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CARE FOR CAREGIVERS

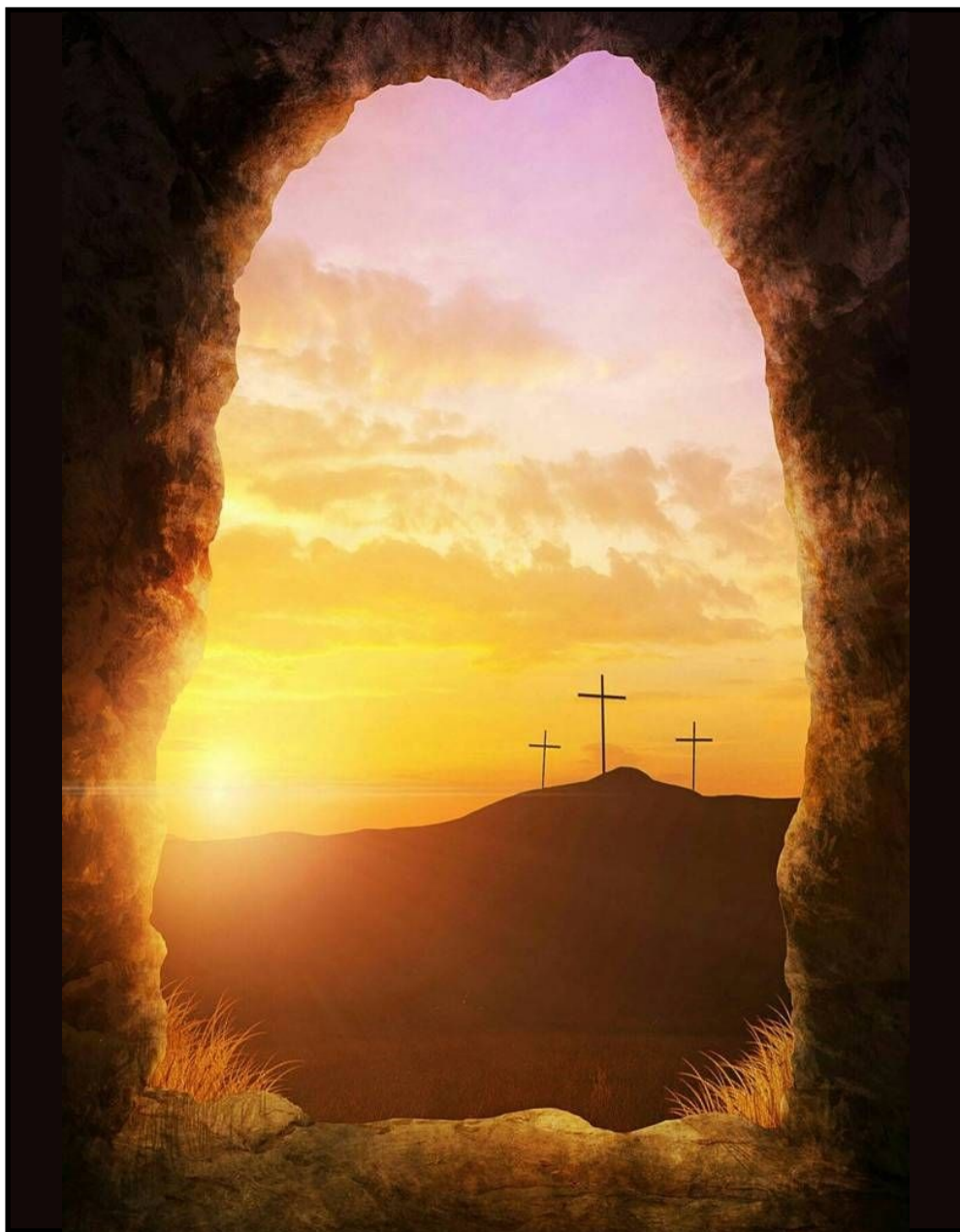
As we all share the hope that Easter and the Risen Christ brings us, I ask you to reflect on : *“Creating a positive effect on the quality of end of life care in Canada while honouring our international mandate of ecumenical service and the treatment*

of leprosy.” That’s our mission and our focus. It’s been a joy to see so much work in all those areas over the past two years when we haven’t been able to meet. Niagara Falls will be a fabulous opportunity to reconnect and learn. Our impact is really quite amazing.

I’m grateful I haven’t reached the stage, yet, where the bulk of my social activity revolves around funerals. But having three celebrations of life on the calendar this week, leads me to some reflection about end of life experience for the family and friends.

As I listened to the conversations at each service, it was apparent that the clinical caregiving process for the then patients had been robust and fulsome. What

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appeared to be lacking was recognition of the integral work of family and friends as caregivers even before the clinical teams stepped in and how those early days' caregivers can be integral to the final days of the journey. I'm hopeful it was grief talking but I suspect that the clinical side 'forgot' the caregiver and the journey to get to the end stages. Our support of those caregivers through the Home Caregivers Support Programme and A Caregivers Guide has never been more important. That work does make a positive difference and it matters

As we move through a world of war and additional waves of Covid, we need to be mindful that small acts of kindness, love for one another, no matter the religious bent, and care for the caregiver will mark us out as faith soldiers and servants.

In Service,

Jane



UPDATE



CHAPTER GENERAL

Niagara Falls, Ontario

May 12-15, 2022

"Recalling the Past, Embracing the Future"

60TH Anniversary of the Order in Canada March 2022

Chapter General 2022 Registration

Registration is still open for the Chapter General 60th Anniversary celebrations! Downloadable Registration Forms are available on the Order's website: www.stlazarus.ca



For those who deferred their 2020 registration, or for any other questions, please contact the Registrar, Kimberley Griffiths at: receiver.westernontst.lazarus@gmail.com

Thank you to all of the contributors that made this issue of the Gazette possible. All of your contributions are welcome and reflect the great work of Saint Lazarus Canada.

With your contributions the plan is to publish the Gazette on a quarterly (or perhaps more frequent) basis.

Also please let me know if there are additional elements you would like to have included in the Gazette.

Julien DeSchutter—Editor

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SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

Courtesy of Almoner—Chevalier Paul Henry



On April 4th, members of Saint Lazarus Canada had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jennifer McGillivray from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine/École de Médecine du Nord de l'Ontario, to formalize the partnership and our contribution to an Endowment for future First Nation/Métis/Inuit students, in the spirit of Reconciliation. The initial giving amount from Saint Lazarus Canada was \$10,000\$ to support this new initiative in North East and North West Ontario. Pictured in the Zoom snapshot are (clockwise from the top left): Grand Prior Dame Jane Anema, MStJ, GCLJ, GOMLJ; Mrs. Jennifer McGillivray, representative

from the NOSM/ÉMNO; Almoner Chev. Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, OSTJ, CD, KCLJ (J), OMLJ; Chancellor Chev. Lt (Ret'd) Fred Tufnell, KCLJ, CMLJ

Of note, Msgr Dowd and the VC Finance were present initially. Subsequent meetings will include the Dean/CEO of NOSM/ÉMNO, Dr. Sarita Verma, MD. We see this as a great collaborative partnership supporting the ideals of our Saint Lazarus Canada.

Courtesy of Julien Hammond—Edmonton Commandery

30 March 2022: Members of the Edmonton Commandery presented a capital addition to the St. Lazarus Canada Palliative Care Scholarship fund at MacEwan University, including matching National funds. Scholarships are awarded to students in Post-Basic Nursing Practice with a major in Hospice Palliative Care or Gerontology.

Pictured l-r: Kevin Fitzgerald (Associate VP, MacEwan – Alumni & Development), Muncet Nagpal (Senior Development Officer, MacEwan), Arshdeep Kaur (2021 student recipient), Julien Hammond, OLJ, MMLJ (Commander), Dorothy Sande, DCLJ, CMLJ (Vice-Commander), Cathy Lucas, DLJ, CMLJ (Hospitaller)



In Memoriam—from the desk of the Grand Prior



Sadly I announce the recent passing of our former Executive Director **Dame Jean Matheson**. For many Jean was the Order and she provided much support to those in leadership roles. A memorial service for Jean will be held at 1:00 pm on 7 June 2022 at Rideau Park United Church, 2203 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa, ON.

I also note that a former Prior, **Chevalier Claude Labbe** died in January. Claude had been ill for several years and while he was not currently active, he remained interested in the work of the Order.





WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (WPCU) — *Courtesy of Amelia Pahl*



The (WPCU) is an annual ecumenical celebration, traditionally held between January 18 and 25 in the Northern Hemisphere. During this period, Christians worldwide are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, and to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical events using materials produced by a different international community each year.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and since 1968, the Faith and Order Commission of the WCC and

the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity have collaborated to produce materials for use over this eight-day period.

In Canada, in partnership with the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism and the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, The Canadian Council of Churches oversees a small team of volunteers who prepare Canada-specific to complement each year's international materials.

Support from Saint Lazarus Canada expands WPCU horizons in Canada

In September 2020, thanks to the generous support of Saint Lazarus Canada, The Canadian Council of Churches was able to expand its WPCU-related work by hiring Amelia Pahl to the position of Program Assistant for the WPCU. Amelia is a student at the Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, MB, and plans to pursue M.Div. studies through the Montréal School of Theology in the coming years. In addition to supporting the Canadian WPCU website and newsletter, Amelia works to connect directly with local organizers, listening to their stories and raising awareness of the diverse expressions of the WPCU in Canada.



The Rev. Dr. Rima Nasrallah (Middle East Council of Churches) was part of the team that prepared the international resources for the 2022 WPCU. Watch her reflection on the 2022 theme on The Canadian Council of Churches on YouTube



Based in Sudbury, ON, an evening WPCU service was sponsored by the Saint Lazarus Canada. Pastor Eric Dyck of St. John's Lutheran Church in Montréal offered the sermon.

These conversations have revealed a wealth of ecumenical wisdom, experience, and creativity in communities throughout Canada, and they have also enabled a clearer understanding of the kinds of cross-Canada support that communities need for their local ecumenical efforts to flourish. One local leader based in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK, believes that a practice like the WPCU enables people to tap into a natural "instinct" for ecumenism: "My sense is that, as limited as these ecumenical initiatives are, they strike something in people's hearts that gives them a freedom to relate, and another way to meet people they may have known for a long time, but can now meet in another way, in a safe place. It gives them permission to follow what I think is their instinct."

Unsurprisingly, the WPCU is in a time of transition as communities across Canada await a new "normal" after years of pandemic. However, this has not stopped many communities from finding creative ways to engage the WPCU, such as the online service in January 2022 sponsored by the Saint Lazarus Canada and based in Sudbury, ON. As the WPCU continues to change, we look forward to seeing what new kinds of cross-Canada ecumenical connections will become possible in the coming years.



Courtesy of Anthony Ratcliffe— Edmonton Commandery

It is my pleasure to pass along this exciting announcement.

Julien Hammond, OLJ, MMLJ, DDiv(h.c) of the Edmonton Commandery, was honoured as the 2022 recipient of the Reverend Marilyn McClung Memorial Award for Ecumenism. This award is given by the Edmonton and District Council of Churches (EDCC) in recognition of "a member of the community who has made outstanding or specific contributions to the ecumenical landscape of Edmonton and/or its surrounding districts." When advising his Commander of the award, Julien wrote, "It is both a blessing and an honour for me to receive this award; an acknowledgement of two decades of ecumenical ministry and service alongside, and with, numerous Christian community leaders in our city." The award was presented at the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ecumenical Worship Service on January 23, 2022, at Our Lady of Good Help Maronite Catholic Church.



Julien Hammond

Photo credit Doreen Bloos

Rev. Marilyn McClung Memorial Award

The Rev. Marilyn McClung Memorial Award came into being to honour the life of Rev. Marilyn McClung, who passed away on February 7th, 2001. Marilyn had served as EDCC representative for the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton under the leadership of Bishops Ken Genge and Victoria Matthews. Marilyn served on the executive of the EDCC as Secretary and Vice President; tragically, however, because of health concerns, she was unable to take on the role of President. In her ecumenical endeavours, Marilyn served on several

committees helping to organize dialogue days, prayer services and was a key leader behind the Jubilee 2000 "J2K Festival" in Edmonton. Marilyn also devoted her energies to continuing ecumenical education for herself and others.

The Rev. Marilyn McClung Memorial Award is given to a member of the community who has made outstanding or specific contributions to the ecumenical landscape of Edmonton and/or its surrounding districts. Recipients are individuals who, whether or not they were ever affiliated with the Council, nevertheless could be considered ambassadors of the EDCC in the community.



L to R: Maj. (Ret) Rev Larry Wright, Mr Ted McClung, Dr Julien Hammond, Archbishop Richard Smith, Chorbishop Charles Saad

Photo credit: EDCC/Paul Wright



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The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Scroll was sent to Her Majesty QEII in celebration of her Platinum Jubilee for 70 years of devoted service to the Commonwealth.



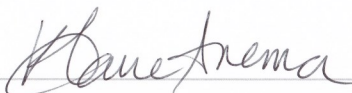
SAINT LAZARUS | SAINT-LAZARE C A N A D A

On the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Reign of the Queen of Canada,
the Grand Prior, Board of Governors and Commanders,
on behalf of all of our members,
send warmest wishes to you in celebration of your Platinum Jubilee.

Our Order has been proud to serve our nation under your steady guidance,
friendship and leadership, and shall continue to do so in the years ahead.

Your steadfast devotion to the Commonwealth, to your family and
to your countrymen serves as a beacon to the world.

We in Canada and within The Order of Saint Lazarus
are proud to serve you and your family. Our very heartfelt congratulations
on this very unique and auspicious occasion, an unmatched achievement
in history, one that brings warmth to all of our hearts.


Grand Prior | Grande Prieure




Chancellor | Chancelier

À l'occasion du 70e anniversaire du règne de la reine du Canada,
la Grande Prieure, le Conseil des Gouverneurs et les Commandeurs,
au nom de tous nos membres, Vous adressent leurs vœux les plus chaleureux
à l'occasion de la célébration de Votre Jubilé de Platine.

Notre Ordre a été fier de servir notre nation sous Votre direction constante, Votre
amitié et Votre leadership, et continuera de le faire dans les années à venir.

Votre dévouement inébranlable au Commonwealth, à Votre famille et à Vos citoyens
est un exemple à émuler tout autour du monde.

Au Canada et au sein de l'Ordre de Saint-Lazare, nous sommes fiers de Vous servir,
Vous et Votre famille. Nos plus sincères félicitations pour cette occasion unique et propice,
une réalisation sans précédent dans l'histoire, qui réchauffe nos cœurs à tous.



It was signed by the Grand Prior and

Chancellor on behalf of all of our members.





COMMANDERIES' ROUNDUP –SPRING 2022

COURTESY OF VICE-CHANCELLOR—COMMANDERIES, DAME GLYNIS GRIGG

Covid-19 has changed many things in our lives but despite those changes the work of Saint Lazarus Canada continues. Within each Commandery there is an Executive or Council that plans and directs the work done. It's time to say thank you to those members who have stepped up and given of their time and talents. The following lists reflect those who serve on Commandery Executives or Councils as of March 2022.



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Secretary/Scrivener – Anna Attedemo MLJ, CMLJ
Hospitaller – Bill Wallis OLJ
(with support from Cathy Lucas DLJ, CMLJ)
Ecumenical Rep/Chaplain – Fr. Terry Cherwick CD, AChLJ



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Treasurer/Receiver – Dennis Schultz KLJ, CMLJ



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

COMMANDERIES' ROUNDUP –SPRING 2022 (CON'T)

COURTESY OF VICE-CHANCELLOR—COMMANDERIES, DAME GLYNIS GRIGG



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SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

COURTESY OF DREW WILDER— HOSPITALIER, OTTAWA COMMANDERY

Dear Jane,

I hope my email finds you and your family well. I'm sure we are jointly excited about finally getting an in-person celebration together in Niagara Falls this May.

I have enclosed the receipt from the great people at the Ottawa Mission's Diane Morrison Hospice for our \$10K donation. As you know, this is our first of two donations, doing "20 for 20."

Our Commandery has worked with this Hospice for 20 years and it is



More than a shelter.

February 14, 2022

Order of St Lazarus - Ottawa Commandery
PO Box 187
Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0

Dear friends at Order of St Lazarus - Ottawa Commandery,

The Ottawa Mission is very grateful for the gift of **\$10,000.00**, received on **February 4, 2022**.

Thank you for your kind and heartfelt gift of **\$10,000.00**, received on **February 4, 2022**, in support of **The Ottawa Mission's Diane Morrison Hospice**. The Hospice is a very special place where homeless men and women receive 24-hour palliative nursing care, and vital emotional and spiritual support, in the final days of their lives – people like Raymond.

Raymond is a gentle and friendly 63-year-old man from a small farming community in Manitoba where he lived until he was almost 30. "We took care of the land, the garden and the chickens," he remembers fondly.

When he was seven, his mother moved in with his new stepfather, a decision he calls a "mistake". His stepfather had a problem with alcohol, and his mother, who didn't drink, began to drink too. Alcohol fueled fighting between the two of them, and also the beatings from his stepfather.

After he left the farm, Raymond moved across Canada in search of new jobs, new homes and a new life, and his own problem with alcohol ebbed and flowed. As he grew older he developed heart problems as well as anxiety and panic attacks. As his health declined further, he became unable to look after himself and moved into our Hospice – the oldest and largest within a homeless shelter in North America – in August 2020.

Now Raymond finds comfort and caring in the relationships he's developed with Hospice staff. "It's so quiet and peaceful here. There's no pressure." He has his own room and is provided 24-hour support.

Your kindness and caring have finally given Raymond the home he needs and deserves. On behalf of Raymond, thank you so much for your support and compassion. We are very grateful for your generosity.

God bless.

Angie Kelly

Angie Kelly
Director of Development

Thank you to all our
friends at Order of
St. Lazarus!

Ottawa Mission

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on to smile! 😊

as always been a key supporter of our hospice since its beginning 20 y
he support of donors like you we can continue to offer our clients pallia
notional support in an atmosphere of compassion and dignity. <https://bi>



truly a pleasure how timing has put me at the forefront, showcasing our amazing work with this, our 20th donation.

For our second committed donation to take place at the end of this year, it would be a pleasure to have you to join me in the cheque presentation. Our second cheque presentation will put our commandery donations over \$100K to the Diane Morrison Hospice here in Ottawa.

It is my honour to serve with Saint Lazarus Canada

Warmest regards,

Drew



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

COURTESY OF PAUL HENRY—TORONTO COMMANDERY

On Thursday the 20th of January 2022, under the leadership of Bishop Dowd, members of the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie, community leaders, members of the Order and members of other religious denominations participated in an evening of Prayer. The activity was spearheaded by members of the Saint Lazarus Canada in North-Eastern Ontario and from the Priory in Canada. It was an inspiring evening as a first event of this kind in our geographic area. A successful ecumenical service that gathered nearly 170 participants. We look forward to future events of this kind in the years to come, to generate interest in our great Order in Canada. As the National Almoner, I'm proud to say that this approach and perspective is warranted throughout Canada, even if the platform to meet is Zoom! Should you wish to have the complete slide deck, please contact Chevalier Paul Henry



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Archbishop
Diocese of Algoma
Diocese of Moosonee



+Thomas Dowd, CChLJ (J)
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Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie



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Chaplain-General
Order of Saint Lazarus



Mr. Paul Henry, KCLJ
Directeur de l'éducation
Nouvelon

On the 17th of November 2021, The Almoner, Major (Ret'd) Paul Henry, OStJ, CD, KCLJ (J), OMLJ, presented a cheque in the amount of \$1500 to the Maison McCullough Hospice in Sudbury, on behalf of Saint Lazarus Canada and the Toronto Commandery. Of note, he has done this presentation over the last five (5) years, and the staff and board of directors of the Hospice are truly thankful for the Canadian Priory's generosity.



The Toronto Commandery Hospice has a new website which may be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.ttch.org>



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

As part of the **60th anniversary** celebration of The Grand Priory in Canada, Saint Lazarus Canada has struck a



60th Anniversary Friendship Coin. These are limited in number and available for \$18 CDN if ordered now and picked up at the Chapter General. Chevalier Robbie Sprules would be pleased to provide further details and take your order. His contact information is in the current edition of the Directory.



Our Grand Master, HE The Chevalier Don Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg, GCLJ, and his fiancée, Sophie Karoly, were married in Seville, Spain on Saturday, October 9th, 2021.



The Wedding took place in the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See, better known as the Seville Cathedral. This is the fourth largest church in the world as well

as the largest Gothic church in the world. The wedding took place in the Royal Chapel.

Commander of the British Columbia Commandery, John Neill KCLJ, MMLJ, was married on 14 January 2022 to Ms. Mary Jo Van Order at Gibraltar. The bride wore her grandmother's wedding dress from the 1930s.



The Calgary Commandery celebrated the St. Lazarus Feast Day in style again this past December with the annual Christmas dinner held at the Ranchmen's Club in Calgary. Their finery of



course included the much desired Saint Lazarus mask. Attendance was down somewhat from the normal numbers due to COVID.





SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

COURTESY OF SCOTT SAUNDERS— WESTERN ONTARIO COMMANDERY

Western Ontario Commandery met on the 21st of November for our Fall Church Parade and meeting. During the Church Parade we were witness to the Renewal of Vows as a Religious of Brother Mark. I had the distinct privilege of participating in the renewal by returning the symbols of ministry to Brother Mark, his cross of St. Benedict and his rings.



Brother Mark



Returning the symbols of ministry to Brother Mark. Father Bill White officiated with Father Stephen Hendry, Rector of St. George's Forest Hill.



Western Ontario Commandery gathered for Worship

The Commandery also met for our fall hybrid meeting both in-person and virtually with the Grand Prior bringing greetings and an update.



COURTESY OF SCOTT SAUNDERS— WESTERN ONTARIO COMMANDERY

Home Caregiver Support Program in Kitchener-Waterloo

Caring for a loved one with a chronic condition or life-limiting illness can be a rewarding experience and, at the same time can be stressful and full of unknowns as well. Caregivers are faced with many tasks on a day-to-day basis, while taking care of their loved one at home.

Home caregivers are ordinary people, who offer physical and emotional support to a family, partner, friend, or neighbor, often without pay. There are approximately 3.3 million caregivers in Ontario alone.

The Home Caregiver Support Program aims to provide much needed support and education.



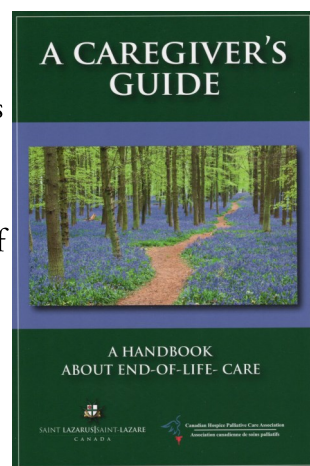
The program is based on **A Caregivers Guide, A Handbook about End-of-Life Care**, published by Saint Lazarus Canada and the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Organization. The program consists of 4 modules that deal with aspects that Home Caregivers are confronted with. Topics by our Highly Qualified and Trained Facilitators are, among many, How to Provide Personal Care; What is Advanced Care Planning; Coping with Caregiver's Stress and Burnout; Where Can I Find Help; and, How to Deal with Grief and End-of-Life.

At St. John Ambulance Kitchener-Waterloo Branch, the Program functions under the Community Service Arm, and is Free of Charge.



On November 28th the Physical Needs module was offered. In the picture a nurse facilitator explains how to provide Personal Care (Movement; Positioning to Maintain Skin Integrity; Washing; and Toileting) to a Home Caregiver.

The next sessions are scheduled for early Spring 2022. If you are Interested in joining one of our Program Classes, please Contact SJA Kitchener-Waterloo Branch: 519-579-6285.



COURTESY MATTHEW ITOVICH—MONTREAL COMMANDERY

Marc St. Martin and I donated seven performances of Disney on Ice to the Montreal Commandery to support Le Phare Enfants et Familles, which the center then provided to several families under their care.

This was a wonderful opportunity for the Commandery to do something more along the lines of respite care, to give the children and their families access to this experience in the private suite, where they could enjoy themselves in a private setting.

We're very pleased that we could realize this initiative considering the different lockdown measures that were in place until mid-February. As soon as we got the notice that we could proceed, we firmed up the arrange-

ments and everything was organized within days with Le Phare.





Noah's Ark - 2021 version..



In the year 2021 , the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in America and said: "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. Build another ark and save 2 of every living thing along with a few good humans." He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build the ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no ark. "Noah!," He roared, "I'm about to start the rain!



Where is the ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed. I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the boat inspector about the need for a sprinkler system. My neighbors claim that I've violated the neighborhood by-laws by building the ark in my back yard and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the local Planning Committee for a decision."



"Then the local Council and the electric company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions, to clear the passage for the ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear none of it."

"Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl." "I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!"



"When I started gathering the animals the ASPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against

their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space. Then the Environmental Protection Agency ruled that I couldn't build the ark until they'd conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood."

"I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Human Rights Commission on how many minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew. The Immigration Dept. is checking the visa status of most of the people who want to work. The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with ark-building experience."

"To make matters worse, the IRS seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species."

"So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this ark."

"Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky."



Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "You mean you're not going to destroy the world?" ;

"No," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to it."





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