



GAZETTE

DIFFERENT TIMES

COVID-19 is affecting us all

In a different time, I made the comment that smart phones had changed the world. Little did I know what a virus would do. The change brought about by the advent of technology has been eclipsed by an illness that is frightening in both speed and scope. It has affected everyone and everything. The world is suddenly different and the structures and routines we have comforted ourselves with have had to change.

The Order in Canada has changed too. Some of the



The Grand Prior, Jane Anema

changes have been under our control and those Council and the Executive have worked on with considerable thought and discussion. Meetings have been frequent and the conversations lively. Those groups have worked purposefully on components of the strategic goals identified at last year's Chapter General. Commanderies have continued to work at a local level and our caregiver's guide, home care givers support and small acts of kindness programmes have supported our communities. We have new members and have established a Facebook group and Twitter account. We're working towards meaningful change.

Some change has been forced on us. Compliance with government regulations has mandated a review and changes to our bylaws. Travel restrictions and social distancing requirements have created a need to manage our AGM differently for 2020.

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CHAPTER GENERAL

Niagara Falls, Ontario



As you all know by now, the Chapter General for this season has been postponed due to the restrictions undertaken by all levels of Government, and of course, our own common sense.

However, we will be back in full force in 2021 for the CG in Niagara Falls, so keep an eye out for the planning notices.

In the meantime, there may be some local/regional investitures to bring in members now so they do not have to wait for Investiture, if they so desire.

Keep a look out on our Face Book page (if you haven't signed up, please do so as this site has seen a huge gain in participation over the last couple of months). If you are not certain how to join the conversation, please contact David Cvet .

*Different Times cont'd*

Those changes have become opportunities to think about how to connect with one

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another and maintain the best of what the Order is and can be in this country.

What has not changed is our commitment to serve and the principles we swore to uphold when invested. As our world adjusts to a new normal, the work we do and the way we connect will foster a refreshed organization and the sustainability we need to weather the next period of change.

Jane

SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

Meritorious Service Medals

How we recognize meritorious service in the interest of the Order and those we serve has changed. Here are some of the things to know about what has been and what is changing.

The Companionate of Merit of the Order recognizes distinguished service in support of and dedication to our ideals. The Companionate is a series of awards granted by the Grand Master or Heads of Jurisdiction. They may be made to members and non-members of the Order alike. Non-members receiving an award from the Companionate of Merit are considered Companion Members and not as regular members of the Order. Consequently, titles are not associated with any grade of award in the Companionate of Merit, although post-nominal letters may be used. Recipients are encouraged to wear their awards with pride for recognition and out of respect for the Order bestowing them.

Before the revision of the Statutes and Regulations of the Order in 2016, harmonizing the reunified Paris and Maltese Obediences, the Canadian Grand Priory awarded medals in the Companionate of Merit in five grades: Grand Cross of Merit, Grand Officer of Merit, Commander, Officer of Merit and Member of Merit. Medals of the Companionate of Merit had distinctive ribbons of olive green and aubergine as well as a star for Grade 3 (Commander of

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THE GO FORWARD TEAM (GFT) UPDATE | ROBBIE SPRULES

The **GoForwardTeam** has continued its work since the Chapter General in Digby. Its role as the 'idea incubator' for the Order has paid off, continually discussing ideas that will help the Order keep pace with societal change. Many ideas are discussed, and those that have merit are brought forward to the Governing Council.

In November of 2019, *A Caregiver's Guide* was reviewed and some changes made, with 15,000 new editions printed and ready for distribution. 2020. 2021 will see a complete review & update.



GO FORWARD TEAM MEMBERS (GFT)

Jane Anema, Grand Prior

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ROBBIE SPRULES

This marks the fourth *Gazette* under Robbie's direction. This year, it is being assembled by an outside specialist to help ease the burden of Robbie's roles.

The plan for 'going forward' in 2020 is to strive for greater communications focusing on the use of social media. If you have stories, send them to gazette@stlazarus.ca.



DAVID CVET

David has continued to support the information flow for the *Gazette* through his building of the database on-line. An update to the membership database and further refinements to GIMS are underway.

Again, thank you David.

Merit) and above. Members of the military were distinguished by the inclusion of two crossed swords between the arms of the Maltese Cross. Although Grand Magisterial revisions are significant, change is mandated based on individual Grand Priory circumstances. Canada will continue to award Companionate of Merit to members under special circumstances until inventory of the Insignia is at appropriate levels. Recipients of awards within the Companionate of Merit are encouraged to continue wearing their ribbons and medals if and until a higher grade is awarded. We will not be exchanging ribbons to 'update' any awards.

The Digby Chapter General (L) *Ladies*, (R) *Men* marked many firsts and one last.

A previously awarded Grand Officer of Merit (Green and aubergine neck cross and gold star) was presented at this Chapter General. This award has now been discontinued by international regulation of the Order. Members previously awarded this high recognition continue to properly wear their medals, stars and use their post-nominals (GOMLJ) unless a higher grade in the Companionate is subsequently granted by the Grand Master.

Among the firsts at Digby was the award of Knight of the Companionate of Merit, Grade 2, (KMLJ) in place of Grand Officer of Merit. Medals of the Companionate of Merit at Digby were distinguished by the use of a new ribbon. *"The Ribbon: a green watered silk with a green center, edged in black, with a thin white stripe beside, and followed further beside with a thin stripe of green. The term Olive Green, which was the old style, has been removed, and updated to simply... Green."* The ribbon was inspired by the ribbon used for the Companionate of Merit of the Paris Obedience of the Order.

Transition will continue in the insignia of the Canadian Grand



(L) *Silver Cross of Merit*, (R) *Silver Medal of Merit*



Commander of Merit (CMLJ)

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Priory under the guidance of our senior executive. Existing inventory is re-ribboned on an “as needed basis” with a small accumulation of inventory to meet needs that might arise from a local investiture before a Chapter General. Best efforts continue to provide ladies and members of the clergy with the option of a bow for medals in the Companionate of Merit. Managing the inventory of stars will see replacements aligned to the international standards of the reunified Paris and Malta Obediances.

The Digby Chapter General demonstrated increased flexibility for the acknowledgement of members of the Canadian Grand Priory rendering special services to the Order not necessarily coming within the scope of the Companionate of Merit’s

dedication and support of the ideals of the Order. Adopting Crosses and Medals of Merit, the Canadian Grand Priory now has the tools to acknowledge exceptional services that are large in scope over years of service with a Cross of Merit or an exceptional single task or event of service by a Medal of Merit.

The medals themselves are presented on a folded triangle of ribbon red and green for Crosses of Merit and Medals of Merit are presented on a ribbon of green and vertical stripes. There are no post-nominal letters associated with these awards.

Silver Crosses of Merit and Bronze Medals of Merit were both granted at the Digby Chapter General. Both categories, Cross or Medal of Merit, have an order of

precedence: Gold, Silver and Bronze. A Recipient of a second award of a higher precedence wears only the highest medal awarded and should only wear one medal (or miniature) of each class. The insignia of the Cross or Medal of Merit are worn on a medal bar after any rank or Companionate of Merit medals and displayed by their order of precedence. As with other senior awards in the Order, medals of the highest precedence are awarded only by Grand Magisterial Decree and approved by the Grand Master.

As Custodian of Insignia, International suppliers provided sufficient medals for the Digby Chapter General. Steps are being taken to put in place a supply of these awards to meet future needs.

PASTORAL AND PALLIATIVE CARE VOLUNTEER ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Order of St Lazarus has a scholarship program with Queen’s College, Faculty of Theology, which is located on the Memorial University Of Newfoundland campus. **Lewis Stoyles**, Commander of the Newfoundland Commandery, visited with **Rick Singleton**, Provost and Vice Chancellor, to review the scholarship activity.

At the same time, Lewis outlined the online version of the Home Caregiver Support

Program (HCSP) that is available nationally at no cost to participants. The Provost had a particular interest in the HCSP as he had a request from the four Regional Health Authorities (RHA) in the Province to provide pastoral volunteer training for training of volunteers throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. This proposed program would offer foundational information and skill practice to equip volunteers

with competencies to provide supportive visitation and care to individuals and families in times of illness, death and bereavement. We discussed the synergies of both programs. The Programs had similar characteristics so the Provost said he would present the Order with

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a proposal to help fund the now combined Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training Program.

The proposal for the Order to help fund the combined Program was presented to Council in November 2019 and was approved with \$5,000 being contributed from the funds of the Newfoundland Commandry and \$5,000 from the Order's matching program for a total of \$10,000 which was presented to Queen's College in February 2020. (See picture)

The Pastoral and Palliative Care Volunteer Training Program is designed to be accessible by interested individuals throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and beyond. The program is offered in real time via webinar, enabling participants to attend online from their own home or office using a computer, tablet or smart phone. The program runs once a week for two hours each over a period of eight weeks. Some participants actually gathered together in small groups at remote sites and some attended at the campus of Queen's College. The sessions are also recorded and can be viewed in its entirety for a period of time after the week's event.

The design of the program covered the following topics:

- Listening and Communication
- Discernment for Effective Pastoral Care
- Visitation to Residents in Long Term Care
- Mental Health Illnesses and Related Legislation and Resources
- Pastoral Care For Those with Active Mental Illnesses and Addictions
- End Of Life Matters and Palliative Care
- Grief
- Care For The Caregiver

The HCSP is incorporated into the program design and all participants are required to register and complete certain sections of the program in preparation for that week's presentation. All participants also receive a copy of the *A Caregiver's Guide*.

Queen's College were anticipating 30 registrants, but the final count is between 150 and 200 as some people without computers gathered with others to participate in the event. Four other Provinces (AB, QC, NS,



Rick Singleton receiving cheque for \$10,000 from The Order. Lewis Stoyles Commander NFLD presenting.

NB) participated in the weekly webinars.

This has been a very worthwhile endeavor and it is anticipated that we could repeat this offering on annual basis which will enhance our visibility in the Province and fulfill our objective of providing Home Care Palliative Care to those friends and family members who are looking after loved ones at home.



In person attendees at Queen's College gather at the end of one of the webinars with Commander Stoyles and Dean Rick Singleton.



COMMANDERIES' ROUNDUP – FALL 2019

Feet on the ground of the Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada happens at the Commandery level. It is through the work of the Commanderies that the relevance of the Order materializes in communities across the country. The Commanders' activity reports submitted to the national Governing Council for the November 2019 meeting included an impressive array of donations to deserving projects, fund-raising activity, and ecumenical work. Collectively, there has been considerable emphasis on supporting projects associated with hospices and palliative care:

<i>Atalanta Hospice Society</i> (\$10,000) – Acadia Commandery with matching funds from the national Chancery	<i>La Maison Saint-Raphaël</i> , Montreal a new palliative care facility – Montreal Commandery
Victoria Hospice Society (\$1,000) – BC Commandery	<i>Kingston Hospice</i> (\$12,000) – Ottawa Commandery
<i>Hospice Calgary</i> (\$15,000) – Calgary Commandery	<i>May Court Hospice</i> , Ottawa (\$2,000) – Ottawa Commandery
<i>Red Deer Hospice</i> (\$30,000) – Calgary Commandery, Edmonton Commandery, (National Chancery Matching Funds Program)	<i>Andy's House Hospice</i> , Muskoka (\$2,000) – Toronto Commandery
<i>Norwood Continuing and Palliative Care facility</i> (\$20,000) – Edmonton Commandery	<i>Maison McCulloch Hospice</i> , Sudbury (\$1,500) – Toronto Commandery
<i>Sturgeon Hospital Foundation</i> , Greater Edmonton (\$20,000) towards an additional palliative care room – Edmonton Commandery	<i>Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) Road Show</i> (\$20,000) – Calgary and Edmonton Commanderies
<i>Le Phare, enfants et familles</i> (palliative care to children under 18 years of age) (\$1,250) – Montreal Commandery	<i>Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) Road Show</i> (\$20,000 commitment for 2020) Calgary & Edmonton Commanderies

Three commanderies highlighted support for leprosy-related projects: Ottawa, Thunder Bay and Western Ontario.

Four Commanderies benefited from the National Chancery's Matching Funds Programme to increase their donations to community projects, of particular note, the Calgary and Edmonton Commanderies, the Acadia Commandery, and the Western Ontario Commandery.

Most Commanderies are involved in fund-raising activity although, with the exceptions of the two Alberta Commanderies which are

able to raise significant donation funds through their relationship with casinos, the scale of these activities is relatively modest.

It is noted that the Acadia and Toronto Commanderies have adopted the Houses concept (House of Fundy, Muskoka House and Sudbury House). Acadia, Toronto and Western Ontario commanderies are implementing the Friends of the Order concept. Both of these initiatives were pioneered out of the Acadia Commandery, with great potential for increasing membership and community engagement at the grassroots level.

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Brief summaries of the activities and accomplishments of each Commandery during 2019.



ACADIA COMMANDERY

2019 was an extremely busy year for the Acadia Commandery, with full focus on the planning and *execution of the May*

Chapter General in Digby, NS. For the first time, the Chapter General program included a number of learning workshops and also the inaugural presentation of the “Coistrel” comprised of two Saint Lazarus Knights leading the procession into the Trinity Anglican Church at the Investiture service.

The Commandery is also focused on developing, *promoting and supporting the Atalanta Hospice Society (AHS)* project to establish a hospice facility in the Digby / Annapolis area of Nova Scotia.

In 2019, the AHS received three donations:

- 1) *a donation of 6.63 acres of land* in Cornwallis Park by the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre;
- 2) *\$1,605 to the Order from The Historical*



Saint Lazarus Knights: L-R: Joseph Van Heerden & David M. Cvet

Association of Annapolis Royal announced at the Chapter General; and 3) an *anonymous donation of \$50,000* also announced at the 2019 Chapter General event. In addition, the Commandery, along with matching funds from the national Chancery, donated \$10,000 to the *Atalanta Hospice* project. The Commandery was pleased to make a \$500 donation to a study on the state of palliative and hospice care in the indigenous populations in New Brunswick, a spear-heading initiative led by *Dr. Jennifer Dobbeltsteyn*, OSLJ. This study could potentially be replicated in Nova Scotia.



ARCTIC COMMANDERY

Members of the Commandery *continue to visit the sick and dying at the Territorial Hospital* in Yellowknife and work with

local health and senior care providers to ensure that palliative care facilities are properly included in current development plans.

The Commandery has plans to place copies of the Caregivers' Guide, in multiple languages, in every nursing station North of 60.



BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMANDERY

The BC Commandery was among the first of the Commanderies to carry out a *regional investiture* under

the new provisions of the national Governing Council. At the Commandery's AGM on June 9th, 2019, Grand Prior *Dame Jane Anema* and Vice-Chancellor Commanderies *Dame Glynis Grigg*, presided over the investiture of two Postulants unable to attend the Chapter General

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in Digby. At the AGM, the Commandery also presented a donation cheque of \$1,000 to the **Victoria Hospice Society** (see photo) and later made a donation of \$1,000 to the **Langley Care Foundation** to assist in funding of therapeutic services for residents of the Langley Lodge long-term care facility.

The Commandery has begun initial planning in preparation of hosting of the 2022 Chapter General in Victoria, BC.



L-R: Chev John Neil, Jordan McClymount (Victoria Hospice Society), Chev. Dr. Paul Loofs



CALGARY COMMANDERY

The Calgary Commandery continued to make significant donations in 2019: \$10,000 to the **Alberta Hospice Palliative**

Care Association (AHPCA) for the AHPCA Road Show; \$15,000 to the **Hospice Calgary** for their “Living with Cancer” program; \$10,000 to the **Red Deer Hospice** (matched by a equivalent donation from the **Edmonton Commandery** and further matching from the national Chancery).

The Commandery is a participant in fundraising through the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission’s (AGLC) charity lottery program. Registered Alberta charities provide volunteers to manage casinos for a 2 day period approximately every 18 months. The volunteers, under the expert guidance of trained advisors, take on a number of roles as there are 36 volunteer shifts that must be filled over the 2 days. Each of the charities that participates in a given quarter are provided an equal share of the profits from that quarter. Those funds Calgary receives are distributed for palliative-care based charitable works following very strict guidelines of the



Commander Chev. Richard Goebel welcoming guests to Calgary's Sock Hop

AGLC. Other Commandery activities include an annual raffle as well as a 50’s and 60’s Sock Hop. 100% of the revenue from both of those fundraisers is donated for palliative care.

The Commandery’s social calendar includes an annual **Spring Tea** hosted by **Dame Glynis Grigg** and **Chevalier Julien DeSchutter**, as well as the annual **Saint Lazarus Day dinner** organized by **Dame Glynis Grigg**.



EDMONTON COMMANDERY

The Commandery is involved in a variety of donations and fundraising activities. In 2019, the Commandery donated

\$20,000 to the **Norwood Continuing and Palliative Care facility**, in honour of **Bryce Larke**, towards another room; \$20,000 to the **Sturgeon Community Hospital** towards an additional room in the facility; \$1,000 to the **Kairos House** (residential care facility for persons with HIV/AIDS) in honour of **Norman Sande, John Dugan** and **Bryce Larke**; and \$10,000 to the **Red Deer Hospice** for new rooms in memory of **John Dugan** (matched by \$10,000 from the **Calgary Commandery** and \$10,000 from the national **Chancery Matching Funds Program**). The Commandery also supports the **Alberta**

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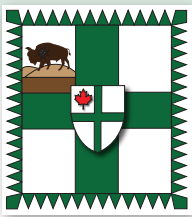


Hospice Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) Road Show (\$10,000 commitment for 2020) to bring palliative care information to Albertans throughout the province.

The Edmonton Commandery also takes advantage of the opportunity provided by the AGLC to staff a charity casino once every 18 months. The process is identical to that described in the Calgary Commandery report above.

The Commandery is quite active socially during the year, with events that include a port-tasting event in October, a sherry party scheduled for February or March 2020, as well as an annual Robbie Burns dinner in January. These events also double as fund-raisers for the Commandery.

The Commandery also participates with Calgary in the purchase and distribution of **Comfort Bears** that are provided to palliative care facilities for their residents.



MANITOBA COMMANDERY

Manitoba Commandery supports, as they have done for many years, **Hospice and Palliative Care Manitoba**

(HPCM). The \$1000 annual donation is used by HPCM for the training and support of volunteers.

Chev. Dennis Schultz and **Chev. Robert Vandewater** have an active role in determining the recipient of the **Saint Lazarus Bursary** for



Chev. Dennis Schultz and **Chev. Robert Vandewater** presenting the bursary award

Ecumenism at St. Paul's College, part of the University of Manitoba. They sit on the selection panel and then present the award at Convocation.



MONTREAL COMMANDERY

At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, the Commandery approved the 3-5-year framework for the **expansion**

of Hospitaller activities in the Commandery and continued refinement of its **ecumenical activities**. As part of the implementation of the plan, workshops are planned to focus on palliative care, ecumenical work, and chivalry in the 21st century.

On the donations front, the Commandery continued to provide support to **le Phare, enfants et familles** which offers palliative care to children under 18 years of age and to **La Maison Saint-Raphaël**, a new palliative care home in Montreal.

Other activities include the organization of the annual **Ecumenical Pilgrimage** at the Saint-Sauveur Melkite Cathedral in November. The Montreal Commandery is also contemplating the creation of a training video on their ecumenical role for members of their Commandery.



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR COMMANDERY

The Commandery is involved in a number of work-in-progress projects, including cultivating a relationship with a group in Grand Falls-Windsor in central Newfoundland who are in the process of planning the **10-bed Lionel Kelland Hospice** in their community. Commander Stoyles met with the group and provided copies of the Order's Caregiver's Guide and a promotional CD and offered assistance with promoting this project to the local media and community. The Commandery is also promoting the use of the

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Order's *online Home Caregiver Support Program* by the Newfoundland Department of Health, which is assessing the program as part of its outreach to rural areas in the province.



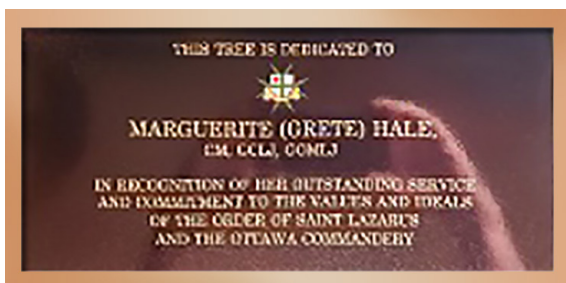
OTTAWA COMMANDERY

The Ottawa Commandery donated \$12,000 to the *Kingston Hospice* in honour of *Dame Sylvia Burkinshaw*,

a major benefactor of the Commandery's gifting account. In addition, the Commandery donated \$2,000 to the Ottawa-based *May Court Hospice*. Plans are underway to resurrect the *Ottawa Commandery Emerald Ball* in 2021, with the expectation of raising approximately \$10,000. In addition to the Emerald Ball, the Commandery is planning a *leprosy awareness fundraising initiative* at the High Commission for India, anticipated to raise up to \$10,000.

In tribute to Dame Grete Hall's lifetime commitment to the Order of Saint Lazarus, the Commandery will *dedicate a 30-foot tall silver maple tree* at the *Beechwood Cemetery* (see photo below) near the "Sacred Place" which Grete fought so hard to have incorporated into the National Memorial Centre. Once the tree is in place, and the garden surrounding the tree is re-configured, a bilingual bronze dedication plaque will be installed on a large boulder in the garden in front of the Centre.

The Ottawa Commandery will host the 2023 Chapter General.

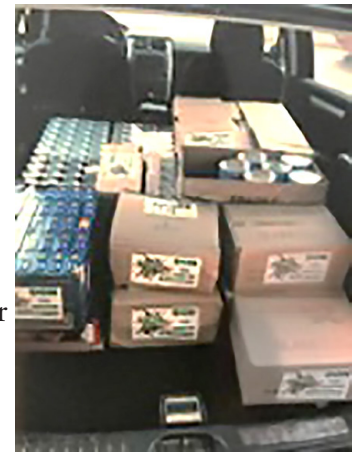


The commemorative plaque to be installed at the Beechwood National Memorial



QUÉBEC COMMANDERY

For the past 5 years, The Québec Commandery of SAINT LAZARUS CANADA was called upon to give a helping hand to the English, Scottish and Irish Communities by participating in their **Community Christmas Hamper Campaign.** Since 2015 we succeeded in donating a large quantity of non-perishable and canned goods with the generous help of Mr. Sylvain Laflamme of **Panier Extra**, through whom we were able to purchase, at below cost, the majority of our needs. This gave us the chance to donate much more than anticipated.



With the help of our treasurer, Mr Yves Garneau, and another volunteer, we were able to fill up to capacity four car loads of food for the 2019 Campaign.

Other 2019 donations included the distribution of items to, **La Maison Dauphine, Maison du Marin, Fraternite St-Alphonse, Cuisine Populaire de Loretteville, College La Pocatiere, Royal Canadian Legion** and **Families in Need.**

In closing, a pearl of wisdom from former Québec Commander Dennis Rioux...

*"Never get tired of doing little things for others,
sometimes those little things occupy
the biggest part of their hearts."*

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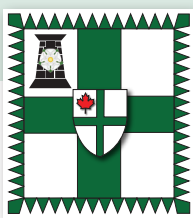


THUNDER BAY COMMANDERY

Thunder Bay organizes an annual ***"Hike for Hospice"*** event resulting in their "Loping Lazarites" which raised \$1,040

in 2019 which was matched by a donation from the Commandery's funds. The Commandery is exploring support for worthy programmes of The Leprosy Mission of Canada, now known as "effect:hope", particularly helping to fund two mobile leprosy clinics to the tune of \$500 each. It also offered to help fund the ***Hospice Northwest*** (in Thunder Bay) ***Comfort kits*** which are distributed to families of its hospice clients.

Members of the Commandery also enjoy an annual get-together and excursion aboard Chev. Dean Gresko's boat "White Caps" sailing on the great Lake Superior to Thomson Island for a picnic lunch and swimming.



TORONTO COMMANDERY

The Toronto Commandery donated \$2,000 to ***Muskoka's Andy's House Hospice***; \$1,500 to the ***Maison McCulloch Hospice***

in Sudbury; and \$1,500 to the ***McKinnon Bursary Award*** (*a scholarship awarded annually on the basis of leadership and accomplishment in athletic activities to a Canadian citizen or person resident in Canada who is a graduate of a Canadian university and entering the first year of the J.D. program at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law*). The Commandery is also engaged in development of the Toronto Commandery Hospice.

Members of the Toronto Commandery made an ecumenical visit to Rosedale United Church followed by a lunch at the Granite Club. Other socials included a dinner following the AGM at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Commander's Garden Party which provided the opportunity to distribute years-of-service pins to

the attendees, and their first Pub Night held at the Scallywags pub.



WESTERN ONTARIO COMMANDERY

The Commandery continues to donate annually to the three mandates of leprosy, palliative care and ecumenism. In 2019, it

donated \$1,000 each to the ***Little Flower Mission*** and the ***Naini Hospital*** (leprosy projects); and to ***St. Peter's Hospital*** (Hamilton) in support of the Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative and End-of-Life Care (LEAP) training program (Pallium Canada) for palliative care nurses associated with the Hamilton Health Sciences Foundation. With seed-funds donated by Commandery members (\$10,000), and matched by a grant of \$10,000 from the national Chancery, the Commandery was able to establish a ***\$20,000 ecumenical bursary*** at the Lutheran Seminary in Waterloo in association with Wilfred Laurier University.

The Western Ontario Commandery has worked diligently to organize the 58th Chapter General in Niagara Falls, at the Marriott Fallsview Hotel, with Chev. Robert Boyko as chair of the Chapter General organizing committee.

Due to COVID-19 the Niagara Falls Chapter General is postponed to May 13-16, 2021.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Commanders are the prime face of the Order at the local level. Not only are they charged with the care of each Commandery, but they also serve on the National Council.

Over the course of time the members serving in the position of Commander change and since Chapter General 2019 there have been four such changes.

Dame Dennice Leahy, after years of yeomen service, has handed over the reins of the Acadia Commandery to **Chev. David Cvet**. In the Western Ontario Commandery, **Chev. Scott Saunders** assumed the role of Commander when **Chev. Fred Tufnell** moved on to become V/C of Finance. **Chev. Alexander (Alec) Cooper** stepped into the position, from **Chev. Denis Rioux**, for the Quebec Commandery. Following their recent AGM, **Chev. Antony (Tony) Ratcliffe** takes over the Edmonton Commandery from **Chev. Aurelio Fernandes**.

To those who have served a sincere and heartfelt thank you for your time, energy and dedication.

To those who have taken on the role of Commander - Welcome. I know you have "big shoes to fill" and I am sure that you will all do admirably as Commandery Commanders.

On behalf of myself, as Vice- Chancellor of Commanderies, and all the Commanders we look forward to working with you as we strive to move Saint Lazarus Canada forward.

Dame Glynis Grigg

Vice-Chancellor of Commanderies.

MCCULLOUGH HOSPICE, SUDBURY



Monday's presentation (10 February 2020) to McCullough Hospice in Sudbury, on behalf of the Toronto Commandery of the OSL. Cheers, Major (Ret'd) Henry (fourth from left)



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