

## HOSLJ has its Chivalric Investiture and Awards

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NORTH HOLLYWOOD,, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, July 15, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- North Hollywood, California: <u>The Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem</u> (HOSLJ) is pleased to be presenting the Companionate of Merit Award to the following individuals:

Baldev Duggal – entrepreneur, patriarch and icon of the photo industry, humanitarian and a true Renaissance man;

Zoe Wild – founder of One Light- a USA based charity working in Turkey and Greece to rehabilitate Syrian refugees;

Brenda Lynn Martin animal activist and humanitarian;

Tony Napoli, author, activist for veterans and humanitarian;

Darren Long Sr. NFL Pro Football player, Founder of BlackMP, Foods for Athletes and humanitarian; Actor Christian Ganiere - known for his Humanitarian and Mentoring Efforts with youngsters, speaking and engaging in youth educational programs for the Arts. In June 2016 Christian made history as the youngest to present a PSW-Emmy® Award.

These awards will take place at HOSLJ's next Investiture Service to be held at St Anne's Melkite Greek Catholic Church -11211 Moorpark St, North Hollywood, California on Saturday, September 17th, 2016. The Investiture Service is from 9 am until 12 noon and is free to the general public.

HOSLJ, based in Malta, is a well-recognized modern <u>Chivalric Organization</u> that has been operating in the United States since 2011 and has been expanding its many humanitarian outreaches with its 501c3 Charity counterpart, the Saint Lazarus Relief Fund. The Annual Investiture of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem is a unique ritual that exudes the creed of service to others while guarding the charm of its old Chivalric Tradition.

The Grand Council of the Order instituted the prestigious Companionate of Merit of the Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem to recognize true Humanitarian Personalities throughout the world for their unique actions and projects, and their impact in the fields of Hospitaller, philanthropic, charitable, medical, cultural and social activities.

The accolades are presented in prestigious ritual form during the annual investitures of the Order or in special ceremonies commemorating such an occasion.

As part of the Ceremonials, the Order of Saint Lazarus will also be presenting to Baldev Duggal, Zoe Wild, Brenda Lynn Martin, Tony Napoli, Darren Long Sr., and Christian Ganiere the Presidential Lifetime Service Award from President Barack Obama. Along with the ultimate honor of Presidential recognition, they will also receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States. The Grand Priory of the United States is a certifying organization for the award.

The President's Lifetime Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime. They also will receive the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonel's membership. Kentucky Colonel is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Commissions for Kentucky Colonels are given by the

Governor and the Secretary of State to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state and the nation.

Chaker Khazaal — author, reporter, and public speaker, also Esquire's Man of The Year 2015 and Most Influential Arab Under 40 for 2016 — will be awarded the highest honor from HOSLJ — The Knight of Merit of the Companionate of Merit of the Order — for his humanitarian services as a reporter on the plight of refugees.

A Formal luncheon will be held at The Sportsman Lodge Banquet Facility located at 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, CA following the service at 1 pm. Guest of Honor will be The President of the Crown Council of Ethiopia, H.I.H. Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie. His Imperial Highness will speak at the luncheon on his current water projects. Chaker Khazaal will deliver a speech on the plight of refugees, his experience growing up as a stateless person, and sustainable ways of which aid can change lives.

Tickets are \$150.00 per person.

Contact: DameKarenHOSLJ@outlook.com for luncheon reservations. Call 442-282-9655 for questions or further information. About the Hospitaller Order in the USA: <u>http://saintlazarus.co</u>

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