

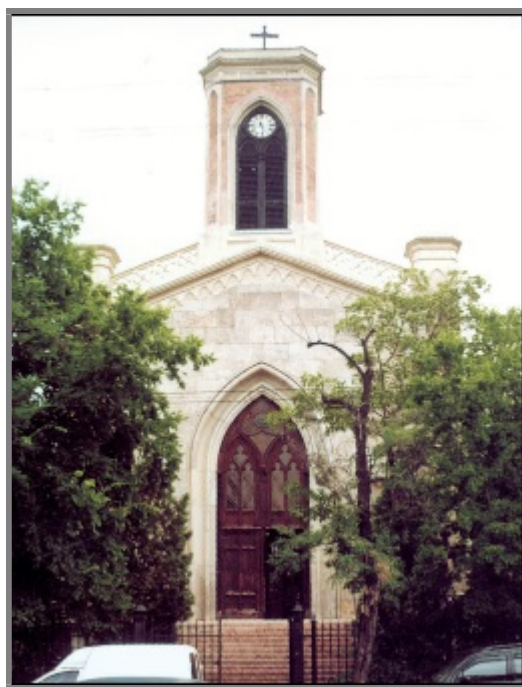
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of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem !***



Our website — with the exception of this page — is in Hungarian. If you wish to learn more about the Order as an international organization, there is a plenty of resources on the internet which you can find by clicking on the *Aktuális* header of the sidebar under the title *Linkek*. This English page, giving only a general overview of the Order in Hungary, presents only the essential data on the structure, history and activity of the Hungarian Lieutenancy.

Hungarian Lieutenancy

THE SPIRITUAL SEAT OF THE ORDER



The historic building of the Hermina Chapel (1146 Budapest, Hermina út 23.) is the spiritual seat of the Hungarian Lieutenancy of the Order, designated by His Eminence P ÉTER Cardinal E RDŐ , Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest, Primate of Hungary, in decree No. 76-5/2004, of 10 September 2004.

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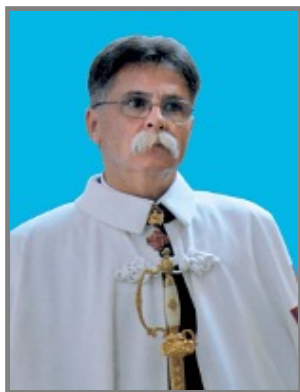
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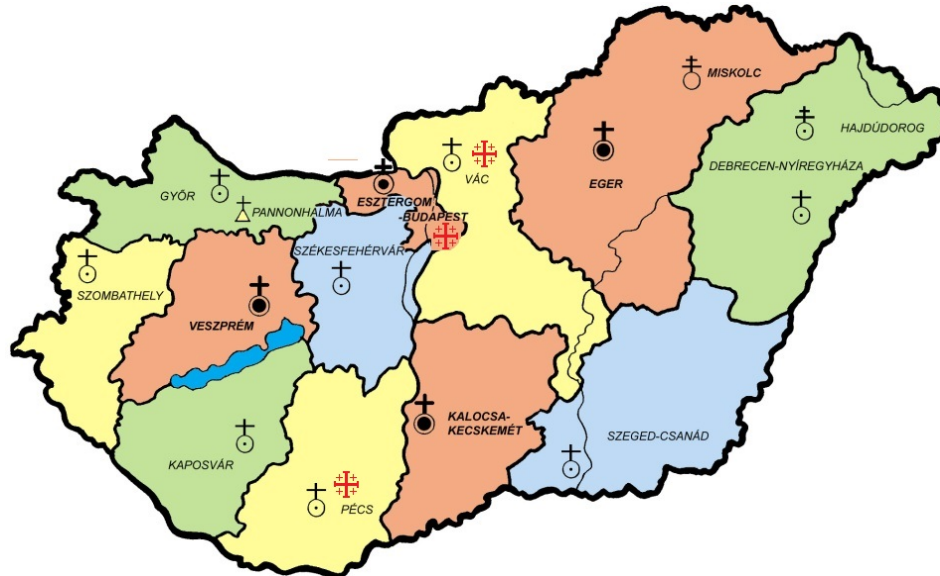
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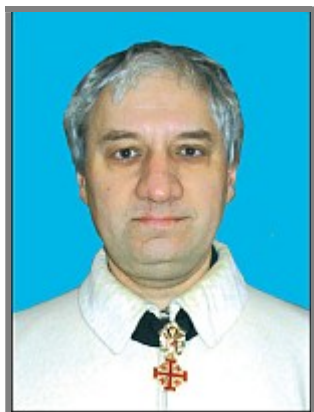
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THE ORDER IN HUNGARY

The presence of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Hungary, up to the Modern Era, was intertwined with the history of the Canons Regular of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The first written document proving the presence of the Order in Hungary is from 1135. King Andrew II in 1207 confirmed his earlier land donation to the Order in Slavonia, which was followed by other donations in 1212 and 1223.



In the Middle Ages, the Order had important priories mainly in Slavonia, in Upper Hungary and in the Szepesseg (now Spiš County, Slovakia) (Hunfalva, Komlos, Thenő, Landek, Glogonca, Bienko, Samson, Vegles). The monasteries in Slavonia were under the authority of Perugia, while the ones in Szepesseg and in Upper Hungary were subjected to the jurisdiction of Miechow in Poland. The Hungarian Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, besides their traditional vows, made an additional pledge never to make peace with the infidels. Later they undertook the special task, similar to that of the Mercedary Order of the Crusades, of ransoming Christians who were languishing in Turkish captivity.

While in foreign chronicles we can find ample data about the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, the Hungarian sources are very scarce both in written and material remains. In Hungarian heraldry, the first coat-of-arms to mention is that of the Bercsenyi family. This coat-of-arms has in its dexter field the cross of Jerusalem, which was added to the crest by Imre Bercsenyi. Bercsenyi had received back in 1616 the papal promise that in case of a personal pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre he would be made Knight of the Order. His first pilgrimage of the Holy Sepulchre took place before 1625. Few of his countrymen could boast of such decoration, and he was the only member of the Order coming from Transylvania.

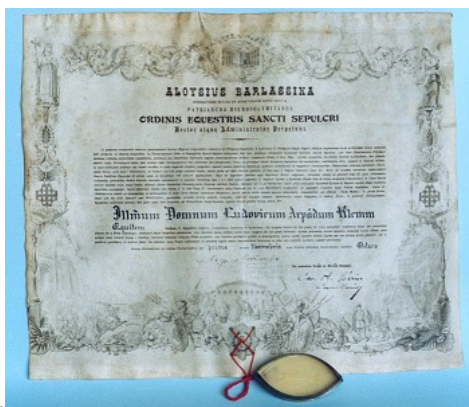


After the restoration of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the reorganization of the Order on 23 July 1847 by Pope Pius IX, very soon its Austro-Hungarian chapter was also formed. In the 1930s, during the lieutenancy of Archduke Joseph Franz, the Hungarian branch of the Order functioned as an independent province.

During the decades of the Soviet occupation its work was suspended, the last investiture, at which fourteen new knights were created, having taken place on 25 May 1935 in Budapest.



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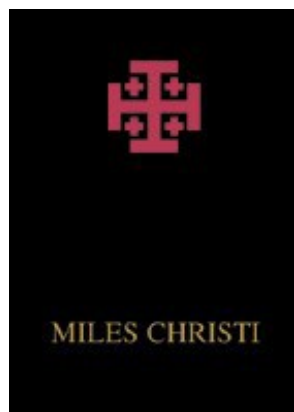


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The Hungarian branch of the Order was re-founded by Grand Master Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio on 14 September 1991. Since then, the Order has grown by several new members —priests, knights and dames — in twelve investitures. The Hungarian branch was elevated to the rank of Lieutenancy by Grand Master Cardinal Carlo Furno on 1 June 1998. The Hungarian Lieutenancy has now more than seventy members.

On 24 June 1998 the Order signed a contract of cooperation with the Hungarian Knights of Malta, and another one, on 30 November 1998, with the government of the Hungarian Republic. By this agreement the Hungarian Lieutenancy became a member of the diplomatic corps accredited to Hungary.

The Hungarian Lieutenancy, besides taking part in projects in and for the Holy Land coordinated by international bodies, undertakes a special task to support young men preparing for the priesthood to help them visit the Holy Land during their studies.



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In 2001 the Hungarian Lieutenancy published the Order's prayer book and hymnal entitled *Miles Christi* and in 2005 issued its complete Schematism. In that year the Order also started a series entitled *Jerusalem Papers* published by St. Stephen's Society, Publishers to the Holy See.

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