

June 14, 2025

Dear Knights and Dames of the Northern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order:

We are delighted to welcome you to St. Paul – Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 19-22, 2025, for the EOHSJ Annual Meeting and Investiture. Our theme is: "Pilgrims of Hope."

As we prepare for this special weekend of holiness, spiritual retreat and investiture, we would like to share some pertinent details with you:

Registration Information

- Event registration may be completed via mail using the enclosed form with a check or online with credit card payment or electronic check (ACH) at www.EOHSJnorthern.com. Please note that by choosing to register by credit card you agree to pay a 3% convenience fee.
- There is a \$50 discount for early registration that expires on July 31, 2025.

Hotel

- The Hyatt Regency Minneapolis Hotel on Nicollet Mall is our conference headquarters for meetings, social gatherings, and meals. (Be sure to use "Hyatt Regency Minneapolis on Nicollet Mall" for reservations and navigation.)
- Online reservations: www.EOHSJnorthern.com or call toll free 877-803-7534.
- When making hotel reservations, *the Group Code: G-HLY5, is necessary* to receive the discounted, special group rate.
- The discounted hotel rate is \$189 per night for stays Thursday through Monday, Sept. 18-22, 2025. The hotel reservation deadline is August 25th.

Liturgical Services

- For early arrivals, we have planned a special activity of a presentation by the University of St. John's on the commissioning of an Illuminated Bible, Friday, Sept. 19th, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hyatt in the Grand Lakes Ballroom.
- The Saturday Rite of Promotion and Memorial Mass will be held at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. The Basilica is within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency, but bus service will also be available.
- The Sunday Rite of Investiture and Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. Bus transportation will be provided.
- Reconciliation, Vespers, Vigil Service and Travelers Mass will be celebrated at the Hyatt on the 4th floor.

Weekend Meals and Beverages

• The logistics of getting all our members to the Basilica and Cathedral are resulting in a few changes in the traditional meal service. Saturday's breakfast will be a continental breakfast designed for a smaller, quick meal prior to Mass. Sunday's lunch for all members will be a box lunch that can be eaten in the ballroom or taken with you as you prepare for Mass. The remaining weekend meals will be similar to past years.

- The Hyatt Hotel is located on a public mall with multiple access doors to the outside. Since several of the doors open directly into the reception area we will be using prior to our evening meals, the Hyatt has asked us to: 1) always wear our name tags, and 2) use a drink ticket system at the receptions to avoid inadvertently serving nonmembers of the Order. Drink tickets are complimentary and will be provided with your name tags. If your tickets are misplaced or more are needed, additional tickets will be available in the Hospitality Room.
- Because we are allowed to bring in our own non-alcoholic beverages, the Hospitality room will be open extended hours and offer non-alcoholic beverages and snacks throughout the weekend. This is a substantial cost savings to us versus having the Hotel provide refreshments during program breaks.

Enclosures

• Enclosed are reference materials including schedule highlights, what to wear, hotel information and more. All items are posted at www.EOHSJnorthern.com for your access.

On behalf of our entire Steering Committee and the Minnesota Knights and Dames, we look forward to warmly welcoming you to St. Paul - Minneapolis. In responding to God's commission to follow His truth and our Jubilee Year's theme to be Pilgrims of Hope, we will recommit ourselves to our mission to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Our Lady, Queen of Palestine, pray for us.

Sir Tim Milner, KGCHS

Dame Donna M. Milner, M.D., DGCHS

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