

The Most Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose ® and The Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel~Dagger Sub Rosa ®

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Prayer of the US
Grand Priory

SUMMER 2014 INVESTITURE REPORT

Lord, take me where you want me to go, let me meet who you want me to meet, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way ~ Amen. Fr. Mychal Judge



During the course of this past year The Most Honorable Christian Knights of the Rose ® and The Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel~Dagger Sub Rosa ® have contributed greatly to our communities and to charitable causes.

2014 Fraternal Activities

During the calendar year of 2014 our membership contributed more than **80 hours** for visits of individuals in nursing homes, hospitals and caring of the sick. Members made bereaved (visits of condolence) in the amount of **100 hours**. Members have traveled over **8,000 miles** to provide volunteer services and support. Members **volunteered** services to churches in excess of **1500 hours**, more than **1100 hours** to community related activities, and over **900 hours** to other community related enhancement events.

Our membership **donated** in excess of **\$30,000** to charitable and benevolent causes.

Fraternal hours within the Order was in excess of **400 hours**.

And finally, over the course of the past year our membership has **volunteered** more than **300 hours** of fraternal service to sick and disabled members families.

Our Spiritual Experience

Reflection by

Grand Prior

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As I ponder about this year's investiture, I have had the blessed opportunity to speak to many of our past postulants and inquire as to how they felt about the investiture and what it meant to them. Everyone shared with me that the vigil and the investiture ceremonies were a unique spiritual experience unto them, yet intertwined with many commonalities. Everyone felt as though the glue that cemented their experience included the reading of the tenants in silent reflection following the vigil, the rich history of the ceremonial rights of both Orders, a shared belief of Christian values, a code of ethics, and a spirit of service. I find that with each investiture that passes it provides us with a great opportunity for renewing our spiritual experience and reflecting on what it is that has drawn us to serve the Order and represent the Order. As proud members of both of our historical Orders, we should continue to hold each other accountable to the tenants of the Order and to inspire each other with opportunities to grow and opportunities to serve. We are all responsible for the welfare of the Order. The "power of one" can generate great change and influence. We are all responsible for being that "one". Imagine when all the "one's" come together, what legacy will that collective energy provide us? Hold steady to our course and like magnets, we will draw the synergy of the group to continue to provide good deeds of service. God Bless and God Speed.



Reflection From Our Assistant Grand Prioress, Rhonda Knox

As the 2014 Investiture for our 6 postulants draws near, I find my mind drifting back 9 years to my first event with the Knights of the Rose. It was September, it was the Feast of St. Michael, and it was at the Mission Orchard House next door to the Carmel Mission. The night was nothing short of magical; our hosts, Sir Richard and Sir Lewis were so warm and gracious, the Feast was unbelievably delicious, and the people I met there would soon become my brothers and sisters. This would be the first of many special times at the Mission Orchard House and, although we are no longer able to hold events there, times spent at this wonderful place will always remain among my most treasured memories. Having this year's Investiture for the first time at the Carmel Mission holds deep meaning for me; it's like we've come full circle--back to where it all began on that very special night 9 years ago. I hope that the Investiture will prove to be just as meaningful to our new postulants as they begin their journey with the Knights of the Rose.

Over the years with the Knights of the Rose, I have watched as we have gained new members and have

sadly lost old members, but the ones that remain are loyal and dedicated to seeing this Order accomplish its missions and goals. I believe we have grown and matured as an organization and are becoming stronger with each passing year. Some of our new members bring an eagerness and motivation to move us forward with new ideas strong energy. We have always remain focused on our mission of service and charity but we are now, more than ever, accomplishing these goals. We have been doing a large annual fundraiser for the past several years and have been very successful in these efforts. We continue with our granting of scholarships each year and are able to do many small donations to worthy causes. In addition, many of our members do their own, private, donations in the name of the Order like the monthly food donation to the Carmelite Nuns. I am so very proud of this Order and honored to be a member of it--I can't wait to see what the future holds for us!

Rhonda Knox KGC, DSR, OStMAA



Reflection From Constable, Adam Coughran

A Time of Reflection and Rejuvenation

As our annual investiture arrives, it is a time of celebration, reverence, reflection, and rejuvenation. Our history has shown the time period in the months leading up to Investiture has been one fraught with trial, tribulation, hardship, and despair. In the search for peace and understanding in such times, we often ask the question, "Why?" Why me? Why now? Why this? In my own search of understanding and guidance in such times, I took a moment to step back and reflect on what makes a Knight or Dame. What makes us different from everyone else?

I looked to the Knight's Codex for answers. Loyalty, respect, courage, justice, largesse, prowess, integrity, nobility, faith, humility, franchise... while many display some of these traits, and other strive to achieve them, we as Knights and Dames are called upon to possess each and every one of them. While none of us are perfect in every facet of Knighthood, what sets us apart is the ability to have all

these traits and characteristics inherent in all of us. This is what makes us just that much stronger, just that much more resilient, and just that much more courageous in the face of adversity.

And thus, turning back to the original question of, "Why?" I found my answer in asking, "Why not?" Knights and Dames throughout history have been called upon to be the keepers of the kingdom, to do right, and to shoulder the burden of responsibility when others could not. So why not a Knight or Dame who, by their very nature, can withstand and withhold the evils of the world to push through to a brighter tomorrow. As we now move into the Investiture, we have pushed through to that brighter tomorrow by welcoming the new postulants. The rejuvenation of spirit of the Order, a celebration of the "rights" of the world rather than dwelling on the "wrongs," and a cleansing of our armor to go forth and continue to serve those who need our help so much.

Adam B. Coughran KCR, DSR,

OStMAA



Bobby Clinton Memorial Scholarship Fund



Through the generosity of Gloria Clinton, on an annual basis, we provide scholarships to graduates from various academies.

In past years the applicants have been from Police and from Fire Academies.

Each year we award two Academy Scholarships.

Reno PD K-9 Follow-up



Over the course of 2013 and 2014 we committed ourselves to assist with the Reno Police Department K-9 fund raiser project. As a result we donated **over \$7000.00** which allowed the K-9 unit to self fund and purchase **temperature warning devices for each K-9 unit, remote release devices and remote window control devices for each K-9 unit.**

Benevolent Causes

The Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose ® and the Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel ® continue to remain in service to our communities locally and at large.

The Order donates produce on a Monthly basis to the Carmelite Monastery. Approximately 16 to 17 cases of produce are donated each month which equals approximately 200 cases per year. If you look at the wholesale cost alone it averages approximately \$1500.00 per month in donations.

This is just one of the many examples of what our membership is capable of doing and continues to do in varies Chapters and Commandries within the United States Grand Priory.

**Every Act of
love is a work
of peace no
matter how
small.**



Reflection From Assistant Grand Prior Carl Faria

Dear friends;

This year is slipping by so fast and I believe we need to periodically pause and check our personal balance. Some of us have had a normal, hectic challenging year. Some have had horrific family tragedies. Some have had a year of joy and happy family times. In all of these moments from where has our strength and support come? Was God there in the pain and joy? Did you call on friends to walk with you? One gift the Order can offer to all is to walk with you in you life's journey--and pray for you. Thank you all for being part of such marvelous companions for each other. Let us give God thanks and walk the rest of the year with gratitude know He had chosen us to BE

servants of His love.

Carl



Reflection From Our Grand Master, Brent Spencer

Greetings to you in the name of Christ our Saviour ! It is my great pleasure and honour to be able, once again, to extend a hearty welcome to new knights and ladies to our fledgling order. We have passed the milestone of being over ten years old now, which is a notable mark in our history. When we first began some questioned our validity as newcomers to the chivalry community. I can proudly say that, because we have stayed the course in what we stand for, others now seek to belong to us or be recognized by us to validate their own identities. We can directly attribute that to the fact that for any and all measure of blessings we enjoy that we give the honour and glory to Jesus Christ. As long as we maintain this standard He will bless our efforts.

There is something very special in being able to cloak ourselves in the mantle of chivalry and stand up in our daily walk as knights and ladies in the Lord's service. It's an internal factor – something that the heart connects to, something that binds our soul and spirit to standards that call upon us to live according to a code of honour. It is for that reason that we call our primary symbol, the rose sent on a Maltese cross, the "Cross of Honour". The four arms of the cross stand for Honour, Valour, Courage, and Compassion – which are the foundations of our service to others in God's name. Our motto, Armis Sub Rosa, means Chivalry Under the Rose – and by that we strive to set a standard of excellence for others to live up to and strive to maintain the canon of chivalry as a lifestyle of choice.

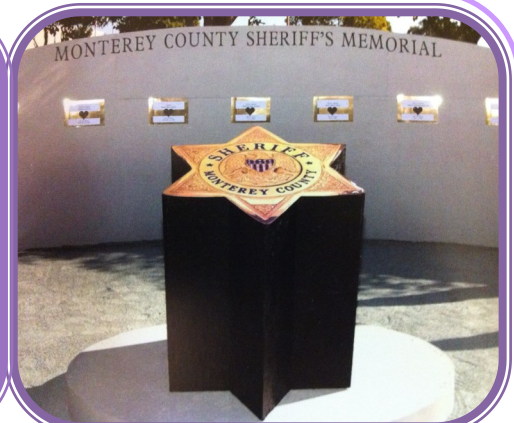
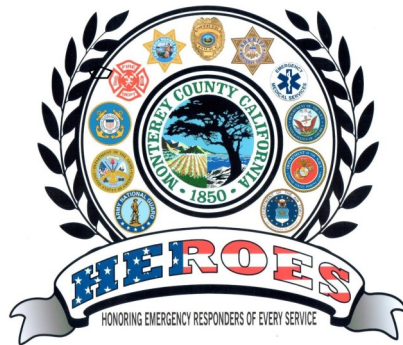
Welcome to the Order of Christian Knights of the Rose, also known as the Christian Order of the Rose. Our mandates include preserving and promoting the code of chivalry and the history of knighthood, assisting those in need, especially our Christian brethren if they are being persecuted for their faith, providing assistance one to another as we are able, and honouring Christ in compassionate service. Choose to embrace what we stand for and to enjoy membership as a mutual blessing – that we might bless your lives and be blessed in return by your membership and companionship.

In Christ and chivalry,

HE Brent R Spencer, Count of St Mark
By God's Grace, Grand Master, Knights of the Rose



Benevolent Causes Continued:



The Honorable Order of Christian Knights of the Rose and the Most Honorable Order of Knights of Saint Michael the Archangel made additional donations to the following causes this year: **\$1000.00** toward the **Monterey County Sheriff's Memorial project**. The Order sponsored an Edged Weapons Self-Defense class, that was very successful in raising more than **\$1100.00** for the 3-hour class with funds to be donated to the **Monterey County HEROES project** which stands for **Honoring Emergency Responders Of Every Service in Monterey County**.

