



GAZETTE



Summer in Canada...lazy days, rest, relaxation, BBQs and bugs. I know many of you have gathered for festive events over the summer period. Some commanderies have been active in fundraising and some have simply gathered for a meal and fellowship. The work of the Order slows down but never really stops as there are always questions to ask, postulants to welcome, and planning for future events to be managed.



Chapter General 2024 was a success with many new friendships made and old ones renewed. It was wonderful to experience the joy of the Postulants as they became Members in full, and, as well, to have the pleasure of presenting so many richly deserved Awards and Promotions. A huge thank you to the team from the Ottawa Commandery who worked to deliver such a fine event. In 2025 we will be gathering for two regional investitures which are now in the planning stages. The Manitoba Commandery will be our hosts in May, and the Toronto Commandery will follow suit in October. More information will follow soon.



To those who were not able to join the Gala Dinner in Kingston there were three awards presented that evening. The Edmonton Commandery carried the day for both the greatest percentage of membership growth and the highest percentage of Commandery members attending the Chapter General. They proudly accepted both the Matheson and Thunder Bay Trophies.



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The **Hale Trusler Award** was presented to Dame Glynis Grigg, our retiring, but never shy, **Vice Chancellor—Commanderies** . Glynis has spent untold hours ‘holding hands’, offering suggestions, prodding folks for information, communicating back and forth as well participating in multiple meetings over the course of her engagement with the Order. She is a most worthy recipient of this honour. Congratulations Dame Glynis!



Some members have taken the opportunity this summer to recognize **Small Acts of Kindness** or to request that the **Grand Prior’s Medal** be awarded in special cases. Both these programmes are intended to bring recognition to The Order in Canada and are opportunities to tell our story. Please connect with your commander to find out how to access the SMAK pins or to recommend someone for the **Grand Prior’s Medal** . And of course, if you know of someone who should be a member, your commander would be pleased to help you get them involved.



Our confrere, **Rev Paul Richards** has taken on a very personal journey to the Ukraine and will be delivering supply kits to first responders in the Kyiv area in September. He is also connecting ecumenically while there and will have the unique opportunity to preach while in the region. The **Grand Prior of America** will also be there but farther south in September with the same kits being delivered. I am hopeful that they will have returned safely to us by the time you read this.

One of the great joys of service in this Order is working with good people who are doing great things within their community. They are also willing to look forward and outside the scope of their endeavours to move to a bigger purpose. We still don’t tell our story as well as we should, yet we have made a difference in millions of lives by funding resources for hospice palliative care, (particularly with **A Caregiver’s Guide**), through our ecumenical work, and via the treatment of leprosy, along with a better understanding of that disease. We are purposeful but not necessarily on the immediate feel-good side of the equation. There are many moments over the course of my term as Grand Prior when I have been able to smile, and know we made a difference. That’s because of you and I am grateful for your service.

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Courtesy of Craig McQuitty—Ottawa Commandery

The **Ottawa Commandery** had the honour of hosting the **Grand Priory of Canada's 2024 Chapter General** in Kingston, Ontario from 23 to 26 May. It was a packed four days that encompassed social activities, educational sessions, religious and ceremonial events, and a Grand Priory Summit. The Chapter General offered attendees opportunities to learn, recommit to the Order, recognize and honour our members, connect and reconnect with confrères and consoeurs from across the country as well as the **Grand Priory of the United States** in a variety of settings. It is our belief that all the goals set out for the Chapter general were achieved.

Through connections initiated by Dame Sarah Jane Dumbrille, we were fortunate to be able to make use of the wonderful and diverse facilities and services of **Queen's University** for many of our activities. From the beautiful setting of the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts where we held our Meet & Greet to the elegance of the main dining room in Ban Righ Hall, the location of the Grand Prior's Gala, we were able to socialize and enjoy the views and experience the ambiance of the historic institution. Our educational sessions were held in the Bio-Science complex of the university, which offered us the best in modern presentation technology in comfortable accessible lecture theatres. The chapel of Theological Hall provided a most fitting venue for the Inter-denominational Service of the Word and Blessing for Travel that ended the Chapter General. Some of our members were also able to avail themselves of enhanced dormitory accommodation on campus during the weekend.



No Chapter General would be complete without the ceremonies of the Vigil and the Investiture. As Kingston is an historic city, we were able to secure the use of two very historic venues to host these events. On Friday the 24th, **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**, a mid-nineteenth century building was the site for the Vigil and proved to be most suitable for this use. The Chaplains and the Marshals orchestrated a moving service that began the process of bringing the postulants into the Order. The Investiture was conducted in **St. Georges Anglican Cathedral** where its imposing architecture and dignity lent an extra grandeur to the ceremony. Postulants were invested into the Order, and serving members were promoted and/or recognized through awards of merit. Once again, the Marshals and the Chaplains outdid themselves in creating a memorable service.

No major event goes off without a hitch! In the case of the Chapter General, we ran into an issue when the bridge over the **Cataraqui River** collapsed, trapping the boat we had booked for our Friday evening 1000 Islands dinner cruise on the wrong side, resulting in having to scramble to find an alternate plan with only three weeks to go to the event. We were very fortunate that Peter Radley was able to secure the event space in the **Cataraqui Golf and Country Club** for our use. With things coming together, we were able to enjoy a great meal with wonderful companionship in a very pleasant space. Although we

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didn't get to cruise the 1000 Islands, we were able to catch a glimpse of Lake Ontario from the Club's upper terrace...

The educational sessions were organized to touch on each of the pillars of the Grand Priory: palliative care, leprosy, and ecumenism. The Palliative Care session was led by Dr. Danielle Kane, the head of the Palliative Care Department at Queen's University who spoke of palliative care from a doctor's perspective, along with Chev Tony Lea who spoke about emotional care for care givers and loved ones. Leprosy was addressed by Deb Hopper, the Executive Director of Effect Hope Canada. Bishop Thomas Dowd spoke about Spiritualism in the Order. The added presentations that we knew would be of interest to our members were presented by Fr. Marc-Phillipe Vincent who provided an overview of the History of the Order as well as Viken Koundakjian who presented an Introduction to Heraldry. Our thanks are extended to Dame Sarah Jane Dumbrille who worked her network to get us the introduction to Dr. Kane that Chev Ron Davidson, our "speaker wrangler", pursued. Ron worked tirelessly to organise this critical element of the Chapter General.

Finally, I would also like to extend my thanks and gratitude to those members of the Order from across the country that pitched in to help with a multitude of tasks such as packing swag bags, manning registration tables, and venue set up. The Chapter General would not have been the success it was without your help!

Colonel S. C. McQuitty, OSTJ, CD, KLJ, OMLJ (Retired)
Commander, Ottawa Commandery
The Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem





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Dear members,

It is not often that we publish the obituary of a member in the Gazette. That said, Jim Stokes GCLJ, GOMLJ had a very significant impact within the Order during his 42 years as a member. Here follows the full obituary of Jim Stokes who very clearly defined the role of Marshal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas James Stokes, CstJ, GCLJ, GomLJ, KH., msc. Ret'd. Born on July 30th, 1930, the son of Lester Stokes, a veteran of World War One. Jim to everyone or the Colonel loved this village of Erieau. He was a proud veteran and would enjoy sitting down with a beverage and chatting about the Service and the accomplishments of his dad Lester Stokes during World War One and the love of sailing. He was also a very generous person and would help with donations to the Word of Life Church. Being a veteran, he enjoyed his Legion dinners for veterans and Remembrance Day. Throughout his career beginning with the cadet and then being a teacher and then serving with the Reserves with the Kent Regiment and then joining the Regular Force in 1953

along with his wife Ruth. Jim along with his wife were members of a lot of different organizations over the years.

He was an avid sailor and was commodore of the Erieau Yacht Club and Director, sailed many of the larks and won quite a few races over the years. Jim has received many awards, decorations and commendations, not only during his military service career but in his civilian life. His honours and awards were Commander for Her Majesty's personal guard 1973. Awarded the Queens silver jubilee medal. Awarded The Canadian Centennial medal, awarded Canada 125th medal. Knight Commander hospitaller order of Saint John's. Long service Medal of the most venerable order of Saint Johns. Director of the Last Post Fund.

Honoured by the queen as the Officer of the most venerable order of the hospital of Saint Johns of Jerusalem. Awarded the Paul Harris fellowship. Awarded the Grand Officer of Merit the military and hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. Awarded Queens Golden Jubilee medal. Awarded the Knight Grand Cross the military and hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem. These medals, awards and commendations are just a few of James attributes in who Jim was.

Life member of the Canadian Infantry Association, and *the Argyll Sergeants Mess*. Past Executive member of the Navy League of Canada, Past Chairman of Provincial Sailing Regatta, Provincial Staff Officer, of St. John's Ambulance, Past President Blenheim Rotary Club, Governors Representative for Rotary, Commander Maritime Command. Past Executive Member of the Navy League of Canada, Hamilton Branch. Director Army Cadet League of Canada.

With all these accolades, honours and awards, Jim never spoke of them but enjoy talking about the service and sailing on Rondeau Bay in the Larks. Always had a smile on his face and a story to tell you. You lived a full life Jim in service to others. Sail on Jim Sail on.

Jim was the proud father of the Kathy & Doug and Jamie (2015) & Shannon. Grandfather of Melissa, Justin and Jayme-Ruth and Great-Grandfather of Kaiden and Natielia.

Visitation will be held at the Blenheim Community Funeral Home on Tuesday September 17, 2024 from 2:00 – 4:00 & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A Funeral Service for Jim will be held in Glad Tidings Community Church on Wednesday September 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place in Riverside Cemetery, Sombra.

Those wishing to remember Jim with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Chatham-Kent Hospice. Online condolences for the family and memorial donations can be made at www.blenheimcommunityfuneralhome.com





Members of the Manitoba Commandery presenting their annual donation to Palliative Manitoba for the use of their volunteers to the outgoing Executive Director Jennifer Gurke. After the presentation, those who could attend treated Jennifer to a meal to thank her for her leadership during her term.



The Grand Prior with Angela , a staff member of the Hyatt Regency Dallas Fort Worth, who graciously served a small group of four at a single table with no reservations. The group steadily grew into four tables with 16 guests. Angela served the group with care, attention and without complaint.

The Grand Prior thanked Angela with the presentation of a Small Act of Kindness pin for her attentive service to the Order of Saint Lazarus members attending the Mid-Year Senior Leaders Meeting of the Grand Priory of America and the Grand Priory in Canada.



At a recent Toronto Garden Party The Marjorie MacKinnon Ecumenical Award was presented to The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan with the accompanying Bursary being presented to Jordan Sandrock.

Jordan was the recipient of a Saint Lazarus Bursary while at Huron College (Western Ontario) and described receiving it as life changing . He was a summer student at the Canadian Council of Churches this year and involved with the start up development for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Jordan is currently working towards a PhD focusing on reconciliation.



Saint Lazarus at Saint John's, Montreal

(Courtesy of Roland Hui, OLJ) On the evening of August 15, members of the Montreal Commandery gathered at The Church of Saint John the Evangelist for two important ceremonies. The day marked the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, along with the investiture of our new Commander Marc St. Martin.



Marc makes his vows as the new Commander before Reverend Eric and Reverend Marc-Philippe

High Mass was celebrated by The Reverend Marc-Philippe Vincent. Besides acting as Commander for the past eight years, he has been a member of the clergy of Saint John's since 2008 and is currently the Priest-in-Charge after the recent retirement of The Reverend Keith Schmidt. Father Keith, in his time as Rector of the church, was a keen supporter of the Order of Saint Lazarus, and it was he who welcomed the Montreal Commandery to designate Saint John's as its 'home church'.

Our Commandery was also represented by The Reverend William Derby, an assistant priest at Saint John's. Father Derby joined Saint Lazarus in May of this year, when he was invested at the Chapter General in Kingston. Recently, he was appointed Chaplain of the Montreal Commandery.

ascension into Heaven. Though Mary was hailed as being already touched by holiness — 'full of grace' to bear the Christ Child — Father Derby asked us to imagine her earthly existence as well; Mary in her old age, 'gray-headed, wrinkled, maybe forgetful and repeating stories already told, worrying about John and Peter and James, and all that little band bonded in the fire of Pentecost,' he said. But then as Mary fell into a final sleep (the *Dormition*), she truly became one with the Divine as she rose into Heaven both body and soul. Father Derby invited us to reflect upon this great mystery, that we may better understand 'God's power, as it flows throughout the universe, drawing all things in completion to Him.'

After the sermon, came the investiture. Marc St. Martin, who has been with the Order since 2019 was recently elected Commander after Reverend Marc-Philippe announced his intention to step down from the post. As Marc stood before Reverend Marc-Philippe and Reverend Eric Dyck, he made his vows to 'uphold the aims' of the Order and to 'advocate and further its 'service in ecumenical witness and hospitaller deeds.' He was then invested with the chain of office, signifying his appointment and the responsibilities that come with it. We congratulate Marc as we support him in his new role as Commander and we also thank Father Marc-Philippe for his many years of tireless and devoted service in that same capacity.



New Commander Marc with former Commanders Chevalier Garfield and Reverend Marc-Philippe



Reverend William preaches the sermon



Marc receives the chain of office from Reverend Marc-Philippe



Members of the Montreal Commandery: Chev. Garfield Du Couturier-Nichol (KCLJ, GOMLJ), The Reverend Marc-Philippe Vincent (ECLJ (J), OMLJ), The Reverend Joel Amis (AChLJ), Marc St. Martin (CLJ, MMLJ), Chev. Denis Perrier (KLJ, MMLJ), The Reverend Eric Dyck (GCLJ(E), GOMLJ, CWA), Derek MacLean (OLJ), The Reverend William Derby (ChLJ), and Roland Hui (OLJ).



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Lazarus, Speak! A translation of commonly used terms in the MHOSLJ also known as THE ORDER

Saint Lazarus Use	A.K.A = Also Known As
Almoner	Oversees charitable donations, fund raiser, donation coordinator
Archivist	Maintains historical records
Atavis et Armis	The Order's Motto – Ancestors and Arms
Bailiff	Used in some jurisdictions the term refers to a senior leader.
Bailiwick	Another name for a jurisdiction of the Order. Often used in Europe
Banner Bearer	Carries the Flag at Order Ceremonies
Board of Governors	Directors of the NFP Corporation in Canada.
Chancellor	The chief administration officer. Oversees operations
Chaplain	An ordained clergy member of the Order
Chaplain General	Oversees the chaplains and provides spiritual guidance to the membership
Chapter General	A gathering of members for meetings, investitures and awards
Chevalier	A term of address for male members at the rank of Knight or above
Commander	A rank (CLJ) but can also indicate the head of a sub jurisdiction
Commandery	A sub jurisdiction or component of the Bailiwick, Priory or Grand Priory
Confrère or Consœur	Salutation for members which means Brother or Sister
Crucifier	Carries the Processional Cross for Order Services
Dame	Form of address for female members at the rank of Knight and above
Grand Commander	The Chief Executive Officer of the Order
Grand Master	The Head of the Order.
Grand Prior	The head of a jurisdiction of the Order
Grand Priory	A jurisdiction of the Order
Herald	The person announcing promotions, awards and memorials
Historian	Investigates and reports on our history
Hospitaller	Identifies and implements charitable activities
Inquisitor	A term used in some jurisdictions for a researcher on member background
Justiciar	Advises on the Grand Prior and Grand Priory on legal matters
Marshal	Responsible for the organization of ceremonial functions
MHOSLJ	The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem
Officer	The most common rank upon entry (OLJ.) Member is also used (MLJ)
Principal Armorer	Oversees heraldic design and the assists members with grants of arms
Postulant	A candidate who has been accepted and waiting for investiture
Quartermaster	Orders, stores, and provides insignia & branded items to members
Receiver- General	Receives payments and manages the books. Reports to the VC Finance
Scrivener	Records the minutes Executive Committee, Board of Governors, and AGM
Vice Chancellor	Senior officers -VC Finance and VC Commanderies are signing officers

Cheerfully 'borrowed' from the Grand Priory of America and amended for use in Canada. May 2024



Courtesy of Paul Henry

The Order’s Almoner Paul Henry advises that he has been accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce recently. This is an international Honor that has the Princess Royal as its Patron.

Who are we?

The Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) is a global network of more than 31,000 change-makers, including entrepreneurs, educators and innovators working together for the advancement of society, the economy and the environment. Fellowship is an inclusive, diverse community open to anyone who is aligned with or committed to our work. For almost 270 years we’ve been committed to building a better future and now we are renewing that mission.

People, place and planet – our design for life mission

We live in a world full of possibilities. Each of us hopes that our potential can be realised. And yet, our global economy, our societies and our environment are fragile and imbalanced. We believe in a better future, where we move from extracting for short-term gains to replenishing for the long-term and future generations. Our aspirations are not limited to doing less harm but are supercharged by the desire to do more good. From Cities of Learning, deliberative democracy or universal basic income, our focus is on impacting societies for the better. Find out more about our [Design for Life mission](#).



Dr. W. Paul Loofs presents a BC Commandery donation to Teri Henderson, CEO at Victoria Hospice. The picture was taken in The Victoria Hospice rooftop garden.



Rev. Paul Richards, MOM MMLJ SChLJ, Commander, BC Commandery advises that the Commandery recently presented the Grand Prior’s Medal Award to the McNutt family in Kamloops, BC. The multi-year fundraising efforts of the McNutt family raised more than \$200,000 for the Kamloops Hospice Society enabling the purchase of 12 expandable beds for hospice patients. Gord Sands, MLJ, presented the family with the award on behalf of the BC Commandery.