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As I look out on the garden there are a few daffodils poking their heads above the snow so perhaps Spring is truly here.

Those daffodils were planted several years ago and have continued to survive what has passed for winter in my part of Canada for the last few years. We've had very little snow; the lake hasn't frozen and while my native plants have grown well some of the other perennials have produced fewer flowers or died altogether. But the daffodils seem to be holding their own and the bright yellow, white, and orange faces remind me that there is hope.

In the language of flowers, daffodils mean unequalled love and so it's appropriate that they bloom near Easter. The renewal brought about by the change in season is mirrored in the hope of the resurrection and the glorious abundance of mercy given to us as a result. It's cause for celebration.

The work the Order does in Canada is much like a daffodil, planted in hope and celebrated when in bloom. The ecumenical bursaries are a great example of early planting and are now a steady source of support to students. In time our bursaries at NOSM and MacEwan will do the same. A Caregiver's Guide and the Comfort Bears

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continue to be a source of comfort to those managing the end of life and beyond. Our support of leprosy continues, albeit modestly by comparison, but it too brings hope to the afflicted. Our work brings joy and hope to many.

As we gather in Kingston for the Chapter General in May, we will have the opportunity to plant the daffodils for our future as we discuss, plan, and celebrate the good work that has been done in the past year. I'm looking forward to sharing that journey with you as we watch the work we do grow in the coming years.

In Service,

Jane

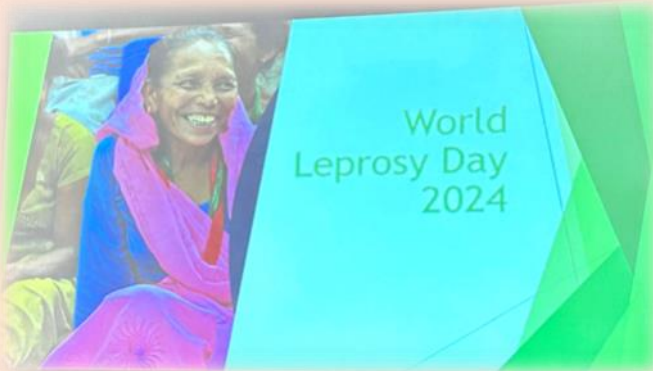


On Wednesday March 27th Chevalier/Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, OStJ, CD, M.Ed., KCLJ (J), OMLJ, SCrLJ, MRHSC, the National Almoner and member of the Toronto Commandery of Saint Lazarus Canada, presented a cheque for 1500\$ to the **Maison McCullough Foundation** in Sudbury. This represented the 7th consecutive year that the Toronto Commandery has made this generous donation, and is a tribute to the great works happening in support of palliative care and bereavement at the Maison McCullough Foundation.

Pictured from left to right on the photo are: The Almoner Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, the Executive Director of the Hospice Julie Aubé, CPA, CMA, and the Chair of the Board of the Hospice, Gerry Lougheed, Jr., O.Ont.»

Courtesy of Audra Bell—Edmonton Commandery

World Leprosy Day Educational Presentation and Potluck Supper



The Order of St. Lazarus was originally established to treat the virulent disease of leprosy. In recognition of World Leprosy Day, the **Edmonton Commandery** hosted an educational presentation with a potluck supper at Robertson-Wesley United Church. It was an evening of reflection on this now treatable disease, which has yet to be eradicated and, incredibly, still affects more than 200,000 people worldwide, including individuals in Canada. We shared with the attendees the message from the International Grand Hospitaller and invited them to also “Light a Light for Lepers”.



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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and Bursary Presentation at Newman Theological College



Members of the **Edmonton Commandery** were honoured to visit Newman Theological College on January 22. They participated in a prayer service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and took the opportunity to meet Seminarian Peter An, one



of three recipients of this year's Msgr. William Irwin-Saint Lazarus Canada bursary for ecumenical studies. Each bursary recipient will receive a copy of Msgr. Irwin's biography, written by Jeananne Kathol Kirwin and Graham Hicks.

Saskatoon Weekend - award of merit presentation, bursary presentation and connecting with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism



During the February long weekend, Edmonton Commander, Julien Hammond, KLJ, MMLJ, travelled to Saskatoon. During his visit, he met with Capt. John Wojcik, CD, OLJ, MMLJ, and Sgt. Kurt Fuchs, OLJ — both Saskatchewan-based OSLJ members affiliated with the Edmonton Commandery. Julien presented a medal of merit to John, recognized Jane Korvemaker, a Newman Theological College student/St. Lazarus bursary recipient, and connected with Cathryn Wood, Executive Director, and Mary Nordick, Board Chair of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism.



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Courtesy of Audra Bell—Edmonton Commandery

Friend-Raiser Brunch and AGM

On Sunday March 10, the Edmonton Commandery came together for our **Friend-Raiser Brunch and AGM**. Members began the day by celebrating Mass at Santa Maria Goretti Parish before gathering next door at the Centre for a delightful Sunday Pranzo during our AGM. Good food, great company, and meaningful conversations made the day truly special. A big thank you to everyone who joined us, contributing to the warmth and unity that defines our Commandery. We look forward to another year of shared moments and collaborative efforts!



PASSAGES March 2023 — 2024 to date

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Jean Thomas
OLJ
? – 5 March 2023

Chev. John Bulman
OC, CM, KLJ
1919 – 15 June 2023

Maj. (Ret'd) Harold George Needham
CD, OStJ, OLJ, MA
12 June 1942 – 15 June 2023

Chev. Christopher Gordon-Craig
KCLJ, MMLJ
8 April 1941 – 23 July 2023

The Hon. James Karl Bartleman,
OO, KStJ, KLJ, QC
24 December 1939 – 14 August 2023

Mr. Richard Glynguard Burge
CLJ, MBA
1 April 1934 – 7 September 2023

Chev. LCdr. Ian Morgan
KLJ, GCLJ
27 October 1935 – 12 November 2023

HE Chev. David John James
TD, OStJ, GCLJ, GCMLJ
4 June 1943 – 13 November 2023

Brian McGarry
CLJ
25 September 1943 - 27 January 2024

Dr. Pamela "Pam" Jayne Goebel
OLJ, MMLJ, MD, MA
30 April 1957 - 28 February 28 2024

May they rest in peace



Message for Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week, through the liturgical rites, in faith we welcome Jesus who makes his Paschal Mystery present and communicates to us its fruit of salvation through the sacraments and especially the Eucharist.

Holy Week is both the hour of light and the hour of darkness. The hour of light, since the sacrament of the Body and Blood was instituted as the sacrament of love and Jesus continues to be the bread of eternal life for all. The hour of darkness because Judas' betrayal is consummated, there is sleep and abandonment on the part of the disciples, the denial of Peter, the malevolent rejection on the part of the holders of political and religious power and his condemnation as an evildoer to the torture of the cross, proper to slaves.

The account of Mark's passion emphasizes the paradoxical aspect of Jesus' Paschal Mystery. God's omnipotence is manifested in the human impotence of Jesus, the beauty of God's face is revealed in Jesus' bloody face. In the moment of the deepest darkness, the Messianic mystery of Jesus is fully revealed: he is not the political and triumphant Messiah but the Son of God who saves by giving his life for the salvation of humanity.

Holy Week reaches its climax in the "Paschal Triduum" of the crucified, buried and risen Lord.

In Holy Week we do not want to commemorate a dead person, but to profess our faith in Jesus Christ, who died once but rose forever. Only Christ, who conquered death, can move the stone of indifference to the tomb of our empty deeds and make us pass at Easter from sadness to joy, from sin to a life of grace, from hatred to love, from selfishness to solidarity, from indifference to compassion, from division to reconciliation. The testimony of a life transformed by the encounter with Jesus is the mission that the Risen Christ entrusts to the members of our Order.

Palm Sunday 2024

X Michele Pennisi

Archbishop Emeritus of Monreale

Ecclesiastical Grand Prior, Military & Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem



Courtesy of the Grand Prior / courtoisie du Grand Prieure

Consœurs et Confrères,
Pilgrimage to Malta

The pilgrimage to Malta was a wonderful opportunity to speak with members of other jurisdictions, learn a bit more about our history, experience truly multilingual ecumenical services in ancient churches, and revel in the warmth of the Maltese welcome.



Pilgrims from the Canadian Delegation visiting *It-Torri Ta' Lazur* where the Orders archives are located.... Sylvia Barma, Jim Humphries, Jane Anema, Carol Humphries, Alec Cooper

There was plenty of opportunity to gather information on the works of other jurisdictions. Some of the common themes related to membership growth, promotions and awards, the payment of oblations and the increased use of technology to streamline administration.

During the event, the Grand Master formally installed a new **Grand Commander, H.E. RADM Chevalier Kenneth P. Moritsugu**, the Grand Prior Emeritus of the Grand Priory of America.

H.E. Chevalier Ted White, who has held the position for the past six years has been granted the title **Grand Commander Emeritus** and was thanked for his absolute dedication and loyalty to our Order.

Pèlerinage à Malte

Le pèlerinage à Malte a été une merveilleuse occasion d'échanger avec des membres d'autres juridictions et d'en apprendre davantage sur notre histoire, de vivre des services oecuméniques vraiment multilingues dans les églises anciennes et de profiter de la chaleur de l'accueil maltais.

De nombreuses occasions ont été données pour recueillir des informations sur les activités des autres administrations. Des thèmes communs ont émergé, liés à la croissance du nombre de membres, aux promotions et récompenses, au paiement des offrandes, et à l'utilisation accrue de la technologie pour rationaliser l'administration.



Members of the GP in Canada attending the gala dinner in Malta, including our newest Postulant William Derby, along with Honorary member of the Grand Priory of Canada **Grand Commander, H.E. RADM Chevalier Kenneth P. Moritsugu**

Au cours de l'événement, le Grand Maître a officiellement installé un nouveau **Grand Commandeur, S.E. RADM Chevalier Kenneth P. Moritsugu**, ancien Grand Prieur du Grand Prieuré d'Amérique.

S.E. le Chevalier Ted White, occupant ce poste depuis six ans, a reçu le titre de **Grand Commandeur émérite** et a été remercié pour son dévouement absolu et sa loyauté envers notre Ordre.

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Virtual Chancery Project

Within the Grand Priory in Canada several initiatives related to the **Virtual Chancery Project** are being rolled out this year. Many of you will have seen the link to Nominate a Leader using the new online nomination system. The tech team has also developed online admission, promotion and awards forms which are now in use. Members can access these through the members only section of the [website](#). Our Senior Digital Specialist Katarina Dunham is available to help access the information at chancery@saintlazarus.ca

Projet de Chancellerie Virtuelle

Dans le cadre du Grand Prieuré au Canada, plusieurs initiatives liées au projet de chancellerie virtuelle sont déployées cette année. Beaucoup d'entre vous ont peut-être vu le lien pour nommer un leader en utilisant le nouveau système de mise en candidature en ligne. L'équipe technique a également développé des formulaires d'admission, de promotion et de récompenses en ligne qui sont maintenant utilisés. Les membres peuvent y accéder via la section réservée aux membres du [site Web](#). Notre spécialiste principale du numérique, Katarina Dunham, est disponible pour vous aider à accéder à l'information au chancery@saintlazarus.ca.

Registrar General / Registraire générale

Our Registrar General, Dame Nancy Thornton, has spent many hours entering data and sorting through paper files and was a driving force behind the change to the electronic versions. With that work now as complete as it can be, she has decided to step down as Registrar General and will be focusing on other projects for the Order.

As a result, several positions will need to be realigned to ensure we are making the best use of the skills and technology we have at our disposal. I would be pleased to hear from any of you who wish to fulfill the *promise of service* we each make at our investiture so that we can continue to focus on good works.

Notre registraire générale, Dame Nancy Thornton, a passé de nombreuses heures à saisir des données et à classer les fichiers papier, et a été l'un des moteurs du passage aux versions électroniques. Ce travail étant maintenant aussi complet que possible, elle a décidé de se retirer de son poste de registraire et de se concentrer sur d'autres projets pour l'Ordre.

Par conséquent, plusieurs postes devront être réalignés pour s'assurer que nous faisons le meilleur usage possible des compétences et de la technologie dont nous disposons. Je serais heureux d'entendre tous ceux d'entre vous qui souhaitent tenir la *promesse de service* d'investiture afin que nous puissions continuer à nous concentrer sur les bonnes œuvres.

Chapter General

The final planning for **Chapter General (May 23-26) in Kingston** is underway and registration information has been sent to all members. I look forward to being with you as we learn, worship, welcome our newest members and celebrate well deserved promotions and awards. [Learn more](#) about the Chapter General at our website.

Chapitre général

La planification finale du chapitre général (du 23 au 26 mai) à Kingston est en cours et vous recevrez bientôt des informations d'inscription. J'ai hâte d'être avec vous alors que nous apprenons, adorons, accueillons nos nouveaux membres et célébrons des promotions et des prix bien mérités. [Apprenez-en davantage](#) sur le Chapitre Général sur notre site web.



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Courtesy of Glynis Grigg—Calgary Commandery

Palliative care does not end at the passing of a spouse, parent, sibling or child. The survivor also requires support. Foothills Country Hospice, nestled in the rolling hills at the foot of the mighty Rocky mountains, has created a bereavement support program that would have been well-received had it been available when I was widowed.

Presented in a simple, but elegant box is a checklist of the “what do I have to do now” requirements that must be dealt with, along with some very thoughtful materials that help answer the questions “Why me?”; “How do I cope?”; “What do people expect me to do?”.

I may not have read all of the material right away, but the box would have been close at hand waiting for the time when the red tape paperwork was complete and the personal correspondence dealt with.

Grief and mourning are the most individual of emotions, “one size does not fit all”. The reading material provided reinforces the fact that everyone experiences grief differently, and they have the right to do so.





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2024 CHAPTER GENERAL

MAY 23-26, 2024

KINGSTON



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Plan to join Postulants, Members and special guests in beautiful Kingston, Ontario, at our first **NATIONAL** gathering of members since 2022. The 2024 Chapter General, hosted by the Ottawa Commandery will afford Members and guests the opportunity to:

- ✘ Meet and officially welcome the Postulants being invested into the Order
- ✘ Congratulate those members that are being Promoted and Awarded
- ✘ Participate in an education program that revolves around the three pillars of Saint Lazarus Canada

- ⇒ Kingston is an **easy drive** from Montreal (3 hours); Ottawa (2 hours); or Toronto (3hours) via excellent highways.
- ⇒ **Train service** is available from Toronto (14 per day including 6 FAST trains); Ottawa (8 per day including 1 FAST train); Montreal (6 per day including 2 FAST trains)

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