



GAZETTE

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

The Governing Council is Embracing 'Going Forward'



The Grand Prior with a Knight at the Chapter General in Digby, NS

I shall serve is the promise we all made during our investiture into the Order. Once invested the promise becomes a challenge and one that deserves careful consideration - How shall I serve? I believe that service through our mission - creating a positive effect on the quality of end of life care in Canada while honouring our international mandate of ecumenical service and the treatment of leprosy should be our focus.

People get involved in charitable works and volunteer organizations to do good, to follow a sense of purpose, to feel good about themselves, to find the work rewarding and to share their passion with others of like mind. They want to know that what they do is worthwhile. By acting on our mission as servants, we can make a difference. This is one of the reasons that our Chief Marketing Officer,

CHAPTER GENERAL

Niagara Falls, Ontario



Western Ontario Commandery of Saint Lazarus Canada is pleased to host the **Chapter General May 28-31, 2020**. We will be staying in the luxurious **Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa** overlooking the falls.

The Marriott Fallsview has blocked off a select number of rooms for us at a special rate of \$149 CAN (City-view) or \$169 CAN (Falls-view).

Please book your rooms ASAP to guarantee the room of your choice.

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Vice Chancellor, Strategic Development, has developed the Small Acts of Kindness program to provide members with an opportunity to easily and formally advertise the good work we do through simple acts of service.

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The members of the Grand Priory in Canada have every reason to be proud of our many accomplishments through our National and Commandery initiatives over the years. The many hours that have been given in service to the Order and to the community and our country as whole is really quite remarkable. We have a rich and storied past. Yet we remain unknown in many quarters.

Small Acts of Kindness and the service you can give through this imitative can change this.

By the time you read this I will have had I had the privilege of attending the American Grand Prioral Council meeting in Mexico and the Heads of Jurisdiction meeting in Madrid as well as working with the members of Council to craft the actions that will support the growth of the Order in Canada. As always the members of Council remain open to your positive suggestions as to how we can prosper and grow through service and fulfilling our mission. We live in a time of change and must learn to be responsive. We can no longer

rely on what we've always done but the ideals of chivalry and the deep roots of our organization will guide us as we strive to meet the demands of the 21st century. as our watchword.

It is an honour to serve you all as the Grand Prior and work with you as we serve our fellow Canadians.

Jane



THE GO FORWARD TEAM (GFT) UPDATE | ROBBIE SPRULES

The **GoForwardTeam** has continued its work since the Chapter General in Digby. Its role as the 'idea incubator' for the Order has paid off, continually discussing ideas that will help the Order keep pace with societal change. Many ideas are discussed, and those that have merit are brought forward to the Governing Council.

In November of 2019, *A Caregiver's Guide* was reviewed and some changes made, with 15,000 new editions printed and ready for distribution. 2020/2021 will see a complete review & update.



GO FORWARD TEAM MEMBERS (GFT)

Jane Anema, Grand Prior
Chevalier Robbie Sprules VCSD
Chevalier David Cvet CITO

ANDY'S HOUSE, MUSKOKA, ONTARIO

Hospices need volunteers and money to work. Sadly, in some jurisdictions, almost as many hospices close each year as open. Keeping the flow of volunteers and funds vibrant is tough. Successful hospices have strong connections with the community they serve.

Hospice Muskoka is one such organization. After 25 years in operation its volunteer corps rests at around 30 who are licensed caregivers and almost as many again who give of their time to run errands, answer the phone, support fundraising activities, serve on the Board and its committees and more.

In the last 5 years the goal has been to build a place where the needs of those at end of life can be served in a dignified, peaceful, state of the art facility. *Andy's House*, as it is called, opens its doors at the end of November. This endeavour has been a labour of love, raising more than \$3 million for the build alone in that time.

Each year there are several fund raisers for Hospice Muskoka. The two major events (in terms

of money raised) are *Andy's Ride* (a cycling event around Lake Muskoka) and the *Potts Memorial Tournament* (Andy was a Potts) held at Muskoka Lakes Golf Club on the shores of Lake Rosseau.

This year, one of our own, *Robbie Sprules* (Acadia), stepped up with a unique offer. He donated a beautiful 1994 Jaguar XJ40 to be auctioned for the cause. The car looked like it had come directly from the showroom. With an appraised value of \$16,500 it was some gift! The car sold for \$12,000. Making it sweeter was a surprise offer from Brock Napier to match funds raised that night

up to \$250,000. The car contributed \$24,000 to Andy's House. *Thank you Robbie!*

Our Muskoka contingent, the ones who brought you the Chapter General in 2017, have raised, given and pledged \$410,000 to Andy's House. Robbie's contribution brings us up to \$434,000 and counting! Oh, and the volunteers? The Order has 2 members working on the Board of Hospice Muskoka and another 2 members on the fund raising committee for Andy's House. There were 24 volunteers from the community who turned out to help run the tournament. Who said volunteering isn't fun?



The 1994 Jaguar XJ 40 donated by Chevalier Robbie Sprules for Andy's House. Chevalier Ross Maclean made the arrangements, stored the Jaguar until the auction, and kept in immaculate shape until delivery. Thank you all for your generous help on Andy's House.



ATALANTA HOSPICE



The Atalanta Hospice Society was founded by a group of Members of the Order, all part of the House of Fundy which has as its mission, to establish a residential style hospice in the Cornwallis location (between Digby and Annapolis Royal). The 20 Friends who are attached to the Order in the House of Fundy have their entire annual oblations (\$50/year) directed towards this project in support.

Earlier this year, at the Chapter General in Digby, it was announced that the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre had donated 6.63 acres to this

project. Also, at the black-tie dinner at the Chapter General, two pledges of donations, the first with \$1,605 from The Historical Association of Annapolis Royal followed later by a \$50,000 pledge anonymously.

Since then, the Order of Saint Lazarus has contributed \$10,000 to this project from a combination of funds raised

during the Chapter General and matching funds program for the Commandery. A number of Members and Friends organized a raffle for a lovely dinner for two at the Founders House Restaurant in Annapolis Royal. The draw for this event will be performed at the Acadia Commandery's brunch at the Founders House on Sunday, December 15th.



DAVID CVET, CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

We all remember Chevalier David Cvet from the 2019 Chapter General in Digby, Nova Scotia, one of the main hosts and planners for the event. Now he has turned his attention, as the new Atlantic Commander, to pushing forward on the 'Atalanta Hospice.'



Since the last BC report in 2018, our Commandery has met on several occasions and has been active in promoting the aims and objectives of the Order here on the West Coast. In early June, we held our Annual General Meeting in Victoria and were honoured by the attendance of both our newly



elected **Grand Prior, Dame Jane Anema** and the Vice-Chancellor for Commanderies, **Dame Glynis Grigg**. It was also an opportunity to invest two postulants who were unable to attend the Chapter General in Digby, Nova Scotia. **Confrère Connor Massey** and **Confrère Vincent Reynolds** were afterwards elected the Commandery's Treasurer and Secretary respectively, among our small group of volunteers.



Other officers appointed included **Chev. David Hjalmarson** (Vice-Commander for Vancouver Island), **Chev. Klaus Priebe** (Vice-Commander for the

BC mainland), **Rev. Stephen Hollander** (Commandery Chaplain), **Dr. Paul Loofs** (Commandery Hospitaller) and myself as Commander. The presentation of a cheque for \$1000 to **Jordan McClymont** of the Victoria Hospice Society was also made by **Dr. Loofs** and myself immediately before the investiture ceremony. **Dr. Loofs** has just retired from volunteering with Medical Ministry International of Hamilton ON, after 35 years and 110 missions to ten Latin American countries, the last being Peru earlier this year at the age of 90!



In July, **Chev. Klaus Priebe**, **Confrère Vincent Reynolds** and I met with **Patrick Matiowski**, Director of Fundraising with the Langley Care Foundation in Langley, BC to present a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the Order to assist in funding activity therapies for the residents of this complex care facility. This was made possible by the 'matching grant' programme of the Grand Priory in Canada. The presentation was followed up in early September with an invitation to the Langley Lodge Donor's Luncheon at

which **Confrère Reynolds** kindly represented the Commandery.

In October, the Commandery Executive met in Nanaimo to discuss various matters,



the most important being the proposal to host the 2021 Chapter General here in BC. After some discussion, at which **Chev. Ross McLean** and two mainland members were present via teleconference, it was proposed that the Chapter General be held in Victoria and **Confrère Connor Massey**, a Victoria resident, offered to act as Organizing Committee Chair based on his experience of running similar events.

Finally, the Vancouver School of Theology has offered to arrange a meeting between a Commandery representative and **Lorie Martin**, this year's recipient of the St Lazarus ecumenical bursary, for a photo opportunity to promote the ecumenical work of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Neill KLJ MMLJ
Commander – British Columbia
Saint Lazarus Canada



MEDIEVAL WEDDING CEREMONY

The Hospitaller of the Order, Chev. Dr. Robert Boyko married the Fair Lady Nadia Juhasz on Aug. 3, 2019 in Medieval fashion!

Chev. Scott Saunders officiated as Best Man and Chev. Fred Tufnell kept everyone in line acting as Marshal for the evening.



A \$5,000 cheque being presented for the Prairie Centre.

Pastor Stewart Miller (L), Murray Patzwald (R)



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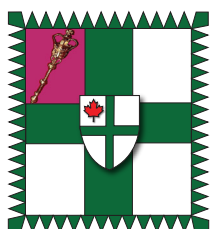
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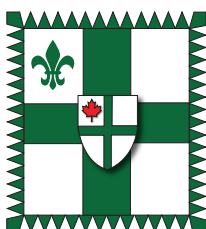
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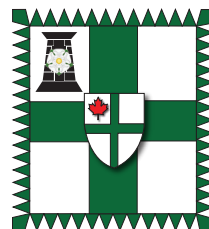
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There are **13 Commanderies in Canada**, each with their own distinctive Banner relating to the particular identifying ideas of the region. For more information on the history of each region, contact the Commandery.

Look for the Banners at the upcoming Chapter General in Niagara Falls ON, they will be part of the Ceremonies & Gala Dinner.

For more detailed information, contact **Ted McNabb**, Principal Armorer for Saint Lazarus, Canada.



Contributors



ROBBIE SPRULES

This marks the third *Gazette* under Robbie's direction. This year, it is being assembled by an outside supplier to help ease the burden of Robbie's roles.

The plan for 'going forward' in 2020 is to strive for greater communications focusing on the use of social media. We hope to bring you snippets of stories throughout the year. If you have stories, send them to gazette@stlazarus.ca.



DAVID CVET

David has continued to support the information flow for the Gazette through his building of the database on-line.

Thank you David.

(SUDBURY, ON)

Saint Lazarus Canada, the Canadian branch of the international order of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, is donating \$5,000 to establish new scholarships for students studying Gerontology at Huntington University in Greater Sudbury. Over the next five years, two \$500 awards will be presented annually in recognition of:

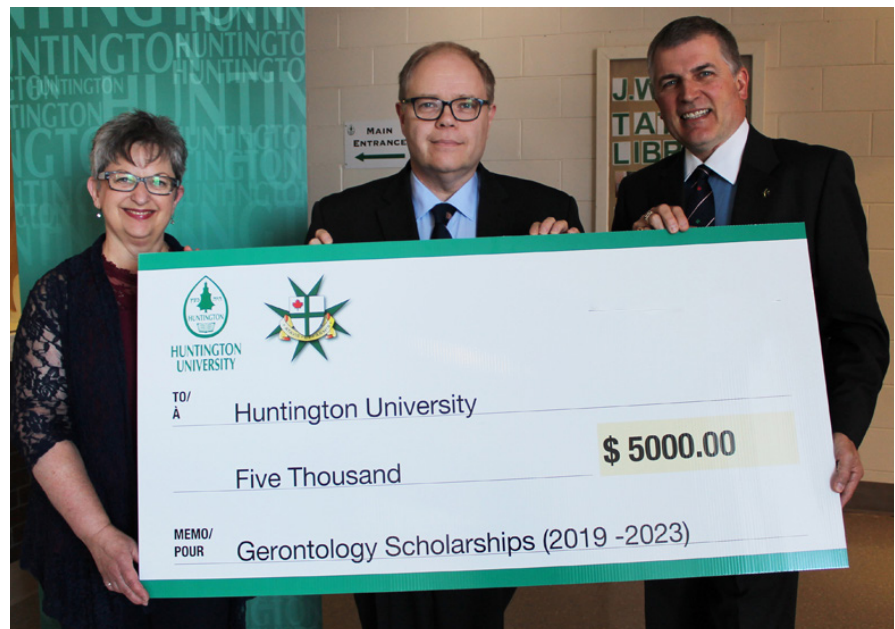
- ◆ a student with the highest overall average in the Internship in Gerontology (GERO 3126) course;
- ◆ a student taking course(s) in Gerontology who has demonstrated outstanding community service in the area of palliative/hospice care.

“As a Hospitaller Order and modern charity, the Order of Saint Lazarus Canada is dedicated to the care and assistance of the poor and sick, and for the advancement and advocacy of palliative and hospice care,” said **Paul Henry**, Major (Ret’d), a Senior Member of the Toronto Commandery Military and Hospitaler Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Priory in Canada. “As such, we are committed to supporting the studies of students who are pursuing a

high quality post-secondary education in gerontology. They will go on to become the front-line workers who care daily for the aged in our communities, as well as the policy makers who shape the future of palliative and hospice care for Canada in the years to come.”

“The aging of Canada’s population is causing a disruption in our youth oriented and death-denying culture,” said **Dr. Lorraine Mercer**, Chair of the Gerontology Department at Huntington University. “As a result of this disruption, gerontology, the study of aging, is an increasingly relevant field of study offering students relevant perspectives and practices for providing care with dignity, as well as comfort at the end of life.”

“Thank you to **Paul Henry** and The Order of Saint Lazarus Canada, for selecting Huntington University as the recipient of this funding, over the next five years, to support the establishment of scholarships for our gerontology students,” said **Dr. Kevin McCormick**, President and Vice-Chancellor of Huntington University. “The Order has a long history of advocacy, assistance and education with respect to hospice and palliative care in Canada. For their organization to recognize the academic achievements and community service of our students in this way, is a great honour for our institution, faculty and students.”





October 2019 saw my son-in-law, **Mr. Jocelyn Landry** and I sitting down with the founder and general care manager of this amazing hospice in Montmagny, Quebec to talk about our Order, our history, our mantra and our national focus. Asking how, through St. Lazarus, I might help them in some way resulted in giving **Mme. Helene Caron** twenty Caregivers Guides in French that they were most impressed with and grateful for. The volunteers they have in their network operate both in the hospice proper and in the homes of patients who wish to remain there with family giving care. Thanks to our confrere **Bob Clarke**, **Laureen** at CHPA, **Jocelyn Landry** and my daughter **JoAnne Dougall** for their valuable assistance in making this small service possible.

Yours, in service,

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«Dans la vie, il n'y a pas de moment plus précieux que de prendre le temps avec ceux qu'on aime.»

Mme. Helene Caron.

Foundatrice de la Maison D'Helene.

“In life, there are no moments more precious than spending time with loved ones..”

HOME CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

A *Caregiver's Guide*, handbook on palliative care, continues to be distributed throughout Canada. The Home Caregiver Support Program (HCSP) is an extension of the Guide covering all needs of caregivers of palliative patients. The overall goal of the Home Caregiver Support Program (HCSP) is to provide information and assistance to non-professional caregivers who are providing care for family members or friends suffering from chronic or terminal illnesses within the confines of their own home. Caregivers can include other family members, partners, parents, children, and close friends. A direct link to the online program is on the St. Lazarus website.

The HCSP online course is designed for caregivers to do on their own time in the comfort of their own homes. An introductory module provides an overview of the program and what is covered in the other modules. In keeping with hospice palliative care philosophy, the program addresses the physical, psychological, social, spiritual and practical issues faced by caregivers while looking after their loved ones at home. Topics include home care, symptom management, dealing with

emotions and stress management experienced by caregivers. Other modules provide information on supports in the community,

advance care planning and how to encourage inner spiritual strength. Each module can be completed in about one hour. Caregivers can do any or all modules as their needs dictate and return to the website at any time. An

additional in person practical session may be available in selected communities in Ontario. After completing the online course, the practical session offers time for activities, discussion of local resources, peer-mentoring, and the opportunity to ask questions.

The HCSP is free for caregivers and patients and is accepting registration now online in both English and French at: www.stlazarus.ca/HCSP.

The program is compatible on all devices (computer/tablet/smart phone). After requesting the course on the homepage and registering online, an access code will be sent to participants to log on to do the course.

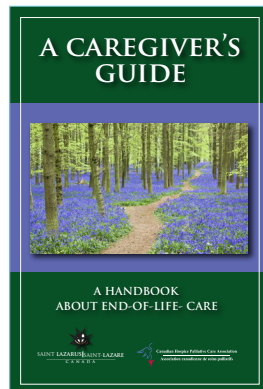
The online, web-based version of the Home Caregiver Support Program in both official languages of English and French, has been operational since July 1, 2017. As of

Dec. 31, 2018, a total of 176 individuals have participated in the online HCSP nationally, the majority of declared participants from Ontario, but also Alberta, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Caregiver type is predominately family, providing care in the home. As expected, the majority of caregivers are female. Cancer and dementia form the majority of illnesses involved.

I encourage all Order members, especially Regional Commanders and Hospitallers (where they exist) to hand out information on the HCSP whenever they have contact with local hospices or are handing out *A Caregiver's Guide*, as the online HCSP covers more material than just the physical needs in the Guide and will help spread the work of the order. The information sheets can be found from the home page of the St. Lazarus website under Hospice Resources > Home Caregiver Support Program > HCSP Overview and HCSP Course Description. Let's help spread the word about this excellent program!

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CHECK OUT THE WEB SITE



ACCESS the Members' Area to explore the comprehensive resources available to members. If you don't have a username and password, please contact the Order administrator with access@stlazarus.ca

You can use your mobile devices, or access from a desktop computer. Either way, you will get the same results.



David Cvet,
Chief Information &
Technology Officer

ACCESS



All of us at the *Gazette* are looking forward to seeing you at the Chapter General in the late Spring of 2020 in NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO.

You may contact the Commandery through the National web site, just go to the web site at www.stlazarus.ca, and search on OSLJ in the top red menu bar.

Leave an email message for any questions you might have for *Robert Boyko*.



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