

**September, 2013**

## **James Wyant is Knighted**

Professor James Wyant, of Tucson, Arizona was knighted "James of Arizona" by Lady Cristina of Vigo, the current reigning Holoknight, on September 09, 2013, during the Fringe 2013 conference banquet. The venue was at the amazing "Musikhalle" in Ludwigsburg, Germany. Earlier, all conference attendees had visited the Ludwigsburg Residential Palace.



**Professor James Wyant kneels before Lady Cristina of Vigo as she reads the proclamation of knighthood, declaring that he has been chosen by her and accepted into the order by all holoknights to become the newest member of the order.**



**Lady Cristina of Vigo knights James of Arizona with his sword (Photo by Wolfgang Osten)**

During the ceremony Lady Cristina read the parchment and knighted Professor James Wyant to become James of Arizona. After becoming a holoknight he was be given the special sword chosen by her along with the parchment, which is signed by the other holoknights who were present .

***Before the Ceremony***

Part of the process of accepting knighthood is to accept the charge to choose the next holoknight and a venue for the ceremony, usually an international optical meeting or workshop. The Fringe 13 meeting was agreed. Holoknights discuss candidates among themselves and offer advice; however, the ultimate decision is that of the newest holoknight, with the guideline that the new member should reside in a different country from his/her own. Cristina of Vigo, the newest holoknight, conferred with all of the other holoknights, considered suggestions, examined candidates, and made the final choice. Only holoknights know who the new one will be until it is announced at the beginning of the ceremony. Holoknights must ensure that the new holoknight will attend, without disclosing the secret. The most recent knight makes the final decision, produces the scroll, acquires a sword and brings it to the meeting.



**Holoknights gather before the service to sign the parchment, also providing an opportunity to see and hold the selected sword.**



**The sword of James of Arizona**





IN STUTTGART, BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG,  
GERMANY, IN SEPTEMBER IN THE  
YEAR OF OUR LORD 2013, THE KNIGHTS  
OF HOLOGRAPHY DECLARE AND  
PROCLAIM THE IMMENSE TALENTS OF  
**JAMES WYANT**

AND ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, HONORS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES APPERTAINING TO THE KNIGHTS  
OF HOLOGRAPHY, AND DECLARE HIM NOW AND  
FOREVER A HOLOKNIGHT, AND HE WILL BE CALLED

**SIR JAMES OF ARIZONA**

OFFICIALLY CONFERRED WITH HIS SWORD OF KNIGHT  
BY THE KNIGHTING HAND OF

*Cristina of Vigo*

Lady Cristina of Vigo

*José of California*

*Margareta of Warsaw*

*Ronald of Singapore*

*Mitsuo of Tokyo*

*Ichiro of Wako*

*Lothgar of Berlin*

*Peter of Massachusetts*

*Taydub of Utsunomiya*

*Xenando from Santa Catarina*

*Nadya of St. Petersburg*



The parchment, still in the signing process. Here eleven holoknights have signed. Another five will add their signatures.



**A special table was reserved for holoknights at the banquet.**



Seventeen Holoknights including James of Arizona, a record attendance for the ceremony (Photo by Pauline Abbott) After the knighting ceremony the Holoknights gathered to congratulate their new member and for a group photo. Werner of Bremen, the grand master, announced that a new symbol had been adopted for holoknights to complement the sword - a small silver holoknight pin that can be worn on a coat lapel. He made a few presentations of the pin.

Holoknights promise friendship and support for all holoknights in matters both personal and professional.





The Holoknight Pin



**Werner of Bremen attaches a symbol of holoknighthood to the lapel of Jim of California.**