

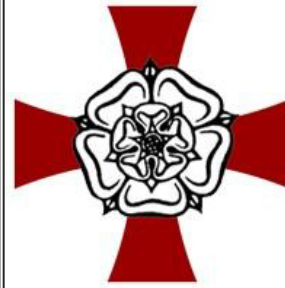


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**Prior:
H.E. the Rev'd Dame Nola Crewe, GOTJ**



Greetings to the Dames, Knights, Postulants and Friends of the St James Priory:

We present for your edification and entertainment, our April Newsletter.

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Alastair, Nola and William
Your Scribes

Prior's Letter

This is a special year: the Queen's Diamond Jubilee: 60 incredible years of public service in the job to which she dedicated her life. Since I first understood the vagaries of government, democracy and all the other forms by which peoples are governed, I have been convinced that we are particularly blessed in living in a Constitutional Monarchy, where the Queen, and not a politician is our Head of State. It has left me free to bemoan the idiocy of the electorate on occasion, berate the leaders of each and every political party and still remain utterly loyal. One of the greatest regrets of my life was that the provincial government stopped awarding Q.C.'s before I had earned one. Ah, well . . .



Her Majesty's achievements are many, but the greatest gem must be in keeping the Commonwealth of so many nations, faiths, cultures and creeds working: despite its many differences. Would that the rest of the world could have such a leader to bring harmony to its many citizens. So it is with the greatest of pride that I extend our Priory's Congratulations

and Greetings on the occasion of Her Majesty's 60 years of reign and service and on behalf of all our Templars, we reaffirm our loyalty and proclaim God Save the Queen. Long may she reign over us. God Save the Queen.

Enjoy this Newsletter, Easter, the Diamond Jubilee, Spring and all the wonders of life blooming anew!

Upcoming Events

To grow in the Order it is important to attend events beyond our own Priory. Any of these dates will add to your pride in being a Templar and your knowledge of its depth and breadth. Supporting smaller and new Priory's is another way to support the Order. For more information, please contact prior@torontotemplars.org

Saturday, April 28th, 2012 St Peter Paul's Investiture (Ottawa)

Saturday, June 2nd, 2012 Edmonton Commandary's Investiture The date has not been confirmed.

June 7 - 12 50th Anniversary of GPUSA & Spring Meeting of OSMTH in San Antonio, Texas The Person in charge of Registration and information is Patrick.carney@wellsfargoadvisors.com If you intend to attend this event, please contact the Prior.

Saturday, September 15th, 2012 St James Priory's Investiture (Toronto) -- this is the one "command performance" of the year! Please mark it in your date book now.

September 19 - 23, 2012 Fall OSMTH Meeting, Helsinki, Finland

3 November 2012 Ascension of Our Lord's Investiture (Windsor)

Our Honourary Templar Chaplain

The Reverend Canon David Brinton OGS has been appointed Sub-Dean of St. James Cathedral by Archbishop Johnson. The Dean made the announcement at the annual meeting of Vestry on February 26. Canon Brinton has been given the new title in recognition of meritorious service to the Cathedral and Diocese and continues as Vicar.

Our best wishes and prayers are with him for his meritorious service to our Order as well.



The Rev'd Canon David Brinton ogs Vicar

The Reverend Canon David Brinton ogs, Associate Priest at the Cathedral since October 2000, was appointed Vicar effective 10 October, 2004. He was appointed an Honorary Canon of St James Cathedral by Bishop Johnson in November 2005. Born and raised in [Toronto, he completed undergraduate studies at Glendon College and a Master of Divinity at Trinity College, Toronto. Following ordination as a deacon in 1982, Fr Brinton served as Assistant Curate at St. George's, Oshawa, where he was priested in 1983. He has been incumbent of Holy Family Heart Lake and St Matthias Bellwoods, and Regional Dean of Parkdale. Between 1996 and 2000, he provided interim ministry in a number of parishes in the diocese.

In 1999 he made his first profession as a member of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd, a religious society of the Anglican Communion founded in 1913 in Cambridge University.

Chev. Nick Migliore

Chev Nick was the driving force behind our very successful First Annual Benevolent Charity Ball. But not only does he do that for us . . . he has just moved his talents from the ballroom to the golfing greens. So if you are a golfer, this is a great way to get the season swinging and to support a fellow Templar. You can contact him through his web site at <http://www.reillysecurity.com/>

He is also spreading news of the Templars as you can see in his Company's newsletter which circulates far and wide.



The full copy of the newsletter in pdf format can be read at:
<http://www.electriccanadian.com/ktj/ReillyNewsletterq22012.pdf>

Religious minorities subject to cruel treatment, UN expert says By John Zarocostas, Ecumenical News International

This is an article from the Anglican Journal.

Geneva — Religious minorities imprisoned for their beliefs have been subject to torture and other cruel treatment in Iran, Afghanistan, China, Egypt among other countries, according to a report by the U.N. independent expert on torture.

"We receive many complaints where the underlying factor is religious persecution," Juan Mendez, the U.N. special rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, told reporters in Geneva on March 7.

Mendez said that some complaints also involve people being subjected to cruel forms of punishment for apostasy, or abandonment of a religion.

You can read more about this at:
<http://www.anglicanjournal.com/nc/other/news-items/c/sliders/article/religious-minorities-subject-to-cruel-treatment-un-expert-says-10527//abp/141.html>

Watch and Maybe we will Learn

An eye-opening video (no one is naked!) about the strength of Muslims and their "beliefs". We all need to wake up and observe what is going on in Britain and elsewhere. We are being "hood-winked" into thinking it can't really happen in our Judeo/Christian nation. A forecast of worse to come?

<http://youtu.be/OhKEd6rzbeg>

Upon Their Hands They Will Carry you by Donna Flood

The following is a letter in response to a draft of Donna Flood's new book on living with the challenges her daughter faces growing up with cerebral palsy. Donna is a personal friend of your editor and is the matriarch of the Ponca Indian Tribe in Oklahoma. Together we have been documenting the history of her tribe. But in this, her third book, she opens the windows on the heartbreak, the challenges and the discrimination a family faces in their daily lives. The book is available at my website on Electric Scotland which you can get to at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/america/donna/hands/> because Donna used my site to bring the book together and it is right up-to-date. Despite her disability, her daughter Rhonda Lou is doing some wonderful things despite her disability. I highly recommend this read and perhaps there is a role our Priory might provide in supporting this cause as part of our charitable work. Donna hopes to get her book into print later in the year.

Dear Ms. Flood:

This letter replies to your recent letter to the then Acting Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, which you sent with a draft copy of the book you are writing about your daughter who has cerebral palsy. Your story describes the efforts, albeit often slow and inconsistent, to provide accessibility for individuals with disabilities, especially children, to the facilities and programs in our communities. It also portrays the challenges to individuals with disabilities to share in the opportunities and experiences available in this society. Historically, the parents of children with disabilities, as well as those related by family and friendship to children who have disabilities, have made a significant difference and have inspired many of the changes in this country, particularly in education programs.

This nation's policy is to end discrimination against individuals with disabilities, but the many years when individuals with disabilities were neglected and isolated means that much must be undone and much remains to be accomplished as we strive to implement the laws behind this policy. Further, we must affect both the attitudes and actions of all citizens and all governmental and private institutions so that individuals with handicaps can participate fully and independently in American life.

We trust that this promise may become a reality for your daughter and your family

Sincerely,

Stewart B. Onegilia,
Chief
Coordination and Review Section
Civil Rights Division

Wind Map

When planning your next trip, you might want to take into account how windy your destination. And for those heading for the Convent in Texas, everything you need to know.

Don't know about you, but this is a new one for me." <http://hint.fm/wind/>

Cheers
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Nola

Op-Ed: U.S. Navy SEALs Team Six, the Knights Templar of today

This article starts...

The Catholic Church officially endorsed the Knight Templars as the most skilled military unit that fought for the Crusades, dating from 1129 to 1312. In a similar manner, the proficient U.S. Navy SEALs Team Six is now endorsed by President Obama.

Looking back, the Templar warrior knights were an organization of Cistercian monks, including non-fighting Order members who were responsible for the best Middle Age financial and building networks --- such as the Freemasons. The Templar fighting unit was the most advanced force in the Crusade's key battles. In 1177, at the Battle of Montgisard, 500 Temple knights helped an army of 2,000 fight and win against Saladin's force of 26,000 due to skill and expertise training.

Today's fighting elite military unit is the super-secret U.S. Navy SEAL's Team Six, a unit with the same fighting skills as the Knights Templar. Both military units are considered "tier one," whose main mission was and is to carry out the most dangerous of missions in the shadows of war.

Read more: <http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/320589#ixzz1q05Mb200>

Things your Burglar won't tell you

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. Thanks for letting virgin drifts pile up in the driveway when you are out-of-town. They are a dead giveaway A neighbour who creates car and foot tracks into the house spoils the whole thing.
6. Thanks for letting your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if its set through the decorative glass at your front entrance. It makes it all too easy!
7. Glad you didn't hire a good security firm who would put alarms over the sink, the windows on the second floor that give me access to your jewelry in the master bedroom . . . and thanks for no motion detectors on the second floor.
8. Rainy days are great for me: when it's raining and you're fumbling with your umbrella it's

easy to forget to lock your door . . . and I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

9. My Mother brought me up well: I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions or offer to clean your gutters. If you don't, I'll try the door. Now and then I hit the jackpot and just walk right in.

10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.

12. You're right: I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

13. Personally, I find a loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. And if you're environmentally sensitive - there's a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real TV.

14. Now, I'm not complaining: but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

15. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems that I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighbourhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick out my targets.

16. And how I love the dummies who announce their vacation on their facebook pages . . .do they have any idea how easy it is to look up their address?.

17. Now having shared all this with you, surely you can also accommodate me by doing away with my two hates: loud dogs and nosy neighbours . . . they really are the worst for my profession.

The Mathematics of Happiness?

"MEASURING HAPPINESS: For a new perspective on happiness, Jason Gots has come up with a simple "formula" to check out despair and anxiety."

What's the Big Idea?

An iPad can calculate faster than the human brain, but in the areas of creativity and abstract thought, even massive supercomputers lag far behind the average human three year old. Still, the size of our computer databases and their processing power is increasing so rapidly that data and algorithms for interpreting it are becoming formidable sources of political and economic power. In education, finance, and government, it seems, he who has the most inscrutable machines and impressive statistics sets the agenda.

The trouble with this is that the qualitative data about our lives – the quality of our relationships, the happiness of our children, our level of satisfaction at work – is often left out of the equation (and therefore the agenda) because it's much more difficult to measure.

Chip Conley, Founder of Joie De Vivre Hospitality and the author of Emotional Equations, argues (against Einstein, as it happens), that everything that counts can and ought to be counted. A hotelier by trade, he says that GDP and the bottom line are blunt instruments for measuring the health of a society or a business. After the dot.com crash of 2001, and a visit to the Buddhist nation of Bhutan, which has a "Gross National Happiness" index, Conley and his team decided to create indices for measuring the well-being of their employees and customers.

These initiatives, he says, led to significant increases in customer loyalty to Joie de Vivre hotels and a turnover rate well below the industry standard, not to mention bottom-line

success at a terrible time for the hospitality industry.

In Emotional Equations, Conley takes the mathematics of human happiness a step further, creating simple formulas like anxiety = uncertainty x powerlessness, which, when used systematically, he says, can give individuals and organizations a concrete method for addressing the human needs that drive them.

What's the Significance?

Whether or not you're convinced by the idea of emotional mathematics, Conley is making two important points here. First that in a global economy that is 64% service-driven, businesses can't afford to ignore the needs of the human beings that work for them. Sorry, McDonalds, but the "free meal if your cashier doesn't smile" improves my day only if my server doesn't smile and I get the free meal, and improves my server's day, never.

Second, that in our data-is-power world, any hope we might have of a reasonably humane future in which cooperation and decency are incentivized may depend on our ability to represent our higher human needs mathematically, and to build these representations into the increasingly arcane systems that drive education, politics, and the economy.

To PROTECT YOU and YOUR HOME

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you.

WASP SPRAY

A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection.. Thought this was interesting and might be of use.

FROM ANOTHER SOURCE:

On the heels of a break-in and beating that left an elderly woman in Toledo dead, self-defense experts have a tip that could save your life.

Val Glinka teaches self-defense to students at Sylvania Southview High School. For decades, he's suggested putting a can of wasp and hornet spray near your door or bed.

Glinka says, "This is better than anything I can teach them."

Glinka considers it inexpensive, easy to find, and more effective than mace or pepper spray. The cans typically shoot 20 to 30 feet; so if someone tries to break into your home, Glinka says, "spray the culprit in the eyes". It's a tip he's given to students for decades. It's also one he wants everyone to hear. If you're looking for protection, Glinka says look to the spray.

"That's going to give you a chance to call the police; maybe get out." Maybe even save a life.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr.'s office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

This would also be useful for any emergency . . . phone. Carry your car keys with you in case you fall outside and no one can hear you call for help. Activate your car alarm and a neighbour will turn out to find out why you haven't turned it off!

Knights Templar in the News

Our Order gets into the papers on a variety of subjects . . . and also when a notorious Mexican Drug Cartel assumes our name!

[Human remains found at Rosslyn Chapel](#)

Conservationists have found what are thought to be human remains at Rosslyn Chapel. The bones were discovered at the Midlothian chapel by workers carrying out conservation work. A police spokesperson confirmed the discovery, while Rosslyn Chapel has declined to comment on the case. The bones - discovered under a slab while a new heating system was being installed inside the chapel - have now been removed from the site to be examined by archaeologists to discover their age and type. (scotsman.com)

THE Knights Templars drugs cartel is calling a short truce

THE Knights Templars drugs cartel is calling a short truce - but only to welcome Pope Benedict XVI to Mexico.

"They did put up signs announcing this," a Guanajuato state government source told AFP privately on Sunday.

"The Knights Templars are holding off on all violent action, we are not killers, welcome to the Pope," the official said paraphrasing one of the signs put up in the town of Irapuato, Guanajuato state.

The signs were seen in at least seven towns statewide.

The Pope arrives March 23 in Leon, in the neighbouring state of Michoacan, where the Knights Templars were founded.

President Felipe Calderon has launched a military crackdown against the cartels battling it out for control of the lucrative drug trade, in which some 50,000 Mexicans have lost their lives since 2006.

[Knights Templar related 700-year-old cave carvings at risk as worms eat walls](#)

Mysterious carvings inside a hidden cavern linked to the Knights Templar are in danger of

disappearing before their meaning is solved. Having survived 700 years, the symbols in the ancient cave at Royston, Hertfordshire, are under attack by worms eating the chalk walls behind them. The chamber was shaped out of a 180ft-thick seam of chalk and extends 30ft beneath the centre of the market town. It was discovered in 1742 and the depictions of biblical scenes and portraits of Christian martyrs inside it have confused historians ever since. (guardian.co.uk)



Knights being burnt at the stake
See <http://www.roystoncave.co.uk/index.html>

Does anyone know anything more about this? Are efforts being made to eradicate the worms? Is there anything we, or anyone, can do? Contact the Editor if you know more.

Book Review

An Immigrant's Story: Memoirs of a Dutch Canadian

Author: Sir Matthew Gaasenbeek III

2nd Prior of St. James Priory, - Toronto

If you are like me, then you might have wondered why some people select Canada to immigrate to when there are so many other countries that would be pleased to accept them, or maybe you've wondered why one person has so much luck in their life while others don't? Or just how does one person accumulate the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of difficult issues while still others seem to just speak words about the issues but never get involved or fully see the bigger picture. The fact remains that the overwhelming majority of these individuals have become wealthy because of hard work. The key was hard work in the business/profession they loved, so the work, although appearing hard/difficult and long hours to some, was nothing more than a labor of love for them. Being completely absorbed in their tasks offered individuals like Matthew Gaasenbeek III a *raison d'être* and it is my observation of these wealthy individuals that their so called LUCK arose from accidentally being 100% dedicated to their specific area of expertise which in-turn clearly fulfilled their being.

So if like me, you've asked yourself these questions or similar ones, then this is the book for you. I tell you this for it not only offers some insight as to what happened on Bay Street, but in Canada and in so doing offers you tips on just how you may improve yourself and your own family's heritage.

Matthew wrote this book of his live struggles and his achievements not only for his children's children but for their children's children, as such we are just fortunate to be onlookers, receiving the same benefits.

Benefits like old fashion values, you know the ones that are original in nature and as such are guides to which one lives his/her life, which in-turn may stimulate an individual to produce great deeds and thoughts in their lives, unfortunately that seems to have been lost in a winner-take-all society, but thanks to Matt's book, one may at the very least have an opportunity to see the other side of winning.

For the history buffs the chapter of Matthew's live in Holland during and after WW II is most interesting. Firsthand accounts are something each person needs to read in order to grasp the essence of historical events. Matt's recollection of his mother and her efforts to assist our Canadian Soldiers, the lack of food and his clear recollections of those day's events help all who read to know just what courage and strength it took to exist. War is not about securing peace, for peace as you know is absence in war; rather peace is a virtue, a state of mind that each citizen needs to find so as to curtail their wild animal behavior. Through education and a just society may we all prevail in attaining a truly civilized World? That is why this chapter needs to not only to be read, but understood. For if you are like Matthew you might also just believe in Mark Twain's take on war, when he said " . . . must be just the killing of strangers against whom you feel no personal animosity; strangers whom, in other circumstances, you would help if you found them in trouble, and who would help you if you needed it . . . ".

It is refreshing to read a man's story who openly admits that he received so much help from what would become later in his life, friends and to learn just how he returned their help in future years. Take the explanations of his studies at Western University, his commitment to learning; self-improvement did not go unnoticed then as now. Matthew certainly has done more than most in repaying that debt to those who offered a helping hand. Such actions are what we all would like to do or be like and in so doing Matthew is an inspiration to his Family, to his Friends and to his adopted Country, for his success in business required devotion and training and like I said earlier hard work. So let Matt's story encourage you and the next generation, for reveals to the reader to not be frightened by hard work, learning, set-backs for the opportunities that were available for Matt are just as great as they ever were....this is Matthew's message. Look at his experiences and his devotion to his work with CIDA and his perspective on what he referred to as unstated assumptions as just one example.

Only a few rare individuals would put pen to paper offering up their views on religion. As such there are those that will read Matthew's take on religion and sit back and ask themselves many a questions, I know I did. This section alone is worth the read for it offers food for thought and permits anyone responsible enough to think for them self to commence their own reflection on their core religious believes. His perspective on St. Peter for instance should cause debate at any garden party. His views remind me of the old Indian Proverb, " . . .call on God but row away from the rocks".

Last but not least, it is a little late in my life to apply Matt's advice on stocks/business, but for me anyway, it's not too late to apply his philosophy generally to the way I purchase products, big or small. Courage after all is the first quality of a true Templar Warrior Knight, and Matthew Gaasenbeek is a True Knight Templar and a good friend.

Professor William L. Upper, KCTJ, MSc, (retired)



You can purchase a copy of this book here...

<http://www.amazon.com/An-Immigrants-Story-Memoirs-Canadian/dp/0981359337>

A Wee Bit of Humour from Forsyth Notes

A Scots boy came home from school and told his mother he had been given a part in the school play. "Wonderful," says the mother, "what part is it?" The boy says, "I play the part of the Scottish husband!" The mother scowls and says: "Go back and tell your teacher you want a speaking part."

After discovering that they had won 15 million pounds in the Lottery, Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth sat down to discuss their future. Mrs. Forsyth announced, "After twenty years of washing other people's stairs, I can throw my old scrubbing brush away at last." Her husband agreed-"Of course you can hen. We can easily afford to buy you a new one now."

It is said that all Scots have a sense of humour - because it is a free gift!

An old Scot, after living for many years in a far-away land, was dying. He called his doctor and asked for one last favor. The doctor agreed and the old Scot said he wanted to hear the pipes played one more time before he died. A piper was duly summoned and marched up and down the hospital hallway playing mightily. In the morning, the old Scot was so invigorated he arose, dressed, and went home. All of the other patients were dead.

The above are from a section of FORSYTH NOTES published weekly by Clan Forsyth.

Feel free to pass on this newsletter to anyone you feel would enjoy its content. You might also ask that if they feature it anywhere on the web they link back to <http://www.electricscotland.org/forumdisplay.php/106-St-James-Priory-Toronto>

Where other copies of our newsletter can be read.

May the joy of Easter bless and enrich your lives through this life and the one to come and may these riches be shared with all our brothers and sisters, neighbours, our friends and the strangers we have yet to know.

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Your Editorial Team.