

## Eugene Arthurs knighted Sir Eugene of Belfast by the International Order of Holoknights<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Eugene Arthurs, Executive Director of SPIE, became an honorary member of the International Order of Holoknights in a knighting service held in Castle Hohenbeilstein, in Wurttemberg, Germany, on August 25, 2017. The service took place at a banquet during Holomet, 2017, which was organized by the University of Stuttgart, Institute of Technical Optics, Chaired by Dr. Wolfgang Osten, Holoknight, SPIE fellow, and member of the board of SPIE.

The International Order of Holoknights, normally charges the newest Holoknight with choosing the next new Holoknight each year. This year, the brotherhood announced an honorary Holoknight tradition. The new tradition allows any Holoknight to nominate an individual who has contributed immensely to the profession, and if overwhelmingly approved by all other Holoknights, the nominee can become an honorary Holoknight, receiving the customary sword, parchment, and title related to their hometown in their own knighting service.



Photo by W. Osten

Dr. Eugene Arthurs, who, as Executive Director of SPIE for over 18 years, made immense contributions to the Society and to all of us through his enthusiastic and visionary leadership, was nominated as the first honorary 2017 Holoknight, and was overwhelmingly applauded by the brotherhood. Thirteen Holoknights witnessed and confirmed the ceremony.

<sup>1</sup>*The International Order of Holoknights is a brotherhood of the top researchers in the field of holography, selected not only for their world-wide reputation in holography but also for their reputation for international hospitality. The brotherhood was founded in 1988 and currently has 28 members representing 17 countries. Each year a new Holoknight is chosen by the newest holoknight from a country different from his own, after consultation with other Holoknights. The new candidate is knighted in a special ceremony and, presented with a sword and membership parchment, and given a title related to his hometown. Although Holoknights have won many awards, they value the sword and parchment among the highest.*

<http://www.worldsworsttourist.com/holography/holoknights.html>



**Sir Jim of California, the most senior Holoknight at the banquet, reads the parchment, performs the knighting, and pronounces the new Holoknight, Sir Eugene of Belfast.**



**The Holoknight sword presented to Sir Eugene. The sword is a full sized, steel replica of one believed to be owned by Robin Hood.**



**The Parchment before signing (left). Thirteen Holoknights witnessed the knighting service and signed the parchment. Traditionally witnessing Holoknights meet in a pre service meeting and sign the parchment. Mitsuo of Tokyo is shown here, signing Sir Eugene's parchment.**



**Castle Hohenbeilstein**

