



# The Quill

Newsletter of the American Commandery, Order of Saint Joachim

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Grand Master *H.E. The Chevalier* Stephen Lautens GCJ toasts the American Commandery for the execution of their second Investiture.

## San Antonio Investiture, September 15, 2018

Mission Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña

**“It was a superior event and I applaud all who contributed with their hard work which made it a success. My best congratulations to the Knight Expectants, Knights and newly promoted Knight Commanders; well deserved! I look forward to the other events to come, both small and large, and sharing the joyful friendships newly made and renewed. Junxit Amicus Amor.” *H.E. Lieutenant Colonel The Chevalier* Martin von Grossmann, GCJ**

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Story by Major *The Chevalier* Michael Edward Belcher KJ



# Commanders' Greeting



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We have an exciting year ahead followed by our next Investiture Ceremony scheduled for 2020.

**I wish you and your families the best this year, and pray for the continued strength and support of our Order's American Commandery.**

DEO, PRINCIPI, LEGI

H.E. Lt. Col (ret.) *The Chevalier* Martin von Grossmann GCJ

Commander - American Commandery  
The Order of Saint Joachim

## American Commandery unveils the new flag

In November 2018, Commander von Grossmann was pleased to announce that American Commandery's Flag had been produced and would soon be available for purchase. The American Commandery's flag features elements that appeared in our nation's earliest flags\*. Outside of the canton, the remaining flag is green (The color of The Order) and contains elements of the Arms of The Order - Argents, a cross pattee verty and the Crown of the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

\*On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution which stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.





## Dues and Oblations:

My Dear Confreres and Consours

Spring and the change to Daylight Savings Time is upon us. And with the hints foreshadowing the transitions of our seasons, we ask you turn your attention to the annual Oblations to Grand Chapter and to the dues of the American Commandery.

As you are undoubtedly aware, Grand Chapter oblations are the yearly cost for membership in The Order. These oblations benefit us all as part are retained by Grand Chapter for operational costs (which is worth restating are very small indeed, compared to other nonprofit organizations) and part are shared with the Commanderies based on proportional representation in membership. Oblations are due by March 31 each year. The amount is GBP50 and can be paid by personal check or electronically with [PayPal](#) (the account is under [INFO.OSJ.US@Gmail.com](mailto:INFO.OSJ.US@Gmail.com) and please add a 5% processing fee).

Commandery dues are due by June 20 each year. Commandery dues are used for seed resources for events such as our meet and greets, biannual Investitures, Commandery initiatives and other activities.



Please remember that as with Grand Chapter, the American Commandery does not pay its executives – all contribute their time and endeavors at no cost to the organization. Therefore, all portions of Grand Chapter oblations and Commandery dues are used to support and promote our goals and activities.

BOTH oblations and Commandery dues MUST be paid to the American Commandery. In turn, the Commandery will submit the appropriate portion of your oblations to Grand Chapter, while retain a portion for use by the American Commandery. The benefit for following this procedure is that the portion of your oblations retained by the American Commandery, along with 100% of your Commandery dues, are tax-deductible.

### Section 6 of our Order's Constitution states:

**Its's that time of year!**

OBLATIONS, FEES & FINES 1) Petitioners (Expectants) to the Order shall pay an oblation to Grand Chapter as may be determined and published from time to time. This should be paid on application and will be refunded if, for any reason, the application is not successful. 2) Promotions from Expectant to Knight/Dame shall pay a further oblation in the amount set out in the Order's regulations, such oblation to include the cost of the basic insignia of the rank of Knight/Dame. The oblation will be paid before the nominees shall be approved and should approval not be given, the oblation will be returned to the member. 3) Promotions from Knight/Dame to Knight/Dame Commander or Knight/Dame Commander to Knight/Dame Grand Commander shall pay a further oblation to Grand Chapter in the amount set out in the Order's regulations. The oblation will be paid before the nominees shall be approved and should approval not be given, the oblation will be returned to the member. 4) The amounts of each oblation and passage fee shall be determined and published annually, if changed, by Grand Chapter. 5) There shall be, in addition to the oblations due for entry or promotion, an annual oblation. The annual oblation shall be decided each year and published by Grand Chapter. 6) Annual fees will become due each year on the commencement of the financial year (March 31st), and will be charged to members in advance on the due date. 7) Any member joining after September 30th in any year may be excused the annual oblation on the following March 31st. 8) Any member not paying the required oblation on request shall have committed a dishonourable act and may be fined and the act noted on the member's record. Any member who has not paid any due fee and/or fine after six months may be expunged from The Order at the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor and by the will of the Grand Master. 9) Any act of dishonour, negligence or omission by a member, at the order of the Grand Military Knight, may have a fine levied in an amount determined and published from time by Grand Chapter. 10) In the case of financial hardship brought to its attention by a member, Grand Chapter may waive, reduce or defer any entrance, passage or annual fee.

## A few words from the Editor



Big things are on the horizon for the American Commandery of The Order of Saint Joachim, and one of those is the redevelopment of our order's newsletter. I am honored to come aboard as editor-in-chief of the newsletter at such a wonderful time in our Commandery, and look forward to working with and meeting you all. If you have any ideas, or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered in upcoming issues, please send them to [me](#) with pictures if you have them. We will do our best to make sure we are getting you the best newsletter we can. In the meantime I hope you enjoy the new and evolving look. Again, thank you very much, I aspire to serve you well, and I hope to see you all soon.

## Biography: Lt. *The Chevalier* Frank S. Hooton KJ

Chevalier Hooton is currently serving in the Texas Military Department as a member of the Texas State Guard attached to the Texas Rangers. He comes from a background of media and military having worked in the news business and owned an FM radio station and small media group prior to working for a military publisher and now serving in a title 32 position on State Active duty. Along the way, he helped found the Texas Maritime Regiment's Dive Search, Rescue and Recovery program as a dive officer (and is a plank owner); specializing in low to no visibility, "black water" condition, dive rescue and recovery. He is also a published cyber security researcher, a Kentucky Colonel, a Texas Navy Admiral (honorary), a Naval Order of the United States companion, a Texas Homeland Defense Medal recipient, an Order of Saint Maurice awardee, and accomplished sportsman with many titles to his credit. Lastly, Confrere Hooton is a devoted family man with 2 wonderful children and a wife of 24 years.

\*The Texas State Guard is an equal partner and one of the three branches of the Texas military department comprised of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard.



**Now  
available!**



### The American Commandery Medal

The two-tone gold medal, available as a miniature only, is a likeness of President George Washington in profile with a small enamel Order of Saint Joachim cross superimposed and "American Commandery - The Order of Saint Joachim" on the edge. The ribbon is dark blue with white stars.

### The *Washington* Medal \$60

The Washington Medal is available to all members at \$60.00. You can mail a check to the American Commandery-Order of St. Joachim to the following address: Martin von Grossmann, Order of St. Joachim, P.O. Box 789, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. Also, you can pay thru [PayPal](#).



# The Order of Saint Joachim American Commandery San Antonio Investiture 2018: a grand affair!



The Order of Saint Joachim, American Commandery, held its second Investiture in the City of San Antonio, Texas, on September 15, 2018. This historic city, celebrating its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, dates back to its establishment in 1718 by Spanish explorers and missionaries as the “Villa de Bejar”. The city is most famous for the Misión San Antonio de Valero, commonly called The Alamo, a site where the fight for Texas Independence began. The city was an excellent backdrop for the 2018 investiture.

Participants of the Investiture weekend gathered at the historic Menger Hotel located in Alamo Plaza on Friday night for the welcome reception in the Menger Bar.



The Menger Hotel opened in 1859, and is the oldest continuously operated hotel west of the Mississippi river.



The hotel holds the unofficial title of "The Most Haunted Hotel in Texas," claiming to host 38 different spirits within its confines. It has also been recognized by the state of Texas and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The Menger Bar was built in 1887, as an exact replica of London’s House of Lords Pub. It features a paneled ceiling of dark cherry wood, beveled mirrors from France, and the original brass spittoons provided for the convenience of its early customers.



## Lead up to Investiture continued

Once the site of more cattle deals than any place else in Texas, the Menger Bar has been voted one of the [Top 10 Most Historic Bars in the United States](#). Of further note, Teddy Roosevelt entertained his Rough Riders at the bar when they weren't training to fight the Spanish-American War.

After the "meet and greet" everyone dispersed into groups to enjoy an evening along San Antonio's Paseo de Río, the River Walk, seeking Tex-Mex cuisine, Margaritas and sources of further entertainment.



A threat of rainy weather on Saturday morning, made a quick change of plans moving the group from a largely outdoor tour of the Alamo to an indoor tour of the Spanish Governor's Palace.



## A visit to the Spanish Governor's Palace Historical Landmark

The Spanish Governor's Palace, a National Historic Landmark, represents the last visual remnants of the [Presidio San Antonio de Béjar](#). It was the original comandancia (residence and working office) for the captains of the military garrison from 1722 until the early 1800s.



The Governor's Palace is one of the best-preserved Spanish buildings in the city. The building still has the coat-of-arms of Spanish King Ferdinand VI, and was originally built so that the Spanish empire could protect the nearby Alamo and their growing colonies in the area. Today it houses a museum. The participants enjoyed a wonderful visit to this historic icon of San Antonio and Spanish Colonial Texas history.

Following our visit, we had lunch at the famous [Buckhorn Hall of Horns Café](#).



## Lead up to Investiture continued

For over 131 years, The Buckhorn Saloon has been known as a gathering place for good conversation, great food and spectacular wildlife exhibits. Today, the saloon houses a Café, Gift Shop, Shooting Gallery and two museums, the Buckhorn Museum and the Texas Ranger Museum.



# The Investiture



The Investiture ceremony was held on Saturday afternoon at the [Misión Nuestra Señora de la Purísima Concepción de Acuña](#). The mission was originally established in East Texas in 1716, a location that was authorized by the Spanish government to serve as a buffer against the threat of French incursion into Spanish territory from Louisiana. It was moved to its present site in 1731.

The handsome stone church took over 20 years to complete, and was dedicated in 1755. In fact, it was primarily selected for the Investiture ceremony due to the dedication date coinciding with the date of the establishment of the Order of Saint Joachim.

In 1835 Mission Concepción was the site of the [Battle of Concepción](#), in which Texas revolutionaries under James Bowie defeated Mexican troops; some of the buildings were damaged during the fight.

The church is the oldest unrestored church in the United States, and is considered a perfect example of Spanish Colonial architecture. To build it, master builders were recruited from Mexico. The native residents provided manual labor, and some were trained as artisans. The walls are 45 inches thick, faced with solid stone and filled with stone rubble. The church was once brightly painted. Colorful frescoes can still be seen on some of the interior walls.





# Commencement



The ceremony began with the processional commencement down the nave of the church from the front entrance, of all the members of The Order. This was enhanced by the church choir singing a selection of music influenced by the national and international Commanderies in attendance. An Honor Guard of Revolutionary War soldiers from the [San Antonio Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution](#) carried the flags of the United States and Texas.



American Commandery Prior *His Grace* Archbishop William Myers, KCJ gave the blessings



The admission of new members, elevations and promotions into our Ancient and Illustrious Order followed the blessing.







The Grand Master and American Commander welcomed the following new *Knights Expectant*: Mr. Omar Cisneros, Mr. George Hindson, Lt. Frank Hooton, and Mr. George Shott.



Additionally, a number of *Chevaliers* who had not been able to attend previous Investitures received the formal accolade of Knighthood, including *Chevaliers* Michael Belcher KJ, Robert Cooper KJ, Cole Gallup KJ, Sigmund Reckline KJ, and Lane Redwine KJ.



## Promotions to Knight Commander

Grand Chapter and American Commandery then recognized the contributions of *Chevalier* Heriberto Rivera as Registrar of the Commandery and *Chevalier* Mark Smyczynski as the Commandery's Military Knight with their promotions to the rank of Knight Commander.

The Grand Master returned the convocation over to the care of The American Commander, Martin von Grossmann, GCJ.



The American Commander presented a plaque from The Order to Ms. Candie Beltran of Mission Concepción, in appreciation from the Equestrian, Secular, and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim for hosting the 2018 American Commandery Ceremony of Investiture.



# The Archbishop gave the closing blessing



**“As we go forth from this Convocation and into His world, let us never forget our sacred oath to His Law on Earth; to Justice; to Mercy; to Charity; to the honour of the Order and our Brethren and Sisters in need. Make us worthy of your divine providence, and direct our actions for the benefit of mankind.”**

With the honor guard leading the recessional retreat, and the church choir singing, The Order members and guests departed the Investiture Ceremony.

A period of photography then ensued, after which everyone left the church and returned to the Menger Hotel to prepare for the evening Gala Reception and Dinner festivities.

Commander von Grossmann then closed the convocation with the ancient words:

**“Love and Peace be with us!”**

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American Commandery's executives (L to R) Military Knight, Col.(ret.) *The Chevalier* Mark Smyczynski KCJ; Prior, *His Grace* Archbishop *The Chevalier* William Myers, KCJ; Commander, *HE* Lt.Col. (ret.) *The Chevalier* Martin von Grossmann GCJ; Chancellor, *The Chevalier* Antonio Wendland KCJ; and, Registrar, *The Chevalier* Heriberto Rivera KCJ.



American Commandery's executives with *H.E. The Chevalier* Wolfgang Manz, USA Commander of the [Order of Cordon Bleu du Saint Esprit](#), and our Grand Master, *H.E. The Chevalier* Stephen Lautens, GCJ.





## Gala Reception and Dinner: outstanding fellowship for all!



The reception and dinner were held in the Renaissance room of the Menger Hotel, a wonderful room of Victorian decor with a grand fireplace and an outside balcony overlooking the Alamo Plaza.



Traditional round of toasts

Following an open bar reception and fellowship, an honor guard from the [Order de Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez](#) carried in the flags of the United States and Texas with a fife and drum accompaniment.



They made a brief presentation about their organization that celebrates the history of [General Bernardo de Galvez](#) and his contribution to the American Revolution.

A welcome and Introductions were given by American Commander, *H.E. Let. Col. (ret.) The Chevalier Martin von Grossmann, GCJ*, followed by a convocation and blessing given by *His Grace Archbishop The Chevalier William Myers, KCJ*.



The evening dinner began with a traditional round of toasts that were proposed with Fonseca 20-year old Tawny Port. Following the toasts a delightful meal was served with choice of Chicken Acapulco served with Guacamole, Tomato and Jack Cheese; Tri-color Tortilla Crusted Red Snapper with Mango Sauce; or Cheese Enchiladas served with Tomatillo Sauce. All served with Ensalada Mixta and Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie.





## Proclamation from the City of San Antonio



It was noted by Commander von Grossman, that the Mayor of the City of San Antonio, [Ron Nirenberg](#), issued a Proclamation officially declaring our Investiture weekend “American Commandery of the Order of Saint Joachim Days.” The ceremonial certificate was read and then displayed for those in attendance to see.

Commander von Grossmann gave an Introduction for and raised a toast to our Grand Master, *H.E. The Chevalier* Stephen Lautens, GCJ. The Grand Master then spoke about our Order, the development of the Order’s American Commandery, and applauded our 2018 Investiture.



Also in attendance was *H.E. The Chevalier* Wolfgang Manz, USA Commander of the Order of the Cordon Bleu du Saint Esprit, who made a special presentation of fraternal friendship to both the American Commander, *H.E. Lt. Col. (ret.) The Chevalier* Martin von Grossmann, GCJ and The Grand Master.

As the dinner drew to close the smoking lamp was lit for those that were so inclined to go out onto the covered balcony and enjoy the light evening rain and sounds of the city, including horse drawn carriages ushering folks to parts unknown, and to contemplate the activities of the day in further conversations.

Commander von Grossman and Commander Manz



## Investiture weekend comes to an end

On Sunday morning, an informal trip to [El Mercado Market Square](#) for brunch and curio shopping was offered for those with later scheduled departures. El Mercado is a three-block outdoor plaza lined with shops, and restaurants in downtown San Antonio and is the largest Mexican market in the United States, and also includes a Farmer's Market Plaza section.

Our Commander, *H.E. Lt. Col. (ret.) The Chevalier* Martin von Grossmann GCJ, his executive organizing team and our members in attendance are to be congratulated for a fine investiture weekend in San Antonio.



Commander H.E. Lieutenant Colonel *The Chevalier*, Martin von Grossmann, GCJ, with the Grand Master and Canadian Commander *HE The Chevalier* David Douglas GCJ the Order of Saint Joachim after our Investiture ceremony.

## Biography: *The Chevalier* Michael Edward Belcher KJ



**Major *The Chevalier* Michael Edward Belcher KJ** is a member of the Order of Saint Joachim, American Commandery. *The Chevalier* Belcher is a retired military veteran with 5 years of service in the Arizona Army National Guard, followed by 20 years of active federal service in the United States Army before retiring as a Major in the United States Army. The Chevalier Belcher has a Master of Arts degree in Archaeology from the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona; a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Regional Development, both from the University of Arizona. Additionally, he has an Associate of Arts degree in Architectural Construction Technology from Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, California. His military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the United Nations Mission in Haiti Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Campaign Stars, the Saudi Arabian Defense Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal with two Stars, and others. Following military retirement in 2002, The Chevalier Belcher served as a Professional Genealogist until retiring again in 2018. The Chevalier Belcher is an Eagle Scout and a 50+ year veteran of the Boy Scouts of America, having served in almost every leadership position from Unit up to Council level. The Chevalier Belcher is a Member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. He is married to Vicki Weidman Belcher and has two sons and a daughter.

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## The Order's Uniform

Since the 18th century members of The Order of Saint Joachim have appeared in uniform. At one time it was required to be worn by all members, but today it is optional. The Order has maintained the traditional uniform of 1802 with slight modifications for modern wear. The body of the uniform of the Order of Saint Joachim is a short jacket in scarlet with off-white lapels and lining.



*The Chevalier Juhani Hujanen KJ*

## The Order's Uniform follows tradition

The collar is rifle or dark green. The cut is similar to British regimental dress kit with the front open with a button and chain fastener and six buttons on the body. Buttons are gold bearing the arms of the Order. Epauettes are in silver with green crosses denoting rank. Trousers are black with appropriate rank stripe. The vest and shirt are in white and in plain or piqué material. Bow tie is in either white or black cotton or silk. Shoes are black. Female members of the Order may wear the uniform jacket as described above, with either trousers or black medium length skirt. While The Order does not supply our members with uniforms, it is pleased to inform those members interested that a supplier in Pakistan is producing them to order. An earlier supplier also produced a very inexpensive version, but the construction and material left something to be desired. The Order has worked with a new supplier to produce a lined jacket in better quality wool and early reports from purchaser have been positive. Note that any distance-ordered custom article of clothing may require individualized tailoring or alternation on receipt for the best fit.

**The uniform is available from:** JASON INDUSTRIES Attn: Mr. Majid Naeem Web: <http://www.jasonindus.com> Email: [info.jason.indus@gmail.com](mailto:info.jason.indus@gmail.com) Pricing details are: • Short jacket in scarlet with white lapels and lining and rifle green collar. Included are epauettes in silver: US \$260. • Full kit including black trousers with gold stripe and vest: US \$350. Customs duty may also be applicable. Detailed price, measurement and an ordering guide can be downloaded here: <https://www.stjoachimorder.org/uniform.htm>

To register for the Order go here:

[https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi\\_se\\_scyc\\_srch\\_stsr?q=order+of+saint+joachim&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8](https://smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_se_scyc_srch_stsr?q=order+of+saint+joachim&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8).

To donate part of your shopping to the Order you must purchase things by beginning on the page <http://smile.amazon.com>.

If you do this, a portion of your purchase (.5%) will go the Order's American Commandery at no cost to you!





# International Happenings



Chevalier Juhani Hujanen KJ with the Grand Master and Chevalier Tom Jones KCJ at this year's UK Investiture.

## OSJ has a new Scandinavian Sub-Commandery! "Queen Magrete 1"

Grand Chapter is pleased to announce the creation of a Sub-Commandery to service the Scandinavian countries - Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Looking towards growth in the area, several very active members of our Order living there requested the creation of a sub-commandery to facilitate social gatherings and attract new members.

Leading the Sub-Commandery will be Chevalier Juhani Hujanen KJ, who is well-known to our members attending international investitures, and is very active in a variety of chivalric and fraternal organizations.

They have requested that the Sub-Commandery be named after Queen Margrete I, an influential and unifying force in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Her political activities culminated in the founding of the Nordic Union in 1397, which had vital impact on the history of Scandinavia.

The Order of Saint Joachim has long had a historical connection to Scandinavia. At one point we were referred to as "the Swedish Order" because our energetic Vice Chancellor, Sir Levett Hanson GCJ, took up residence there and was a fixture of the Swedish court, conducting the Order's business from there. Having fled Napoleon's armies, in 1807 Hanson moved to Stockholm, and finally in 1811 to Copenhagen, where he died in 1814.

It is expected that the Scandinavian Sub-Commandery will evolve into a full-fledged Commandery when its membership has reached sufficient size.

- GM

## The Austrian-German Commandery "Leopold II" has set the 12th of October for its investiture



## Investiture will be at Schloss Rosenau in Austria!

The Austrian-German Commandery "Leopold II" has set the 12th of October for its investiture. It will take place at Schloss Rosenau in Austria. Schloss Rosenau is a small mansion in northern Austria, near the Czech border and halfway between Vienna and Linz. It has a dining room, a hotel (Relais & Chateau) and a chapel, where the investiture will take place. Arrangements for booking rooms are being made. During the 18th century Count Leopold Christoph von Schallenberg instituted a Masonic lodge in his castle in Rosenau, which is now a museum. Details and booking information will follow soon.



## UK Commandery holds successful Investiture in Portsmouth

The Investiture was held at the [John Pounds Unitarian Church](#). John Pounds (1766-1839) was a teacher and altruist born in Portsmouth, and the man most responsible for the creation of the concept of “Ragged schools”, which taught the poor and street children reading and writing and useful trades.



The Grand Master and the United Kingdom Commander welcomed into The Order our new **Knights Expectant**:

- Mr. Nwakasi Belisle-Nweke
- Flt Lt Nicholas B Hinchliffe MStJ, KStG
- Mr. Sebastian John Salt

### New Knights:

- Matthew Richard Hovious KJ
- Mikael M. Stjernberg KJ
- David Lilburn Watson KJ Our Commander of Austria-Germany,

HE The Chevalier Oswin Hochstätger, was also raised to the rank of a Knight Grand Commander.

Congratulations to our UK Commander, *HE The Chevalier* Trevor Haynes GCJ and Secretary *The Chevalier* Chris Godbold KCJ for another successful and enjoyable Investiture.

## Canadian Investiture and Gala coming soon!

### Save the Date!

*The Commander of Canada & The Ottawa Organising Committee cordially invites you and your guests to attend the annual Canadian Investiture and Gala celebrating the 264<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the founding of the Order Saint Joachim*



**May 31 and June 1, 2019  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA**

*Investiture Hotel - Le Germain Hotel, Ottawa*

*•Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> - 18:00 hrs. "Meet and Greet"  
"Reception and Dinner", TBA*

*•Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 hrs. Tour, TBA*

*•Saturday Afternoon - 16:00 hrs. "Investiture", St Alban's Church*

*•Saturday - 18:30 hrs. - "Reception and Gala Dinner",  
NDHQ WO's. and Sgts' Mess*

*•Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:00 hrs. Hotel "Farewell Breakfast"*

*A detailed venue with costs to follow in the New Year*



Do you have great Order of Saint Joachim news to share? Have an upcoming event you would like to cover in the next newsletter? Please send them to (with pics if you have them) to:

[frank.Hooton@txsg.state.tx.us](mailto:frank.Hooton@txsg.state.tx.us)

### Important Dates in 2019:

<b>March 31:</b>	<b>Oblations</b> to The Order are due to the American Commandery
<b>April 12:</b>	Charity Bourbon Tasting – Toronto, Canada
<b>April 13:</b>	Union Corps Saint Lazarus International – Knights of Honor Investiture, Kreuzenstein Castle, Leobendorf, Austria
<b>May 31-June1:</b>	Canadian Commandery Investiture – Ottawa, Canada
<b>June 20:</b>	Commandery Dues are due to the American Commandery
<b>Nov. 2-3:</b>	UK Commandery Investiture, Chatham, UK