



NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDERS OF CONSTANTINE THE GREAT AND OF SAINT HELEN

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## *From the Offices of the Grand Prior General. Imperial & Charitable Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen.*



Greetings of the Season to all Dames, Knights, Members and friends of the Imperial and Charitable Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen!

Each of our Priories has been busy doing the great work of the Order, and together, we are continuing to support the Knightly Renaissance worldwide.

The Grand Priory of the United States has recently held a most colorful and enjoyable Joint Investiture with one of our closest sister Orders – The Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. Organized jointly by the Lazarites and our Grand Priory of California under the watchful eyes of our Grand Prior and Grand Dame of the United States, this gala event was staged September 21<sup>st</sup> at the historic Benedict Castle in the Inland Empire region of Southern California. In addition to our senior official from Malta, we had our Priors from Canada and Armenia in attendance.

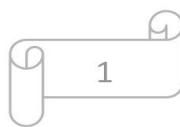


His Grace with Medal of Honor Recipient S/Sgt Giunta

As noted above, we were again honored with the presence of the Grand Chancellor of the Lazarite organization, His Excellency Max Ellul, who traveled all the way from his headquarters home in Malta. Those who participated witnessed His Excellency's absolutely amazing talents as auctioneer and fundraiser extraordinaire! Please see the feature elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Ladies of Saint Helen celebrated the annual Feast of Saint Helen with various programs and activities commemorating that special day August 18. We hope to have the Ladies develop similar events in every priory to recognize Saint Helen's life of service.

Many of our commanderies and priories are again supporting the "Toys-4-Tots" program of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as they strive to make the lives of less fortunate children better during the



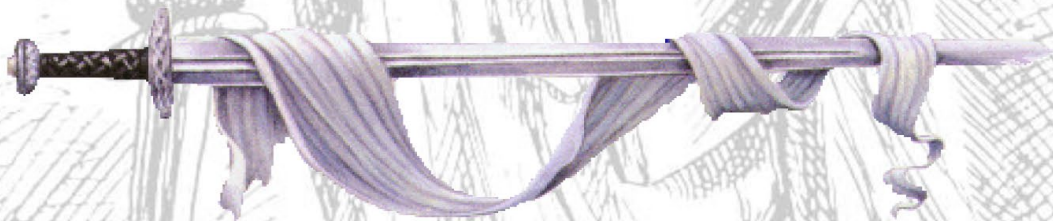
Holiday Season. Our Pories of California, the Pacific Northwest and San Francisco Bay Area are hosting holiday parties and functions with that same goal top of mind.

We are pleased to announce that our Grand Priory of Finland and the Baltic Area – one of our largest and most active in our Order – has a new Grand Prior. He is Erkki Lempiainen, longtime member of the Order, prominent Helsinki businessman and advid competitive yachtsman. Sir Erkki is taking-over from His Excellency, Count Pertti Jalasverta, who will now be serving as Grand Prior for Northern Europe. Our sincere congratulations to both of these outstanding leaders!



Knight Commander Sir Aaron Jubitz, Prior of the Pacific Northwest and his very active management team are planning our first-ever "North American" Joint Investiture with Sir James Patrick MacMillan-Murphy, our Prior of Canada. More news to come as plans proceed. The Priory of the Pacific Northwest is also pleased to announce that a new Commandery has been formed for Utah. The Commandery of Utah will be under the leadership of Sir Brian Baity, who reports to the Prior of the Pacific Northwest, Sir Aaron Jubitz.

My heartfelt thanks to each of you for helping to build our Order and continue to support the many worthy projects and individuals through our charitable donations.



**IT'S OUR HONOR, TO INTRODUCE YOU TO:  
SIR AARON JUBITZ, KCCH  
PRIOR OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

*(Please note, Sir Aaron was elevated to the rank of Knight Commander at our recent "Benedict Castle" Investiture.)*



I am the oldest of 8 kids, 3 boys and 5 girls! I met my wife Stacey at the BYU Idaho campus. It was Love at first sight for me! It took some persuading to convince Stacey! This year Stacey and I celebrated 30 years of marriage at Stacey's Graduation from Nursing School!

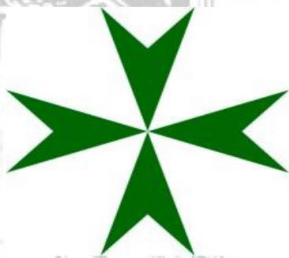
I recently retired from a career in law enforcement after 23 years. I rose to the rank of sergeant and I had assignments as FTO, FTO supervisor, Criminal detective, Narcotics detective, and team leader for the swat team. In 2006 I earned my 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Black Belt



in Taekwon do.

Stacey and I have been blessed with 4 sons, and we now have 3 wonderful daughter in laws, a granddaughter, and another grandchild on the way! Our oldest son Thomas has had a tough road. Thomas was born with severe cerebral palsy. His comfort and happiness has been paramount to our families focus and activities. When Stacey started Nursing school, I retired so I could care for Thomas.

I am very active in our church, and community organizations



The Joint Investiture Service of  
*The Imperial and Charitable Order of  
Constantine the Great and Saint Helen*  
and  
*The Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of  
Jerusalem*

*By His Excellency John Quiroz, Baron of Shrewsbury Grand Chancellor*



As the Officers and Flag Bearers prepared to enter the Chapel of stately Benedict Castle, the sun shared a gentle kiss and a cool breeze with the echo of Bagpipes in the distance. The joint Investiture commenced with the flags, officers and members of the Imperial and Charitable Order of Constantine the Great and Saint Helen processing into the chapel followed by the Supreme Council of the United States of the Hospitaler Order of Saint Lazarus.

As Sir Bradley Niederhauser, Prior for California, made the announcements of Officers, the procession of flags of the Order were brought to the Alter and posted in international protocol arrayed behind the flag

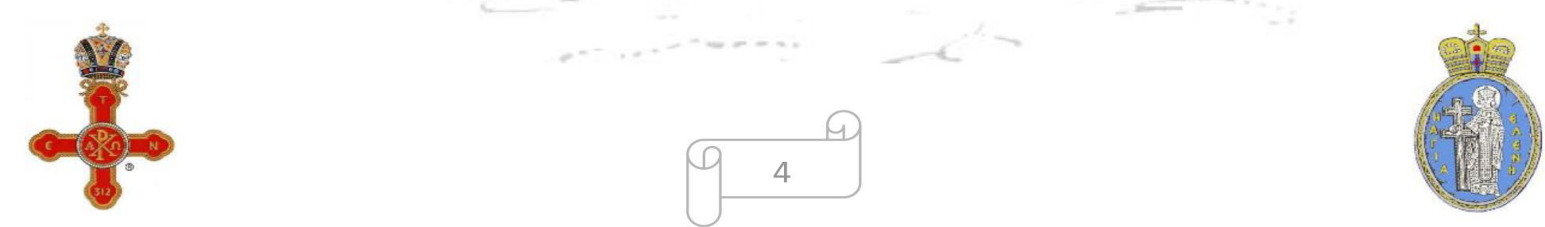


of the United Nations. First came the Stars and Stripes, then the flags of Canada and the State of California. The flag of the Byzantine Empire heralded the arrival of the banners of Saint Helen, -of the Grand Prior of the USA, and of the Order of Constantine the Great. Each flag was followed by the Officers and members represented. The Sword and the Spurs - visual reminders of our chivalric history- were heraldically presented.



On this day, His Grace Michael Teilmann, Grand Prior General of the Order, conferred the title of “Dame” on two Ladies, Elsa Taledara & Priscilla Pryk . The ladies to be invested were draped with the mantle of Saint Helen, and our GPG touched their shoulders with the Baton of Saint Helen. Dame Commander, LeeAnn Quiroz, Grand Dame of Saint Helen in the USA officiated during the ceremony by administering the solemn Oath of Saint Helen and presenting the official decorations. The ceremonies continued with the knighting of five gentlemen, Sirs Adam Buttons, Alex Jubitz, Edgar Taledara, Sonny Robison and Richard Therrien, ESQ. H.G. Michael Teilmann invested the new knights with an Excalibur Sword in a ceremony basically unchanged from the original knighting of his warriors done in the year 312 by Constantine the Great.

As they rose from the kneeling rail as Knights of the Imperial and Charitable Order of Constantine the Great, His Excellency John Quiroz, Grand Prior of the Order for the United States, swore them to their Oath of Allegiance. As Knights, they repeated the solemn words and swore to uphold the values of knighthood and allegiance to the Imperial and Charitable Order of Constantine the Great and Saint



Helen. The Invocation and prayer of absolution were given by His Grace Russell Fritz, Grand Exarch of the Order of St. Eugene of Trebizon.

Once the Order’s Investiture ceremony was concluded, the Grand Prior General took his place on the dais, and the St Lazarus ceremony began. Our own Grand Prior of the USA, and Grand Dame of St Helen in the USA were awarded Medals of Merit from St Lazarus for their dedication and diligence as liaisons between the two Orders.

The evening concluded with a magnificent formal banquet in the courtyard of Benedict Castle.

