

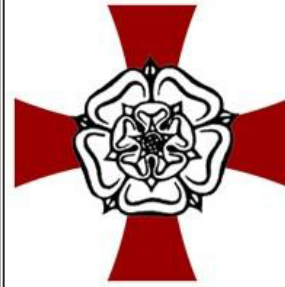


The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

**Priory of St. James
Toronto, Canada**

**Newsletter
August 2012**

**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 August Newsletter.

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Alastair, Nola and William
Your Scribes

Prior's Letter

Greetings Templars:

This is my last Newsletter to as your Prior and in writing this I have been looking back with awe over the past three years and the great times of companionship and growth they have been. The incredible Convent when we hosted the entire world; collecting shoes, computers and glasses for the less fortunate; funds for fresh water for the third world; restoration of churches in the Holy Land; the NATO Priory Chevalier Tom Foulds making the Queen's Own Rifles Officer's Mess Room available for our events while we are "homeless" during the building of the new RCMI; conducting Memorial Services for the Templar Martyrs; representing St James at the Status of Women meeting at the U.N.; seeing other members attending international Templar events both on land and at sea; the garden parties and learning about Regalia and Coats of Arms; the fabulous Valentine's Day fund raiser; Investitures with wonderful new Templars of talent, compassion and commitment; Newsletters going out every two months and, best of all, the opportunity to get to know Templars in Toronto, across Canada and throughout the world. Another delight has been seeing my son, Derby Crewe, and a granddaughter, Savannah Johnston, become Templars. It has also been grand to watch former St James Templar Rob MacMullen, following his move to Edmonton, gather a group and forming a Commandary there and now they are well on their way to becoming Canada's fourth Priory. St James has been responsible for mentoring this growth and it has been a joy over the past two years to participate in their Investitures.

Attending every Investiture of the Priories of the Ascension (Windsor) and Simon Peter (Ottawa) and Edmonton's Commandary since I became an Officer has reinforced my conviction that those who become Templars bring compassion, responsibility and faith to their commitment: and also enjoy a great night out! Once our Investiture is complete I will be leaving for Finland for the Fall International Meeting of OSMTH to represent our Priory and enjoy the fun and growth that a Templar gathering invariably offers.

There has also been loss. On 1 September 2011 Chevalier Keith Leonard, our Chancellor died just two weeks before he would have become Prior. As a result I remained in office for a further year with Chevalier Randal Cronkite stepping into the breach and assumed the role of Chancellor. On 3 February 2012 Chevalier Harold Nelson, my husband and one of the editors of this Newsletter, died. For a young priory these two deaths represent a significant loss, as they did for me personally. Thank-you for your support, understanding and prayers through those sad farewells.

On a practical note, I remind you that our Investiture is the major event of the year which all Templars are expected to attend. I would ask each of you, as a final favour to me, to make every effort to attend this year's Investiture at St James Cathedral on September 15th when our new Prior is inducted. It will also be my chance to personally thank-you for the past three years and your contributions. The banquet will be in the beautiful new facility next to the Cathedral to which we shall all be piped once the Investiture concludes for cocktails, a Beef Wellington dinner and a fun evening.

AND, if you have a postulant candidate who is proceeding to join the Order, please get in touch with me right away: 416 466 0311. Fittings for mantles, and the myriad of details for each new member takes times. Each Templar is expected to introduce at least one new member: their replacement, since we are all mortal! So look among your friends and family for a person with the qualities and commitment to Christian Charity that you bring, and then invite that one to learn more about our Order.

We recently discovered some problems with our email list / process. Hopefully, most of the corrections have been made. If you missed any issues, please let our Chancellor, Chevalier Randy Cronkite, randal.cronkite@rbc.com know. And check among your friends to ensure they have been getting them as well. A changed e-mail or a mis-recorded one is the bane of our new wired world.

The morning of our Investiture, there will be a Grand Priory Meeting (three representatives from each Priory) to approve plans for the "changing of the Guard" in November 2012. Our Grand Prior has announced that he will be stepping down and new Officers will be appointed. Canon Sir Ron Matthewman has been Grand Prior since Canada became a Grand Priory with the two founding priories. His decision marks a time of significant change for our Order and we look forward to the excitement that come with any new leadership, while thanking Sir Ron for all he has done to build up that fledgling Order.

Each Sunday, during the Church Service there is a line in the confession, "I have done those things which I ought not to have done and I have left undone those things which I ought to have done". Those words would also apply to my term as Prior. And for that I apologize. But many things went right and for those, I thank-you for the honour of serving as your Prior.

God bless each and every Templar . . .

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The End is Near!

Sean is the pastor of a Church of England parish on the Northern Ireland / Eire border and Patrick is the priest in the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign into the ground, which says:

TA END IS NEAR!
TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW
AFOR IT IS TOO LATE!

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone,

you religious nutters! We don't need your lectures."

From the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Rev. Patrick says "Dat's da terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa," Pastor Sean agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should just say, 'Bridge Out?'"



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

NOW, mark in big letters on your Calendar:

THE ANNUAL INVESTITURE & BANQUET

Saturday, September 15th at St James Cathedral. This ALSO marks the end of Dame Nola's term as Prior. The ceremony investing our new Prior will take place during the service.

There will be a meeting a week earlier for all postulants who will be provided with further information on time and place.

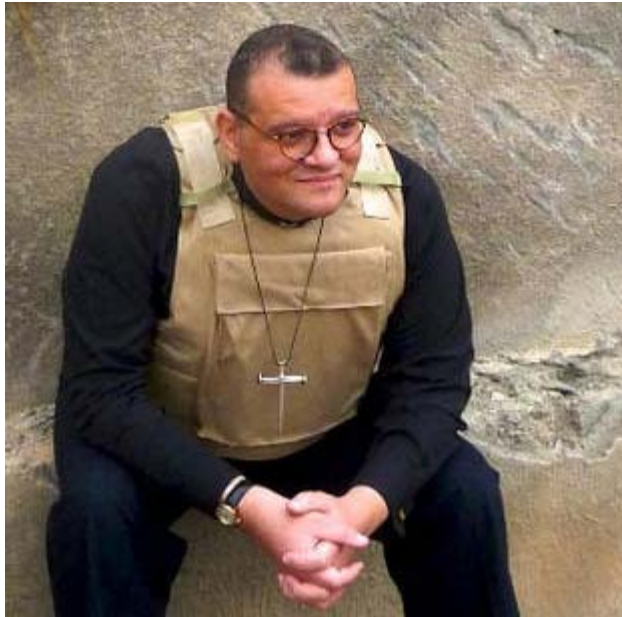
19 – 23 September 2012 The Fall Meeting of the Grand priory will be held in Helsinki, Finland, It will be preceded by a tour to Russia and followed by one in Estonia. For further information, please contact Prior Nola or Grand Prior Ron Matthewman. It is always a great experience to see and hear what Templars are doing beyond our own borders and the planning that goes into these events ensures a great time for all.

3 November 2012 Priory of the Ascension of our Lord, Windsor, Ontario. Annual Investiture is held on the 1st Saturday of November at the Church of the Ascension of our Lord

1385 University Ave. West, Windsor N9B 1B6 Tel: (519) 256-4341.

Robert Fisk: Under siege but vicar of Baghdad is still spreading the word

Andrew White got his blue Iraqi badge on Wednesday – the pass that allows him to move around Baghdad. The Anglican Chaplain to Iraq supported the US invasion – he still thinks Saddam shipped his weapons of mass destruction off to Syria before the Anglo-American armies arrived – and as someone who used an American pass to get about, the end of the occupation must have contained a special irony. "From the day the Americans left, their passes didn't work any more. I couldn't do anything. But now I've got the new Iraqi badge. It's fine."



White says he has even asked for Iraqi nationality. "They won't let me. Iraqis come to London and five years later they're British. I've been here for 14 years. Why can't I be Iraqi?" I ponder this one. He's of Anglo-Indian stock and looks a lot more Iraqi than many Iraqis.

But I doubt if his citizenship – his wife's great-great grandfather was foreign secretary Joseph Chamberlain – is exactly at the top of the al-Maliki agenda in Baghdad.

I like Andrew White. He's larger than life, brave, a combination of a quote-a-day preacher, Martin Luther, Terry Waite and a Vicar for All Seasons. I find myself gasping at his mixture of frankness and wire-tripping, criticising the Iraqi Christian clergy as well as Muslim prelates – "That's the problem with this place, everyone thinks they're in charge" (that was his Maundy Thursday sermon) – and I suspect he might be more popular with his friends in Islam than his brothers in Christianity.

His work for Muslim-Christian reconciliation (in Baghdad, Alexandria, Copenhagen, Coventry, you name it) while ministering to a flock in Baghdad he simply can't protect is somewhat close to that old cliché: awesome. He's lost members of his church council to kidnapers (11 in one day in 2005, between Fallujah and Ramadi, and never seen again), seen his flock murdered in the streets, even his own security guards killed, 270 of his congregation murdered in five years; for months, he lived in the notorious Green Zone, freighted by armoured cars and armoured men to and from St George's Church in Haifa Street.

St George's is Andrew White's cathedral, his parish, his "heaven" – his word, and I'll keep it that way – and was built to commemorate the British and Commonwealth dead of the 1914-18 war. Its fine stained-glass regimental windows were long ago shattered by bombs, and even the remaining plaque to "one million dead who fell in the Great War" has been gashed by shrapnel.

In 2009, a bomb in Haifa Street that killed 164 Iraqis sent arms and legs sailing through the empty windows of St George's. Now its garden boasts a small pyramid to commemorate eight Danish soldiers killed in Iraq between 2005 and 2008, a tiny reminder of the cost in Western blood of the Bush-and-Blair arrogance of power. A Christian population of one and a half million has been reduced to 200,000, courtesy of a born-again Christian from Texas.

But then up pops the ornery side of Andrew White. He patiently explains that his church received financial help from the Americans under Bush. "That all stopped when Obama took over." The collapse of the Christian minority is a tragedy which the West has still not faced. It is now scattered across Sweden, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, America ... Andrew White now runs a reconciliation council which includes Yazidis, Turkmen, Mandiens (followers of John the

Baptist), Messihis, Faili (Shia) Kurds, you name it. He regards senior members of the Sunni and Shia clergy as his friends. The fatwa against all sectarian killings was partly his work.

But then suddenly, White becomes the country parson, tut-tutting at our lack of faith. General Angus Maude ("liberator" of Great War Baghdad) and Gertrude Bell, one of the inventors of Churchill's Iraq, are both interred in the British cemetery. "Maude only came to our church once and then he died of cholera (he didn't boil his milk) and he is buried in our cemetery. Gertrude Bell is buried in our cemetery – but never came to our church!" Suddenly, White's the imaginary Vicar of Aynsford (where he was born), questioning our need for Christian burial if we lack Christian faith. I smile weakly. White also cares for Iraq's seven remaining Jews, angrily telling me that a US cable released by WikiLeaks identified all by name, complete with their home addresses. "They are quite frightened," he says. As the French say: J'imagine.

It's impossible not to admire White. He's a media man to his bones, of course, but he's also a scholar, a former medical doctor who studied Hebrew at Cambridge, Rabbinics at Mea Sharim, speaks Hebrew and used to speak Yiddish. In Iraq, most Christians speak Aramaic. White points out that there is a Jewish shrine for Ezekial (Dhu Alkafel for Muslims) between Babylon and Najaf, now a Shia shrine. "The imam from there comes to this room and chats to me."

At 47, White suffers from multiple sclerosis and has endured years of pain, a courage that must impress the Muslim and Christian members of his High Council of Religious Leaders in Iraq. But there's always something in the wings when you talk to Andrew White. He signs his book, *The Vicar of Baghdad*, for me and casually remarks that the then Iraqi prime minister used this very pen to sign Saddam Hussein's death warrant. "Of course, I didn't know he was going to use it for that!" Andrew White says. He hands me the pen. For historians, it is an expensive black Pelikan. I leave through his Iraqi security checkpoints, one after another. He lives in a prison within a prison within a prison within a prison. His words, not mine.

You can watch a wee video interview with him at <http://youtu.be/IXlGOUAILY>

You can also visit his web site (the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East – supporting the work of Canon Andrew White and providing humanitarian relief in Iraq through St George's Church and Clinic.) at <http://frrme.org/>

Losing Your Religion? Analytic Thinking Weakens Religious Belief

By Alexandra Sifferlin

Most of the world's population believes in God, or gods, but alongside them there are also hundreds of millions of nonbelievers. What makes one a believer or not?

Religious faith is likely a complex phenomenon, shaped by multiple aspects of psychology and culture, say the authors of a new study. But the researchers, Ara Norenzayan and Will Gervais of the University of British Columbia in Canada, showed in a series of clever studies that at least one factor consistently appears to decrease the strength of people's religious belief: analytic thinking.

"Religion is such a big force in the world," says Norenzayan, an associate professor of psychology. "Hardly a day goes by without allegiances made to God, but we know very little about it. We are trying to fill this gap in our knowledge." [You can read more on this article here.](#)

How others see us

The BBC has a Canada Direct section where they are exploring Canada and the Canadians and makes a good read. You can get to this at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-radio-and-tv-17826228>

Quarantine Island

From Sir Alastair

Last year I visited this island and it was a real eye opener for me. I took lots of pictures and posted them up on the web site. This month I found an old book about the island and so added a link to it so you could read more about the island.

You can see the pictures and read the book at

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/quebec/pictures06.htm>

Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning but after a short time I ran out of worms. Then I saw a big rattler with a frog in his mouth. Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in his mouth I grabbed him right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Canadian Club and poured a little whiskey into its mouth. His eyes rolled back, he went limp. I released him into the lake without incident and carried on fishing using the frog.

Nice.

A little later, I felt a nudge on my foot . . .

It was that snake, with two more frogs.

Knights Templar News on the Web

Whatever happened to the Knights Templar? from the Northern Blog

Yorkshire, aside from London, was the heartland of Templar influence in England, supplying both men and money to the cause, based on its strong agricultural and woollen economy.

So important were the Templars' holdings in the county that a 'chief preceptor' or 'master' was appointed for Yorkshire from early times.

The Yorkshire estates of the Templars consisted of the preceptories of Copmanthorpe (with the Castle Mills of York), Faxfleet, Foulbridge, Penhill, Ribston, Temple Cowton, Temple Hirst, Temple Newsam, Westerdale, and Whitley, and the manors of Alverthorpe and Etton.

At one time in Yorkshire, the Templars were able to luxuriate in the unrivalled position of being exempt from taxes, and many of their workers and tenants also enjoyed this privilege.

Dozens of houses and pubs across Yorkshire still bear the Templar cross – a sign to many that the building was a Templar holding – though many unscrupulous landowners also displayed the sign in the hope of dodging tax.

But just as the Order was reaching the peak of its powers in Yorkshire and in Europe, it was rapidly dissolved, and many of the Templar buildings were left to ruin.

[You can read more of this article here.](#)

Secret tunnels used by Knights Templar and Illuminati in Hertford. from The Insider

A local newspaper in the UK has revealed an elaborate network of secret tunnels and passages beneath Hertford, the ancient county town of Hertfordshire.

Local historians were aware of only one part of the network which was mapped in a document on public record dated 1898. The newspaper details numerous tunnels, many of which were blocked during the last century, and shows photographs of two other entrances. The

existence, extent and purpose of the tunnels were leaked to a journalist by members of a mysterious secret society in the area said to be related to the Knights Templar and the Illuminati.

These revelations are restoring Hertfordshire to its rightful place in Templar legend, and literally put Hertford on the map in the Quest for the Holy Grail, and there is more to come

You can read more on this story at <http://www.theinsider.org/news/article.asp?id=0620>

Knights Templars' Quest for Members from Express.co.uk

FOR more than 700 years they have been the subject of myth and legend after an angry Pope ordered their destruction and drove them underground.

Now the Knights Templars are back in the open and have launched a recruitment drive. Last night an extraordinary public meeting took place to show potential recruits what the Order is about and what can be expected of them. Membership is open to men and women.

You can read more on this story at:

<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/303028/Knights-Templars-quest-for-members>

Knights Templar Organisations

Sometimes we can learn other ways of doing things by looking at the ways other Knights Templar organisations run their groups. I came across this one in London which seems to have an interesting way of doing things. For example:

Successful candidates, invited after scrutiny and interview are bestowed with rank and privilege according to the tiered structure of the Order:

Cadet (for individuals aged fifteen to seventeen)
Preceptor
Sergeant
Sir Knight/Dame Templar

After successful completion of their period as Sergeant, all Members will be invited to participate in an official ceremony of Investiture where the Full Knight/Dame Regalia of the Order will be granted and issued.

The Order also has an Associate class for individuals who wish to show support for the Order but do not wish to become full members.

You can visit their web site at <http://www.knightstemplar.gckt.org/index.htm>

Editor's Note: I note that Sir Keith, prior to his death, had wanted to create an Associate membership. This was for people that would like to support the Priory but didn't have the time to attend the various meetings or otherwise get involved but were happy to be Knighted and get the regalia and would happily pay annual dues. I don't however remember anyone discussing a Cadet option.

Canadian History From ElectricCanadian.com

I bring you more about the history of Canada and the Canadians in this issue. This project was in response to the article in the Globe and Mail about how most Canadian children know little or nothing about their own countries history. I'd hope that all Templars in Canada would consider contributing stories for the site. In particular I want to explore the history of the various ethnic groups in Canada. In some ways this should be looked at as charitable work but one where we are raising information rather than money.

The Prairie Provinces

A short history of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta by D. M. Duncan, M.A.

Since the publication of this book, under the title of "A History of Manitoba and the North-West Territories," many events of importance have happened in Western Canada, notably the formation of the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta. To meet the demand for an up-to-date history a thorough revision has been made. It is the hope of the author that "The Prairie Provinces" will be found to present the story of the West in a form at once complete and accurate.

The aim of this book — the method of treatment being suggestive rather than exhaustive — is to arouse in the boys and girls who attend our schools an interest in the history of the West. To appreciate our country's past is to take a long step toward the realization of its future.

In connection with the illustration of the work, author and publisher acknowledge indebtedness to Rev. Geo. Bryce, LL.D., Rev. R. G. MacBeth, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, and The Linscott Publishing Company, for permission to use illustrations controlled by them. By their courtesy the educational value of the book has been increased.

With this book there are also a couple of old films about the Prairie Provinces that you can enjoy.

See <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/prairiendx.htm>

Camping in the Canadian Rockies

An Account of Camp Life in the Wilder parts of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, together with a description of the Region about Banff, Lake Louise and Glacier, and a Sketch of the early Explorations by Walter Dwight Wilcox (1896).

THE Canadian Rocky Mountains offer exceptional attractions to those who enjoy natural scenery, sport, and camp life. Few regions of the world combining mountain, lake, and forest scenery possess the additional advantage of a delightful summer climate, such as obtains in the Canadian Rockies.

The extremely wild character of this part of the Rocky Mountains, and the very short time since it was opened up to travellers, are probably, in great part, the reasons for the lack of literature and the absence of any thoroughly illustrated publication concerning this region.

You can read this book at <http://www.electriccanadian.com/lifestyle/camping/index.htm>

Canadian Life as I Found It

By a Homesteader (1908)

THESE experiences of Canadian life have been lived through by settlers in the North-West Territories, during the years quoted, and are meant, not to deter others from making a trial of the kind of life herein painted, but to point out to them more truly than has I believe hitherto been done, what that life really is, what each one must be prepared to do, and to suffer, if they wish to succeed.

I have written few trivial details of daily life; every one can fill these in according to individual means, and aptitude. I have kept more to the broad lines, that will give a good idea of what is the truth about homesteading in Canada.

This country has a great future before it most certainly, but only those who are healthy and strong, both mentally and physically, ought to be allowed to come out and help people it.

The wild free life of the North-West, untrammelled by social fads, has its attractions, but to be able to really enjoy it, or I should be better within the truth if I write, to endure it, one must have plenty of grit, and some education leading up to it, otherwise dire discouragement and failure. may be the result.

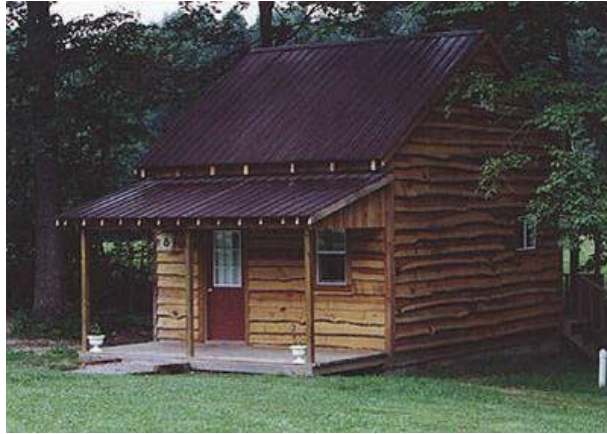
You can read this book at <http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/homesteader/index.htm>

Your House

As seen by Yourself:



As seen by your Buyer:



As seen by your Lender:



As seen by your Appraiser:



As seen by your County Tax Assessor:



The United Empire Loyalist Settlement at Long Point, Lake Erie

No more inspiring subject can engage the pen of any writer than the theme of loyalty. Fidelity to the constitution, laws and institutions of one's native land has been honored in every country and in every age. From infancy we have been told of the brave men of our race, and yet the tale, ever told, is ever new. The hero stories that thrilled us in our childhood have still the power to make the heart beat quickly and the current of feeling sweep over us, rich and strong. Socialists and revolutionists may affect to scorn it, but they cannot blot out the inherent glory contained in the word patriot.

"Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori."

To die for one's native land is assuredly sweet and seemly, and yet there is a truer and a nobler loyalty than this. It is that of preserving inviolate one's faith to the established government, when all around is sedition, anarchy and revolution. When to be loyal means to fight, not against the stranger and the foreigner, but against those of the same language, the same country, the same state, and, it may be, the same family as one's self—when loyalty means fratricidal war, the breaking up of home, the severing of the dearest heart cords, the loss of everything except honor—

*"Oh! who shall say what heroes feel,
When all but life and honor's lost?"*

Such was the loyalty of these who plunged unshaken, unterrified and unswayed into a conflict unutterably bitter, which was destined to last for seven long years, and finally to sever them from their native land. During the war of the revolution, and in the blind revenge exacted by the victorious side, their property was confiscated, their families ostracised and exposed to insult, outrage and spoliation, their lives were in danger, and often ruthlessly declared forfeit,

to satisfy malicious hatred and suspicion. Their zeal for the unity of the empire gave them the title of United Empire Loyalists, and these were the men who, at the close of the war, sought a refuge and a home on British soil, among the northern forests, and laid deep the foundations of the institutions, the freedom, the loyalty, and the prosperity of our land.

“Dear were the homes where they were born,
Where slept their honored dead;
And rich and wide, on every side
Their fruitful acres spread;
But dearer to their faithful hearts
Than home, and gold, and lands,
Were Britain’s laws, and Britain’s crown,
And Britain’s flag of high renown,
And grip of British hands.”

And so am working on this book which you can read at:

<http://www.electriccanadian.com/history/ontario/longpoint/index.htm>

Canadian Armed Forces

I might also add that I have searched for information on the Canadian Armed Forces and have found a whole list of excellent books about them and the regiments. You can see this page at <http://www.electriccanadian.com/forces/index.htm>

Stoved Howtowie Wi' Drappit Eggs

Felt it was time for a recipe...

Ingredients

10	Chicken Joints
	Seasoned Flour
8 oz	Sliced Onion
2.5 lb	Sliced Potatoes
2 oz	Butter
1 pint	Chicken Stock
	Chopped Parsley
10	Poached Eggs

Flour joints and brown lightly in butter. Place a layer of potatoes and onions in the base of a casserole; season and place some chicken joints on top. Continue in layers finishing with a layer of potato; add stock. Cover and bake for two to two and a half hours at 350F or gas mark 4. Remove lid towards the end of the cooking time; brush potatoes with butter and brown on top. Serve with poached eggs.

Sunday School in Haddington, Scotland in 1790

“Rules and orders for the government of the Sunday School at Haddington—

1. The management and direction of this seminary shall be vested in committees chosen annually from the subscribers at large.
2. The general committee, to consist of seven, of whom four to be a quorum, shall meet in the Library the first Monday of every month, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to transact the public business of this institution.
3. A quarterly committee, appointed by the general committee, and consisting of two persons, shall visit the school every Sunday, and make their report, written down in a book kept for

the purpose.

4. The general committee shall provide books for the use of the scholars, none of which shall be taken home on any account, except catechisms or hymn-books.
5. No child shall be admitted into this school under five years of age, nor without a recommendation from a subscriber; and subscribers are requested to be very cautious not to recommend scholars from a house which is infected with any contagious disorder.
6. The children shall attend from nine in the morning till the time of public worship, and then be conducted to church in due order by their teacher and a visitor, and from four to seven in the afternoon.
7. The children are all requested to come clean, upon pain of expulsion.
8. The number of scholars not to exceed forty to one teacher, who shall keep a list of their names, and have them regularly called over every morning and evening, that those who are absent be marked, the cause inquired into, and, if not sufficient, their absence reported to the visitors, who shall excuse, reprove, or expel, as they judge most expedient.
9. The teacher shall begin and close the day with a psalm or hymn, and prayer.
10. Swearing, lying, or any other profaneness, shall exclude from the benefits of this charity, if such vices are persisted in after reproof.
11. Those scholars who distinguish themselves, to the satisfaction of the visitors, by punctual attendance, diligent application, and due improvement, shall, upon the report of the visitors, receive some reward for their encouragement, at the discretion of the general committee.
12. That the exercises of the school be confined to religious instruction, and that the scholars be publicly examined every quarter in the church or school, by such ministers as the committee shall apply to.
13. That the master be found qualified to teach, of an exceptionally moral character, sound in the faith, and giving evidence of a mind under the habitual influence of divine truth.
- 14 The salary of the teacher shall not be under £ 5, 5s. per annum.
15. These rules shall be printed, and a copy hung up in the school, and regularly read every month."

In this article it is noted the school didn't last too long mainly due to two reasons (1) The school was based on the Established Church only and (2) The fact that there was both morning and afternoon sessions and it was felt that this was just too much for the young ones to take.

Words on the Wind

<http://youtu.be/eq9TvkP4V5U>

WXXI Public Broadcasting in Rochester, NY presents Words on the Wind, produced by Morning Light Films. Featuring the book, Blood of Our Earth, written by Ponca author Dan Jones, the film combines readings of contemporary Native American poetry with original music, scenes of tribal lands and sounds from the natural world. To learn more about this film, visit <http://bit.ly/1ZgrzB>.

This is an interesting book and it comes from my friend Donna Flood and it's her brother (Dan Jones) who wrote the book and is featured in this trailer.

A Book Of the Future

Henry Kissinger On China

Book Review By Sir William Upper, MSc, KCTJ

As a Knight duly invested and pledged to aid those needing our help, I suggest that our national and international priories develop a common set of objectives for world improvement. To attain this, all Knights should strive to improve themselves through discharging their moral responsibility to all humanity, in particular aiding those whom we believe we can help most.

One means to improve ourselves – accessible to us all – is to collectively read books offering insight into a greater understanding of the world we live in, thereby focusing our collective

talents on those individuals we believe we are most able to help.

In that regard, I commend to your attention Henry Kissinger's *On China*, as it broadens one's understanding of a regime governing over 1.1 billion people. With the decline of the former USSR as a world power, and the economic challenges presently facing both Europe and the United States, our major trading partner, it only seems rational to maintain an active watching brief on the developing world in order better to assess an emerging world power broker.

As you are aware, China has and will continue to purchase or attempt to purchase controlling shares in Canadian national resource companies. Accordingly, understanding China's foreign policy is vital to informed development of Templar objectives now and in the future. Reading Kissinger on China will provide the reader an understanding of Chinese diplomacy in a modern world and her modern destiny.

You will recall that Henry Kissinger served as National Security Advisor and Secretary of State under Richard Nixon and then under Gerald Ford. Winner of the 1973 Nobel Prize, The Presidential Medal of Freedom and then the Medal of Liberty, Kissinger's reflections on China is a must read for a complete comprehension of a changing world.

Canadians must understand their place in the global power struggle. The future of Asia will be shaped to a momentous degree by how China and the United States envision it and to a large degree by which each of these Nations, both of which have a great effect on Canada and our standard of living, are able to achieve some congruence with each other.

Kissinger provides the reader with a richer appreciation of America's 'exceptionalism', whose core assertion is that America must spread its values across every part of the world.

In contrast to American exceptionalism we have a China that is modest and does not proselytize. It does not make grandiose claims that its contemporary institutions are relevant outside China. Some of you might recall that I'm a retired College Professor, with degrees in Sociology and Political Science. I would like to offer this quote by Albert Einstein – "I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn."

As Knights Templars you are required to keep yourself mentally conditioned to assist those to whom you've pledged to aid. I am only providing you with one means. I trust you will agree that we should learn from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow.

Editor's Notes: I have a page up about James Legge who was a missionary in China for some 30 years. More importantly he translated the ancient Chinese classics into English which for the first time demonstrated the thinking of the Chinese. You can read the book at <http://www.electricscotland.com/history/legge/index.htm>

In addition, I have a book up about Captain Robert Dollar (1844—1932) who was born in Falkirk, Scotland, moved to Canada and then became an American citizen. The title "Captain" was honorary and he was called the "Grand Old Man of the Pacific". Both were bestowed after his entry into the shipping industry. Dollar became a lumber baron, shipping magnate, philanthropist and he was also a Freemason.

California Governor James Rolph, Jr. said at the time of his death, "Robert Dollar has done more in his lifetime to spread the American flag on the high seas than any man in this country." He appeared on the cover of Time magazine on March 19, 1928, with several writings concerning his business, and was given a long obituary in the May 23, 1932, issue. [from Wikipedia].

This book details his extensive trading with China and how he forced the market open for American trading ships. You can read this book at

<http://www.electricscotland.com/history/rdollar/index.htm>

Taizé

http://www.taize.fr/en_rubrique8.html

The Church of Reconciliation is 50 years old

The Church of Reconciliation, where the Taizé community celebrates common prayer together three times a day, was inaugurated 50 years ago, on 6th August, 1962, the Feast of the Transfiguration. It was built by young Germans, under the auspices of a German organization "Aktion Sühnezeichen" who wanted to create signs of reconciliation in the countries that had suffered during the World War. In France they chose Taizé for this project. To mark the occasion Brother Roger, founder of the community, wrote: "To those who come, should we offer stones to contemplate? After being here in this Church of Reconciliation, rather than carry the memory of the walls, may they remember the call for reconciliation ... The one that seeks and acts for reconciliation wins an openness of heart and mind, and even in his old age becomes young."

Solidarity with South Sudan

To mark this 50th anniversary Brother Alois, Prior of Taizé, has just announced an initiative to show our solidarity with South Sudan, just coming out of 20 years of war. "Through Operation Hope, which supports various projects on different continents we will support the disinherited children of the town of Rumbek for the next three years."

Prayer

Christ Jesus, on this feast day of the Transfiguration we praise you for the many believers who, since 50 years, have come to join their prayers with those of our community in this Church of Reconciliation. Grant that, through our lives, we may all be bearers of reconciliation, there where we live, in our families, among those around us, between separated Christians, between the peoples of the earth.

Editors Note: I have been working with the Taizé Community for some 30 years helping Brother Roy to get their community into the online world through first the BBS era and then onto the Internet. I still provide free hosting of a test facility where they try out new ideas. I've yet to meet any of them in person but just goes to show how the online world can bring people together.

Dog Days of Summer



Did you hear about the dog going into a telegraph office, taking a blank form and writing:

"Woof woof woof. Woof, woof. Woof. Woof woof, woof."

The clerk tells him that there are only nine words, and for the same price he could send another "Woof".

The dog looked confused and replied: "But that would make no sense at all."

And it's Goodbye from me

This is my final newsletter. As of the next one, Sir William will be the only scribe remaining from the original group. I invite those of you who have enjoyed reading our Newsletters to volunteer some time to provide stories, to pass along amusing or significant items that cross your computer. And I wish Sir William and the new team every success.

I hope I've been able to supply you with some interesting articles over the past couple of years. And of course I couldn't have done it without the support of our editorial team so my thanks also to them for their help and assistance and also those of our Priory that supplied articles and stories.

As I go onto building the Canadian history web site I hope I'll hear from some of you and that you'll help to provide some interesting information about Canada and Canadians that will help to educate our young ones (and adults as well).

Alastair

" I am a Canadian,
free to speak without fear,
free to worship in my own way,
free to stand for what I think right,
free to oppose what I believe wrong,
or free to choose those
who shall govern my country.
This heritage of freedom
I pledge to uphold
for myself and all mankind."

— John Diefenbaker
13th Prime Minister of Canada
June 21, 1957 – April 22, 1963

Taken from the Discover Canada Study Guide at
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/resources/publications/discover/index.asp>

May you ever travel the high road of virtue and faith to the honour of our Order, the peace of our world and Salvation in the next, in the name of our Lord, the Supreme Templar, who died that we might not fail.

AMEN.

Your Editorial Team.

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