



2022 Annual Report

Chivalry & Compassion in a Changing World

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GRAND PRIOR'S MESSAGE

Nearly sixty years ago the Grand Bailiff (now known as the Grand Prior) the Honorable J. Keiller Mackay wrote, "My dear fellow members: We face today a restless and disturbed world, a world where ceaseless change and distortion everywhere seems the chief certainty; a world, moreover, where in the storm and tempest of wars "man's inhumanity to man" results in unspeakable suffering, anguish, and privation. It is against this sombre background, which no thinking person will gainsay, that our excellent Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem with its message of mercy, of international brotherhood and ecumenism carries with it a tribute of hope, exalts our minds, and directs our wills to higher and nobler thought and action." With that message he set the tone of service to the greater good and the chivalric ideals for the Order in Canada that we embrace today.

The world is still restless and changing, yet the Grand Priory in Canada is moving with the renewed purpose. Our membership is at work in communities from coast to coast to coast often where only two or three are gathered.

With the welcome addition of in person gatherings and the flexibility of virtual meetings, the Grand Priory in Canada, often known as Saint Lazarus Canada, continued to live up to its mandate of compassion and service in 2022. Not only did we give funds to local causes, but we also provided support through bursaries housed at various academic institutions, continued development of the Home



Caregivers Support Program and reprinted A Caregivers Guide. We added an opportunity for Saint Lazarus Canada to provide direct disaster relief through our new Emerald Fund, began learning how reconciliation with first nations communities would impact our work, moved much of our operations into a 'Virtual Chancery' and welcomed the Grand Master to our Chapter General celebration. Our processional cross was used for the first time as we gathered to worship in Niagara Falls and the original chain of office and star used 60 years ago was returned to Canada through the good graces of a new member.



Our work is done by volunteers with a significant number still being in the workforce and many dealing with the provision of care for a loved one. We ask commanders to track volunteer hours and when combined with the work done by the Board of Governors, those in appointed positions and the Executive team, the number (over 8,000) is inspirational. There's lots to do and many willing hands.

Our determination to make our vision- Every community in Canada benefits from our compassion- a reality gives meaning to the promise "I shall serve". *Jane*

Board of Governors 2022

Jane Anema (Grand Prior), Fred Tufnell (Chancellor), Glynis Grigg (VC Commanderies), Rick Firth (VC Finance), Ken Buchholz (Hospitaller), Eric Dyck (Chaplain General), David Cvet, Mike Kalnay, Keith Wilkins, Robbie Sprules, Craig McQuitty

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FINANCIAL REPORT

– VC Finance Rick Firth

Saint Lazarus Canada continued to refine its financial operations during the past operational year. As part of our Virtual Chancery project, we have been able to integrate payments for oblations, events, and purchase of accoutrements in one linked system.

The 2022 fiscal year ended on a sound financial footing. With a solid investment portfolio and continued review of expenses, the Order can meet or exceed the 5% disbursement quota required of charitable foundations starting in 2023. The Balance Sheet is provided in this report. The full audited statement is available as noted.

Our charitable status as a registered public foundation allows us to invest and steward long term gifts to the Order. This provides a steady income for grants central to our purpose. The Order in Canada is indebted to the Investment and Endowment Committee for their stewardship of that resource and to the Audit Committee for their oversight of the annual audit process. Receiver General, Kim Griffiths continues to manage the day-to-day bookkeeping.



THE MILITARY AND HOSPITALIER ORDER OF SAINT-LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM IN CANADA L'ORDRE MILITAIRE ET HOSPITALIER DE SAINT-LAZARE DE JÉRUSALEM AU CANADA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION/ÉTAT DE LA SITUATION FINANCIÈRE

As at December 31, 2022		Au 31 décembre 2022	
	2022	2021	
ASSETS			ACTIF
Current Assets			Actif À Court Terme
Cash	\$ 211,673	\$ 173,268	Trésorerie
Investments Note 3	1,852,868	1,968,200	Placements (note 3)
Accounts receivable	4,878	3,000	Comptes à recevoir
Government receivables	3,709	-	Recevoir du gouvernement
Inventory	24,787	24,787	Inventaire
Prepaid expenses	1,259	4,823	Frais payés d'avance
	2,099,174	2,174,078	
CAPITAL ASSETS (note 4)	1	1	IMMOBILISATIONS CORPORELLES (note 4)
	\$ 2,099,175	\$ 2,174,079	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			PASSIF ET ACTIF NET
Current Liabilities			Passif À Court Terme
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 25,574	\$ 8,000	Comptes créditeurs et charges à payer
Government Payable	-	239	Gouvernement à payer
Deferred contributions	38,013	37,696	Cotisations reportées
Commanderies funds	142,583	118,465	Fonds de Commanderies
	206,170	164,400	
Net Assets	1,893,005	2,009,679	Actif Net
	\$ 2,099,175	\$ 2,174,079	

The full statement is available on request: chancery@stlazarus.ca

Audit Committee: Robbie Sprules (Chair), Scott Saunders, David Schijns, Julien DeSchutter, Lewis Stoyles

Investment and Endowment Committee: VC Finance (Chair) Bob Vandewater, Vaughan Langille, Murray Galloway, Tom Vandewater, Dennice Leahey

HOSPITALLER'S REPORT – Dr. Kenneth Buchholz

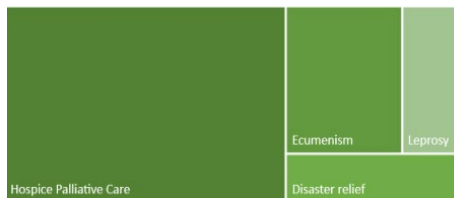


As a charitable foundation, the Medical and Hospitaller Commission has a responsibility to ensure grants are focused on the areas defined in our mission statement as well as finding new ways to ensure our impact. In 2022 that included discussion on the Kigali Declaration, hospice work being undertaken at the Commandery level, continuation of the Home Care Givers Support Programme, the needed revision and reprint of A Caregiver's Guide, "Caring for Caregivers in First Nations Communities: A Reconciliation Initiative" and the use of the newly established Emerald Fund. The Grand Priory in Canada has also begun an endowed fund at The Northern Ontario School of Medicine to establish an educational bursary for Indigenous medical students who seek to practice palliative and end-of-life medicine. The first award was made in 2022.



Hospice palliative care remains our primary focus. Our support is usually managed at the commandery level and is generally focused on equipment purchase and programme

2022 Grants by Impact Area



enhancements. Often the funds presented by the commandery are matched with National funding. You will find examples of this in the commandery reports that follow.



Our support for Leprosy is in partnership with Effect Hope. The commission recommended a grant of \$15,000.00 to help fund the new program of community outreach out of Naini Leprosy Hospital in India that will help the early identification of leprosy cases in women and girls. We have now completed our third year of this funding.



Support for caregivers providing end of-life care in rural and indigenous communities is an often-unmet need. Under the aegis of the Commission a working group headed by Dr. Jennifer Dobbelsteyn and Dame Penny Ericson continued work on a pilot project the Elsipogtog First Nation in New Brunswick. The seeds have been planted but funding has not yet been secured. Further work will need to be done prior to launch to make this initiative a reality.

ECUMENICAL REPORT – The Reverend Eric Dyck



During 2022 the national ecumenical commission and the local commanderies engaged in ecumenical projects which served their regions and the national mission. The support of the Grand Prior is greatly appreciated, along with the collaboration of the Chancellor and other officers in these endeavours.

The International Spiritual Advisory Council which is under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Grand Prior has indicated that all jurisdictions should actively participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and be active supporters, if not facilitators. Through the good work of our member clerics and the commanders ecumenical services and events that bring together their members and guests in prayer, advocacy, and sharing between denominations take place throughout the year.



Our specific participation in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was made somewhat easier with several events via Zoom. A particular highlight was an event organized by Bishop Thomas Dowd and celebrated in conjunction with the Reverend Anne Germond, both members of the Order, who celebrated. the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



organized by members in the Sudbury area. The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism for Ecumenism (of which the Order is a founding member) also hosted several on-line events for the Week which is another example of the Order's funds being put to good work in further ecumenical dialogue. The Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier, Ecumenical Representative, contributed to the organization of the Montréal Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Saint-Grégoire l'Illumineur Church.



Our partnership with the Canadian Council of Churches has allowed them to dedicate a staff person towards the work for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Grand Priory in Canada filed for affiliate status in 2022 and expects this membership to strengthen our local and national work in the field.



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The ecumenical bursaries continue to provide support across the country. The latest bursary added in 2020, was officially recognized at the 2022 Chapter General. It is housed at Martin Luther University College at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. The first recipient was announced in conjunction with the ecumenical panel that spoke so eloquently during a Chapter General Session. These were initially capitalized at \$30,000 per award. Through good stewardship at the colleges, most of the funds have grown with our older funds paying out approximately \$ 2000.00 per award annually.

Recipients named in 2022 include:

- Vancouver School of Theology Bursary - Rejoice Anthony & Robin Galey (Community outreach and theological field education)
- University of Calgary- Saint Lazarus Graduate Scholarship in Religious Studies- Nicholas (PHD – Origins of Religion)
- Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem Ecumenical Scholarship @ St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba- Thomas Macintosh (Ecumenism)



COMMANDERY UPDATES FROM THE VC COMMANDERIES – Glynis Grigg



The past year has slowly seen the Commanderies begin to return to in person gatherings and activities. Virtual meetings allowed for the Commanders to meet, share the news from their respective Commanderies and participate in tutorial sessions. These meetings averaged a 90% attendance rate – thank you to all who participated.

Following are some of the 2022 highlights from across the country:



Acadia The Tancred Tower Newsletter continues to keep the members of the Acadia Commandery in touch with each other despite the large area covered by the Commandery. Funds were provided to the Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal for Ukraine **\$2,000** and Hurricane Fiona Relief Efforts **\$5,000.00**.

Arctic Consideration is being given to providing educational support to those in caregiving roles in the North. The Arctic Commandery were the winners of the Thunder Bay Trophy for the highest % attendance by distance travelled to Chapter General.

British Columbia During 2022 members of the commandery made grants to four hospices located throughout the province. These were:

- Victoria Hospice Society **\$2,000**
- Surrey Hospice Society **\$1,000**
- Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Vancouver **\$1,000**
- Campbell River Hospice Society **\$1,000**

The distribution of A Caregiver's Guide is also a commandery focus. The commandery celebrated the award of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to Rev. Paul Richards.



Calgary Socially the Commandery gathered for the annual Saint Lazarus/Christmas Dinner and the Spring Tea. During the year funds were granted to:

- Friends of the Colonel Belcher **\$5,000**
- Hospice Calgary Sage Centre **\$10,000**
- Rosedale Hospice **\$5,000**
- Dulcina Hospice **\$5,000**

The Saint Lazarus Comfort Bears, a project shared with Edmonton, is still a major part of the commandery's community outreach in addition to the delivery of A Caregiver's Guide to individuals and a new hospice group in Cochrane.



Edmonton Two ecumenical bursaries honouring Msgr. William Irwin are located at Newman Theological and St. Stephens colleges respectively and the Saint Lazarus Canada Palliative Care Scholarship is housed at Grant McEwan University. These awards are under the watchful eye of the commandery ensuring that the recipients are honoured. The Commandery granted to:

- St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital **\$5,000.00**
- Red Deer Hospice Society **\$5,000.00**

A Memorial Booklet, honouring the lives of departed Commandery members, was undertaken as an anniversary project and the delivery of Lazarus Comfort Bears continued.



Manitoba The commandery was able to gather in September for a social event and was involved in the selection of the ecumenical bursary recipient. A letter of thanks from the recipient was published in the Gazette in the December issue. Palliative Manitoba was the recipient of a grant of **\$2,000** for their volunteer recognition programme.





Montreal Fundraising and community outreach included participation in the annual Walk for Dignity, an online auction, and a golf tournament. These events were in aid of St Raphael Palliative Care and Day Centre and Le Phare Children's Palliative Care Centre. Through a donation from Czar Media, the Commandery was able to give 7 shows of Disney on Ice to Le Phare Children's Palliative Care Center. The events were enjoyed greatly by the patients and their families. The Commandery gifted approximately **\$7,000** between the two agencies.

Newfoundland and Labrador Continues to make good use of the online Home Care Support Program which has been instrumental in establishing their presence in the province.



Ottawa Members of the Commandery and interested friends have been meeting via Zoom to participate in a Faith workshop led by LCdr Father Matt Ihuoma. The commandery was also able to gather in-person at the unveiling of a plaque to honour Dame Grete Hale for her many contributions to the community, a Rideau Canal cruise followed by the annual Saint Lazarus Day dinner. The commandery was the winner of the Matheson Trophy for the greater growth by percentage of membership. The Commandery, with a national match, made a grant to the Diane Morrison Hospice of **\$10,000**.



Quebec Members of the Commandery were involved in direct care giving and the periodic distribution of French version of A Caregivers' Guide.



Thunder Bay Members participated in Hike for Hospice, supporting Hospice Northwest **\$1,350**. The Commandery continues to support travelling leprosy clinics in Madagascar **\$1,000**. In 2022 the commandery also donated to the Red Cross to aid with relief measures post hurricane Fiona **\$500** and supported a guest speaker series for the Centre for Health Care Ethics **\$1,000**.



Toronto The Marjorie McKinnon Award for Ecumenical work, which is specific to the Toronto Commandery, was presented to Rev. Dr. Holmes, minister of congregation at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Members also gathered virtually to hear The Rev. Dr. Das Sydney, President of the Canadian Council of Churches discuss Ecumenism Today with the presentation moderated by Rev. Karen Hamilton.

Grants were made to:

- Maison McCulloch Hospice (Sudbury) **\$3,000**
- Toronto Commandery Hospice **\$10,000**
- Emily's House **\$3,000**
- Hospice Care Ontario for June Callwood Awards **\$5,000**



Western Ontario Planned and executed a very successful Chapter General. The next challenge is to purposefully engage with local hospices and raise funds to support these organizations – a project that every Commandery is challenged to emulate.

SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem was founded during the Crusades and currently operates in 42 jurisdictions in 36 countries worldwide. The work of the Order internationally is overseen by the Grand Magistral Council, chaired by the Grand Master, and specialist committees. The worldwide Order defines itself as an ecumenical, Christian Order of Chivalry. Membership is by invitation and/or by application.





The Grand Priory in Canada was created upon invitation by the international body in 1962 and is one of the larger jurisdictions in the Order. We operate under a Memorandum of Understanding between International and the Canadian Grand Priory. We adhere to the international standards and protocols, except where a direct conflict with Canadian Law exists. We enjoy a collegial working relationship with the Grand Priory of America and other jurisdictions.

The Grand Priory in Canada, also known as Saint Lazarus Canada, operates as a charitable public foundation. Saint Lazarus in Canada is creating a positive effect on hospice palliative care in Canada, pursuing our mandate for ecumenism and for the eradication and treatment of leprosy.

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Admissions & Promotions Committee: Nancy Thornton Registrar General (Chair), Barry Watts Deputy Registrar, Warren Tracz, Dennice Leahey, Glynis Grigg

Appointments: Almoner Paul Henry, Armorer John Neill, Deputy Chaplain General Alain Brousseau, Quartermaster Ron Davidson, VC Strategic Development/Chief Marketing Officer Robbie Sprules, Editor Gazette Julien DeSchutter, Marshal David Hardie, Scrivener Charles Hamel

Ecumenical Commission: Eric Dyck (Chaplain General), Scott Saunders, Thomas Dowd, Alain Brosseau, John Saikaley

Hospitaller and Medical Commission: Ken Buchholz (Chair), Jennifer Dobbelssteyn, Catherine Lucas, Drew Wilder, Tony Lea, Ron Davidson, Glynis Grigg, Paul Loofs, Jaroslav Kotalik, Matthew Itovitch

