



The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

is a Roman Catholic Order established under the protection of the Holy See with the Pope as its sovereign leader. Founded in the 11th century in Jerusalem, it is one of the oldest organizations in the Church. The Order is dedicated to the support of the Christians and Christian sites in the Holy Land. It currently has over 35,000 members in over 40 countries throughout the world.

Membership is granted to practicing Catholics who are active in their local church and diocese and who desire to extend their efforts to supporting the universal church. Membership is by invitation only.



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Duties of Knights and Dames of the Order

The Order has three main purposes:

1. To strengthen its members in the practice of Christian life.
2. To support the Christian presence in the Holy Land through prayer, financial support and pilgrimages.
3. To aid the charitable, cultural and social works of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem throughout the Holy Land.

Members are expected to make an annual contribution and attend the annual meeting hosted at various cities throughout the Lieutenancy. Members are often invited by their Bishop to participate in local events such as ordinations. The Order also sponsors annual pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Members are encouraged to attend Mass on the special feast days of the Order: *Our Lady of Palestine (the last Sunday in October)*, *the Triumph of the Cross (September 14th)*, and *the feast days for St. Pius X (August 21st) and St. Helena (August 18th)*.

Supporting the Holy Land

For more than nine hundred years it has been the special role of the Order to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. Typical projects include:

- Educational facilities, scholarships, and playgrounds.
- Orphanages and day-care centers.
- Church, rectory, monastery and holy site support.
- Retirement and hospice homes for the elderly.
- Teachers' salaries in Latin Patriarchate schools.
- Bethlehem University in Bethlehem.
- Maintenance of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.



"Entering the Order allows a person to become a very real and active participant in a great Catholic tradition. For almost a thousand years, a millennium, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem has continued to foster medieval traditions of chivalry in the midst of an ever changing world."

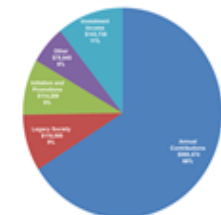
--Edmund Cardinal Szoka

The Northern Lieutenancy is one of over 60 regional subunits of the Order and consists of 8 states in the north central United States. It currently has over 1,800 members.

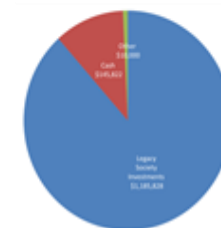


Financial Responsibility

The Order takes its obligations very seriously. Typically, over 90% of the Northern Lieutenancy's contributions went directly to the Holy Land.



Revenues	
Annual Contributions	\$ 880,474
Legacy Society	\$ 116,000
Initiation and Promotions	\$ 114,200
Other	\$ 78,945
Investment Income	\$ 143,735
Total	\$ 1,333,354



Assets	
Legacy Society Investments	\$ 1,185,828
Cash	\$ 145,822
Other	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ 1,341,650