



Sponsor and Candidate Affirmation Form

To the Admissions Committee of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem:

As the sponsor of _____, I affirm I have discussed the following with the requirements for nomination:

- Membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is an honor awarded to worthy individuals who strive to live by the church's teachings and practice the faith. Membership in the order is granted only to those who promise to participate actively, when possible, in the spiritual life of the order and in fulfilling the obligations set forth by the church for its communicants.
- Along with being an honor, membership in the order has a practical purpose of supporting the church in the Holy Land. This candidate understands there is an annual financial obligation to support the order and its assistance to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and other churches in the Middle East recommended by the order's Holy Land Commission and supported by its Grand Magisterium. This financial support, or annual oblation, is necessary to help maintain the presence of the church in the Holy Land.
- The candidate pledges to inform the Eastern Lieutenancy before receiving any other "orders or decorations" from any dynastic order or an organization claiming to be Catholic. The candidate understands the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre seeks to protect its good name and reputation by providing recommendations to our members regarding the legitimacy of such orders and decorations.
- This candidate understands promotion within the order is not guaranteed. All requests for promotion will be reviewed by the promotions committee for attendance at the annual investitures in New York and participation in the order's activities.
- This candidate understands membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem carries with it the responsibility to pray for the pope, his bishops and other church leaders and should never publicly criticize those entrusted by the Holy Spirit with the charism of leadership.

This candidate agrees to the above and I recommend the candidate to the Admissions Committee.

Name of candidate (First and Last Name)

(Print) _____

Full name of sponsor (First, Last, and Rank)

(Print) _____

Signature of Sponsor

_____ **Date:** _____