



The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville  
Office of the Governor-General

6 September 2010

All,

Summer is winding down for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere leading to the end of vacations and the return to school for our members, be they students themselves, parents or grandparents or even those follow the honorable profession of educator. This time of year often brings thoughts of where one has been as where one is heading now. Looking back at our history as an Order, we have grown leaps and bounds since our founding over 10 years ago. We have flourished from the seed planted by a handful of founding members in the United Kingdom to the growth of a membership of over 400 in 36 countries.

I would like to take a moment to recognize our 2010 new members:

Andres Omar Ayala, Walter Asilo Bacsa, Arnold Marie B. Calbentos, Fernando Macolor Cruz, Corinne Valerie, Macolor Cruz (Lady in Waiting), Sandro Xavier da Silva, Indira Abe dela Torre(Dame), Peter Haward, Paul E. Henry, Evan Michael Holman (Squire), Zackary Haley Hopkins, Romesh Chandana Piero Jayasinghe, Konstantinos Loukas, Brett Austin Merlina, Gaspere Lo Monaco, Dyn Parry, Michelangelo Pastore, Anjanette Fatima Pe-Linsangan (Dame), Geoff Plourde, George Stephen Van De Water , and Luigi Venoso.

Additionally, the following members have received Promotions within the Order this year:

Chev. William Veselik to the rank of KGOSTI, Rev. Andrew McMenamín to the rank of ChGOSTI, Chev. Chas Charles-Dunne to the rank of KCSTI.

Finally, we have several members that have received Awards or Appointments within the Order this year:

Chev. William Veselik has been appointed the US Southeast Priory Leader, Chev. Chas Charles-Dunne has been appointed as St. Isidore Herald Extraordinary, Steven Harris has been appointed as Seville Pursuivant

This growth is no small task, strong roots provided by the grace of God and each of yours hard work on behalf of your individual Church's and this Order providing the branches of expansion,. Your acts and deeds no matter how small reflect a great deal on the company you keep. I am proud to be in the company of such wonderful Christian Men and Women.

I challenge each of you, as the holiday season approaches to take stock of your ability to give of your time or funds to a charity of your choosing, on behalf of the Order. I would welcome any stories of your charity work so that we can include them in our next update.

I pray daily for the health, growth, and spiritual well-being of each Member of our Order as well as for the continued growth.

In His Service,

Rev. Joshua D. Copeland, KCCSTI  
Governor General



## The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville Office of the Chancellor

6 September 2010

Greetings! I wish to update you on my office and some matters of the order. As Chancellor, I am second in command to the Governor General and the representative for the Governor General when he is not available. Also, this office handles much of the day-to-day working of the order.

The order continues to grow with new members worldwide, including most recently Brazil, Paraguay, the Philippines, United Kingdom, and United States of America. I apologize for not providing more details of membership growth but technical issues have made that more difficult at this time. Once a new member has been invested, the appropriate Priory and/or Commandery Leaders are informed so they may contact the new member.

Due to technical difficulties, the need for a new forum appeared...URL is <http://st-isidore.proboards.com>. This is our official place of meeting so all members are strongly encouraged to join and participate in discussions there. Presently, there is a small number of members at the forum. We want each member to be involved and have a say in matters of the order. Also, it is an excellent place for general communication, informing us about ministry news, leaving prayer requests, etc. I look forward to seeing more members there and hearing from you often...don't forget us!

May the peace of God be with you.

*Susan Phillips DCCStI OMStI*

Dame Susan Phillips DCCStI, OMStI  
Chancellor, The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville



## The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville Office of the Chaplain General

6 September 2010

### Report from the Chaplain General

The past year has been one filled with achievement and movement into new areas.

Along with my normal incident responses, I responded to four suicide attempts. Through research, I learned that there is growing level of suicides in our Armed Forces. I became certified in CISM Prevention, Intervention and Prevention Suicide. I also became certified in Pastoral Crisis Intervention and attended the Federal of Fire Chaplain, Chaplain's Course. As of the 28th of the this month, I attended the Psychological 1st Aid course offered by Coastal Carolina Community College. Since this order is named after a Saint that valued education, I felt this information was needed.

I still chaplain the Piney Green and Hubert Fire Departments, the Swansboro Rescue Squad, along with the Onslow County Special Incident Response Team, Critical Incident Stress Management Team and the Medical Reserve Corps. An additional position was developed after a Line of Duty Death of a Paramedic. As of Aug 17 2010, Onslow County has an Emergency Services Chaplains Corps. I am one of three.

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Semper Fi

*S.R. Smith*

Chev. Rev. Stephen R. Smith, ChCCStI OMStI



**The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville**  
Office of the Chief Justiciar, Marshal of Arms and Commissioner

6 September 2010

**Chief Commissioner -**

"The last 12 months have seen much work being carried out in an effort to streamline our Order's finances. Unfortunately, due to our international nature, we were unable to set up a bank account but we have set up a separate PayPal account. We had disabled our donation button so we were not accepting donations during this time but the good news is that we can now do this again. The cost of running the Order is small but any financial contribution to the Order would be well received. All the funds have now been moved to the new PayPal account and we are ready to move forward.

Please remember that if you incur any expenses whilst working on behalf of the Order then please do submit receipts to the Chief Commissioner - however, you should be aware that expenses should be authorised prior to incurring them.

In addition the Order has been in the position to offer a small donation to the Pakistan flood appeal, the donation was made via Christian Aid. If members know of any worthy causes that could benefit from a small donation, please do not hesitate to contact the Commissioner."

**Marshall of Arms –**

"Most of you will by now have seen on the forum that we have restructured the College of Arms and now have Chas Charles-Dunne KCStI as St. Isidore Herald Extraordinary, he is responsible for any heraldic enquiries from the UK and heraldic education.

Brett Merlina is the Jerusalem Pursuivant and is responsible for US heraldic enquiries and maintaining/updating links to sites of heraldic interest. Steven Harris is Seville Pursuivant and responsible for International Heraldic enquiries and maintaining our list of approved/recognised granting authorities.

The College of Arms is now at full strength following a review of positions and the removal of two - Principal Herald and Registrar - which are now redundant."

**Chief Justiciar –**

"Over the past 12 months the Chief Justiciar has dealt with 2 minor disciplinary issues which were amicable resolved with no further action required.

The order has also dismissed one member for not being able to uphold the Nicene Creed.

There are a number of adjustments to the Constitution and By Laws in the pipeline. Mostly these are minor housekeeping amendments and shouldn't have much impact on the membership as a whole - we will publish any changes as soon as they are agreed."

***Richard Talbot-Jones***

Chev. Richard Talbot-Jones, KGCStI OMSStI

Chief Justiciar, Marshal of Arms and Commissioner of the Order of Saint Isidore of Seville



**The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville**  
Office of the Chaplain General

6 September 2010

A message to the At-Large Members of the Order

Greetings to all Knights, Dames, Squires and Ladies in Waiting of the At-Large community of the Order,

I have been honored to have been appointed to the post of At-Large Priory Commander. I have been remiss in my duties in not communicating with you but to be frank, as an American, all this knighthood with its titles and heraldry is new to me and somewhat mystifying. However, I was attracted to the Order of St Isidore of Seville because of its noble ideals based in Christianity. I have long been a champion of using the Internet responsibly and in the belief that one should combat evil with good. I have also believed strongly in "the Nobel Cause".

I encourage you, as members of this organization, to work for the stated ideals of the Order and to identify yourselves as members. In doing so, you promote the order and invite others to join us. That is all you need to do. You are encouraged to participate in the Order's forum as a way for other members to know you and you to know them.

Should you desire to bring something to the attention of the Grand Council, contact me. As the At-Large Priory Commander, I am your conduit to that body.

It has been my experience that honor and respect is not aggressively sought but graciously confirmed as a result of our words and actions. I am also convinced that attacking others of differing beliefs is counterproductive, resulting in counter-attack. We convince and convert others only when they come to admire our example. These are two of the concepts that I have come to believe and I offer them for your consideration.

We are created as Children of God, all brothers and sisters and I believe it was God's intention that we work together and to share our talents and abilities for the benefit of all mankind. God did not create borders and although we take pride in our individual nations and cultures, we are citizens of one world. This order transcends borders which is yet another reason I am a member.

Blessings to you and yours,

*Donald J Plefka*

Chev. Donald J Plefka, KGOSI, OMSI  
At-Large Priory Commander



## The Order of Saint Isidore of Seville

Office of the Chaplain of the At-Large Priory

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On behalf of the Grand Master and the Officers of the Order, Greetings and Blessings from the Priory-At-Large Chaplain.

I believe strongly in the power of prayer. Throughout history, Christian Knights have demonstrated their faith in God by asking for God's guidance and blessings in everything they undertook. They prayed often and sincerely, asking only one thing - that His will be done. I call your attention to the purpose for which our Order was founded – to promote Chivalry in our day to day lives. I challenge you to fervently follow the virtues, rules and statutes of the Order; particularly I ask that you pray daily and that you submit your will to God - ALWAYS.

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the Knights and Dames of the At-Large Priory. I want you to know that I am always available for you. Whether you need prayer, guidance or just an ear to listen - I am here. You can reach me at chaplain\_andrew@yahoo.com. If you would prefer to speak on the phone, just drop me an email with your phone number(s) and a good time to call.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing,

*Andrew J. McMenamin*

Bishop Andrew J. McMenamin, ChGOSTI  
At-Large Chaplain, Order of Saint Isidore of Seville