



Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
ORDO MILITARIS ET HOSPITALARIS SANCTI LAZARI HIEROSOLYMITANI

MAGNUS LI MAGISTER, CITRA ET ULTRA MARIA, PRAECEPTOR BOIGNACI
PRINCE FRANÇOIS D'ORLÉANS, COMTE DE DREUX
EMINENTISSIMUS ANTONIUS CARDINALIS KAMBANDA SPIRITUALIS PROTECTOR
IN NEXU CUM DOMUS REGIAE FRANCIAE

GRAND PRIORY OF THE U.S.A.

Prince François d'Orléans, invested 51st Grand Master in the Order of Saint Lazarus



His milestone investiture, means we are once again led by a member of the French royal family.

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The military and hospitaller order of Saint Lazarus, which dates to the times of the French kings of the Middle Ages, **is again under the leadership of a member of the royal family.** The one chosen to assume this prominent position is Prince **François d'Orléans**, son of the Count of Évreux and first cousin of the Count of Paris and **invested Grand Master** on September 16, 2023.

The Order of Saint Lazarus has its roots in Jerusalem and is a private association of the faithful of the Catholic Church, currently **under the spiritual protection of Cardinal Antoine Kambanda.** Its members, inspired by the biblical story of Lazarus, are dedicated to helping others, in tune with how "God helped" Lazarus.

Prince François **d'Orléans** was preceded by his **brother**, Prince **Charles-Philippe d'Orléans**, Duke of Anjou, who assumed the role of Grand Master in 2004. This last fact reaffirms **the close link**



between the order and the royal family of France.

But who is Prince François d'Orléans? In addition to his royal duties, Francisco is **a landscape architect based in Mallorca, and has strong ties to Spain.**

In 2014, he married German aristocrat Theresa von Einsiedel. Together they have three children: Philippe, born in 2017, Marie-Amélie in 2019 and little Raphaël in 2021.

Theresa, now a princess, comes from an equally remarkable royal line. She is descended from Prince Florestan I of Monaco and is a great-granddaughter of Mindaugas II, who was, for a brief period, King of Lithuania.

The investiture event, which took place at Maredsous Abbey, was attended by Cardinal Kambanda, Apostoli Nuncio Noël Treanor, and many members of the Orléans family. **The Catholic Association of Propagandists was also invited.**

After receiving the blessing from Cardinal Kambanda, Prince François was invested with the Sword of Justice and the Standard of Battles, symbols representing the authority and history of the order, respectively.

In a solemn promise, Prince François pledged to always respect and observe God's commandments **and to loyally lead the Order of St. Lazarus.** Once the investiture ritual was concluded, the dignitaries of the order showed their respect and loyalty to the new grand master. The ceremony culminated with the emotional elevation to the rank of knight of Louis-Nicolas Crépy d'Orléans, nephew of Prince François.

With this symbolic act, Prince François d'Orléans begins a new chapter in the rich history of the Order of Saint Lazarus, once again reinforcing the unbreakable bond between this institution and the royal family of France.

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Grand Prior USA – Elected President of Governing Council



During the Chapter General meeting Sept. 16, 2023 The Grand Prior USA was elected President of the Governing Council by the other Grand Priors of world-wide jurisdictions and the Grand Magisterium.



SLOW WORK OF GOD Living in an ongoing tech revolution, we have gotten used to a fast-paced, convenience-based, and productivity-focused society. We struggle with impatience more than the people of any previous era. And this can impact our faith because God is incredibly slow-paced by our new standards. He lets evil drag out for years. He even slows down our journey towards holiness, in a sense. Why isn't God more of a quick fixer? Here is a great reflection on the **slow work of God**. [READ](#)

A Homily from the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Readings: 1st Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Romans 8:28-30; Gospel Matthew 13:44-52. *Submitted by H. E. Deacon John Mahon – KLJ-Prof.*

Amen, amen, amen I say to you... Today, [July 28th] we celebrate Blessed Stanley Rother and his death as a martyr for his Faith in Guatemala... He struggled mightily to become a priest and especially with his Latin... but once he became a priest, he learned his people's language and helped translate the Bible into their language... He spent 13 years in Santiago Atitlan and came home to Oklahoma for a brief time due to threats on his life before returning to the people he loved... shortly after returning he was murdered in his rectory.... He found *a pearl of great price* in the land and especially in the people of Santiago Atitlan... His successor, who wasn't able to return to the parish for 3 years turned the room in which he was murdered into a chapel... Blessed Stanley loved the people in his parish more than he loved himself... His body is buried in his shrine in Oklahoma City... However,

his actual heart, appropriately, is in Santiago Atitlan with his people

... For the Complete Homily Please check out our website:
<https://orderofsaintlazarususa.org/updates/2023/11/1/a-homily-from-the-seventh-sunday-in-ordinary-time>

Our very own Sir Nick Silverio was interviewed on EWTN Pro-Life Weekly.

Please find the link below. So proud to have him among us!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1y1BC0zpQc&t=57s> (Sir Nick's interview starts at 22:09)



ORGANIZATION WORKS TO SAVE MARRIAGES

J.P. De Gance, founder, and president of Communio, recently authored a study that found fathers play a significant role in handing down the faith to children. The “entire collapse of the Catholic faith in the United States is wrapped up in the collapse of resident fatherhood,” De Gance told CatholicVote. “And that is the bad fruit of the collapse of marriage.” Here’s how Communio is partnering with churches to save marriages.
<https://go.catholicvote.org/NDI3LUxFUS0wNjYAAAG0zMXlp5rnww7IHIfco8uBxexWRpJZCOM3X3jDFAaH9eifAuTwzzRAnGl9o5bUMct8I4Qlspl=>



Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama Receives Grand Cross of Merit



His Eminence Luis Zarama, Bishop of the Dioceses of Raleigh was recently awarded the prestigious Grand Cross of Merit by The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem. The Grand Cross Medal is one of the highest honors bestowed by The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, an ancient charitable organization that traces its roots back to the 12th century. The Order, historically dedicated to providing aid to those suffering from leprosy and named for St. Lazarus, a leper cured by Jesus, has evolved into a global charitable institution focused on humanitarian causes and healthcare initiatives.

Pete von Jess, Grand Prior USA, and Lord Thierry Pauquet de Villejust, Grand-Chancellor of the Order world-wide and former Grand Prior of the USA, presented Bishop Luis with the Grand Cross of Merit award. The Grand Cross Medal serves as a symbol of the values and principles of compassion, charity, and service, which have guided The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus for centuries.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Grand Cross Medal from The Order of St. Lazarus," Bishop Luis said. "It is a humbling reminder of the responsibility we all have to

bring hope and healing to those who need it most."



Knights Templar and Switzerland

"The current Knights Templar Headquarters are in Geneva. This country befits and holds similar many of the most common and closely guarded values of the original Knights Templar.

The oldest abbey established in Switzerland is Sion, in the Valais Canton. There are twin peaks overlooking the town, meaning new Jerusalem or holy place in the Alps. The twin mountains house the cathedral of Sion and the Castle Tourbillion. These date back to the beginning times of Swiss Confederation formation around 1291. A time when the Templars were known to be looking to establish a European mainland stronghold outside of the Holy Land as they were being pushed out of the Levant by the Muslims and the Christians had lost their stomach to fight on any longer.

These are suggestions that certain historians and conspiracists alike deem to be true that suggest that the Knights Templar did in fact form Switzerland. The evidence and likelihood seem pretty plausible to me. The county of Valais in the city of Sion has a particular Templar tie in the founding history. Rumors have always floated that this is where



the Templars originally set up shop after their flight from France.

In the history of the first Swiss Cantons there are tales of white coated knights mysteriously appearing and helping the locals to gain their independence against foreign domination.

The founding of the early Switzerland pinpoints exactly to the period when the Templars were being persecuted in France by King Philip IV of France.

Switzerland is directly to the east of France and would have been particularly easy for fleeing Templar brothers from the whole region of France to get to.

The Templars were one of the earliest known banking systems in early day Europe. King Phillip in fact was deeply in debt to the Templars.

Not only were the Templars big into banking, but also in farming, engineering, and clock making (of an early type). These same aspects can be seen as importance to the commencement and gradual forming of the separate states that would eventually be Switzerland.

The Swiss do not really know the ins and outs of their earliest history (or suggest that they don't.) They are famous for being secretive and independent as were the Templars.

The famous Templar Cross is incorporated into the flags of many of the Swiss Cantons. As are other emblems, such as keys and lambs, that were particularly important to the Knights Templar.

The Swiss were and are famous for their religious tolerance – and so were the Templars"

Text from 9thtemplar.wordpress.com.

'Safe Haven for Newborns' founder honored



Photographer: Leigh Osgood Carol City firefighters Janice Matos, left, and Felicia McNair, right, flank Nick Silverio, founder of the nonprofit Gloria M. Silverio Foundation and its A Safe Haven for Newborns program, and Carol Gloria, the first of 381 Safe Haven babies, at the Miracle Theater in Coral Gables, Fla., Aug. 24, 2023. The theater hosted the world premiere of the documentary "Uncle Nick," about Silverio and his organization, which helps promote Florida's Safe Haven laws allowing parents to surrender their unharmed newborn not more than a week old into the custody of personnel at fire stations and other facilities recognized as a safe haven under the law. (OSV News photo/Leigh Osgood)

By Laura Dodson

CORAL GABLES (OSV News) | A beautiful, 22-year-old woman approached the podium on stage at the Miracle Theater in Coral Gables Aug. 24, 2023, as she was being introduced as "Carol Gloria — the very first A Safe Haven for Newborns baby."

Her appearance was the culminating surprise of an evening dedicated to honoring Nicholas "Nick" Silverio, founder of A Safe Haven for Newborns. Standing arm-in-arm with Silverio before hundreds of civic leaders, firefighters, hospital administrators, media moguls, volunteers and major benefactors, Carol's appearance was a living tribute to Silverio's mission, and the gathered community erupted in a prolonged standing ovation.

For the rest of this story please follow this link:

<https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.ph>



[p?op=Article_miami-nick-silverio-safe-haven-for-newborns-founder-honored](#)

FALL INVESTIURE HELD AT ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, APEX, NC

A rare second investiture happened the weekend of September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 2023, in Apex, NC at St. Mary Magdalene Church. Vespers were prayed the evening of the 29th followed by a simple meal. The Investiture and Promotions occurred after Mass on Saturday morning the 30th. Followed by an elegant meal that evening.

Please help us congratulate our promotees and new members when you see them.

Promotions Rank

Holly Grange	DCLJ
Kevin Swenie	KLJ
Mary Anne Swenie	DLJ

New Members Rank

Joan Turner	SLJ
Cheli Dappen	SLJ
Emanuelle Massimo	BLJ
Thomas O'Keefe	BLJ
Rev. Greg Seeley	BLJ
Carl Dappen	KLJ
James Davis	KLJ
Dcn. Rick Stevens	KLJ-Prof.
Joseph Umbra	KLJ

A Photo gallery was established for the **September 2023 STMM Apex NC Investiture**
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Pw3mPs4ndS2Rw68T7>



We now prepare for a Spiritual retreat at **Subiaco Abbey** in Arkansas in February 9-11, 2024 and a strategic planning retreat at **Holy Cross Abbey** in Virginia on the same weekend.



The **OSLJ Store** is open for business with a wide variety of products, just in time for the holidays!

<https://orderofsaintlazarususa.org/store>



Our next Investiture is scheduled April 12-13, 2024 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the **Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine**

<https://rothershrine.org/>

