



GAZETTE

REVIEW, REFLECT, RENEW



The Grand Prior, Jane Anema

It's hard to believe that it has been twenty months since the world shifted into a different rhythm. There is no question that lives have been disrupted and yet in the midst of the uncertainty small acts of kindness and caregiving have taken on new meaning. The **Order in Canada** has a bold vision that no Canadian be left untouched by our care and so our work in providing support for those in a caregiving role has never been more relevant.

The shift has come with an opportunity to review past practice, reflect on future possibilities and renew our determination to achieve that

vision. If there has been any positive outcome of a world wide pandemic, our inability to travel with flexibility and meet in person, it has been the opportunity to shed old ways and thoughtfully craft the work we want to do in the coming years. Our history is important and when we gather to celebrate our 60th anniversary next May, there will be an opportunity to take from that history, reflect on our success and renew our determination to serve.

Governor General David Johnston said, *"Service and belonging to a wider world is the passport to a life of greater fulfillment and trust"*. Much of the work that we do as an Order has continued and we've become more adept at finding new means to serve. As we step into the new world that has been created by social distance, and a reliance on technology to communicate, I trust that you will find joy in belonging.

With thanks for your service,

Jane



CHAPTER GENERAL

Niagara Falls, Ontario



After a very long wait, we are planning for the Chapter General in Niagara Falls 12-14 May 2022. These dates remain dependent on Ontario Government protocols, but we are hopeful that everything will be fine.

Please stay tuned for a package coming your way with all the information you will need to book your stay, and to attend the various functions.



QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRESENTATION

On June 02, 2021, The *NL Commander of the Order of St. Lazarus, Lewis Stoyles*, visited Queen's College and presented a cheque to the Provost, *Dr. Joanne Mercer*. The cheque for **\$6000.00** was a grant to support the *on-line Volunteer Training Certificate Program in Grief and Bereavement* offered in Winter 2021.

The course and program was designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people who are dealing with loss. The program was a great opportunity for churches, parishes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, pastoral care committees, and community groups to ensure their visitation and outreach volunteers are adequately trained



Cheque presentation to Dr. Joanne Mercer, Queen's College

for grief and bereavement support.

The grant from the *Order of St. Lazarus* allowed interested individuals to complete the program without charge. Sixty-six people from across Canada availed themselves

of the opportunity offered by the Order. The *Order of St. Lazarus* offered similar support for a training program for pastoral and palliative care volunteers in 2020.

The Order and Queen's look forward to future collaborations.

THE GO FORWARD TEAM (GFT) UPDATE | ROBBIE SPRULES

The *GoForwardTeam* has been stood down at present, until further notice. We as an Order have so many initiatives on our plates at present, we may choose to reinstate at a later date.



GO FORWARD TEAM MEMBERS (GFT)

Jane Anema, Grand Prior
Chevalier Robbie Sprules VCSD
Chevalier David Cvet CITO

Contributor



ROBBIE SPRULES

This is the seventh Gazette from your erstwhile editor. As I draw to a close my tenure in this role (see article), the Gazette will continue to seek articles, report on our undertakings and adventures, and bring to you the achievements of our members and friends. It will be wonderful to finally see some real humans at our chapter General in Niagara Falls.

Remember to continue to send in your stories and pics for the Gazette. Those stories and memories bring us together as a national family. Our future shines bright, and I look forward to serving the Order and Grand Prior in my other duties.

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Correction

The recent *Third Review Printed Edition* of the *Caregiver's Guide* fails to recognize that **Chevalier Robert W. Clarke** was responsible for Project Oversight as the Project Director for that review. On behalf of Saint Lazarus Canada I apologize to Chevalier Clarke for that oversight. The online version of that edition has been corrected. **Julien DeSchutter**, Chancellor



Here is the picture from July 2021 Ottawa Commandery's donation of the Inuit language CareGiver's Guide to the Akausivik Inuit Family Health Team, in Ottawa. Pictured is **Tara Martin** (L), Health Team Centre Manager, **Emily Aqqik** (C), Medical Secretary and Interpreter, and **Drew Wilder**, Ottawa Commandery Hospitaller.

Thank you to **Vicken Koundakjian**, who not only located and set up the meeting to make this donation, is credited with the photo.



Designed by **Chevalier Sprules**, obverse and reverse. This could be sent to Commanders as a heads up for 2022.



MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

During the period May 24, 2020 to April 25, 2021 our Grand Prior had the honour and pleasure of investing 24 Postulants into full membership of Saint Lazarus Canada as 10 of our 13 Commanderies celebrated growth within their ranks.

Three Investiture Ceremonies took place online using Zoom technology and were very well attended by members and guests. A 4th online investiture on October 17th will also see another 4 Postulants become Invested Members of the

Order. As well, some Postulants have chosen to be invested at the 2022 Niagara Falls Chapters General. In addition to those investitures all newly invested members in 2020 & 2021 in attendance will be specially recognized.

Congratulations to all of the sponsors that have made this membership growth possible. Your commitment to increasing the number of active members in the Order is extremely commendable.

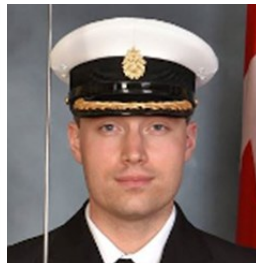
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Toronto



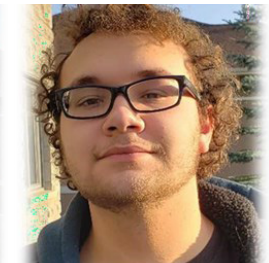
Sharon Baxter
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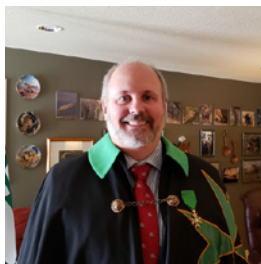
Guillaume Benoit-Gagne
Ottawa



Jeffrey Cohoon
Calgary



Samuel Cohoon
Calgary



James Cox
Calgary



William Eaton
Newfoundland



Pamela Goebel
Calgary



Julien Hammond
Edmonton



Geoffrey Howson
Acadia



John Huggett
Newfoundland



Matthew Itovich
Montreal



Michael Koval
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Steven MacMillan
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Amanda Maragos
Toronto

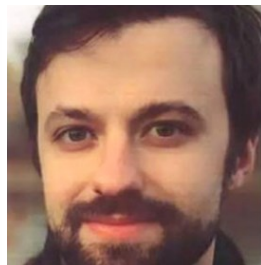
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John McDougall
Acadia



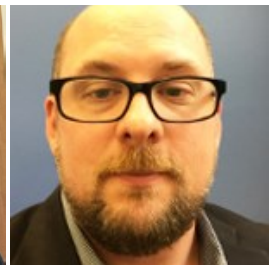
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Ottawa



Judith O'Mara
Newfoundland



William Rector
Acadia



Paul Richards
British Columbia



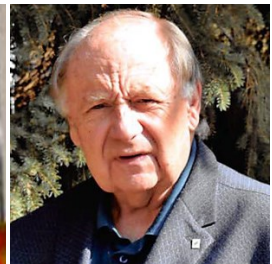
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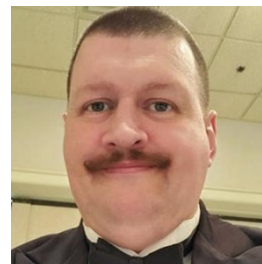
Lucinda Sprules
Acadia



William Wallis
Edmonton



Les Wiens
Manitoba



John Wojcik
Edmonton

Designations of our new Members

- *Scott Aitchison* OLJ
- *Sharon Baxter* DLJ, MSW
- *Guillaume Benoit-Gagne* OLJ
- *Jeffrey Cohoon* MLJ
- *Samuel Cohoon* MLJ
- *James Cox* CD, OLJ
- *William Eaton* OLJ, MD
- *Pamela Goebel* OLJ, MMLJ
- *Julien Hammond* OLJ, MMLJ, DDiv(H)
- *The Rev. Geoffrey Howson* AChLj, MDiv
- *John Huggett* OLJ
- *Matthew Itovich* MLJ
- *Michael Koval* OLJ
- *Steven MacMillan* CD, OLJ
- *Amanda Maragos* MLJ
- *Peter McDougall* DC, OLJ
- *Ruth Mulu-Droppers* OLJ
- *Nazariy Mykytsey* OLJ, MMKLJ, P. Eng
- *Dianne O'Mara* MLJ
- *William Rector* OLJ
- *The Rev John Richards* MOM, OSj, ChLJ, MMLJ
- *Barbara Simic* OLJ
- *Richard Singleton* CLJ, PhD
- *Lady Lucinda Sprules* OLJ
- *William Wallis* OLJ
- *Leslie Wiens* OLJ, BSc, CFP
- *John Wojcik* CD, OLJ, BA

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



When I was asked to update the look and feel of the GAZETTE in late 2017, there was a request that a new editor step forward. Right. It is soon to be 2022, and filling in as the 'temporary' editor for these past years has been an honour and a privilege. The new design and layout were very well received, with lots of thumbs up emails from our members. You have liked the stories too, although there is always a struggle either to fit everything in, or find enough to make a full issue. Our goal of two issues per year has been met, bilingual issues continue to be a challenge, but all in all we have had fun.

*It would be remiss of me not to thank those who have helped to make the Gazette a reality. **Joanna** has put all of the Gazettes together with no help, worked under ridiculous deadlines, and done it all with the most professional outlook I have ever seen in journalism. **Lady Lucinda** has recently helped with proof-reading each issue, as my workload at the Order seems to increase with ferocious unpredictability. Our Grand Prior cracks the whip and reviews each edition prior to publication, and even prints hard copies for those who prefer that delivery method. Most importantly, all of you who share your news with us, write articles and send in pictures make up our bedrock. Thank you all.*

*As I move on to focus on my duties as Vice-Chancellor Strategic Development, Chair of the Audit Committee, Board of Governors member and the Marketing/Brand Advisor, the Gazette will continue in the capable hands of our new editor, **Julien DeSchutter**. Julien, thank you for jumping into the breach and taking over. Buckle up.*

As I take my leave as editor, my memories of our time together are warm, a very rewarding experience. I'm never too far away. Please keep in touch.

Robbie D. Sprules

Vice-Chancellor Strategic Development
Editor





Due to COVID restrictions the Manitoba Commandery had not been able to meet for a more than a year. Once we were able, we went ahead and had a small get-together to discuss and plan for upcoming events. During the get-together, we were fortunate to receive a short verbal update from the Grand Prior.

Those attending were

***Chevalier Steven MacMillan,
HE Chevalier Bob Vandewater,
Dame Audrey Vandewater,
Chevalier Dennis Schultz and
Chevalier Les Wiens.***



*Recently the Manitoba Commandery presented a cheque for on-going support to **Ms Jennifer Gurk**, Executive Director of Palliative Manitoba.*

The cheque was presented by

***Chevalier Steve MacMillan,
Chevalier Les Wiens,
HE Chevalier Bob Vandewater and
Chevalier Dennis Schultz.***

Palliative Manitoba utilizes the Commandery's donation for training and development of their volunteers.



*Confrere **Vincent Reynolds** with daughter **Elizabeth** at one day old.*





COMMANDERIES' ROUNDUP – 2021

COVID-19 has changed many things in our lives but despite the changes the work of Saint Lazarus Canada continues. Following are some examples of what has happened in the Commanderies across Canada.

Here are some of the highlights for 2021.

ACADIA COMMANDERY

Commander – Chevalier David Cvet



Acadia has successfully installed, at the ***Tideview LTC Centre***, two tablets fitted to goosenecked floor stands that enable palliative patients to virtually connect with loved ones, without the constant aid of a caregiver.

ARCTIC COMMANDERY

Commander – Chevalier Michael Kalnay



Working with the ***Yellowknife Health and Social Services*** the Arctic Commandery has fulfilled their plan to have copies of the ***Caregiver's Guide*** available to thirty (30) nursing stations "North of 60" and they actively promote the on-line Caregiver's program. In an area of the country where hospital and hospice care are not readily available the Caregiver's Guide is a valuable tool for those who must care for their loved ones at home. Members in Yellowknife were able to safely gather for an outdoor visit – even the rain didn't deter them.

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMANDERY

Commander - Chevalier John Neill



British Columbia has made donations to ***Victoria Hospice Society; Canuck Place Children's Hospice, Vancouver; Surrey Hospice; Peace Arch Hospice*** and the ***Langley Lodge***. ***Chevalier Paul Loofs*** has been awarded the Hale-Trusler Award in recognition of his dedicated service to Saint Lazarus Canada.

CALGARY COMMANDERY

Commander - Chevalier Richard Goebel



Calgary continues to support ***Sage Centre (Hospice Calgary "Living with Cancer Program and Rosedale Hospice)*** and is supporting the establishment of a rural support program south of Calgary. Red Deer Hospice has recognized the Calgary and Edmonton Commanderies for their joint donation, with a gold leaf, Ambassador level, on their Donors Recognition Tree. A Church Parade, in April, and a stand-up reception in August, following all the Covid protocols, were held.

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**EDMONTON COMMANDERY****Commander- Chevalier Tony Ratcliffe**

Edmonton has topped up the scholarship awarded to students enrolled in the ***Post Basic Nursing Practice: Palliative and Gerontology certificate program***, at Grant MacEwan University.

Their continued support of the ***AHPCA's "Roadshow"***, along with Calgary, makes Saint Lazarus Canada the major sponsor of a program that reaches participants from all areas of Alberta. Programs will continue virtually allowing access to the program from the remotest areas of the province.

MANITOBA COMMANDERY**Commander - Chevalier Dennis Schultz**

Manitoba continues to support ***Palliative Care Manitoba*** as well as an ***Ecumenical Scholarship*** at St. Paul's College.

MONTREAL COMMANDERY**Commander - Rev. Marc-Philippe Vincent**

In the spring the Montreal Commandery conducted three workshops led by members of the Commandery. Ecumenism, led by the ***Rev. Bertrand Olivier*** and ***Chaplain General Eric***

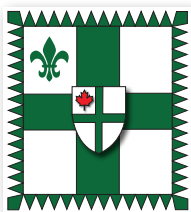
Dyke; Chivalry and Chivalric Values, led by ***Col. Chev. Mark Macpherson*** and Palliative and End of Life Care, led by ***Commandery Hospitaller Matthew Itovitch***. The workshops were aimed at reminding members of what the three subjects are about in order to position the Commandery as to where their strengths lie and where they should concentrate their energy and resources.

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR COMMANDERY**Commander - Chevalier Lewis Stoyles**

Queen's College was presented with a ***\$6000*** grant to support the ***On-line Volunteer Training certificate Program in Grief and Bereavement***. The program was designed to equip interested individuals with the knowledge and skills for effective pastoral visitation and spiritual support ministries to people who are dealing with loss. The grant allowed interested individuals to complete the program without charge. Sixty-six people, from across Canada, availed themselves of the opportunity. The Commandery and Queen's look forward to future collaborations.

OTTAWA COMMANDERY**Commander -Craig McQuitty.**

A podcast, focussing on the relationship of ***Saint Lazarus Canada and Leprosy***, was aired and plans are underway for a second podcast dealing with Ecumenism. ***Chev. Keith Wilkins*** was the second recipient of the two Hale -Trusler Awards presented this year.

QUÉBEC COMMANDERY**Commander - Chevalier Alec Cooper**

Chevalier Alec Cooper has stepped into the role of Commander for the Quebec Commandery.

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THUNDER BAY COMMANDERY**Commander - Dame Diana Pallen**

Low Covid numbers and outdoor gatherings have allowed the Commandery to participate in face-to-face meetings, socials and the annual *Hike for Hospice*.

Funds raised by the Hike participants were matched by the Commandery and a **\$2890 donation** was made to *Hospice Northwest*.

Support for two travelling leprosy clinics, one in Madagascar and one in India, has been pledged.

TORONTO COMMANDERY**Commander - Chevalier Rick Firth**

The Toronto Commandery special COVID-19 fundraising campaign to support hospices raised **\$2701** for *Emily's House* and **\$4750** for *Andy's House*.

WESTERN ONTARIO COMMANDERY**Commander - Chevalier Scott Saunders**

Members of the Commandery are working on an *enhanced program for the Caregiver's Support Program*.

Western Ontario supports *Lisaard House; Innisfree and Chapman House Hospices* and effect: hope (Leprosy Mission Canada). Work continues on plans for the next Chapters General.

Despite the new reality of life due to Covid-19 we can
*“Create 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.”*

COMMANDERS' CORNER



Professor Emerita Diana Pallen DLJ, OMLJ, Commander of the Thunder Bay Commandery graciously consented to be my third Commander to interview.

Thunder Bay, in the “Land of the Sleeping Giant”, has been Diana’s home since the tender age of seven months, when Thunder Bay was still known as Port Arthur and Fort William. A temporary move by her parents to help her maternal Grandmother morphed into a permanent residency for her family and as Diana proudly states, “I remain in the same neighbourhood I have been in my entire life”.

Diana earned her nursing diploma from St. Joseph’s School of Nursing, Port Arthur and began her career with fourteen years of bedside nursing, some of which included just over a year in Manchester, England. Back in Canada she returned to “St. Joe’s” and embarked on obtaining her BSc Nursing degree. In 1983 Diana transitioned from bedside nursing to teaching and for the next thirty-two years taught at the Lakehead University School of Nursing. During that time, she completed her Master of Nursing Degree (University of Manitoba) and furthering her quest for knowledge an Honours BA(English).

Fiercely proud of her Finnish roots, she’s fluent in Finnish. Diana serves on the Suomi Foundation Board (member and representative on the Advisory Committee for the Chair in Finnish Studies) and is Matron of the Ladies of Kaleva, an organization founded over one hundred years ago that focuses on Finnish culture.

Well-travelled, having been bitten by the “travel bug” during her time in England, Diana has visited many places and looks forward to when she can safely travel again – hopefully she will be able to add to her 18+ visits to Finland and her relatives there on both sides of her family.

Meanwhile, she continues to give back to her community, sitting on the local Museum Board, (serving as their representative to Thunder Bay’s Heritage Advisory Committee), and as secretary of the Northwestern Ontario Pastoral Institute.

In 2004, while bringing greetings, on behalf of Lakehead University, to a local palliative care organization, Diana was approached by **Dame Margaret Page** and, after learning about the **Order of Saint Lazarus**, accepted the invitation to join. Since being invested in 2005 at the Winnipeg Chapter General, Diana has been a tireless advocate and worker for Saint Lazarus Canada and was promoted to Dame in 2012 at the Toronto Chapter General. She follows Chevalier Edward Meijer as Commander of the Thunder Bay Commandery.

A caring, compassionate, hardworking member of the Order it can truly be said of Diana, as was whispered in my ear after being dubbed, “*There’s nothing like a Dame*”.

Glynis Grigg, DCLJ, CMLJ
Vice-Chancellor Commanderies



QUEST FOR FUNDY HOSPICE



*Quest for Fundy Hospice: Local dignitaries on location for the kickoff for the Quest for Fundy Hospice ride featuring **Acadia Commander, Chev. David M. Cvet**, KLJ(J) and his **horse, Nya**, dressed in the accoutrements of a 13th century Saint Lazarus knight who rode 250 km raising approx. \$25,000 for the hospice project. L-R: **Linda Gregory**, Warden for the Municipality of Digby; **Beth Earle**, CEO of Annapolis Basin Conference Centre (donator of the land for the hospice); **Chris d'Entremont**, MP, Conservative; **Alex Morrison**, Counselor, Annapolis County; **Ben Cleveland**, Mayor of the Town of Digby; **Gordon Balser**, past MLA for Digby-Annapolis there representing **Jill Balser** (his daughter) who is the new MLA for Digby-Annapolis.*



Friend of the Order, **Joe Van Heerden** squires for **Chev. David M. Cvet** KLJ(J) and his horse, Nya at the Atalanta Hospice Society's fundraising event kickoff "Quest for Fundy Hospice", dressed in the accoutrements of a 13th century Saint Lazarus knight and rode 250 km raising approx. \$25,000 for the hospice project.



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David Cvet,
Chief Information &
Technology Officer

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