



We bow down before your holy Cross,
O Lord, and we venerate your empty
tomb; because by your Death and
Resurrection from the dead
You have redeemed the world.



What Is Asked of Members

To become a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, one must:

- Be a practicing Catholic and at least 35 years of age
- Have been married in the Catholic Church (if married)
- Pledge an oath of allegiance to the Pope which is administered at the Investiture
- Purchase a cape and beret or mantilla
- Make an annual donation to the Holy Sepulchre (current requested amount is \$900 per person)
- Make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land during your lifetime
- Attend the annual Investiture rotated in the 4-state area of the Lieutenancy and participate in the Archdiocese of San Antonio Holy Sepulchre functions, including semi-annual Masses/ meetings, and funerals.

Additional information may be obtained from Archdiocese of San Antonio representatives of the Order:

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**EQUESTRIAN
ORDER**
of the
**HOLY SEPULCHRE
OF JERUSALEM**

Deus Lo Vult! God Wills It!



What Is the Purpose of the Order?

To strengthen in its members the practice of Christian life, in fidelity to the Supreme Pontiff and according to the teachings of the Church.

To sustain and aid the charitable, cultural and social works and institutions of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land, particularly those of the and in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, with which the Order maintains the traditional ties.

To support the preservation and propagation of the Faith in those lands.

To uphold the rights of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.

To pray for the Church in the Holy Land.

The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem date back to the First Crusade over 900 years ago when the Crusade's leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem.

A Papal Order today, the members dedicate themselves to personal sanctification, fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and support of the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

Knights and Ladies continue this tradition through prayer and pilgrimage, active involvement in their parish and diocese and a commitment of financial resources to support Catholic Institutions in the Holy Land.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem **is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.** The Universal Church has entrusted specifically our Order with the very special mission to work for the Church's survival and for its development in the Land of Christ.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is a major Catholic Order of Knighthood under the direct protection of the Holy See.



DEUS LO VULT

The Order provides 81% of the Latin Patriarchate's budget. The financial contributions by members of the Order are used throughout the Archdiocese of Jerusalem, which includes Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Jordan and Cyprus.

Examples of support:

- Parishes, churches and community centers
- Convents, seminaries and seminarians
- Clinics and hospitals
- Parish grade schools, high schools and Bethlehem University
- Humanitarian assistance for food and medical supplies

