



The Gathering II Summary

THE INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR THE PRIORIES OF: HOLY TRINITY & CALVARY CROSS

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Helen, Georgia

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The Holy Trinity Priory and
Calvary Cross Priory
convened in Helen,
Georgia, for a joint
investiture ceremony
marking a meaningful

occasion of fellowship and spiritual renewal. The gathering
brought together a total of 37 attendees from both priories.

The weekend commenced with a welcome dinner at the
Troll Tavern, where members shared an evening of warm
conversation and collegial exchange set against the charm
of Helen's alpine setting.



Following dinner, a number of attendees
enjoyed time together over cigars,
continuing the spirit of camaraderie and
reflection that would characterize the
entire weekend.

The event served as both a celebration of commitment and an opportunity to strengthen bonds within and between the two priories.



Saturday began with a planned brunch at Hofer's Cafe, but a two-hour wait time caused a change in venues, and brunch was

held at Müller's, where members from both priories gathered to enjoy good food and fellowship. Afterward, many attendees spent time exploring downtown Helen and browsing local shops for souvenirs.

While some members enjoyed the morning outings, preparation for the investiture ceremony was well underway. Holy Trinity's Seneschal, Clint Spicer; Calvary Cross' Turco, Gary McCarthy; and Holy Trinity's Turco, Michael Creel, collaborated to set up the ceremony space, conducting thorough tests of the audio and video systems. All technical checks were completed successfully, ensuring

a smooth start. However, when the event began, the audio unexpectedly dropped to a very low level. Following a brief five- minute delay for troubleshooting, the issue was resolved, and the ceremony commenced as planned.



The joint investiture ceremony marked a significant moment for both priories, recognizing the dedication and advancement of several distinguished members. Holy Trinity's Chris Frein was knighted.

From Calvary Cross Priory, Codye Webb, Katrina Dynak,



and Kayla Webb were knighted in a solemn and inspiring ceremony. In addition, Ryan Hall, Dominic DiMemmo, and Danielle Dynak received well-deserved promotions

to Sergeant, while Turco Gary McCarthy was elevated to the rank of Knight Captain, honoring his steadfast service and leadership.

The ceremony, despite its moments of formality and reverence, was not without a touch of humor. A lighthearted incident occurred when Holy Trinity's Seneschal, Clint Spicer, inadvertently addressed Master Commander Nic Ahik as "Grand Master," drawing smiles from those in attendance. Later, Master Commander Ahik himself provided an unplanned moment of levity when he accidentally tipped over a lit candle, nearly transforming his mantle into the "Holocaust Cloak," as humorously referenced from *The Princess Bride*. These brief, good-natured episodes added warmth and humanity to an otherwise stately and memorable occasion.

Following the investiture ceremony, attendees gathered at Paul's Steakhouse for a celebratory dinner. The atmosphere was lively and filled with conversation as members from both priories reflected on the day's events and shared a sense of accomplishment and unity.

After dinner, the evening transitioned into what has affectionately become known as "The Spicer Games," a

lighthearted tradition hosted by Holy Trinity's Seneschal, Clint Spicer.



This year's challenge was "Reading Karaoke," in which Game Master Spicer, complete with a wig and sunglasses to the delight of the crowd, read aloud the lyrics of well-known songs while the priories competed to identify each

title within sixty seconds. The first priory to reach one hundred points claimed victory in the opening round, earning the right for its members to face off in the final contest for the coveted trophy: "The Holy Grail."

When presenting the trophy, Game Master Spicer entertained all with his spirited tale of how, through sheer determination and armed only with a spork, he journeyed beneath the Temple Mount in Israel to recover the

legendary relic.



Laughter filled the room as the final round concluded with Holy Trinity's Master Commander, Nic Ahik, earning the Holy Grail and bringing the evening's festivities to a joyful close.

Sunday morning provided a quiet and reflective close to the weekend's activities. Members from both priories gathered informally over breakfast, sharing stories, laughter, and expressions of gratitude for the fellowship and friendship that had grown stronger over the course of the event. Conversations often turned to the highlights of the ceremony and the memorable moments of "The Spicer Games," reinforcing the weekend's theme of unity, commitment, and joy in shared purpose.

As attendees began their journeys home, there was a collective sense of accomplishment and renewal. The joint investiture weekend in Helen, Georgia, had not only honored the dedication of its newest knights and promoted

members but also deepened the bonds of brotherhood and faith between Holy Trinity and Calvary Cross. It concluded as a weekend rich in tradition, fellowship, and good humor, one sure to be remembered fondly by all who attended.

