



GAZETTE

We are going forward

We had a whole lot of fun in Thunder Bay at the Chapter General



Dancing, eating, playing and a spectacular array of activities.

This year there was additional consideration given to revised bylaws, branding and planning to move forward. The direction given by the membership in 2017 as part of the visioning process is being implemented.



The support of many generous donors to the rejuvenation fund will ensure that the Order in Canada will be able to engage in a formal strategic planning process without impacting any of our ongoing charitable activity. We have also significantly reduced our operational costs.

There were many moments of joy as we invested postulants, promoted members, recognized achievement, feasted together, prayed together and enjoyed each other's company. Of particular note was the award of the first **Donat Cross** to Chevalier David

Chapter General

Digby, Nova Scotia



While in the lovely and enchanting town of Digby, you will experience the Fundy tides (highest in the world), Annapolis Royal (the cradle of our nation), scallops grilled by Digby Town's Mayor, a lobster boil on the beach during a Maritimes Kitchen Party. For those wishing some pampering or extra-curricular fun, you can enjoy the Pines AVEDA concept spa or a Stanley Thompson golf course at the Pines. Take a look at the golf course by clicking on [Digby Pines Golf Course](#). (Note that the Pines is offering a 25% discount on green fees to OSLJ guests staying in the hotel).

Connelly for his extraordinary gift, and the arrival of our postulants by canoe to the feast at Fort William.

Donat Cross

As part of the rejuvenation of the Order in Canada, Council has agreed to award the Donat Cross to those making significant financial gifts to the work of the Order. This medal, long a fixture in other jurisdictions, is the only medal given solely on the basis of financial contribution. To be eligible the potential recipient must be prepared to make a gift of a minimum of Five Thousand US Dollars or more and declare their intent to do so before making the gift. There are several classes of the Cross and the award is made at the Chapter General following the completion of payment. Full details on the award and the conditions are available from the Almoner, VCFinance and the through the member's only section of the our website.

SHOWN AT RIGHT IS THE FIRST CLASS DONAT CROSS. THERE ARE ALSO THE SECOND CLASS DONAT CROSS AND THE THIRD CLASS DONAT CROSS.



Pilgrims Shell

One of the trips many of our members make over the course of their lifetime is a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Those that do, and who can provide documentation indicating visits to specific venues are eligible to apply for a Pilgrims Shell. The Shell is then added to the Maltese cross emblazoned on the mantle. The application is made to the Keeper of the Crusader's Medal Lynn Dalton Lathrop, CLJ a member of the Grand Priory of America and requires the Grand Priors signature verifying that the member is in good standing. Details and the application form can be found in the member's only section of the website.

THE GO FORWARD TEAM (GFT) UPDATE *ROBBIE SPRULES*

The GoForwardTeam has been working hard after the progress achieved at the Chapter General, held in Thunder Bay in May 2018. The team has met most Fridays for on-line meetings lasting for approximately one to one and a half hours, and face-to-face on various occasions.

The results of a conference in Mississauga and fact-finding missions were presented in Ottawa at the National Council meeting in November, where certain initiatives were presented, and approvals sought. Significant progress was made. All Members should check in with their Commanders.



GO FORWARD TEAM MEMBERS (GFT)

Dame Jane Anema, Chancellor
Chevalier Ross McLean, Bailiff

Robbie Sprules, Chief Marketing Officer
David Cvet, Chief Information
Technology Officer

ANDY'S HOUSE, MUSKOKA, ONTARIO

The Mission of Hospice Muskoka is to be there with individuals and families wherever compassionate end of life and bereavement care is needed, in partnership with an engaged community.

On June 20 2005, Constable Andrew Potts and partner Matt Hanes of the OPP were involved in a car accident while on duty. Tragically, Andy was killed and Matt was seriously injured. In 2006, The Andy Potts Memorial Foundation was created to raise money for community projects in Andy's name. Since 2012, the Foundation has been working tirelessly to achieve a campaign goal of 2.5 million to build Andy's House, an integrated Hospice Palliative Care Hub.

Hospice Muskoka has been working on the development of a Hospice Residence since 2001. Thanks to the hard work of the Andy Potts Memorial Foundation and the generous support of many different individuals, groups, businesses and the community, 80% of the \$2.5 million dollar capital campaign has been realized. The Fund Raising Committee for the Hospice is Bob Potts, Matt Hanes, John Panikkar OLJ and Ross McLean KCLJ. Construction has begun with the goal of enclosing the building by Christmas to complete interior work over the winter and to open in early summer of 2019. The Andy Potts Memorial Foundation plans to gift the building to Hospice Muskoka when completed. The

facility will be situated on a 13.4 acre parcel of land in Port Carling donated by local resident Brock Napier to the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

As Hospice Muskoka serves all of South and West Muskoka, it is an ideal location, overlooking the Indian River and no more than 25 minutes from most communities in South and West Muskoka or 20 minutes' drive from the hospital in Bracebridge.

The facility is being built as a series of pods, to best suit the site where it will be located. Each pod can be dedicated to its own functionality. Hospice Muskoka is planning to move its current operation – Visiting Hospice Volunteer, Grief and Bereavement, Caregiver support and Hospice Palliative Care Education programs to Andy's House when it opens. Among the Board members of Hospice Muskoka are Mary Grady CLJ, Chair and Lucy McLean MLJ.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ROSS MCLEAN, SAINT LAZARUS CANADA.

ARTICLE BY: SANDRA WINSPEAR MLJ, ED HOSPICE MUSKOKA

**ATALANTA HOSPICE**

Last autumn, the Order was the inspiration to establish a hospice project in the south-west corner of Nova Scotia, along the Bay of Fundy coast. The project began in September 2017 with the registration of a non-profit entity named the Atalanta Hospice Society. All of the founding members of its Board of Directors are members of the Acadia Commandery and the House of Fundy.

Work on refining the project, the objectives and clarifying exactly what can be done locally occurred over the past

year. With the assistance of the Grand Priory in Canada and the Rejuvenation Fund, the Atalanta Hospice Society organized an information event this past September in Smiths Cove at the Villages of Mountain Gap (a resort in the Cove) where 30 people attended. This sharing of information with the locals was enhanced with the presence of Ross McLean who shared valuable input and experience with the Muskoka Hospice. The presentation was considered a success, and much discussion and questions regarding the hospice project continue today. The event eventually found its way into the province's newspaper, The Chronicle Herald, as well as the local regional paper, the Tri-County Vanguard out of Yarmouth. The

Atalanta group are planning a similar event in the Annapolis Royal area in November.

It is clear that such offering of expertise by the Order is an invaluable resource, in particular, for those more remote and rural areas of Canada. These areas typically have low-density population and are often overlooked with respect to implementations of health care services as these are frequently focused in city centres in Nova Scotia.

The Atalanta Hospice Society wish to thank the Order of Saint Lazarus for their support in this initiative, and look forward to working further with the Order, hopefully, expediting this project to come to fruition sooner than later.



DAVID CVET, CHIEF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

In the photo above, from left to right: David Cvet, Neil Nichols, Lois Stevenson, Dr. Ken Bucholz and Douglas Irvine. They are the founding Board of Directors of the AtalantaHospice Society.

Shown at left are the 'beard twins', David Cvet and Ross McLean. It looks like David really is taller! Ross was in Digby to support the Atalanta Hospice project.



FRIENDS OF THE ORDER

DAVID CVET

The Friend of the Order is a concept hatched during the strategic workshop hosted by the Toronto Commandery at Deerhurst in 2017. The various challenges posed to a number of workgroups cultivated a dynamic and energetic dialogue between members of the Order. The genesis of the idea was put forward by Dr. Ken Buchholz, OLJ and David M. Cvet, CLJ. The Acadia Commandery took this idea back to the Maritimes and developed a full-fledged Friend of the Order program, which at the time of this writing, has seven Friends.

The idea behind the program is to create a new mechanism to attract greater numbers of individuals connected and

engaged with the Order by localizing the objectives to the local community of a House within the Commandery. The pilot was conducted within the House of Fundy, Acadia Commandery which spans the municipalities of Digby and Annapolis, both which are adjacent to the Bay of Fundy. The program provides a low-cost commitment to the Order and allows one to learn more about the Order from the “inside” with the possibility to expand their association in becoming a full member of the Order in the future.

Roberta “Bert” Heembrock, a Friend of the Order stated, “The Friends program provides an opportunity to become a good citizen of the community by helping out in this way and the program offers a way to learn more about the Order”. Members of the House of Fundy initiated a project in 2017 to pursue the establishment of a residential-style hospice in the area through the not-for-profit Atalanta Hospice Society (*the HMS Atalanta is the name of a 14-gun ship captained by Rear Admiral Robert Digby*

who conveyed Loyalists from New York City in 1783 to Conway, later renamed to Digby).



Top left: Roberta Hambrock, Smiths Cove, NS. Above: Mike Kayo, Annapolis Royal, NS.

Having a localized opportunity to interface with other members of the Order and finding that the members are “enthusiastic, sincere and energetic” has only added to her interest” noted Bert. She also stated that the Order is “less intimidating through the optics of the Friend program”. Bert is also actively involved in the planning of the 2019 Chapter General and appears to be enjoying her participation and involvement.

Join up and become a Friend of the Order, Saint Lazarus, Canada.



Dear friends,

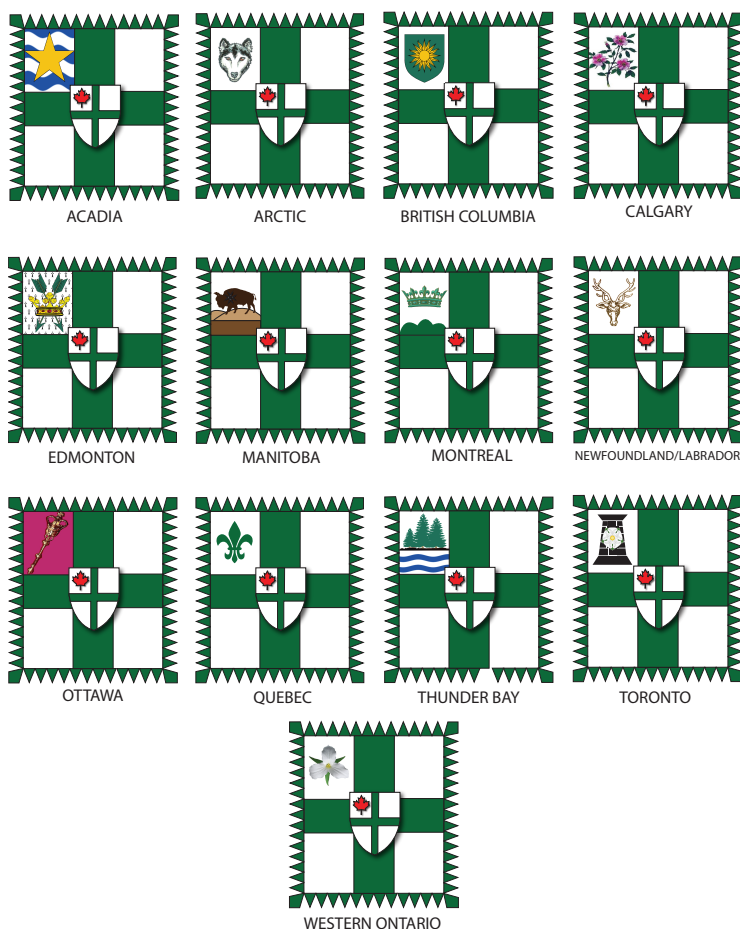
Greetings from Rome! I am here for the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church with Pope Francis. I had a chance to meet with our Spiritual Protector today, +Joseph Absi, Patriarch of the Melkites. I introduced myself as a member of the Order of Saint Lazarus, and asked if I could have a photo with him to send to the other members of the Order. He gladly accepted (also see attached). I thought it might be nice to share with the members of our Order in Canada. I leave that to your discretion. God bless!

Bishop Thomas
Dowd, Montreal Commandery, Pope
Francis, Joseph Absi.

The Rev. Eric Dyck of
the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada and
Blanche Kate Gates of the
Anglican Church of Canada
are the 2018 recipients of
the **Companion of the
Worship Arts**.



**BANNERS OF THE THIRTEEN
COMMANDERIES IN CANADA,
AGAIN. GET READY.**



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.

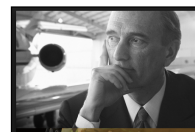
Look for the Banners at the upcoming Chapter General in Digby, Nova Scotia, they will be part of the Ceremonies & Gala Dinner.

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



Contributors

ROBBIE SPRULES



Robbie has developed our second 'new' gazette, and we have

repeated the Banners to help as easy reference. The GoForwardTeam has been very helpful in sending articles, reviewing text and all around cheer leading. Thank you to all of them and their colleagues. I am standing in for the moment as 'temporary editor' while Warren is up to his hocks in other duties. The branding initiative continues.

DAVID CVET

David is on point in this issue introducing the 'House' concept and his work in Digby.



BRIAN T. NEWBOLD, HISTORIAN OF SAINT LAZARUS CANADA, RECEIVES AWARD

Chev. Professor emeritus Brian T. Newbold, GCLJ, GOMLJ, Historian of the Grand Priory of the Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada, has been named Laureate of the 2018 Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Society of Computer Chemistry of Japan. This National

honour was given in recognition of Professor Newbold's more than fifteen years of excellent service as a corrector of research papers submitted to two Japanese Journals; as well as his contributions as a member of two Editorial Boards. The Award presentation took place at the National Institute of Technology in Tokyo, on June 7, 2018.

THE ACADIA
COMMANDERY IS THE
PLACE TO BE IN MAY.

The Acadia Commandery warmly welcomes you to the Chapter General 2019, **May 23 - 26, 2019** at the beautiful [Digby Pines Golf Resort and Spa](#) in Digby, Nova Scotia, recently named by Expedia as the fourth "most charming historic town in Canada."

Room Reservations: To make reservations for rooms in the main Lodge of the Pines or cottages (which come in one and two bedroom configurations), call **1-800-667-4637**. Refer to the registered event code: **314045** or just mention that you are with the **Order of Saint Lazarus**. The Pines has agreed to offer the discounted room rate for 2 days prior to and after the CG, which will be appealing for members wishing to arrive early and stay on in the area at the end of the CG meetings.

Reservations for rooms must be made via telephone as the website will indicate

that there are no rooms available. That is because the Pines is booked during that period, however, they have blocked off a number of rooms for the Chapter General.

CG2019 registration form:
The CG2019 registration form will be available before the end of October and will be available for online registration. For those that may not have access to the online registration form, please check with your Commanders and he/she can print off a hard copy for you to fill out and mail in. We will advise you of when the form is uploaded on the OSLJ website.

Program planning: Planning for the program itinerary is well underway. There are planned new additions to the program including breakout workgroups, each focusing on a topic of interest including a) historic and chivalric nature of the Order; b) starting up a hospice project; c) sharing of Commanderies' good

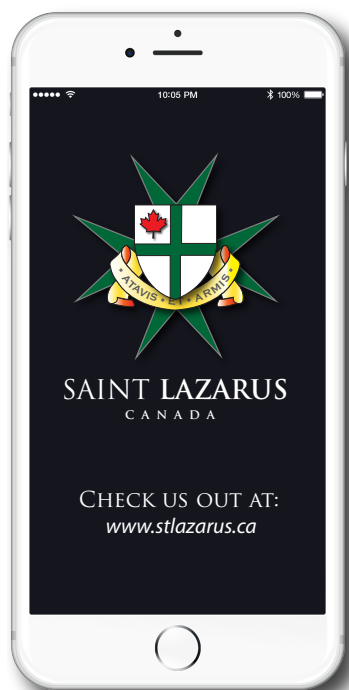


practices; and d) evolutionary ecumenism.

One will be able to participate in two sessions as these will run in the first half of Friday morning and again in the second half of Friday morning.



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 2019 in Digby, Nova Scotia.

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

Leave an email message for any questions you might have for the Commander, Dennice Leahey.



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