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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Order hopes to expand the membership during the coming year. Each Prior will be asked to provide a plan for increasing our membership.

Any assistance the Office of the Grand Prior can provide is available by request to Director of Operations, Dame Tina Carey.

LIEUTENANT GRAND MASTER

Chev. Waldemar Count Wilk, GCSStS, arms Radwan, has been appointed to the office of Lieutenant Grandmaster, by decree of the Grand Master.

He is descended from the families who had the Radwan coat of arms. It is among the most ancient coats of arms in Polish history. The most ancient seal dates from 1443 and the first record from 1409. This coat of arms was widespread mainly in the regions of [Cracow](#), [Plock](#), [Sandomierz](#), [Sieradz](#), and also in [Podlasie](#), [Rawa](#), [Ruthenia](#) and [Lithuania](#).

Count Juliusz Nowina Sokolnicki appointed Count Wilk as the next



successor to the Office of Grand Master at our present Grand Masters demise, Count Wilk will serve as the IXth Grand Master of the Order.

RIVERSIDE INVESTITURE- The Los Angeles Commandery hosted a grand International investiture at the Mission Inn in Riverside, CA. New members of the Order included 10 from the US and 7 from Mexico. The Mexican delegation was led by Chevalier Tomas Lorant, Chancellor of the Latin Americas. The venue was the Mission Inn, a very historic inn that has been the site of many presidential visits and meeting of other dignitaries. Chevalier Don Hunsaker, Grand Chancellor presided over the meeting assisted by Dame Caroline Brownstone, Chancellor of North America and Chevalier Mark Diamond, our Host Commander. 6 squires were also inducted into the Order.

CHARITIES OF THE ORDER

THE ORDER HAS SUPPORTED SEVERAL CHARITIES THIS YEAR. THE HOSPITAL OF JESUS THE CHILD IN WARSAW IS AN ANNUAL CHARITY THAT WE HAVE SUPPORTED FOR MANY YEARS. ANOTHER PROGRAM IN POLAND THAT THE ORDER HAS SUPPORTED IN THE PAST IS THE KALKOW-GODOW ORPHANAGE AND REFUGE OF OLDER PERSONS IN CENTRAL POLAND. THESE ARE SUPPORTED DIRECTLY BY OUR USA ORDER AND THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE GODS EYES PROJECT AND THE PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE PROJECT IN TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTITURE AND CEREMONY WROCLAW, POLAND

The Order had one of its most successful Investitures in Wloclawek, Poland. It was hosted by the Priory of Kujawy, Poland, Saturday 25th October 2008. The highlight of this weekend was certainly Saturday's Investiture Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Wloclawek.

Bishop of Wloclawek Wieslaw A. Mering was the main celebrant of the Mass assisted by six other priests. He remarked near the end of the liturgy, congratulating "the new Knights and Ladies and those who have new honours in the Order of the St. Stanislas." We accord him our special gratitude for his holy blessings and time-proven inspired words of eternal wisdom. He spoke eloquently and extensively about the life, work and sacrifice of St. Stanislas, to the audience. They were inspired by the effect this Polish saint had on the life of his people.

Right after the Mass the ceremony of the Investiture, was conducted by the Prior of Kuyavia Dame Barbara Bromont Slawinska. The Grand Master of the Order performed the dubbing formalities in assistance of the Grand Master Lt. Prince Waldemar Wilk, Prior of Poland dr. Marian Król, Prior of Masovia Andrzej Szkoda and the Herald for Poland the Grand Magistry of the Order of St. Stanislas Ryszard Komorowski G.C.C.St.S.

INTERNATIONBAL NEWS

Chevalier Philip Sherry is new Chancellor of Australasia, he will provide the leadership of the Australian Pacific region for the Order. He lives in New Zealand. Chevalier Russell Male was awarded Emeritus Chancellor and Ambassador of the Order after serving his term as Chancellor of the Australasia area. Chev. Andrew Kaperski is new Prior of South Australia and has already scheduled an Investiture in February, 2009..

Christmas and Holiday Meeting of the Priory of California and the West

A Holiday Celebration and planning meeting of the Priory was held December 13 in Temecula, CA. The meeting was attended by about 16 Knights and Dames. Members of the Young Knights and Squire programs were also in attendance.

Items discussed and agreed upon included establishing a College scholarship for a deserving High School student in two of the local high schools. Temescal Canyon High was recommended to be one recipient. Hopefully, we will assist in the establishment of a Young Knights Program at that school.

The Southern California and Arizona knights have had a very bountiful year, having an investiture in May and fund raiser in January that were both very successful. We hope other Priors will follow their example of increased activities and successful programs

The President of the Young Knights Program and Squire of the Order, Squire Matthew Diamond was accepted to Cal Tech, with a note on the acceptance letter that he might start a Knights Program there, very impressive.

GO MATTHEW AND THE YOUNG KNIGHTS

MICHAEL MICHAELSKI'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROJECT

Michael Michaelski Emergency Response system

In times of trouble, disasters, emergencies, etc. people need immediate assistance to preserve life and limb. Here in the US we have seen that involves skilled workers with specialized equipment. Often those skilled workers need some help too!

In order to solve this problem in South Carolina, Chevalier Michael Michaelski is working on a project to help the workers and possibly some of the victims. It is a mobile kitchen for feeding a large number of people. Similar projects could be done in other parts of the US and the world and would help to solidify the Order's position within the local community. This package will be presented to the local State Guard for consideration as a MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding) governing the deployment of the mobile kitchen. If they decline, Michael will present it to a local charitable group, or see if I can get enough StS members willing to serve on it in some capacity.

To start the project, Michael is purchasing four military trucks, all rated at 2 1/2 tons carrying capacity - the famous 'deuce and a half', to form the core of a feeding group that can go to disaster sites and help to feed the homeless and the workers, firemen and police in the immediate area for the first week after the incident has occurred. There are also four trailers involved, and each has it's own role to play in the whole. They include US military surplus Shop Van, which will be equipped as a rolling pantry for dry food storage which pulls a Mobile Kitchen Trailer, a complete kitchen designed to feed 250-300 soldiers three hot meals a day as long as there is food to cook.

Second, there is the M36A2 Cargo Truck pulling an M105 Trailer. The truck and trailer will both be used as sleeping quarters for the crew that is manning the mobile kitchen complete with six bunks, a chemical toilet and an A/C. An extra shelter can be installed on the trailer which will accommodate four bunks (with A/C also). Also on the truck will be a 6 KW diesel generator and an auxiliary 125 gallon fuel tank. Everything runs on diesel. The third truck pulls a 400 gallon M149 Water Trailer. This truck will haul bottled water to hand out and canned goods for use by the kitchen. Michael has the truck and knows where the water trailer is, but will have to wait to be able afford to purchase it. An additional Cargo model that will carry food, tents, a portable latrine, a hand washing station, and pull a much modified MKT trailer, remade as a Mobile Sanitation Center (basically the kitchen sink) where all the pots and pans will be washed and sanitized before being used again. Michael will be picking up the truck from Government Surplus in early January.

A similar project in other areas sponsored by the Order would be a great contribution, think about it and let us know if there is a possibility in your area. Michael has offered to assist however he can.

REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR OBLATIONS NOW!!

The Order is incorporated in California and operates as an IRS designated 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. We are considered a public charity who believe the code of honor of knighthood is still viable and needed in today's society. The address for oblations and donations is:

Order of St. Stanislas Inc. PO Box 6677

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GOD'S EYES PROGRAM

The Order of St. Stanislas has a working relationship with a wonderful program that provides prescription eyeglasses for those who have never had optometric help before. In many cases, the first really clear view of their family, loved ones and environment were provided by the God's Eye project. They do this by working closely with medical missionaries whose clinics are already established around the world.

Bryan Kaiser, the administrator of the program, has just returned from a trip to Peru where he made hundreds of glasses for needy people. Also, he and his wife went to Honduras in June, very dangerous trip but also put hundreds of glasses on the needy. Helping people in need like this lady on the right has given his program and the Order great pride in their accomplishments and our support.

Dame Dawn Barrell, Prior of Georgia is our point of contact. Chevalier Travis Bryan of Texas has offered to help with supplies for this project.



IN MEMORIAM

One of our great knights fell on June 19, 2008. Chevalier **Leonard J. Suligowski** was one of the very few Truly Polish Heraldic Artists in America. His dozens of years of research on the subject became widely known and respected the world over. He was a resident of Greenpoint, Brooklyn all his life. For many years, he had been the Director of Heraldry and the College of Heraldry for The Polish Nobility Association Foundation headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, having been affiliated with them since 1975. During his tenure with the P.N.A.F., he was the recipient of international awards and will be greatly missed.

General Wacław Bakierowski Died in October 2008, he was long time friend and supporter of our Order and our Grand Master, Juliusz Sokolnicki.

Travel Agency Contributions

Lisa Stergulz has offered to work with the YTB Travel Network to serve the travel needs of the Order. YTB Travel Network will contribute to the Order for travel booked with YTB and can help members with their travel plans. They will assist and plan members' local and international travel, and planned travel as a group, which will help cement relationships, create good will in foreign countries and provide funds for the Order. *Every time you book a flight, hotel, car rental, cruise, or send flowers on the St. Stanislas Travel website. 60% of the commissions will be paid back directly to the Order of St. Stanislas.*

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