

La Sociedad de la Entrada

After Action Report for Oñate Event 5/25/09

Event

The event was the opening of the new History Museum in Santa Fe. We were invited to the event by Mike King of the Las Golondrinas staff. We marched with their group. They say that 11,000 people had visited the museum the day before.

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We had thirteen people: Dwight, Libertad, and Indiana Thompson, Mike Vigil, Samuel and Sonia Ulibarri, Tony Campisi, Roberto Valdez, David and Angelina Poulin, Mike and Barbara Bilbo, and Ron Sanders.

Procession

It was a nice day and not very hot due to the sporadic rain clouds. We mustered at 10:30 at the Cathedral on the Plaza. The priest finished the services early and started the procession right away which made us a little early. Some people missed seeing us. But the streets were full of tourists and locals. Confusion reigned supreme. We started off at the back of the parade. Ron and I played renaissance tunes on the way. The procession turned down a street and suddenly stopped. Ron and I played a few tunes while others tried to figure out what was going on. Someone told us to turn around so Roberto took charge, realigned us and started us marching in the other direction at the head of the parade. Mike and Sam were out front with their banners: Sam's Cross of Burgundy and Mike's Castile and Leon flag. We marched across the plaza in front of the Governor's Palace and turned north, and then into the large doors to the palace courtyard. Once there we were able to take some pictures and hobnob with the guests. Mike King got us some box lunches which helped out a lot and then most of us went to see the Segesser Hide painting, which Roberto explained in detail. Wayne and Gayle stopped in to see us; they are getting ready to move to Connecticut. Anne Murdy was there too taking pictures. I was starting to feel like camera fodder. Barbara Bilbo also came but she mostly stayed in the car as it was too much walking after her knee operation.



L-R: Samuel Ulibarri, Tony Campisi, Roberto Valdez, Dwight Thompson, David Poulin, Angelina Poulin, Mike Bilbo (behind).



L-R Front row: Libertad and Indiana Thompson, Mike Vigil; Back row: Samuel Ulibarri, Tony Campisi, Roberto Valdez, Dwight Thompson, David Poulin, Mike Bilbo (behind), Ron Sanders.

Conclusion

I hope we made a good impression on the museum staff. Mike King sent us his thanks. Including us, Los Golondrinas mustered 30 people. Not bad. All photos courtesy of Angelina Poulin and a very helpful Dutch guy that used her camera. I got to wear my new breeches which started out as 'pluderhosen' but ended up as 'venetians' because I put them in the dryer.

Dave

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