



WHO ARE WE

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre traces its origins back to the liberation of Jerusalem in 1099 by Godfrey de Bouillon and his Crusaders. Whilst since then the Order has never completely disappeared, in common with the Holy Land it suffered many vicissitudes during the Middle Ages and beyond.

In the mid 1880s Pope Pius IX restored the jurisdiction of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem bestowing on him the responsibility of ruling and administering the Order and setting as the main task of the Order to provide financial and prayerful support for the works of the Patriarch. In 1888 Pope Leo XIII approved the entrance of women into the Order. In 1907 Pope Pius X reserved to himself the office of Grand Master of the Order. Popes Pius X, Benedict XV and Pius XI were all Grand Masters of the Order.

In 1949 Pius XII ruled that Grand Master of the Order shall be appointed directly by the Supreme Pontiff and shall be a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, and that the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem shall be the Grand Prior of the Order. From that time, Rome became the headquarters of the Order. In 1996 St. John Paul II elevated the Order to a Public Association of the Faithful in accordance with Canon Law.

Today there are 62 Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations, 31 in Europe, 17 in North America, 6 in South America, 7 in Australasia and the Far East and 1 in Africa and close to 30,000 active members of the Order.

INFORMATION ONLINE

- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/institutions_connected/oessh/index_en.htm
- <http://www.eohsjaustralia.org/>
- <http://en.lpj.org/>

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