

The Newsletter of the Grand Priory of Canada — October 2018 ~ #11



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Greetings Templars of Canada . . .

Thank-you for the positive comments about this format: which I must admit is the easiest that I have tried yet. So, once more welcome and may you enjoy knowing what your Brothers and Sisters are about . . .

International News

Getting to know the breadth and depth of our Order is an eye-opener for many of our members. Heading for Serbia I am listing here the Grand Priories that are in good standing and attending the GMC and GCC Meetings there.

I also am listing the countries which are working toward gaining full membership: first as commanderies, then priories and on to Grand Priories. Each potential country is mentored by one of our member Grand Priories as you will see on this chart. You will also note that Canada is not one of the Grand Priories listed as mentoring an entity. Something that we may do in the future if we find that we have a particular connection to an aspiring country, its leadership or another beneficial contact point.

Grand Priories	Grand Prior	Mentored Entities
Argentina	Chev. Cesar Alvarez-Berro	Peru; Colombia; Uruguay
Austria	Chev. Otto Jäehnl	
Belgium	Chev. Francis Somville	

Bulgaria	Chev. Roumen Raltchev	FYROM
Canada	Dame Nola Crewe	
Croatia	Chev Djuro Crnjak	
Finland	Chev Juha Viljamaa	Estonia; Jordan
France	Chev Jean Pelegrin	Poland; Philippines
Germany	Gerd G. Schwager	Denmark; Egypt (working with the Coptic's)
Greece	Chev. Paul Tsolakian	Armenia; Egypt [working with Orthodox]
Italy	Chev Paolo Corallini Garampi	Netherlands; Romania; Slovenia; Spain
NATO	Chev Lasse R. Braathen	Switzerland
Portugal	Chev Antonio Andrade	
Russia	Alexander Sharavin	
Serbia	Chev Dragutin Zagorac	
Sweden	Chev Peter Svärd	
Ukraine	Chev Mykola Sergiienko	Lithuania
United Kingdom	Chev Anthony Cuthbert	Australia / New Zealand
USA	Chev. Clay Kemmerer	Brazil; Georgia
<i>Latvia is currently seeking a new mentor</i>		

If you know anyone in any of these countries or in anywhere in Canada, whom you believe could serve honourably as a templar, do pass their name along to your prior or the prior of the relevant area.

It is only as we share our distinguished Order with pride to those we believe would be an asset to our Order, that we can grow and become all that we could and should and can be.

SERBIA . . .

At least ten Canadians are heading for the Grand Magistral Council meeting in Serbia this month. It gives us the opportunity of meeting our brothers and sisters from around the world and be updated on what is to come. To truly feel a part of our international body, plan on joining one of these meetings. There are two a year, bound to be one somewhere you have always wanted to go! And somewhere, some time, your life will be incredibly enriched by attending in a foreign land as a Templar.

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION



On the 12th of September, Bishop Munib Younan, Bishop Emeritus of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land, former President of LW, and, of course, the Chaplain General of OSMTH, was awarded the “Building Bridges of Understanding Award by the Georgetown University in Washington, DC

National News

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This is a very special year: 100 years ago on the 11th of November the First World War concluded. The Parliament of World Religions has proposed that it be honoured by all churches ringing their bells at 4:56 as the sun sets. I challenge the Templars in particular and Christians everywhere to add their own pealing bells to that. On Sunday the 11th of November, as the sun sets and the day ends, I ask that each Templar stand on their Church steps, their door steps, or the intersection of the centre of town . . . wherever you may be and ring a bell. Whether it is a cow bell or a sleigh bell, a school bell or the bells from your Christmas tree, ring out loud and clear in memory of those who lived and died for the values that Templars have held for 900 years. Be true to our vision for humanity and let anyone who asks, who you are and why your bells ring. Send me pictures so we can show off our involvement in the December Newsletter. Will update as I learn more . . .



This was a British initiative, that is being taken up across Canada, so for more on the idea go to, <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nations-bells-to-ring-out-together-to-mark-armistice-centenary>

Members of the Grand Council attending the St James Investiture



Grand Prior I – H.E. the Reverend Sir Ronald Matthewman; Grand Secretary – Sir Roy Embury; Grand Prior III – H.E. the Reverend Dame Nola Crewe; Grand Chancellor – Sir Bill Megill; Grand Prior II – H.E. Peter Kelly; St James Prior – Sir George Jackowski

The Ascension of Our Lord Priory

Preparing postulants for the Investiture is a time-consuming and challenging role.

The Ascension Priory is currently engaged in that which is the most important challenge of the year. We look forward to a report on the grand event.

Simon & Peter Priory

This is the time of putting together all those pieces illustrated last month: skates, shin guards, shoulder pads, jerseys, pants, socks,

gloves, elbow pads, neck protectors . . . all needed and wanted. If you have any gently used or brand new, it is time to contribute. Get in touch with the Prior: Dame Nicole Lassaline . . . Nicole.lassaline@rogers.com there are children who need them and whose lives will be changed by them.

St James Investiture



A grand service, great new Templars and a superb evening with a flowing bar, delicious goodies and even better company . . .

And when the speeches get long: there is nothing like a grandson to keep you company . . .

It is always the special little touches that make a special evening, extra special. Saturday, the 8th of September is the Feast of the Virgin's Nativity. The Virgin's flower, and how she is frequently evidenced in art, is the lily.



Thanks to Dame Barbara, St James' Secretary, the centerpiece on each table was dominated by lilies.

2018 Postulants for St James



Back Row: Sir Ivan Balog; Sir Paul Marano; Kevin MacSweeney;



**St James Prior Sir George Jackowski
and a future Templar, we trust,
Garrett MacSweeney**

Centre Row: Sir Sean Sherzady; Sir Peter Murdrovcic; Dame Fiona Corbin; Sir John Hancock

**Front Row: Dame Nola Crewe, GP-Canada;
Sir George Jackowski, Prior - St James**



At Flemington Park in Toronto the food bank is under the watchful eyes of Sir Sean Sherzady (seen here with St James' Chancellor, Sir Neven Bozovic). Sir Sean is one of the newly vested Knights of St James Priory.

Turkey drives, fund raising, food pick-ups, deliveries, donations: there is a job here for everyone.

Upcoming Events . . .

13 October – Mourn the arrest and subsequent torture of the original Templars in 1307. Wear a black ribbon under your GP- Canada pin and be prepared to answer “Why?”

17=21 October – GMC / Grand Chapter General – Belgrade, Serbia. Register now at <http://gmcevent.osmth.org/>

3 November 2018 – Ascension of Christ Investiture in Windsor. One of the highlights of the year with a Templar Chorus at the Church and a lunch before the Investiture and a grand banquet after it. Do advise their Prior if you intent to join them at walt.pastorius@cogeco.ca

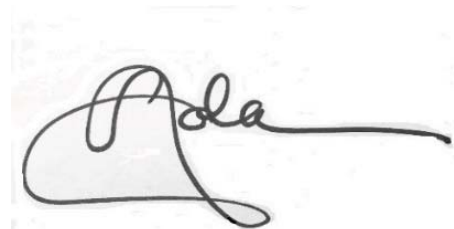
30 November to 12 December - the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan. For more information, please check out the details or with the organizer for this American tour: George's International Tours at www.georgesintl.com or 800 566 7499.

QUERY . . . SPURS & SWORDS?

Some Pories, such as Greece, include in their Investitures the provision of swords. Canada has not done so, to date. I am curious as to whether members and postulants would be prepared to pay a greater entry fee to include being vested with a sword and / or spurs of their own. Do let me know at DameTemplar@gmail.com

Blessings on each and every Templar, may the good that you do seek to redress the sorrows of sin of this world that all may share in the greatness of God's tomorrows.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nola', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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