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THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land

Highlights of European Lieutenants Meeting



The European Lieutenants met at the Order's headquarters in Rome, the Palazzo della Rovere, on June 11 and 12, in the presence of the Grand Master Cardinal Edwin O'Brien.

Due to the unforeseen absence of the Governor General, Ambassador Leonardo Visconti di Modrone, who was in hospital following a bad fall, the Vice Governor General for Europe, Jean-Pierre de Glutz, presided over the session, which took place in a fraternal atmosphere.

Over the course of the two days, Sami El-Yousef, CEO of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, presented the general situation in the Holy Land and the ongoing projects in the three priority sectors of education, humanitarian aid and pastoral care.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the Lieutenants met in working groups organized according to the geographical areas to which they belong.

In their reports presented in plenary, the importance of regular contact with the Grand Magisterium for a better coordination of donations in favour of the Holy Land clearly emerged, in addition to the desire to favour the entry of young people into the Order, whose spiritual mission has been widely emphasized. The appointment of a Vice Governor General for Ibero America in the person of Enric Mas was also announced, who will soon finish his term as Lieutenant for Eastern Spain.

The Lieutenants also warmly thanked Father John Bateman, secretary of the Grand Master who will soon finish his service, welcoming at the same time Father Maxim Baz, Lebanese, who will succeed him starting in July.

At the end of the meeting, the Grand Master wished a speedy recovery to the Governor General.

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