Kucic heads the Rueka Project.

The Slavonski Brod project was conceived as a project to purchase real estate in the area of Slavonski Brod, on which a multifunctional facility would be built. In the first row, it would be a home for neglected children in that southern part of Slavonia, and the second part would serve the needs of our Order.

The Kiseljak project is a project to renovate the house and garden of the Franciscan Order,

which was leased from them for the needs of our Order, which would serve as a multicultural and interreligious place for the exchange of information and knowledge and interethnic dialogue of all peoples. It would also be the house where our Order would have its headquarters in BiH and serve as a center of knowledge about our Order, which would include a library that was contractually left to use by Regent Nicolas Haimovici Hastier.

The Rijeka project is the planned renovation of the classroom of the secondary craft school.

All these projects, when finished in writing with all the necessary attachments, explanations, and legal basis, will be forwarded to LIONS for final approval for funding.

Another international agreement is a course for young people which, under the auspices of EU funds organized by our fraternal orders from the Baltics and Cyprus, allows our youth to stay to socialize with young people from across the EU.

Lastly, the project on the historical heritage of the Templars in the Republic of Croatia is led by Damian Golubicic, who will inform the Order about his project when it is completed.



Grand Prior Appointment To Ireland

By Grand Chancellor Frank De Bie

Due to the Passing of Lady Maire Ui Bhriain, the wife of the Grand Prior of Ireland and Grand Secretary General Daithi O'Briain, Grand Prior Daithi has selected his replacement for the Grand Priory of Ireland. As of February 1st, 2022 the new Grand Prior of Ireland is Hugh McKenna. Grand Prior Hugh has been an Officer of the Irish Grand Priory for seven years, as well as a Past Grand Prior for Ireland.

Grand Prior Emeritus of Ireland Daithi will still hold the position of Grand Prior of Austria until a Grand Prior can replace him. He will also continue to hold the Magistral position of Grand Secretary General of the Order under Grand Master Ronald Mangum.

German Grand Priory Investiture

By Sir Dieter Leemans, KGOTJ

The German Grand Priory is proud to announce they have confirmed seven new Knights and Dames during the knighting ceremony on June 4, 2022, in the Belgian Saint-Antoniuschurch of the town of Viane, close to Geraardsbergen. OSMTJ Germany, under the leadership of Grand Prior Martin Watzlawig, assisted by Grand Chancellor Frank De Bie, Sister Rita Scherer, Brother Rudi Kennes and Brother Koen Vanermen, also had the pleasure of welcoming twelve additional Knights and Dames into the Order, cementing a new bond with Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany, as well as hosting the ceremony for Brother Edwin Tuytens and Prior Flandria et Germania.

With the ceremony, the Priors Templari Gérard de Villers (Belgium) and Luxemburg & Süd Eiffel, are added to the growing list to represent OSMTJ in the best of light and to the best of their abilities. Under the tones and with the guidance of a true bagpiper from Ghent District Highlanders Pipe Band, Sir Kevin De Backer, the ceremony was completed in accordance with the old customs and rituals, as decreed by our esteemed Grand Master Ronald Mangum, under the watchful eye of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The new Knights and Dames are: Sister Brigitte Gielen (TGDV), Sister Inge De Bock (TGDV), Sister Danielle Klein (Lux/SE), Brother Tom Fritz (Lux/SE), Brother Geert Igo (TGDV), Brother Geert Alfredo De Smedt (TGDV), and Brother Edwin Tuytens (Flandria/Germania).

Joining OSMTJ and being affirmed are: Brother Luc Van Den Brande (TGDV), Brother Stevie Janssen (TGDV), Sister Jacqueline Driessen (TGDV), Brother Leslie Greetham (TGDV), Brother Dominiek Van Sever (TGDV), Sister Els Van Bocxtaete (TGDV), Brother Randy Osaer (TGDV), Brother Robin Cauwenbergh (TGDV), Brother Kristoff Pelgrims (TGDV), Brother Danny Bousse (TGDV), Brother Serge Houtteman (TGDV), and Brother Dieter Leemans (TGDV).

