



## AMERICAN DELEGATION OF SAVOY ORDERS

### TENTH ANNUAL ST. LAZARUS MASS AND DINNER REPORT



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Celebrating the 1500<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary of the Abbey of St. Maurice d'Agaune



*Members of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders at the Church of St. Joseph March 26, 2015*

**L'Abbaye de  
Saint-Maurice  
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On March 26, 2015, the Knights and Dames of the American Delegation of Savoy Orders of the Royal House of Savoy and their guests participated in the tenth annual St. Lazarus Mass at the University Church of St. Joseph, in Greenwich Village, New York City. The Mass commemorated the St. Lazarus Feast Day on March 27, the 1500<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Anniversary of the founding of the Abbey of Saint-Maurice d'Agaune and the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of the 16<sup>th</sup> Grand Master of the Order of Saints Maurice and Lazarus, His Majesty King Umberto II of Italy.



*HM King Umberto II*





Comm. Very Rev. John P. McGuire, OP, the Delegation Chaplain, hosted the Mass at his parish church. The principal celebrant was Cav. Rev. Msgr. Christopher Hynes. Concelebrants were Cav. Msgr. Joseph Ambrosio and Uff. Rev. Michael Lankford-Stokes. The Gospel reading was delivered by Uff. Rev. Michael Lankford-Stokes. Dama di Comm. Vivian Cardia and Dama Jolanta Fabicka brought forward the Offertory Gifts. Uff. Rev. John Rick III delivered a scriptural reading. Devotee of Merit Helyett Harris also assisted in the Mass.

The homily was given by Cav. Rev. Msgr. McNamara who based his homily on the last king of the House of York, King Richard III, and the last of the Plantagenet dynasty, beginning the reign of the Tudors. He pondered on the meaning of kingship in the temporal and spiritual realms, and affirmed the enduring legacy of kings and queens. Whether they are fallen monarchs, they always live in our memories, whether good or bad, and there is need for kings in the political, symbolic, and religious spheres.

Vice Delegate Comm. L'On. Pasquale Menna served as the Master of Ceremonies. Particular prayers were observed for the recent deaths of Delegation member His Eminence Cav. Gr. Cr. Timothy Cardinal Egan and for the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of the last King of Italy His Majesty Umberto II.

Cav. Avv. Richard Miller, who is also a tenor by professional training, sang a moving rendition of the "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert during the Mass. Cav. Gr. Cr. Avv. Carl Morelli thanked him and the congregation enthusiastically applauded him after the Mass for adding another aesthetic dimension to the proceedings. The Mass was followed by a convivial dinner nearby at Grano Trattoria Restaurant.





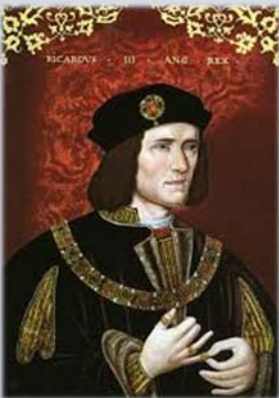




## HOMILY FOR MASS IN HONOR OF ST. LAZARUS ORDER OF SS MAURIZIO E LAZZARO

By Cav. Rev. Msgr. P. Vincent McNamara

Pastor Emeritus, Church of St. Gabriel, New Rochelle, New York



*in Leistershire, England. Now re-entered in a lead-lined wooden coffin the bones of King*

*A king was buried this week in England for the second time. After the first burial, four centuries ago he rose from the dead, but from obscurity. They had found his bones in a parking lot on the side of the demolished church of the Annunciation*

*Richard III, last of the Plantagenets stood silently in the nave of the great Cathedral of Leistershire. Thousands filed by - some to gawk to make the sign of the cross, to snap the cell phone cameras. Here lay a king, once mighty now toppled - but still a king of their people. And they came to view him. Was this Richard III, vanquished in the great struggle for the crown of England (the War of the Roses), worthy of the trappings of a second burial? Shakespeare in his play had him shouting "A horse, a horse my kingdom for a horse" as his enemies of the House of Tudor cut him down and bludgeoned him.*

*Scholars wondered if he had murdered his two young nephews, the royal princes - children of his brother in the tower of London. To this day debate about his worth goes on. But no more debate about his whereabouts from the forgotten bones lying in the parking lot to the quiet grandeur of a chapel in Leister Cathedral the monarch has come to life. Good or bad, victorious or vanquished, an anointed king*

*What a coincidence for we honorary members of the House of Savoy this royal burial of a fallen monarch and the similar fate of the monarchs of our Order. As the house of Plantangent fell and ruled no longer, so did the House of Savoy. But not the memory of either House! Kings, and those like them, who govern, retain the loyalty of their friends and suffer the lashes of their enemies; Kings do not slip away from memory. Yes, "The King is dead, long live the King!" But dead or alive, benevolent or cruel, they burrow into our memories. For we must have our "Kings" and be part of their deeds. Our lives intertwine!*



*Sunday of this week commences the procession of another King. In the solemn ceremony, we enact the trooping of His royal cortege into the City of Jerusalem, hearing the shouts of the multitude "Hosanna to the Son of David," another King. Rugs are thrown in his path; olive branches are stripped down and waved at him in greeting. The populace erupts in hope. The enraged leaders command quiet but even if they should be silent the King says, "The stones themselves will cry out"*

*This king, too, will go to His death and internment, cut down by royal and religious powers. No ruling dynasty will succeed Him. But yes, untold numbers will remember Him for centuries - not at His forgotten gravesite but at the altars where he presides - alive! Battle lines are forming these days in sundry places on the globe: Europe, Asia, the Middle East, over the show of the cross and its King.*

*A few years ago Italians denounced a move to remove all the crucifixes in school and court room walls. More recently, similar threats to the mounting of the cross on Chinese churches...in Islamic societies, few dare to show the cross publicly or even wear it around the neck. Even here at home, the cross must remain on the right side of the separation of church and state. Even our fellow citizens see it as a worthy symbol that must not intrude on freedom but of conscience. The cross that we reverently display and wear and mount on high, both attracts and repels. Just as its bearer, the King draws us to Himself, He also drives away all in rebellion. In this world, some Kings and rulers have led their subjects to a better kingdom. Others with evil hearts have claimed them and deserved to be called "Tyrant!"*

*But the King we greet this Sunday and the days thereafter threw Himself into the mortal combat of seizing the Evil one and driving him out - paying the price for it. And His conquest gave us a part in that victory. On Palm Sunday, we shall stand on the sidelines and watch the King*

*seated on the back of an ass stride into His city and His world.*

*Then a bit later we shall see Him again on the throne of His cross, identified by the inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." And all of us will quietly ask ourselves: "Is this the end of the King?" Will He hang down His head and die and be King no more? His cross shameful? Will He go to his tomb like Richard III and be sealed in for centuries? Forgotten? Or will he be re-discovered? Even if not buried in a tomb? No: kings and rulers do not languish forever in tombs! Nor does the King of Peace!*

*But when the Church gathers next week and ponders and reflects and wonders about His "going down" into the darkness of death ... at the same time we will see "Him" standing upright, the Light restored! Life returned! The victory won! The King a King once again!*



*Highlights of the St. Lazarus Dinner*





















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*By Dama di Comm. Larissa Van Duser*