



"Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." - Oren Arnold





### TURNING 60... A MILESTONE TO BE CELEBRATED

The Grand Priory in Canada came into being in 1962 though the good graces of the Grand Master of the time inviting the Honourable J. Keiller Mackay to invest 20 Knights, Dames and Commanders. Letters Patent issued by the Secretary of State ensured our place as a charitable corporation in Canada and the rest, as they say, is history.

Much like the first gathering in 1962, the 2022 edition of Chapter General was a truly splendid affair. Glittering in terms of its décor, location, the people in attendance and its splendour. The Grand Master joined us and the original chain of office worn by Keiller Mackay came back to us through the good graces of one of our newest members. We were

able to bless our new Processional Cross and learn from our speakers, our workshops and each other. It was a great party for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Some of the learning came from the responses to a task given to each member during the event. Each person present was asked to reflect in why they were glad to be part of the Order. Here's an unedited selection from the responses:

- Because of the camaraderie and the pillars of the organization
- Because no matter what jurisdiction I visit there is always companionship and welcome, brothers and sisters joined in our ecumenical aims
- Because our work has and does provide meaningful help to people in need of end-of-life care; from the system, and for their family and friends.
- Because coming together with like-minded people lifts my spirits and helps galvanize me into action in a care-centered world.
- Because what we do makes a difference ... usually immediately.

Our work does make a difference. The dollars we raise along with the impact we have as a result of the Home Care Givers Support Programme, A Caregiver's Guide, our Small Acts of Kindness programme, Comfort Bears and Ecumenical bursaries help shape that difference. Our newest bursary held at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University will allow us to further impact the lives of Canadians.

Turning 60 is not only a time to celebrate accomplishments, but also a time to reflect and plan for the future. Our history tells of good deeds, care for our fellow Canadians and many charitable works. The world has changed a lot since 1962 and as an organization we have also changed. We are actively looking to find new ways to meet the challenges of an increasingly diverse country. We need like-minded people to join us in our work and we need to share the enthusiasm that was evident at Chapter General. It is, after all, a responsibility of membership to actively promote the Order and its works. As you celebrate with family and friends this Christmas, please take the time to speak about the good work we are doing and how they can be a part of our next 60 years.

With gratitude for your service and for the privilege of leading the work of the Order as Grand Prior.

Merry Christmas!

Jane



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Based on your contributions the plan is to publish the Gazette as frequently as required.

Please let me know if there are additional elements you would like to have included in the Gazette. Iulien DeSchutter—Editor

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Holy Family in a Plane A Sunday school teacher asked her students to draw a picture depicting a biblical story. After collecting the drawings, she noticed that one little boy's drawing was an airplane with four heads sticking out of the windows. She asked " which biblical story is that?" The young lad replied it's the "Flight out of Egypt. You can see Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the back of the plane. The person up front is Pontius. He is the Pilot"

ME YELLING AT A SQUIRREL TO GET OUT OF THE ROAD SO ITS NOT SQUISHED BY A CAR IS PROBABLY THE SAME FEELING MY GUARDIAN ANGEL HAS WATCHING ME LIVE MY LIFE



In the news. . .

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALMONER

### Mr. Paul Henry to serve as President

### of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education

Mr. Paul Henry, Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer of the Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon, was recently selected to serve as President of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education in 2022-2023. The CODE is an advisory and consultative organization composed of the Directors of Education of all 72 district school boards in Ontario and the Consortium du Centre Jules-Léger (CCJL). It is the common public voice of senior school district administrators working with government and various associations.

Director of Education and Secretary-Treasurer of the CSC Nouvelon since January 2020, Mr. Henry had previously served as Associate Director of Education and Superintendent of Education and possesses a rich and varied experience in teaching and school administration at the elementary and secondary levels in Ontario. Paul Henry began his career in education in 1990, and over the last 25 years has held the positions of school principal and vice-principal, learning consultant at the CSC Nouvelon and senior specialist in education for the Ontario Ministry of Education.

In addition to this leadership position at the CODE, Mr. Henry will also serve as President of the Conseil ontarien des directions des écoles catholiques (CODEC) and Destination Réussite NORD. He is also set to serve as a board member for the Consortium pour les élèves du Nord de l'Ontario (CÉNO), Association des gestionnaires de l'éducation franco-ontarienne (AGÉFO) and Consortium Centre Jules-Léger.

Much appreciated for his contributions as a volunteer and commitment to his community, Mr. Henry has been conferred several honours including Officer (OStJ) of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem by HM and Sovereign Queen Elizabeth the Second and was appointed Knight Commander of Justice (KCLJ-J) of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. Furthermore, Mr. Henry is also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion as a Retired Major.

Courtesy of Paul Henry—Toronto Commandery

## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE Order



«On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Order of Saint Lazarus Canada was proud to present once again an additional cheque of \$1,500 to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM University) to enhance the original endowment of \$10,000 (as presented virtually on April 4<sup>th</sup>) for future First Nations/Métis/Inuit bursaries for medical students in North East and North West Ontario, in the spirit of Reconciliation. As a respected charitable organization, the Order of Saint Lazarus Canada is

well positioned to grow this collaborative and innovative partnership as a model for success and progress with this Medical School. Pictured clockwise on the pictures are the following: Chevalier and Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry (Almoner), Jennifer McGillivray (Executive Liaison from NOSM University), Chevalier and Lt (Ret'd) Fred



### THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER

#### Courtesy of John Neill—British Columbia Commandery

Members of the BC Commandery have been active over the past year with a number of presentations to hospice societies on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, as well as the award of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to the Rev. Paul Richards, our member in Surrey

On September 6, 2022, Bishop John Stevens, acting on behalf of the Governor General of Canada, presented The



Rev. Paul Richards, Deacon at the Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock, with the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. The medal recognizes exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields and pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of volunteers. These volunteers embody the caring community we aspire to build. Rev. Richards has volunteered in many parish, diocesan, and community activities since moving to Surrey in 2008. The citation by the Governor General of Canada is as follows: "Since 2008, Paul Richards has been a devoted member of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church. In addition to engaging and educating youth, he provides spiritual care to those struggling with isolation and illness in the community, ensuring they have

someone with whom they can connect."

Congratulations to Rev. Paul for this well-deserved award, and for his continued support of local hospice societies and the Order of St. Lazarus.



A Commandery member in Williams Lake, Vince Reynolds, presented a Small Acts of Kindness pin to Satwant Salaria, manager at the local Best Western Hotel, for her prompt action in responding to an emergency situation involving the welfare of a hotel guest. Both Ms. Salaria and Confrère Reynolds provided

emergency care to the guest while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.



This past June, the Commander met with Chev. Dr. W. Paul Loofs CD and Paul Pallan, Board Chair of the Victoria Hospice Society to present a cheque for \$2,000 on behalf of the Order, towards the work of the Victoria Hospice.



## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER

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Island Health, the provincial health agency for Vancouver Island requested 100 copies of the *Caregiver's Guide* for circulation. As the *Guide* was being reprinted, the Commander was able to supply 20 reserve copies and Marla Holuboch accepted these while waiting for the balance to become available. A further request was received for 200 copies from Interior Health and this will be fulfilled when these extra copies are available. Rev. Paul Richards made several cheque presentations during the summer to hospice societies in the lower mainland. These included donations of \$1000 each to the Surrey Hospice Society, the Peace Arch Hospice Society and to Canuck Place Children's Hospice in Vancouver.









Courtesy of Chev. Dennis Schultz - Manitoba Commandery

It was a long time coming but Manitoba Commandery finally was able to make its annual donation to Palliative Manitoba. COVID-19, travels and even a hunting expedition upset our schedule. Each time we came close, someone's obligations kept getting in the way.

After the presentation and all that hard work, we enjoyed our annual lunch.

Jennifer Gurke, Head of Palliative Manitoba accepting the cheque from Chev. Bob Vandewater, Chev. Dennis Schultz and Chev. Steve MacMillan.



### THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER

#### Courtesy of Jennifer Dobblesteyn—Acadia Commandery



Caring for Caregivers in First Nations Communities: A Reconciliation Initiative A Collaboration Between The Order of Saint Lazarus, Petro-Canada Caremakers Foundation, and Elsipogtog First Nation

This project originated from an idea raised by Order of Saint Lazarus leadership. A need was identified for support for caregivers providing end-of-life care in First Nations Communities. Subsequently, a national grant designed to provide funding for such a project was found: Petro-Canada Caremakers Foundation National Grant for \$300,000.

A planning committee was struck (Vice Chancellor, National Hospitaller, Almoner) to oversee the development of the application for funding. Penny Ericson and I were asked to lead this project.

The missions/visions of OSLJ and Petro-Canada Caremakers Foundation share a common interest: *caring for caregivers*. In 2021, the first National Day recognizing Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples was marked. Reconciliation is about healing relationships- not just talking about doing this, but practicing reconciliation. This project is an example of practicing reconciliation. It will address several calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

The Grand Prior focused on our mission recently in a recent address in The Gazette. She spoke about the importance of caring for caregivers stating, "Our support of those caregivers through the Home Caregivers Support Program and A Caregivers Guide has never been more important. That work does make a positive difference and it matters." (Dame Jane Anema, Grand Prior)

This collaboration is built on what each collaborator brings to the table: the Order of Saint Lazarus Canada has educational tools and a commitment to caring for caregivers; Petro-Canada Caremakers Foundation has the funding and the knowledge surrounding caregivers in Canada; and *Elsipogtog* First Nation, *Elsipogtog*, New Brunswick has knowledge of their own people, knowledge of the needs within the community re end-of-life care and support, and knowledge about the best way to meet identified needs.

1. The key focus areas aligning with Petro-Canada's Caremakers Foundation objectives are: Both national organizations are aiming to make a difference for Caregivers.

2. Both recognize that Caregivers from all cultures within Canada need to be supported through education, including Indigenous peoples.

3. Both want to make a meaningful difference to families who are providing crucial care for their loved ones.

The project began with conceptual development. We then selected a First Nations partner, and decided that this would be a pilot project under the Acadia Commandery. Meetings with community members have been held to discuss needs of caregivers who provide care at the end of life to family/friends. Planning is underway to assess how OSLJ Canada resource tools can be used to help Indigenous caregivers. Currently, we are drafting the application in preparation for submission, as soon as the application process opens. The application is continually being edited by committee members to insure completeness. This grant will be used to cover the entire cost of this project, therefore there will be no cost to the OSLJ.

Dr. Jennifer L. Dobbelsteyn, OLJ Deputy Hospitaller, NB Acadia Commandery



## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER—ECUMENICAL Scholarships

The following letter was received from the recipient of the Manitoba Commandery 2022 Ecumenical Scholarship

#### September 25, 2022

To the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem,

Thank you for the selecting me to receive the Ecumenical Scholarship this year. My name is Thomas McIntosh, I am a twenty-three-year-old history student in my third year attending the University of Manitoba. During high school I was not the greatest student. However, during COVID, thanks in part to the great teaching of Professor Bacola, I developed a deeper appreciation for learning and knowledge.

During most of my academic career I never felt that I was one of the 'smart' students. This award has helped to me to realize that I do have skills in both academia and leadership, something which I had previously doubted about myself. Thank you for choosing me to receive this award, and by extension for giving me a necessary jolt of confidence in myself: that I do have skills in academia. Something that I have never felt to be true about myself now seems undeniable. Again, thank you for the inspiration. For the vote of confidence and belief in me. I look forward to continuing to refine and improve my academic and leadership skills.



Thank you, have a wonderful day, Thomas.

An excerpt of the material received by the Western Ontario Commandery concerning their Ecumenical Bursary

#### Dear Scott,

Thank you for another tremendous year of support! Please find below a copy of your Huron University Endowment and Impact Report, which is accessible by clicking the "View Your Report" button below, and then clicking "Download PDF."

Thank you again!



#### The Order of St. Lazarus Bursary

The bursary was established in 2004 by one of the oldest and most deeply respected confraternities of chivalry in Christendom, the Military and Hospitalier Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, which was established at the Infirmary of Saint Lazarus in the year 1098, during the First Crusade. As part of its ecumenical mission, the Order's Western Ontario Commandery established this bursary to be awarded to a student registered in the Bachelor of Theology program based on financial need, and who is from Ontario.

Student recipient(s) in the year 2021-2022:

2021-2022: Jordan Sandrock

#### ENDOWMENT OVERVIEW

Opening balance, January 1, 2021	\$38,614.88
2021 Donations	\$0.00
Net investment growth	\$3,586.59
2021 Payout	\$1,541.96
Closing balance, December 31, 2021	\$40,659.52
Projected payout for 2022	\$1,552.66



### CONGRATULATIONS TO PENNY ERICSON—ACADIA COMMANDERY

From Christ Church Cathedral—Fredericton, New Brunswick

The dedicated and talented chair of the Cathedral Outreach Committee, Penny Ericson, is being inducted into the Order of New Brunswick for her many accomplishments achieved during decades in this province.

Penny is a professor emeritus from the University of New Brunswick and a retired Dean of the Faculty of Nursing. She has been recognized for "outstanding achievements and leader-ship in improving the health, social and cultural well-being of her community and province."

Premier Blaine Higgs announced the 10 new recipients of the Order of New Brunswick during New Brunswick Day celebrations in Fredericton.



"It is with the greatest respect and admiration that I congratulate the newly appointed recipients of the Order of New Brunswick," said Higgs. "By awarding the province's highest civilian honour to individuals who use their skills and talents to serve others, we are recognizing exemplary New Brunswickers who, through their dedication and generosity, have made a real difference in the lives of people in their community and their province."

At the Cathedral, we are immensely appreciative of Penny's contributions.

The old adage "ask a busy person" was probably created with Penny Ericson in mind.

Aside from being a busy wife, mother and grandmother, she has successfully worn many hats in Fredericton: nursing instructor and university dean of nursing; nurturer and builder of such organizations as a research centre into family violence and a hospice for palliative care patients; long-time supporter of the arts, culture and heritage in



Fredericton; advocate for housing initiatives to help the homeless and precariously housed.

Some would say that the common thread in her many and disparate activities is her leadership ability. Penny Ericson is the type of person who is always undaunted by obstacles and challenges. "It can't be done" or "we've never done that" are simply not in her vocabulary. Her approach is to swiftly size up a situation and go around, over, under or through any obstacles to achieve her stated goal. This might mean arguing her case, marshalling forces, overcoming opposition, hatching creative solutions. She always does so with shrewdness,

tenacity, wit, grace and boundless energy.

It helps enormously that Penny is one of those rare people whose intelligence and charm allow her to be equally at home chatting amiably with an archbishop, a premier, a carpenter, a panhandler, a child. Her interest in people and her sincerity shine through in each conversation.

Others would say the common thread in her activities is her caring, empathetic attitude. If she spots a problem, she wants to solve it. If she sees a need, she wants to meet it. For example, she is the long-time Chair of the Outreach Committee here at the Cathedral. She has raised the congregation's awareness about the issue of poverty in our city and has rallied people there to contribute funds, food and used clothing to assist people in need.

Penny spearheaded a weekly drop-in at the church hall for people in need, but she knew it was not enough to simply hand out sandwiches and coffee. She arranged for the parish nurse, nursing students and law students to take part, knowing that the guests often needed to be put in touch with services in the city. She built community by bringing in musicians to play live music and friendly visitors to talk with guests and, more importantly, to listen to them. All are poor, and many have had difficult lives marred by family violence, addictions, criminal



### CONGRATULATIONS TO PENNY ERICSON—ACADIA COMMANDERY

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records, illiteracy, and so on. It illustrates her holistic approach to improving people's lives. However, she is not only the stand-back supervisor of this program. She has worked as long and as hard as any volunteer on the team. She has always been willing to do the behind-thescenes "grunt work" such as baking muffins, cleaning the kitchen sink, packing goodie bags of food and treats during the pandemic when in-person gatherings were impossible, and gathering jackets, boots and socks to keep the folks warm and dry.

Penny's warm welcome and big smile are much appreciated by the guests; she was lauded as "simply amazing" by one recent recipient of her kindness at the church hall. She has often

helped folks outside of the formal hours of the program, e.g. talking with them on the telephone, driving them to medical appointments, helping them find a lawyer, file their income tax, or look for an apartment in a city where affordable housing is hard to find.



Some people have a big heart for the poor and the homeless, but Penny Ericson follows it up with concrete action, fund-raising, and hands-on efforts. She is a

most deserving candidate for the Order of New Brunswick award.

The Order of New Brunswick celebrates the individuals who have served the province, its people and communities through a high level of excellence and achievement in their field. Since the first



ceremony was held in 2002, over 190 New Brunswickers have received the award.

Penny and her fellow recipients were invested with the Order of New Brunswick on November 2, 2022, in a ceremony at Government House in Fredericton.

## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER

#### Courtesy of the Grand Prior—Dame Jane Anema

The Emerald Fund of the Order of St. Lazarus has funded the first donation of blankets for Ukrainian refugees through the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC). Pictured are Chev. Robert Boyko, Past Hospitaller, Western Ontario Commandery and LCol Rob Zeidler of the Toronto Commandery with members of the UCC at the Toronto Parachute storefront location where Ukrainian families can find donations to keep them warm during this cold winter season. Blankets are also being delivered to the UCC storefront in Hamilton, Ontario.







## THE GOOD WORKS OF THE ORDER

#### Courtesy of Paul Henry

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, OStJ, CD, M.Ed., KCLJ (J), OMLJ, National Almoner of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St-Lazarus-Priory in Canada, presented a cheque in the amount of 3000\$ to the Maison McCulloch Hospice in Sudbury, on behalf of the Toronto Commandery and the National Priory. It's important to note that this is the 7<sup>th</sup> year that this presentation has taken place. On the photo, are pictured from left to right:

Julie Aubé, CPA, CMA, Executive Director Maison McCulloch Hospice

Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, National Almoner Canadian Grand Priory OSL

Gerry Lougheed Jr, O.Ont., Member of the Board of Directors Maison McCulloch Hospice



The Toronto Commandery and National Priory are proud of this annual donation to the Pediatric wing of the Hospice!

#### Courtesy of Edmonton Commandery

Members of the Edmonton Commandery attended a memorial service in thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, held at All Saints Anglican Cathedral in Edmonton, Thursday, September 22, 2022.

a) Photo with Queen's portrait: (l-r) Julien Hammond (Commander), Dame Cathy Lucas, Chev. Peter Lucas, Dame Dorothy Sande (Vice-Commander)

b) Photo with Lt. Gov of Alberta: (l-r) Chev. Peter Lucas, Dame Cathy Lucas, Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani (Lieutenant Governor of Alberta) and His Honour, Dr. Zaheer Lakhani, Dame Dorothy Sande, and Julien Hammond





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## CHAPTER GENERAL 2022 (1)

I extend my appreciation to the CG2022 Organizing Committee members, to those who assisted in delivering an outstanding experience, and to the many members who attended and enjoyed the work of the Committee.

The Grand Prior's Reception allowed members to visit with others for the first face-to-face meeting in three years and was further enhanced with dinner at the Wine Cellar of Peller Estate Winery.

The educational sessions preceded the Vigil in the almost medieval surroundings of the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre. The Medieval Murder Mystery with many members in medieval costumes, completed a fantastic day.

The Plenary sessions provided members with information on several subjects including the Grand Priory's Grant Process; efforts undertaken for a possible Petro-Canada Grant to be used to advance Hospice care to Indigenous Canadians; the current Hospice Landscape in Canada and a very informative Ecumenical Panel discussion.

Several respondents appreciated the presentation of Chains of Office to the Commandery Commanders, and I would be remiss in not noting the wonderful experience of having the Grand Master invest me as Chancellor during the Investiture service.

The Gala Dinner was a long-awaited opportunity to don our formal evening dress, enjoy music, dancing and seeing the illumination of Niagara Falls for an hour in the Green and Gold of the Order.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Order in the coming years.

Lt. (ret) W. Frederick K. Tufnell KCLJ CMLJ

Chancellor





## CHAPTER GENERAL 2022 (2)

May 15-17 found Saint Lazarus Canada gathering in fellowship, at the Chapter General in Niagara Falls Ontario, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Order in Canada . What a pleasure it was to reconnect with friends from the Grand Priories of Canada, the United States, and Sweden. We were extremely honoured to welcome our Grand Master from Spain.

Over four busy days, we visited Peller Estates winery for an elegant dinner in their barrel cellar on Thursday, and in our host hotel, the Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa, we enjoyed a medieval style murder mystery feast on Friday. On Saturday, the Grand Master's Emerald Ball absolutely glittered. The musical stylings of the very talented Miss Tammy Darling and her band brought



everyone to the dancing floor while outside



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The vigil was held in Our Lady of Mount Carmel chapel, a beautiful intimate space laid out in traditional monastic style where the Canadian Order's new processional cross was dedicated, and our postulants participated in their retreat. Saturday's Investiture found us at St. John's Anglican Church where Grand Master Francisco de Borbon Graf von Hardenberg, American Grand Prior H.E. Chevalier John Byrnes, and Canadian Grand Prior H.E. Dame Jane Anema welcomed our newest postulants into this very ancient and distinguished Order. Along with the Investiture, many deserving members were promoted or decorated.

Members of the clergy, led by Chaplain General Eric Dyck, bless the Order's new processional cross

2 Postulants, having received the light of Christ from the Knights and Dames of the Order, pledge to serve the Order and the Grand Master while holding the hilt of the Ceremonial Sword

3 The Grand Master is welcomed to Chapter General by the Grand Prior with the gift of a fleece vest with the Maltese Cross







- 1. The Investiture Service begins with the Grand Prior in Canada, The Grand Master and the Grand Prior of America presiding.
- 2. The American Grand Prior John Byrnes and his wife Anna enjoy some Canadian hospitality.
- 3. The Grand Prior in Canada receives the Chain of office and Breast star worn by the first Grand Prior in Canada, LCol The Hon. John Keiller MacKay (1962-1970), after it was bought on eBay in the United States by William Christmas and returned to Canada by Harold Roberts.
- 4. Michael Kalnay, Arctic Commander, and David Connelly receive the Thunder Bay Trophy, (for the Commandery with the largest attendance travelling the greatest distance), from the Grand Prior
- 5. Miss Tammy Darling and her band delighted everyone with music from the 50's and 60's and kept the dance floor filled all evening.
- 6. Craig McQuitty, Ottawa's Commander, receives the Matheson Trophy (for the highest Commandery growth percentage) from the Grand Prior



## CHAPTER GENERAL 2022 (4)



1. A delicious meal, served at one very long table, was enjoyed in the Barrel Cellar of Peller Estates Winery. 2. M'Lord Jim Stokes, retired Marshall, and M'Lady Ruth Stokes, retired Ecumenical Chair, dressed in Medieval fashion enjoying the Medieval Murder Mystery Dinner. 3. The Host Commander of Western Ontario, Scott Saunders with his wife, and new member of the Order, Trish Saunders, welcome the Grand Master to the Ball. 4. The majesty of Niagara Falls lit in the Green and Gold of the Order in honour of the Order's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Canada. 5. EXTRAS from "Monty Python & The Holy Grail"



#### Courtesy of the Chancellor—Chev Fred Tufnell

A RECAP OF THE GRAND PRIORAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE GRAND PRIORY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON D.C.

I was fortunate to attend the Grand Prioral Council Meeting of the Grand Priory of America held in Washington D.C. from 1-4 September 2022. Accommodations were at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, centrally located in Washington, at a much-reduced rate for members.

Thursday was an optional tour of Mount Vernon, the estate of George Washington, first President of the United States. It was a remarkable site of original and restored buildings and artifacts; his inventive nature apparent in numerous facets of the property and its furnishings and evidence of the self-sufficiency needed to feed and house the workers and family members at Mount Vernon. All registrants were later welcomed to the Grand Prior's Reception.

Friday featured a series of business meetings for the members of the American Grand Priory, followed by the Vigil Service conducted by Washington's Cardinal Wilton Gregory. The service was followed by an evening dinner cruise on the Potomac River, which provided extraordinary views of many of the City's memorials and dancing under the stars.

Saturday was filled with various Committee meetings conducting the business of the Grand Priory. A late afternoon Investiture was followed by a Gala Dinner. In a tip of the hat to their Canadian guests, an Arlington Pipe and Drum Corps performed several Scottish tunes followed by a live band that had all present dancing up a storm. The Grand Master was accompanied by his wife Sophia and their son Franky. His favourite toy is a St. Lazarus bear.

It was a wonderful experience, and I would encourage all Canadian members to consider attending the next Grand Prioral Council meeting scheduled for the fall of 2023 in Tampa, Florida.

#### Courtesy of the Grand Prior—Dame Jane Anema

NOMINATIONS FOR 2023 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

As per the regulations sent after the BOG meeting,

"4.1 Nominations shall be solicited from the Members sufficiently in advance of any planned election that adequate time is available to seek out and consider potential nominees. In the normal course of events, this means that a call for Nominations to positions on the Board of Governors shall be circulated to the membership through the Commanders prior to the end of the fiscal year "

Your Commander will send you the nomination form.

There are four elected positions to be filled for terms beginning in 2023.

- ♦ Chancellor
- ◊ Vice Chancellor Finance
- ◊ and Two (2) Directors for the Board of Governors.

The deadline for nomination is Wednesday, February 15th at 5 pm EST.

Keep in mind that all nominees, nominators and seconders must be in good standing..

All materials are to be submitted via email to: Jane.Anema@saintlazarus.ca

Submissions received will be forwarded without comment or direction to the Nominating Committee after that date.

There are also a number of appointed positions and/or deputy positions that may be available. I would be pleased to discuss those roles with any member.

Jane Anema Grand Prior GCLJ Residence: 2750 Sandfield Cres SS 1 Bright's Grove ON N0N 1C0 519 328 0254

# NOMINATIONS



