



GAZETTE

Moving our Order Forward

A new Gazette, a new Web site, the new GoForwardTeam



Ken Moritsugu Jane Anema Lisa Cory Peter Milliken

Chapter General is a time for the membership to provide direction to Council. This year's meeting provided a very clear direction to be implemented. Increased communication from

Council, the increased use of technology and the revitalization of the Gazette are some of the first steps. The examination of our governance structure, finances and the responsibilities given to each of our leaders are to be paired with a streamlined administrative process and increased transparency regarding our finances. There will be further opportunities for members to have input in the coming months.



Grand Master Obituary



It is with deep regret that we announce that the XLIX Grand Master of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, H. E. D. Carlos Gereda y de Borbón, Marqués de Almazán, passed away on August 29th, at 7:00 a.m. at his residence in Madrid, Spain. In accordance with the Order's Constitution, The Coadjutor, H.E. Chev. Francisco de Borbón von Hardenberg, GCLJ, has become Interim Grand Master until the Chapter General elects a successor Grand Master. He will be greatly missed.



WEB SITE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY UPDATE *DAVID CVET*



Since the initial technology proposal was submitted to the Council in late 2015, much of the

proposal is now a technical reality. The national web site has been operational since late summer 2016 and was designed to conform to the general look-and-feel of the international site. Further developments continue with the inclusion of two Commandery portals for Acadia and British

Columbia, and an evolving Members' Area containing many resources for the membership's perusal. Further developments of technologies and their applications in the Order will continue in the coming months and years guided by the GoForwardTeam.

THE GO FORWARD TEAM (GFT) & GAZETTE *ROBBIE SPRULES*



After a number of meetings between various leaders and influencers within the Order in Canada, and examination of the results of the Chapter General's workshops, the Chancellor, Jane Anema, is heading up a small *GoForwardTeam (GFT)* to help implement the new ideas and recommendations. Members of the team are from marketing/brand/public relations, systems

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technology, leadership and strategy.

You will be seeing the results of this initiative as momentum builds and results are put into action. These are exciting and stimulating times for the Order. We will keep the Commanders up to date, and they will share with you our initiatives.

The GFT is well prepared for these undertakings, and the members are working closely together to integrate all aspects of the Canadian Order into a stimulating and well functioning cohesive whole.

GO FORWARD TEAM MEMBERS (GFT)



Dame Jane Anema, Chancellor
Chevalier Ross McLean, Almoner

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

This is the first issue of the new format for the Order of Saint Lazarus newsletter, The Gazette. We have tried to make it more informative, interesting, and full of pictures relating to our events. Let us know what you think by sending your comments to: gazette@stlazarus.ca.



CHAPTER GENERAL 2018: THUNDER BAY ONTARIO, 25 TO 27 MAY, 2018.

The Grand Priory in Canada will meet in Thunder Bay from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 May, 2018 for its annual Chapter General. The members, companions and friends of the Thunder Bay Commandery are organizing “Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay”. The host hotel will be the Valhalla Inn www.valhallainn.com where the rate for a renovated two queen bed guest room will be \$125. Suites are also available. The Valhalla Inn reservation code for our group is 180522LAZA.

The Vigil will be held in a local church on Friday afternoon followed by a visit to Fort William Historical Park fwhp.ca for a quick tour and a Voyageur Feast. The Investiture will be held at another local church on Saturday morning with the Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon. This arrangement allows our postulants to have become members prior to the AGM and take part as full participants of the Order. The Grand Prior’s Reception and Ball will be held Saturday evening in the Valhalla Inn. We will have an ecumenical church service in the hotel on Sunday morning with our own clergy and a Fare-Thee-Well breakfast so see all of our friends on their way.

The registration fee for Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay has not been set yet as the quotes for various cost have been slow in coming in. Once the budget is established and approved by the Executive Committee, the registration forms will be prepared and distributed.

There are many members and guest of the Grand Priory who need to be in attendance on Thursday 24 May for meetings of various committees. Anyone in Thunder Bay on that Thursday, for meetings or just visiting, will be free to arrange their own dinner plans that night. However, Thunder Bay Commandery is planning an optional dinner-out at the Lake Superior Scottish

Regiment and Garrison Officers Mess for those interested.

Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay will not include a separate program for spouses and guests since everyone has their own particular interests in what they would like to see and do while visiting the head of the Great Lakes. However, Thunder Bay Commandery will be delighted to offer you our services as your personal concierge to put you in contact with whatever it is you would like to experience: a personal tour of the Northern School of Medicine www.nosm.ca; the Bora Laskin School of Law www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/law; a tour of Fort William Historical Park fwhp.ca; a round of golf at the PGA Tour Canada’s Whitewater Golf Club www.whitewatergolf.com; a visit to a pick-you-own amethyst mine, or; sail tour sailsuperior.com in the Thunder Bay harbour. To learn what else might peak your interest in and around Thunder Bay visit: www.thunderbay.ca/visiting. If there is something you want to do or see and can not find it, call your concierge and it can likely be made to happen. “Come early and stay late” to Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay.



THE GAZETTE WILL PUBLISH A FULL REPORT ON THE 2018 CHAPTER GENERAL IN T-BAY



MUSKOKA 2017

With promises of warm hospitality, stunning scenery and a new agenda, members made their way to Muskoka for the largest Chapter General held since 2012.

The event opened Thursday with a Hospitality Welcome Evening, attendees immediately experienced an annual gathering with a new vibe. Friday Commission sessions dovetailed and culminated in a future thinking workshop. Everyone had an opportunity to contribute. The morning was energizing and started with an exceptional speech by Postulant Rauni Salminen, about why she joined the Order and what she hoped to

achieve. She merited the standing ovation she received! Maureen Taylor spoke eloquently about the ethical issues of Physician Assisted Death, informing us of challenges facing Hospices with the new law in place. That afternoon we cruised Lake Muskoka on Wenonah II.

Although it was raining for part of the event, the excursion gave people time to socialize, discuss the morning’s workshop and enjoy the picnic served on board. All attended our Vigil en route to the hotel. St Joseph’s Church, Bracebridge, is built ‘in the round’ and gave the Vigil a feeling of community. Saturday morning following our Vigil, the Investiture was held in the hotel. The convenience allowed people more time during the day for the AGM and Gala. Ms

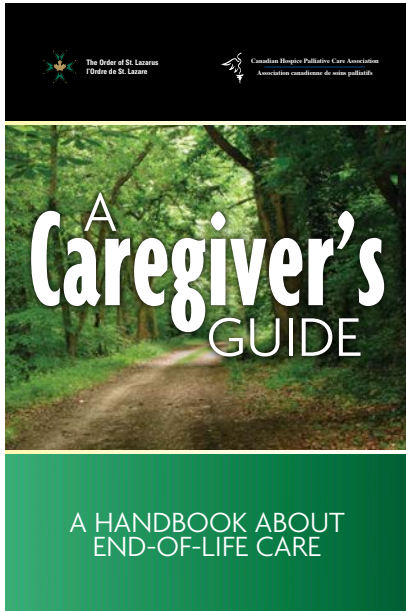
Bhatterai, Founder of Little Flower, a community for people suffering from leprosy in India, moved us at lunch.

We elected a new Prior at the AGM. The Toronto All Star Big Band provided a musical backdrop for the Gala. We were transported to another era and aches and pains disappeared. Deerhurst served us well. The food was terrific, their staff accommodating. We paused Sunday morning for an Ecumenical Service, to give thanks and recharge for the year ahead. We left Muskoka knowing our meeting had purpose. There is now a committee working on strategic change for The Order in Canada. Next year in Thunder Bay will prove even better as we gain greater clarity for our future to serve. Book early!



ROSS MCLEAN, ALMONER

Ross McLean was the organizer for the Chapter General in Huntsville, ON, for 2017. Ross and his team did a terrific job, and it was an outstanding event. Ross is a member of the **GoForwardTeam**, and lives in Bracebridge, ON.



end of his days. I have lived The Caregiver's Guide this past few months and have been able to make use of the Home Care Givers Support program on this journey. It has been tough: it is for all of us when a parent, child, friend, or partner reaches the end of life. But with the wisdom and counsel found in those pages and via the web I was able to ask the right questions, navigate on behalf of my dad and access the support he needed.

A CAREGIVER'S STORY

JANE ANEMA, CHANCELLOR

Periodically, I am asked why I belong to the Order and what value it brings. Aside from the deep connection to the past, the ability to celebrate the nationhood we share and the wonderful people I've met, there is the work we do in providing care and support to one another and through our signature programs.

My dad died this past summer. He was an amazing person viewed through my lens and as it turns out through the lens of others. He was not a member but the work we do affected the

Why am I a member? We make a difference. The end of life is a tough journey for the dying and their caregivers. We serve by giving people the information they need at one of the most difficult moments of their lives. We have been doing that since 1098 and with your support we can do that for many years to come. Supporting our work means that no one will have to navigate the end of their days alone.



**Jane Anema
Chancellor**

**ONLEY INVESTITURE
TORONTO, ONTARIO**

The Honorable David C. Onley was invested as an Honorary Knight by Grand Prior Peter Milliken on July 19, 2017



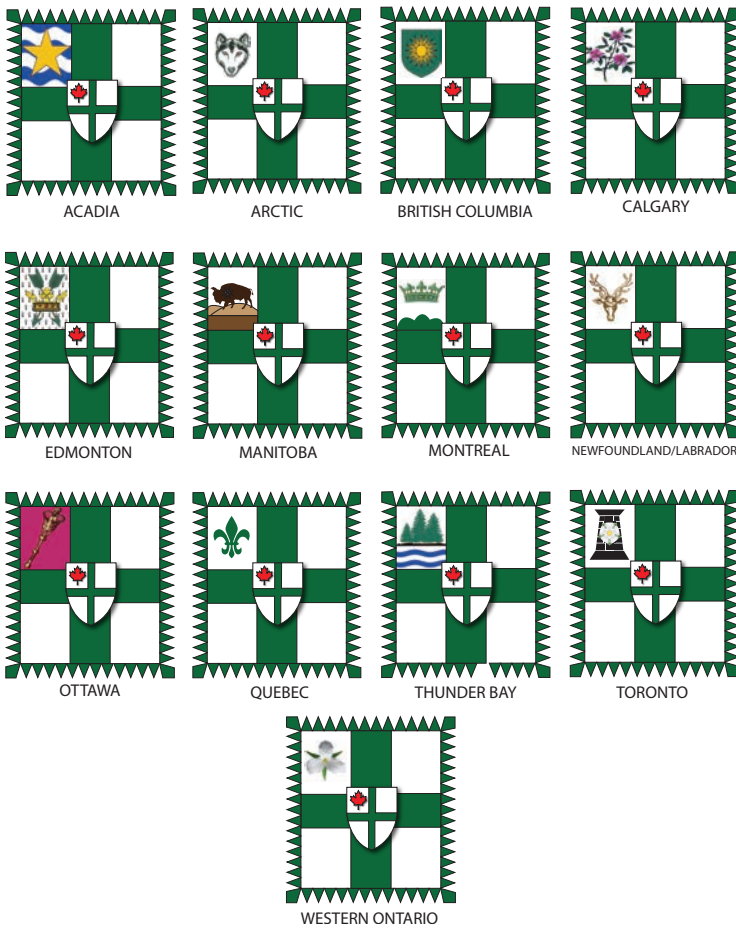
Queen' Park Chambers of The Honorable David Onley investiture with Chev. Andy Duncanson, Rick Firth, Dame Phyllis Lill, Chev. George Trusler, The Hon. David Onley, Grand Prior GCLJ Peter Milliken, Dame Francie Maroosis and Chev. Eric Jackman.



**Dame Phyllis M. Lill,
DCLJ, CMLJ, BA**



BANNERS OF THE THIRTEEN
COMMANDERIES IN CANADA



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 Thunder Bay, they will be part of the Ceremonies & Gala Dinner.

For more detailed information, contact Ted McNabb, Principal Armorer for the Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada.



Contributors

ROBBIE SPRULES



Robbie has designed and produced our new Gazette, chased down the stories, done drawings, and put the whole thing together.

WARREN TRACZ



Warren has been acting as the Editor of the Gazette, and has continued his good works editing this new version.

DAVID CVET



David has been working closely with Robbie to get the Gazette on-line for the membership to enjoy. No simple coding task, he has fed information to Robbie as guidelines for layout.



INITIAL SCHEDULE FOR CAPTER GENERAL IN THUNDER BAY

Chapter General 2018 - Rendezvous Thunder Bay
Schedule of Events

Thursday , 24 May 2018

Start Time	End Time	Function	Location
9:00	5:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality	Fireside Room
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	ViceChancellor/Commanderies meeting with Commanders of Commanderies	Odin Room (14 pers)
11:30 AM	4:30 PM	meeting of the Governing Council with lunch and a discussion with the "future thinking workshop committee"	Viking Room (28)
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	ViceChancellor/Commanderies private dinner out with Commanders of Commanderies	Whitewater Golf & Country Club
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	Members & Guests optional dinner out	LSSR & Garrison Officers Mess (max 48)
9:00	midnight	hospitality	Fireside Room

Friday, 25 May 2018

7:30 AM	9:00 AM	Postulant's breakfast	Icelandic Room (20)
8:30 AM	10:00 PM	Senate meeting with breakfast	Odin Room (8)
8:00 AM	2:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality	Fireside Room
9:00 AM	10:30 AM	Ecumenical Commission meeting	Ballrooms 1 & 2 (80)
10:30	Noon	Medical Commission meeting	Ballrooms 1 & 2 (80)
Noon	2:00 PM	lunch with Ecumenical Commission guest speaker	Ballroom 3 (80)
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	Vigil	a local church t.b.a.
5:00 PM	9:00 PM	private tour and Voyageur Feast	Fort William Historical Park (80)
9:00 PM	midnight	hospitality	Fireside Room

Saturday, 26 May 2018

8:00 AM	9:00 PM	Registration & Hospitality	Fireside Room
9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Investiture	a local church t.b.a.
noon	1:30 PM	lunch with introduction to Chapter General 2019	Ballroom 1 (80)
2:00 PM	5:00 PM	Annual General Meeting	Scandia Room (80)
6:00 PM	10:00 PM	Grand Prior's Reception and Ball	Ballroom (100)
10:00 PM	midnight	hospitality	Fireside Room

Sunday, 27 May 2018

7:30 AM	11:00 AM	fare-thee-well continental breakfast	Fireside Room
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	Ecumenical Sunday worship with our own clergy	Scandia Room (60)

THUNDER BAY IS THE HOST FOR THE 2018 CHAPTER GENERAL

For those of you who live in, or have visited Thunder Bay, you will know what a fabulous place it is. Situated on the north-west shore of the magnificent Lake Superior (560 km long x 260 km wide), T-Bay is easy to get to from all major centers by plane. Spectacular scenery and lots to do. See you soon.



Check Out the Web Site



We have been doing lots of work to prepare for a huge ‘dump’ of data into the already renewed web site. This will take place over the next few months, so keep your eye on it. This new Gazette is the first on the web in a few years, so let us know what you think.

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



Edward Meijer, Commander, Thunder Bay

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All of us at the Gazette are looking forward to seeing you at the Chapter General in the late Spring of 2018 in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

You may contact the Commandery through the National web site, just go to the web site at www.stlazarus.ca, click on 'JURISDICTIONS' in the top menu bar, then CENTRAL CANADA/ THUNDER BAY COMMANDERY.

Leave an email message for any questions you might have for the Commander, Edward Meijer.



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