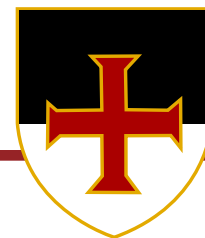


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Edinburg Scotland

On September 7, 2013, the International Investiture was held in Edinburg, Scotland. Several representatives from OPCCTS were in attendance including, Chev. Dr. Thomas Bozzuto, Chev. Nathan Fredrickson, Chev. James Clabby, Chev. Nelu Prodan, Chev. Brent Batla, Chev. Casey Woods, Dame Nancy Estes and Dame Janis Kembel.



Of Course, no visit to Scotland would have been complete without a visit to Rosslyn Chapel.

Principality of Monaco

The Second Investiture in the Principality of Monaco was held December 7, 2013 in Monte Carlo. Representatives from many Grand Priories were present and our Great Preceptor Chev. Dr. Tom Bozzuto, represented OPCCTS. The Priory of Monaco was established in December 2011. At the Banquet, Chev. Bozzuto was presented with a certificate naming him an Honorary Seneschal of the Priory of Monaco.



(L to R) Chev. Dr. Thomas M. Bozzuto, Great Preceptor of OPCCTS, Veronica Kirchner, Martha Wagermark, Chev. Owe Wagermark, Grand Prior General of Scandinavia.

700th Anniversary Commemorating the Death of Jacques de Molay

March 18 commemorated the 700th anniversary of the martyrdom of Jacques de Molay. A memorial service was held March 22 on the Île de la Cité and white roses were tossed in to the Seine River. The banquet was attended by nearly 700 Templars and their families and 10,000 € was donated in the name of OSMTH to the Salvation Army.



A CET ENDROIT
JACQUES DE MOLAY
DERNIER GRAND MAÎTRE
DE L'ORDRE DU TEMPLE
A ÉTÉ BRÛLÉ LE 18 MARS 1314



Chev. Eric Adorian and his family with Chev. Dr. Thomas Bozzuto and Judy Stephan.

Atlanta Investiture May 2014

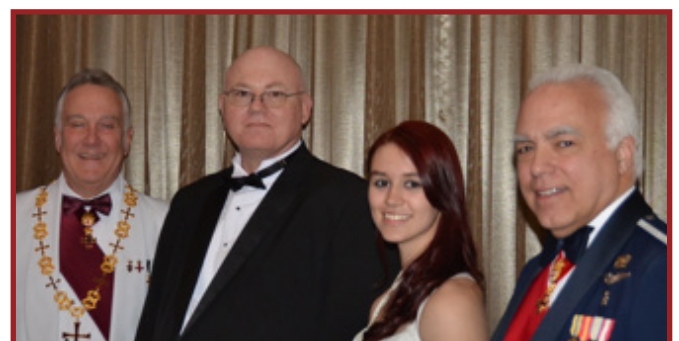
The annual investiture of OPCCTS was held the first weekend in May in Atlanta. Robin Wilhoit was welcomed as a Serving Brother, and Rachael Fredrickson as a Columb. The evening before the Investiture, a casual dinner was held at Gordon Biersch.



We had a guest visitor, Chev. Jobelino Locatelli, KGCTJ, Grand Prior of Brazil.



The Fredricksons have the singular honor of being the only family in OPCCTS where all the family members are members of the Order.



(L to R) Chev. Vincent G. Zubras, Jr (Visitor Legate and Great Preceptor Emeritus), Robin Wilhoit, Rachael Fredrickson, and Chev. Dr. Thomas M. Bozzuto (Great Preceptor)

In Loving Memory

Dame Monica Beer Vecchi

Our dear sister, Monica Beer-Vecchi died tragically in July of 2014. A highly respected clinical psychologist who



devoted herself to the recovery, treatment and support of service men and women traumatized by combat, Dame Monica was survived by her husband, Chev. Greg Vecchi, KOTS, her mother, father, siblings and countless other family members and dear friends. Dame Monica's love and defense of the downtrodden was also

extended to the care of animals and she was an avid supporter of therapy dog programs.

Although Dame Monica has now received her great reward in Heaven, the Knights Templar of North America have lost a great treasure here on earth with her passing. During the May Investiture in Atlanta, the Final Walk will be performed in honor of our fallen sister.

Letter from our Great Preceptor

Chev. Dr. Thomas M. Bozzuto

Brothers and Sisters,

This year will mark the third investiture under my watch as Great Preceptor. Interest and participation in many organizations in the United States has reached a nadir. Luckily, we have been fortunate to have postulants and other members welcomed into our Order during the last two investitures and we have two postulants being brought into the Order at our investiture this May. I encourage all of you to consider why you joined the order and to, not only participate, but think of your friends, business associates, and anyone in your circle of influence and think of someone who you think holds the ideals that would make them a good Templar. We currently have 38 members (on the books) but have had little more than a dozen attend our last two investitures.

Seminarian's Fundraiser

At a recent seminarian's fundraising dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Albany, Ga, our Great Preceptor, Chev. Dr. Tom Bozzuto, met with the new bishop of Savannah, Most Reverend Gregory J. Hartmayer, (OFM Conv.) to discuss the presence and mission of OPCCTS in the United States.



Atlanta, Georgia May 1-3

Stockholm, Sweden September 4-6

The next international investiture will be held in Stockholm, Sweden the weekend of September 4-6. I need to know who plans on attending by the time of our investiture in May. Please e-mail me so I can give them a head count.



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