



GAZETTE



FOR

UNTO US A

Child is born,

UNTO US A

is given; and *Son*
the government will
be upon his shoulder, and his name

will be called

Wonderful Counselor,

MIGHTY GOD

Everlasting Father

PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH

9:6



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA



At last years' AGM we gathered together to celebrate the work of the Order after we had navigated COVID and a locked down world. During that time, we had to consider how to do business differently. Despite the lifting of restrictions, the world has continued its shift and that has seen the rise of what Keiller Mckay described as "a world where ceaseless change and distortion everywhere seems the chief certainty".

Organizational change does not come easily, even for those who are in favour of it. With change comes tension and from time to time turmoil. To survive the turmoil around us, we need to rely on our core values of courtesy & compassion. The real challenge we face is how to keep focus on our purpose. What is the best means to display our compassion for all Canadians? What will help us provide funding and resources to our focus areas? What will make the Order in Canada better in the long term?

A focus on purpose is what the membership asked for at the start of the Rejuvenation process. Over the past few years the Board of Governors and the Executive Team have worked to deliver on that rejuvenation. The process has been marked by collegial working relationships, where discussion and debate of issues are encouraged. To no one's surprise we don't always agree, but the debate is thoughtful and courteous. Decisions are made collaboratively and framed with two references: What is best for the future of the Order and what needs to happen to support our volunteer work right now and going forward.

It was wonderful to connect with so many our members during the regional investitures. The host commanderies, Montreal, Calgary and Edmonton, created events that captured the best of our traditions in very different ways. Both were joy filled and successful in terms of bringing the membership together and celebrating accomplishment. Montreal offered a very moving educational opportunity as we visited Maison St Raphael, a palliative care facility. We were able to worship at Saint Johns' Lutheran as well as the Church of St. John the Evangelist. Calgary was a one-day event, with worship at St. Joseph Catholic parish, followed by a reception and dinner. Those who were able to stay longer journeyed to Drumheller together enjoying the Tyrrell Museum. We were joined by The Grand Prior of America for all these events.

As we look to the 2024, we do ourselves a disservice by allowing disruption caused by individual actions and opinions to distract us from our goals and our good works. As you will have seen in the Annual Report sent to you, our good works are increasing and the Board has taken steps to further increase our profile as a funder in the coming years. Let us focus on purpose and rejoice that we have been able to adapt to our changing world. Let us live by our chivalric ideals and offer the hand of friendship and compassion to all those around us.

Thank you all for your service.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jane



Message for Advent 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Advent is always a precious gift for us believers, who are called to prepare for Christmas by opening our hearts to welcome the Lord who comes. We are invited to fix our gaze not on an uncertain future that is ever less predictable, but on Jesus Christ as we await his coming.

Christian hope prevents us from looking at history in a fatalistic way and helps us to live our commitment in the world with courage and trust. We Christians look to the future without fear, because the roots of our hope lie in the very heart of God. Ours is not only expectation, but also the memory of one who has already come in the mystery of Christmas which we are preparing to celebrate, and the certainty of the presence of Christ who walks with us, at our side.

To wait is to hunger and thirst for happiness, to turn one's eyes and stretch out one's hands to the Lord who comes. In all of us there is an aspiration for peace, joy, justice, forgiveness and salvation. We can have these good things not by our own strength, but with the help of God's grace.

"O that you would tear the heavens and come down!" (Is 64:1) is the prayer of this season of Advent. It is the invocation of those who know how to read history and do not resign themselves to the signs of death. It is our prayer, but above all it is that of the many who are waiting for someone to save them.

To be a Christian is to remain always open to the expectation of the newness of God that can turn our lives upside down. A society without Advent, without the desire for greater justice, for greater solidarity, for a broader and more stable peace, is sad. We are called to be always available to God's plan, capable of renewing the face of the earth.

The time of waiting is the time of hope, but it is necessary to recognize oneself as a sinner in order to experience the joy of forgiveness and the embrace of the Father's mercy. The gravest sin is to wait for no one, to live in passive resignation and fear without a living hope in the newness that comes from God.

On the basis of the free love that the Lord grants us, we are called to live in friendship with the Lord Jesus and with our neighbour, and to live in active and joyful vigilance and in responsible and hopeful fidelity.

Jesus repeats to us in the Gospel: "Be careful, be vigilant, for you do not know when the time is" (Mk 13:33). Jesus compares the believer to a doorkeeper who has to wait for his master to return. He stands by the door; he does not fall asleep, even if it is night, until the master of the house has returned. The door at which to watch is that of the heart. Unfortunately, our hearts are sometimes so full of themselves and so stunned by their own affairs that we do not hear the footsteps or the voice of the Lord knocking. "Behold, says the Lord, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door for me, I will come to him and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev 3:20).

In Advent, the Lord comes to meet us. If the Lord comes, we are called to meet him with our conversion, our adherence to the good news of his grace, our works of mercy as a consequence of the experience of this generous and merciful love. There is a justice to be sought, there is charity to be carried out especially towards the poor, the sick, the lepers. We are called to leave this world of ours better than we found it.

May the Lord who comes today and the Son of Man who will return at the end of time help us to look at all things from their ultimate end and give us the strength to be vigilant in waiting and assiduous in prayer, active in charity, ready every day to convert and to be witnesses of the good news of God's love for all.

Msgr. Michele Pennisi

Archbishop Emeritus of Monreale & Ecclesiastical Grand Prior

Grammichele, 30 November 2023



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ALMONER –1



Dear Paul,

My name is Kallie and I am a first-year medical student at NOSM University on the West Campus. I am currently interested in pursuing emergency medicine or surgery.

I wanted to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for contributing to my medical education. Medical school is a challenging time and financial stress contributes to it. Thank you for alleviating some of that stress with the La Bourse de la Reconciliation!

All the best,

Kallie Ritchie
First-year medical student

NOSM University in Thunder Bay

In April, the National Almoner had the honor of participating in two events during the **Duke of Edinburgh Program Awards Ceremonies** in Toronto.

On April 24th, Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, OSTJ, CD, KCLJ (J), OMLJ, was tasked as the MC for the **Gold Award Ceremony** presentation at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. As a previous Gold Level awardee himself in 1988, it was Paul's distinguished pleasure to welcome HRH the Duke of Edinburgh (Prince Edward), KG, GCVO, SOM, CD, ADC along with the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, OOnt, to these celebrations, at which 67 recipients from across Canada were recognized at the Gold Level .



The Almoner then participated in the **National Non-Formal Educational Summit**, hosted by HRH and the LG on April 25th at the LG's Residence at Queen's Park in Toronto. Major Henry attended the event in his capacity as the Chair of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education, in order to foster enthusiasm and uptake in the program in diversified and non-traditional educational programs in the Province.

Participants in the National Non-Formal Educational Summit

Congratulations to **Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, OSTJ, CD, KCLJ (J), OMLJ**, who was recently appointed as a National Director of the Canadian National Board of Directors for the Duke of Edinburgh Program in Canada. He will be serving a minimum of a three (3) year term, amongst many distinguished Canadians, including former LG's of our Maritime Provinces;



SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ALMONER—2



On November 14th, Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry attended the Installation of the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on behalf of the Francophone District School Boards in Ontario as a Director of Education. The newly installed LG was a Colleague of Major Henry and a former Director of Education in the Ottawa Region.

Pictured from left to right are:

Lt (N) (Ret'd) Sean Pretty, OStJ, CD, Ontario Chair SJA, Her Honor Lieutenant-Governor Mrs. Edith Dumont, O.Ont., Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, Almoner Saint Lazarus Canada.

On December 6th 2023, The Order's Almoner Chevalier Paul E. Henry, presented a cheque to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University in Sudbury. In the last two (2) years, the Order has contributed \$25,000 of the pledge of \$30,000 to the **Endowment Fund of NOSM-U**. Bursaries will be established for 1st year Medical Students in the spirit of reconciliation.

The Military and Hospitaler Order of St-Lazarus in Canada as part of our mandate, continues contributing to great causes in the spirit of reconciliation.

Present at the presentation (left to right)

Taylor Blackner, 1st year NOSM-U Medical Student, aspiring to become an Emergency Doctor

Major (Ret'd) Paul E. Henry, Almoner for Saint Lazarus Canada

Dr. Céline Larivière, Ph.D., Vice-Dean of Studies, NOSM-University



A large percentage of the funding that Saint Lazarus Canada provides to the many charities we support is the result of income derived from investments managed by the Investment Committee. The primary source of the principal of those investments is from bequests that have been made to Saint Lazarus Canada over the years. As a member of Saint Lazarus Canada you may wish to make a bequest to the Order as a lasting legacy of your time as a member.

The Almoner has been asked by members of the Order how one may make a bequest to Saint Lazarus Canada as a portion of their estate. On the following page is a sample codicil to a person's Last Will and Testament that would allow that donation to be made. It has been prepared by the Almoner with the assistance of the Justiciar.

Definition: *A codicil is a legal document that allows a person to make changes to their will without having to create an entirely new will. It is used to add, remove, or modify provisions in a will, as long as the changes are not too significant.*

Should you wish a copy of the codicil document it will be made available on the Saint Lazarus Canada website



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CODICIL TO THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF _____

It is my wish that this codicil be appended to my last will, which was duly executed on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

I, the undersigned, hereby amend my last will dated _____ (as mentioned above) directing that a donation in the amount of \$_____ be paid out of my general estate to The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in Canada/L'Ordre militaire et hospitalier de Saint-Lazare de Jérusalem au Canada as soon as possible after my death.

The donation is to be held and invested following the established policies of the said organization. The income and interest from this bequest are to be used for the general purposes of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem in Canada/L'Ordre militaire et hospitalier de Saint-Lazare de Jérusalem au Canada.

In all other respects, I confirm and ratify the contents of my last will as mentioned above.

Signed and dated this ____ day of _____, 20__ at _____

in the Province of _____.

Testator Signature

Witness Signature

Witness Address

Witness Signature

Witness Address



COMMANDERY NEWS — W. ONTARIO

Dear Dr. Boyko,

On behalf of The Dorothy Ley Hospice, please accept our profound thanks for the generous contribution to our hospice throughout the years. The hospice relies on the community for 60% of our funding, and thanks to the charitableness of donors and organizations such as yourself, our services are provided free of cost to those who need it. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Dana Taylor | Donor Relations Associate
The Dorothy Ley Hospice



Dr. Robert Boyko presents to the Dorothy Ley Hospice a cheque for the matching funds raised by the Western Ontario Commandery at one of their Hikes for Hospice



Western Ontario Commandery returns to Huron University College for it's fall church parade.

International cooperation

On September 23, 2023, members and friends of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Commandery of the South, Mississippi Chapter met in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi for a discussion on future event planning, highlights of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, local events and a luncheon. Two members of the Canadian Order attended to demonstrate our international cooperation and support of the mission and principles of the Order.

Fr. Harold Roberts and his wife, and COL Bill Christmas and his wife, dressed up in their kilts and played a series of tunes to entertain the U.S. members and their guests, showing the Canadian pipe banners off for the first time in public. Harold and Bill played Scotland the Brave, Rowan Tree, Murdo's Wedding, a Scotland the Brave reprise, then on moving indoors when the rain started, Corriechollie and Terribus, followed by Flowers of the Forest (Harold solo), the Dark Isle (Bill solo), and ending with Going Home. The banners of Canada's Grand Priory were on display as we proudly represented our affiliation to the Order in Mississippi. They received a standing ovation after their music, and much favorable comment and thanks. (A picture of the pipers can be seen on the next page)



COMMANDERY NEWS — W. ONTARIO



Rod Smith, Trish and Scott Saunders present the matching grants to the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce, Chapman House after their Hike for Hospice fundraiser!



Michael Koval presents a matching grant cheque to Wellington Hospice



Rev. Matt Martin, chaplain receiving a Maltese Cross as a token of our thanks from the Commander, Scott Saunders.



Thank you to the contributors that made this issue of the Gazette possible. All contributions, the majority of which reflect the great work of Saint Lazarus Canada, are very welcome. Based on your contributions the plan is to publish the Gazette as frequently as required. Please let me know if there are additional elements you would like to have included in the Gazette.
Julien DeSchutter—Editor

Fr. Harold Roberts
COL Bill Christmas





COMMANDERY NEWS — EDMONTON

What a great day we had celebrating the installation of **Msgr. Gracjan Burkiciak, CD, ChLJ, MMLJ**, as “Chaplain of His Holiness” on September 17. **Rev. LCol. (ret.) Terence Cherwick CD, SchLJ** (Vicar General of the Military Ordinariate of Canada) led the installation ceremony during the Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady of Chapel (CFB Edmonton). Several members of our Commandery were on hand to pray with/for the new Monsignor and to celebrate the day with him. I was honoured to present Msgr. Burkiciak with an icon of The Raising of Lazarus, and **Lupe Ratcliffe OLJ, MMLJ** prepared a spectacular cake for the occasion.



Remembrance Day



Cheque presentation at Red Deer Hospice (marking a \$5000 donation made last December in memory of Chev. Dr. John Dugan, KCLJ, OMLJ).



A new project within our Commandery: Twiddle Muffs. Produced by a knitting circle in Sherwood Park, delivered to an Alzheimer's patient in need.



Delivering Lazarus bears to Sturgeon Hospital in St. Albert.

RECENT AWARDS

Fr. LCol (Ret.) Terry Cherwick, CD, SchLJ, recently retired from the Canadian Forces, has been awarded the Pro Ecclesia et PontificeCross by Pope Francis. This award is conferred for distinguished service to the church by laity and clergy. A celebration and presentation ceremony will happen at a later date (Spring 2024) in Edmonton.

Sir Francis C.R. Price KC, CLJ, MMLJ received the 2023-2024 National Opera Directors Recognition Award. Sir Francis will be honoured at a special dinner in New York City alongside five U.S. recipients of the National Opera Trustee Recognition Award.



COMMANDERY NEWS — EDMONTON

40th Anniversary Success! It was a pleasure to attend the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Edmonton Commandery. Along with the photo montage, here is a portion of the Edmonton Commander’s Julien Hammond’s words.

“This is such an important event for us: recalling the history of our Order and the Commandery, receiving our Grand Prior and leaders from other jurisdictions, highlighting our achievements of the past and sharing our current activities, reconnecting with former members and honouring new members of merit, granting awards and donations to worthy recipients, remembering those who are no longer with us and pledging ourselves to continue their work and legacy.”





COMMANDERY NEWS — TORONTO

The Toronto Commandery held its annual Commander's Garden Party in June. Dame Phyllis and Chev John Lill were gracious to host at their beautiful home. Toronto Commander Tom Vandewater thought it best not to host at his home due to the amount of kids' toys that would be in the way. It was a fabulous evening and wonderful to see everyone. We were able to award a number of service pins as well. In July we held an informal social night at a local pub - a few of us stayed later into the evening to compete in a trivia challenge. Team Lazarus well represented coming third with far fewer team members than most other teams!



ABOVE:

Attendees at the Toronto Commandery's Autumn Ecumenical Luncheon



COMMANDERY NEWS — MONTREAL

Order of St. Lazarus Regional Investiture in Montreal

On the weekend of April 15 and 16, 2023 members of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem gathered in Montreal for a regional Investiture weekend, hosted by the Montreal Commandery of the Order.

The weekend centred on the Investiture ceremonies, which consisted of two parts. The first part, the Investiture Vigil was held on Saturday at St. John’s Lutheran Church, while the second part, the Investiture service proper, was held on Sunday morning at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church as a part of the regular Sunday mass, with Pastor Eric Dyck (Chaplain-General of the Order of St. Lazarus in Canada) preaching and Fr. Marc-Philippe Vincent (Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist and Commander of the Montreal Commandery of the Order of St. Lazarus) presiding. These two events are normally held at churches of different denominations to emphasize the Order’s ecumenical nature and mission. During the Investiture the Rev. Joel Amis was received into the Order at the rank of Assistant Chaplain, and the Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier and the Rev. Marc-Philippe Vincent were among those members receiving promotions and commendations.

The weekend also included a visit to Maison St-Raphaël, a palliative care

home and day centre in Outremont, supported by the Montreal Commandery. Support for palliative care is a core charitable mission of the Order of St. Lazarus in Canada.

The Order of St. Lazarus is an ecumenical Christian charitable and chivalric order of men and women, tracing its lineage back to the times of the crusader knights. The original mission of the Order was care for those suffering from leprosy (a highly stigmatized disease in the ancient world), but in modern times the mission of the Order has been expanded to include care for the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the dying, promotion of Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation, and the preservation and promotion of the ideals of Christian chivalry.

As a Christian Order of Chivalry, membership in the Order of St. Lazarus is open to men and women who: identify as Christian and strive to follow Christ’s teachings, are of good character and standing in their community, and wish to help others.

Joel Amis
Diocesan Ecumenical Officer





COMMANDERY NEWS

MONTREAL



At the celebratory Vigil dinner in Montreal John Byrnes, Grand Prior America presented Rev. Marc-Philippe Vincent, Rev. Eric Dyke and Grand Prior Canada, Jane Anema with limited edition prints as a thank you from the Grand Priory of America.

MANITOBA



Courtesy of Dennis Shultz

The **Manitoba Commandery** held its annual Summer luncheon with special guests Jennifer Gurke from **Palliatives Manitoba** and the Grand Prior, Dame Jane Anema.

The Commandery presented its annual donation to Palliative Manitoba and we were educated concerning all of their services provided.

Following the luncheon and presentation members were updated about current Saint Lazarus Canada activities by the Grand Prior.



A visit was arranged to Maison San Raphael palliative care unit during the Montreal Investiture weekend.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

In his last official act as BC Commander, John Neill presented Chev. Klaus Priebe with his 30-year service pin. The attached photo, was taken in Klaus' private chapel in his home in West Vancouver.





COMMANDERY NEWS — CALGARY



Dame Glynis Grigg presenting a \$5,000 'matching funds' donation to Dulcina Hospice for their palliative care Music Program.



Calgary Commander Julien DeSchutter presenting a \$5,000 donation to Charles Hamel, Chair of the Board of the Friends of the Colonel Belcher Society.



Calgary Commandery presenting a cheque for \$15,000 to Executive Director Fiona McColl of the Sage Centre for their Living with Advanced Illness Program.



Members of the Calgary Commandery in their finery celebrating the feast of St. Lazarus at the annual dinner.

During the May long weekend this year the Calgary Commandery hosted a Regional Investiture, Promotions, and Awards Ceremony and welcomed 67 delegates from Commanderies across Canada, as well as the Grand Priors of both Canada and America. The one day event was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, followed by a cocktail reception at the home of Dame Glynis Grigg and Chevalier Julien DeSchutter. A celebratory banquet followed at a local restaurant, where a number of the guests were presented with Calgary's famous White Hat in ceremonial fashion. Sunday saw a number of the guests visit the world-renowned Drumheller Dinosaur Museum prior to heading back to their homes.

The balance of this page along with the next presents a photo montage of some of the events.





SAINT LAZARUS CANADA

COMMANDERY NEWS — CALGARY





COMMANDERY NEWS — ACADIA

Hurling for Hospice in Digby, Nova Scotia

The Acadia Commandery of Saint Lazarus Canada organized a captivating fundraising event, "Hurling for Hospice," during the renowned Digby Lobster Bash from July 7 to 9, and the Scallop Days Festival on August 12 (rained out on the 13th) 2023. This event took place at the south end of the Admiral's Walk area in Digby and aimed to support the Fundy Hospice initiative.

One of the main attractions of the event was the opportunity for individuals to participate in the trebuchet launch experience. For a nominal fee of \$5 each, participants formed teams of five people and had the unique chance to launch a projectile using a reproduction of a 13th-century traction trebuchet. Adding to the medieval ambiance, the Commander of Acadia Commandery, Chev. David M. Cvet, KCLJ(J), and Friend of the Order, Joe Van Heerden, dressed as 13th-century Saint Lazarus knights, overseeing the thrilling launches throughout the three-day event during the Lobster Bash, and the single-day event during the Scallop Days Festival.

The community responded enthusiastically to this engaging and charitable activity, resulting in a remarkable achievement. The event successfully raised \$1,453 during Lobster Bash and \$500 during the Scallop Days Festival, thanks to the generous contributions from participants. This outstanding fundraising outcome was further bolstered by the submission of a matching grant request by David, the Commander of Acadia Commandery. The funds raised will be donated to the Atalanta Hospice Society later September, enabling them to continue their vital work in establishing a residential style hospice in Cornwallis Park.

The "Hurling for Hospice" event showcased the commitment and dedication of the Acadia Commandery in supporting important charitable causes. By combining historical elements with a fun and interactive experience, the event not only raised significant funds but also created awareness and engagement within the local community. The Order of Saint Lazarus, through initiatives like this, continues to make a positive impact, embodying the history of the Order, the spirit of service and philanthropy that defines the Order's mission.





COMMANDERY NEWS ACADIA



Presentation of the Grand Prior's Medal to Frank Van Gelder for an outstanding contribution to a new hospital in Guatemala and for community service in Dwight and Huntsville. Robbie Sprules presenting the Brevet and Medal 02 Oct 2023 at Beaver Lodge, Algonquin Park.



Saint Lazarus Canada's Hospitaller Ken Buchholz presenting a cheque for \$4,000 to David Cvet, the President of the Atalanta Hospice Society. The amount donated consisted of the \$2,000 raised by the Acadia Commandery during their "Hurling for Hospice" fundraising events along with matching funds from Saint Lazarus Canada.



Colleagues,

Per our regulations a call for nominations is to be circulated to all members prior to the end of the fiscal year. This is the 2nd missive in that regard. Those currently serving on the Board as well as those in appointed positions may be aware of potential candidate(s).

Our regulations also identify that written nominations are to be submitted to the Grand Prior not later than the 15th of February in the year elections will take place. The completed form and documentation requested are to be received by the close of business (EST) on the 15th. No nominee, nominator or seconder will be tasked with serving on the Nominating Committee and it will be the business of the Board at its February meeting to appoint the members.

For 2024 , there are two elected positions to be filled:

- 1) Vice Chancellor Commanderies**
- 2) One member of the Board of Governors**

The current mandates for these positions along with a sample of the nomination form are on the following pages. A copy of the nomination form is available on the Saint Lazarus Canada website.

All nominations and supporting documents received by deadline will be forwarded to the Nominating committee for their deliberation. While the GP receives the documents they are sent to the committee in the format received and without comment or direction . Please be aware that as the committee deliberates, they may request additional information, written responses to a series of questions or even attendance at an interview as part of their due diligence. That process is entirely up to the committee and in turn the candidates. Once the committee report is received it is directed to the Board of Governors for inclusion in the material for the AGM - slated for June 15th, 2024.

I would encourage those who intend to apply to attend one of the Leadership presentations scheduled for Wednesday January 24 at 7:30 pm and Saturday Feb 3 at noon. These sessions will be via Teams with the links sent out in the New Year, and are open to all members.

Jane Anema MSTJ, GCLJ, GOMLI
Grand Prior, Saint Lazarus Canada



Vice Chancellor Commanderies

The VC Commanderies is the link between the commanderies, the Grand Prior and the Board of Governors. The incumbent provides information, support, and guidance to the commanders. The VC Commanderies is a member of the Executive Committee and is a signing officer.

Responsibilities:

- ✳ Be in regular communication with individual commanders within the Grand Priory
- ✳ Organize and chair Commander's meetings. (May be virtual meetings).
- ✳ Provide regular updates to the Executive and Board of Governors on issues affecting commanderies.
- ✳ Work in conjunction with the Commanders to ensure that membership data is up to date.
- ✳ Work in conjunction with the Commanders to attract and retain members in each commandery.
- ✳ Liaises with Commissions and key operating committees to maintain and support information/communication with the Commanderies.
- ✳ Collects and collates commandery year end reports and disseminates same as required.
- ✳ Provides education on the Order's admission, promotion, and awards policies to commanderies and the membership.
- ✳ Attendance at Chapter General and Regional Investitures
- ✳ Attendance at Executive and Board of Governors meetings
- ✳ May serve on additional committees of the Board of Governors

Reporting relationship

As a senior leader in the Grand Priory, the VC Commanderies works collaboratively with the Grand Prior, Chancellor and Vice Finance and is accountable to the Grand Prior.

Other Considerations/ Skills required:

The incumbent should be prepared to travel to various events within the Order and may be required to represent the Grand Priory on behalf of the Grand Prior. Such travel may not be reimbursed.

It is reasonable to assume that 5 to 10 hours a week might be spent in consultation with individual commanders. This is in addition to being a member of the Board of Governors and Executive committee and serving on any assigned committees.

Diplomacy

Be knowledgeable about protocol within the Order. Must have been a commander or vice commander. Able to manage in a Teams environment.



ROLE OF A BOARD GOVERNOR GRAND PRIORY IN CANADA

Governors are expected to

- Be informed of incorporation articles, bylaws, regulations, policies, strategic plan and the operational needs of the organization at the national level as well as good governance practices for not for profit corporations.
- Serve in the overall best interest of the Order rather than any individual, position or commandery.
- Attend meetings making thoughtful and considered contributions to the discussion and to the decisions being made by the Board of Governors. This includes voicing, clearly, respectfully and explicitly, at the time a decision is being taken, any opposition to a decision being considered by Board of Governors during the discussion.
- Publicly demonstrate acceptance, respect and support for decisions taken by Board of Governors and in the transaction of Board of Governor's and/or the business of the Grand Priory.
- Be prepared for meetings and advise the chair, in advance, of an inability to attend. Meetings will be held primarily via tele or video conference. This is in addition to a minimum of two face to face meetings each year. The frequency of meetings will vary depending on the time of year and the work under consideration.
- Serve on and/ or chair a minimum of one committee or working group in addition to the regular work of Board of Governors.
- Exercise the care, diligence and skill in decision making that a reasonably prudent person would show in comparable circumstances.
- Ensure that the financial affairs of the corporation are conducted in a responsible, and transparent manner with due regard for their fiduciary responsibilities and public trusteeship.
- Assist in the establishment and execution of the Grand Priory's overall direction through the ongoing development, approval, implementation and monitoring of a strategic plan.

NOTE: It is reasonable to expect that the work of a governor may take a minimum of 5 to 10 hours per month over and above any time required for positions of responsibility or committee work.



NOMINATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

NOMINATOR: Complete Part 1 & save the form. Email a copy of the saved form to the **Nominee’s Seconder** with an indication that the email should serve as your electronic signature as Nominator.

SECONDER: Complete Part 2 & save the form. Email a copy of the saved form to the **Nominee** with an indication that the email should serve as your electronic signature as Seconder.

NOMINEE: Complete the Acceptance of Nomination & save the form. Email a copy of the saved form along with the required CV with attention of the **Nominating Committee** as indicated below. Your email will serve as your electronic signature as Nominee.

Reminder: All Nominees, Nominators and Seconders must be in good standing in the year for which the nomination is being made.

PART 1

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

I, Click or tap here to enter your full name and post-nominals.

Nominate Click or tap here to enter the name of the nominee and post-nominals.

For the position of: Click or tap here to enter the position.

In 25 words or less explain why, in your opinion, this candidate, if elected, would fulfill the duties of the position.

Click or tap here to enter text. Up to 3 lines may be entered

PART 2

I, Click or tap here to insert your full name and post-nominals.

Second the above nomination

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION

I, Click or tap here to insert your full name and post-nominals.

agree to the nomination for the position above and understand the personal commitment of time and finances required in accepting this nomination for election.

In 25 words or less, suggest what you may contribute toward the future of the Grand Priory.

Click or tap here to enter text. Up to 3 lines may be entered

Nominee: Please attach a CV detailing your Community and Saint Lazarus involvement and that also identifies the skills you will bring to the Board or position. You must also submit a current photo.

NOTE: Once this form has been completed, please forward it and all other documents required electronically to the Grand Prior -