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Newsletter

The Beginning of The Virtual Order of St. Isidore of Seville

Submitted By: Sephen Plowman, Chancellor

I have been asked by the Editors of the new Newsletter to put together a bit of how the Order of St Isidore came about.

By way of background; Eric Russell-Brown, the Governor General, and I were both invested into the Supreme Military order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar) during separated services held at All-Hallows-By-the-Tower, London. However, once in the Order it became plain that there were "difficulties" within Templary. Firstly, the Templars seemed to be cursed by divisions. Every time a contentious issue arose it normally resulted in a number of knights breaking away and forming their own Order. The second problem was truly international, all the hierarchy came from one country and there was no accountability as to how the oblations were spent.

Eric and I worked with the then Grand Prior of England & Wales, Major General Sir Roy Redgrave KBE MC, to try to get all the diverse Templar groups to talk and work together. Within England & Wales there was some initial success when two groups united and Sir Roy stood down, unfortunately, human nature being what it is, certain senior officers viewed the situation, not as a merger of equals, but as a victory of their group over another. Instead of working for a common agenda, it seemed that they were working to an agenda of their own.

By this stage both Eric and I had grown disillusioned and had become "inactive" Templars. (There is a saying –once a Templar, always a Templar.)

Despite the disappointment with the Templars, we both cherished the chivalric ideals. I cannot remember how it first came to mind, but we considered the idea of a chivalric community on the internet. With the imminent arrival of the Second Millennium we thought it an auspicious anniversary to be celebrated by the founding of such an Order. The most important factor was that it had to be accessible to all Christians on the internet, the first step being that there would be no charge for membership. Most Chivalric Orders have Rites of Passage Fees and annual Oblations. In many cases that puts the chivalric ideal beyond many Christians.

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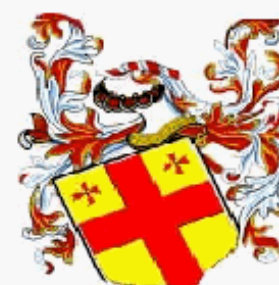
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News From the Principal Herald's Office

We anticipate the opening of a new thread on the members board soon, Heraldic Education and Discussion. The services will further extend to offering the Family certificate of Arms to any that wish to have them, and Matriculation and Granting Armorial Patents within the Order from the College of Heraldry of St. Isidore, Not yet opened but coming soon. Also should the College be opened and the Granting of Patents be available there may be openings within the Office of the Herald for under heralds to assist in the

work load. There was a bulletin posted for need of printers to print and mail the new e-vestiture certificate, all volunteer names will be needed to be listed within the various countries as well as email addresses for contact. Some members have offered to help, and will be re contacted for verification. If you are interested please contact Lady Cheryl or Richard TJ with your interest.



Office of the
Herald of St. Isidore

Greetings from Province 1 Magisterial Delegate

I currently reside in Mesa, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. I am married to the most Godly woman I know, Janice. We have three children Kelly, Kyle, and Kristi. Three Grandchildren, Leah, Samantha, and Brook.

I have been mentored for the last decade as a Pastor and am currently in the process of reorganizing a small home church.

My primary mission is to help facilitate God's passion and revelation in the lives of His people through music, teaching, preaching, and lifestyle.

It is my desire to see Province 1 become a group of people passionately in love with God. I be-

lieve that as we move towards God He moves twice as fast towards us.

Province 1 is in the west and it is my hope and desire for the members to be pioneers in this order leading the way as living examples of the experience Christ has created in each and everyone of them. For whatever reason God has chosen those who venture to the west with a pioneering spirit. I hope to see God's Holy pioneering Spirit move through the hearts and minds of His people through this Order in an effort to reclaim purity for the internet and for the world.

I know this Order was begun as a

Virtual environment, but I believe the day will come when we will be able to meet together as a province and as a whole Order.

I pray continually that God will inspire people from every state of this Province, the other Provinces and from every region of this earth to join the Order. Not just to have members, but so that we may be a true representation of the magnificent diversity of the Body of Christ.

Thank you for your patience and support, I consider it an enormous honor and privilege to serve this Order and all its members.

His Servant,
Rev. Joseph B. McCracken,
ChGoStI
Magisterial Delegate Province 1



Greetings from US Province 2 Magisterial Delegate



I am Bishop +Kyrill and Provincial Delegate for Province 2, which pretty much runs right down the middle of the United States. I am an active Bishop in the Eastern Orthodox Church, the Autonomous Metropolia of Milan to be exact. I am also the Chaplain-General for the Most Honorable Order of the Christian Knights of the Rose, and member of several other Chivalric Orders. Being a Magisterial Delegate I am open to members of the Order in the Province I serve and am here to listen to their ideas. I would like to see some intercommunication within the Province with perhaps a specific goal or Subject. I hope the members in Province 2 will begin now to suggest something along those lines to spur our communication.

Bishop Kyrill, ChGOSTI, CGKR,
US Province Magisterial Delegate 2

Greetings from US Province 4 Magisterial Delegate

My name is Gary Zanow and I have been a member of the Order since February 2001; currently serving as Magisterial Delegate for the USA, Province 4.

My Province includes New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio where I currently reside. Besides my online ministry through Grace Cyber Café (see <http://www.new-mercies.org>) I am in the process of starting a ministry in Columbus, Ohio (USA) targeting the disenfranchised and out casts of society--specifically those who would never enter a traditional church of their own accord. I want to find the lost sheep of my city and bring them back into the Body of Christ.

This is also my desire for the Knights and Dames within my province and, indeed, the entire Order worldwide: that through our personal prayers and online witness we as an Order of Knight and Dames would lift up the Christ--and that as He is lifted up all peoples everywhere would be drawn unto Him.

Greetings from US Province 3 Magisterial Delegate

Hello from US Province 3!

I am happy to be a part of this inaugural edition of the Order's newsletter and I say "thank you" to those who have taken on the challenge of creating it. I do not consider myself a writer so my articles may be very short but I will try to contribute. I have thought that my article could tell of happenings in Province 3. With that in mind, I welcome any newsworthy items and suggestions from members, especially officers, in the province. It is great to see the Order growing worldwide. I invite all members to join the forum (The Bulletin Board). It is a good place for fellowship and very informative. Let us continue to spread the word about the Order and, more importantly, God's love. Peace!

"See God in every person, place, and thing, and all will be well in your world."

--Louise Hay



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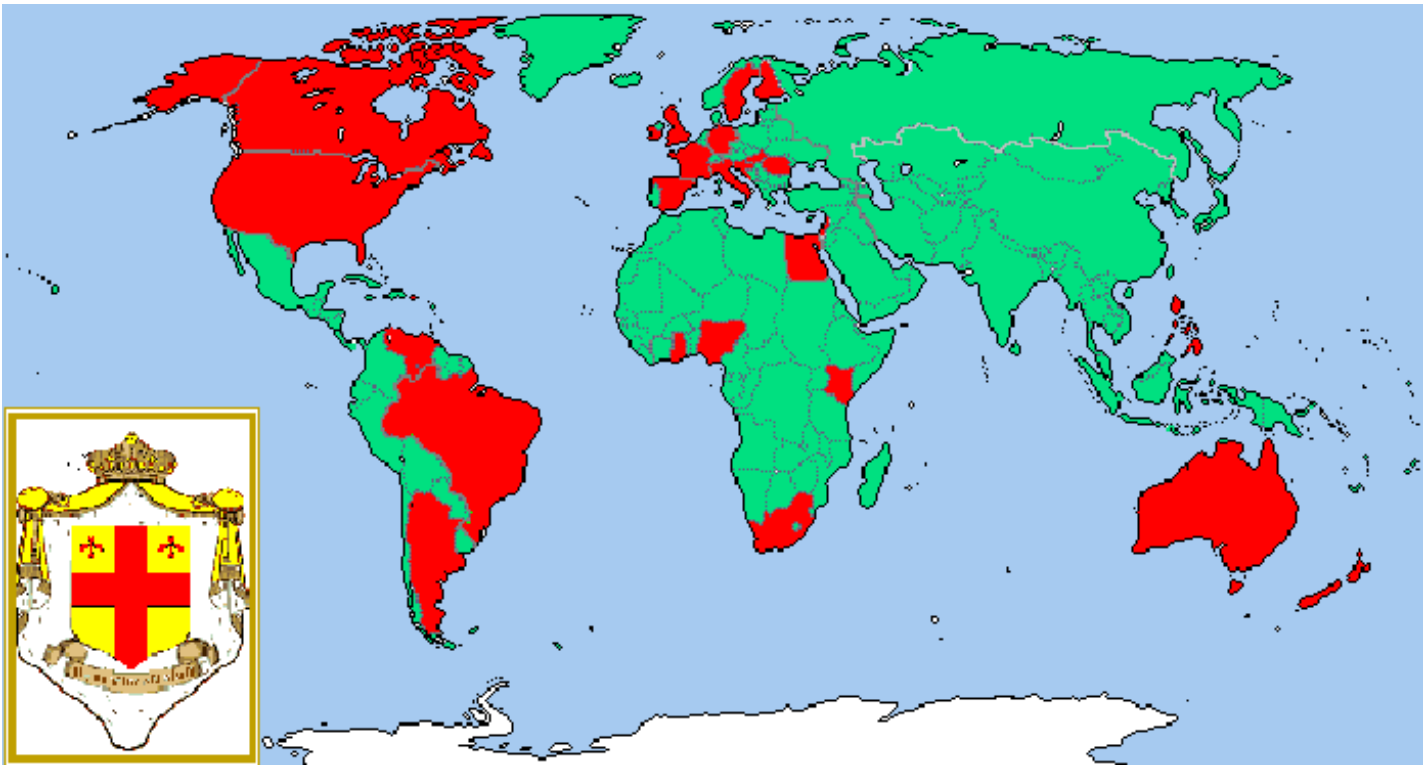
As your humble servant, I offer my prayers and counsel to anyone within my Province as well as to anyone else within the order.

And I ask of you your prayers for myself and my family as we begin our new outreach here in Columbus, OH.

Rev. Gary Zanow, ChGOSTI
US Province Magisterial Delegate 4



The Order of St. Isidore of Seville Around the World



Membership World Wide:

As at July 15, 2003:

North America:

USA 229 (39 States)

Canada 20

Europe & Holy Land:

Croatia 1

Finland 1

France 2

Germany 10

Hungary 9

Ireland 2

Israel 1

Italy 1

Romania 1

Slovenia 1

Spain 1

Sweden 4

UK 42

Rest of the World:

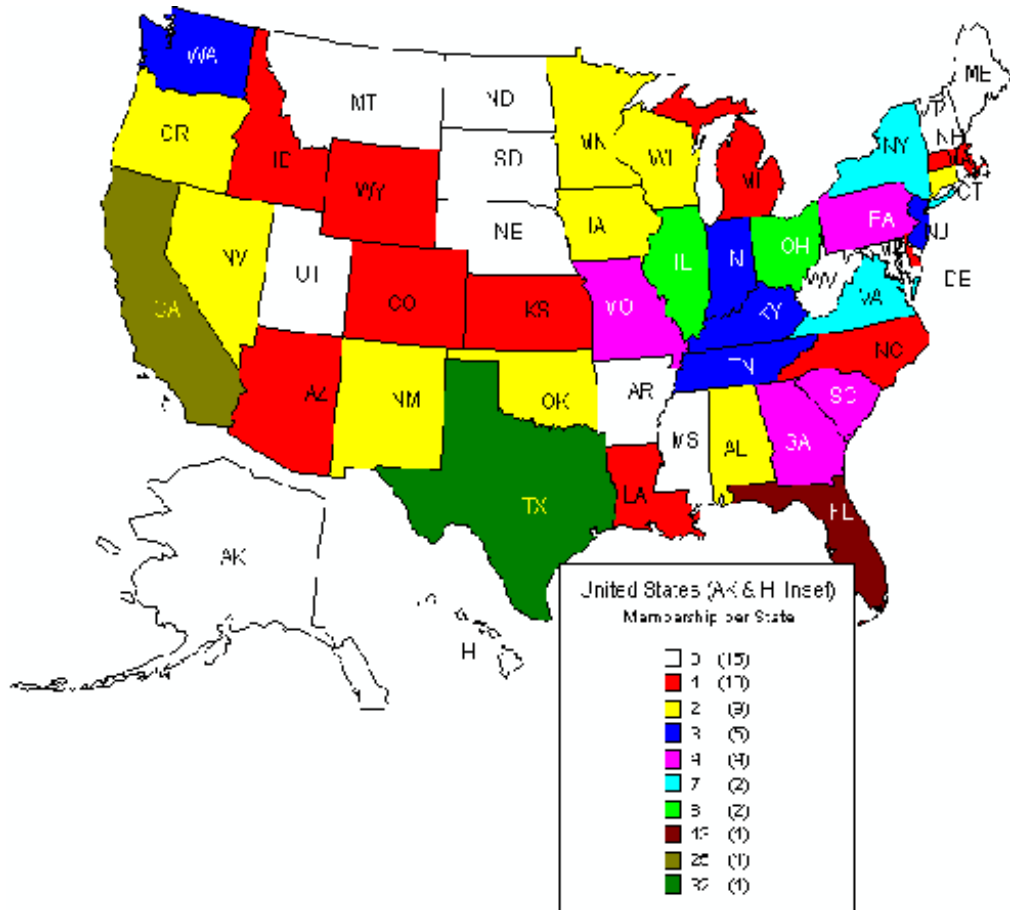
Argentina 2

Australia 6

Brazil 1

Egypt 1

The Order In the USA



The Joys of Christian Counseling



Submitted By:
Rev. Dr. Dayna M. Seigel, DCStI

I would like to say that I am very happy to be part of this great ministry. I recently received my Masters & Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling Degrees from Andersonville Theological Seminary. It was one of the greatest experiences I've had in a long time. Christian Counseling is a big part of any ministry. I chose Counseling because I enjoy helping people. The training does not really matter. It is what is inside of you that does.

If you have the patience to listen to someone, then I feel that you could minister to that person. I would say that most people today have some kind of problem that they want to discuss. Some find it hard to express their feelings because they are either ashamed or embarrassed. I have been helping people and they seem to feel better after they discuss their problem and/or problems. I feel that every minister has

some kind of gift or talent that he or she could use to help someone with their problem. The training just gives you better knowledge of what "therapy" is all about.

I am always available if you need me. I can be reached at:dayna_50songbird@hotmail.com. God Bless to all!

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The second factor was the use of titles in the Order. Being British and familiar with the various Orders of Chivalry stemming from the Crown, we felt uncomfortable with the idea of using the prefix "Sir" or "His Excellency" as used by some other independent Orders. From our experience we knew that certain individuals cared more for the pursuit of titles than for the chivalric principles they were meant to follow.

Therefore, the only differentiation between members of the Order of St. Isidore is in their post nominal letters. (However, if a member is also a member of another Order that does use "Sir" or "Chevalier" as a prefix, then the usage is down to the individual.)

Having worked out the general principles of the Order, we then

needed a name. Very early on we hit upon St Isidore of Seville as an idea candidate as the Orders patron. The word Virtual was substituted for the word internet and the Virtual Order of St. Isidore of Seville was born. However, it was not until mid 2000 that the Order had anything close to a website worthy of the name. The first internet applications were received in July 2002.

By the end of the year membership stood around 20. During 2001 the Order expanded around 170 with the Order reaching the 300 mark in February this year. The Order has members in 27 countries from around the globe, representing all the major denominations and many non-denominational churches.

I hope that the Order will continue to be a vehicle for Christian unity and that the newsletter will help bond the members of the Order together.

Pax Christi
Stephen Plowman



Officers of the Order:

Grand Magistry:

Grand Master	Vacant
Governor-General & <i>Grand Commander</i>	E Russell-Brown KCCStI KCTJ
Chancellor	S Plowman KCCStI KCTJ
Chaplain-General	Rt Rev Robert A Crutchfield DD ChGCStI
Vice Chaplain-General	Rt Rev Bruce Campbell ChGCStI

Grand Council:

- Magisterial Delegate for the USA, Province 1: Rev. Joseph McCracken ChGOSTI
- Magisterial Delegate for the USA, Province 2: Rt. Rev. Kyrill Esposito ChGOSTI
- Magisterial Delegate for the USA, Province 3: Rev. Susan Phillips ChGOSTI
- Magisterial Delegate for the USA, Province 4: Rev. Gary Zanow, ChGOSTI
- Magisterial Delegate for the United Kingdom: Rt Rev Michael Walsh ChGOSTI
- Principle Herald to the Order: Rev Richard McKenzie KCStI

National Appointments:

- State Chaplain for California
- State Lieutenant for California

US Province 1

- Rev Dr David Gullede ChCStI
- Mr William Branca KCStI

National Appointments:

- State Chaplain for Texas
- State Lieutenant for Texas
- State Chaplain for Illinois
- State Chaplain for Missouri

US Province 2

- Rev William W. Joslin ChCStI
- Dr William B Brendal MD FAAP KCStI
- Rev Fr John Paul Wadlin ChCStI

National Appointments:

- State Chaplain for Florida
- State Chaplain for Virginia
- State Chaplain for Georgia
- State Chaplain for Kentucky
- State Chaplain for South Carolina
- State Chaplain for Indiana

US Province 3

- Rev Harry A Smith DD ChCStI
- Rt Rev John P Johnson DD ChCStI
- Rev Robert J Kaschalk-Kaase ChCStI
- Vacant
- Rev Dr Jennifer Morgan ChCStI
- To be appointed

National Appointments:

State Chaplain for New Jersey

State Chaplain for New York

State Chaplain for Ohio

State Chaplain for Pennsylvania

US Province 4

Rev Alan Panek ChCStI

Most Rev Peter Paul Brennan ChCStI

Vacant

Rev Ernest Ross ChCStI

National Appointments:

State Chaplain for the Province of Alberta

State Chaplain for the Province of British Columbia

Canada

Rev Juergen W. Knauert ChCStI

Rev Donald J Burtch ChCStI

National Appointments:

State Chaplain for South West England

State Chaplain for South East England

State Lieutenant for South East England

State Chaplain for North East England

State Chaplain for The East Midlands of England

United Kingdom

Rev Michael Sheppard ChCStI

Rt Rev Chev Alan Munday ChCStI

Mr R Hurley KCStI

Vacant

Rev Anthony T Bowers ChCStI

National Appointments:

State Chaplain for Hungary

State Chaplain for Sweden

Europe

Dr Gabor Kovacs ChCStI

Rev Stefan Pieksma ChCStI

Congregational Appointments:

Congregational Chaplain for the First International Church of the Web

Congregational Chaplain for the International Anglican Communion

Rev David Ford DD ChCStI OMStI (I)

Most Rev Jody P Butt DD ChCStI BSc MA DMin

Member Spotlight

The Good Works of The Order of St.
Isidore of Seville in the Physical World



Submitted By Investigative Reporter:
Kenneth Wayne Cobb, KCStI

We thought it would be a good idea to Spotlight members of the Order, so in this first edition of our newsletter we decided our first member would be the Chancellor Sephen Plowman.

I was born in September 1959, in Portsmouth, Hampshire. My father was serving in the Royal Air Force as a pilot. The first eight or so years of my life were spent moving around the UK with the RAF. In 1968 we moved to Hampshire when my father left the RAF to join BEA, a forerunner of British Airways. From the age of 8 to 16 I went to boarding school and then attended the Sixth form College in Basingstoke until 18.

In 1978 I joined the Royal Navy as a Midshipman and left in 1981 as a Sub-Lieutenant. Whilst I loved Navy life I did not feel cut out to be a Supply Officer. I switched uniforms when I joined the territorial Army as an infantry officer. At the end of 1981 I started to work in the City of London for an Aviation Insurance Broker dealing with Lloyd's of London. I remained in Lloyd's market until 2001 when I took redundancy. I now work from home for a local company as a "number cruncher".

I cannot any sudden revelation to be a Christian. I was baptized on my first birthday and was confirmed in 1975 at my own insistence—my parents are agnostic. I never lost my faith, I was just a "lazy" Christian during my twenties. Most of my weekends were tied up with the Territorial Army and any free weekends were spent catching up on sleep. I met Katie in May 1990, we were engaged in July and married in January 1991. Katie was an active Christian and so she sparked off my active participation again. We have three children, Frances 11, Kit (Christopher) 10 and Sandy (Alexander) 5.

A couple of useless facts: I helped set an "unofficial" world record for indoor free space abseiling, when 17 others and I abseiled down the atrium of Lloyd's of London in May 1991. I was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1994.