

The Newsletter of the Grand Priory Canada ~ September 2018



Greetings Templars of Canada ...

I continue to experiment with this Newsletter ... different forms, fonts, styles and content. I would love to hear from you ... what you would like to see, to learn about or whatever you think would help to improve communications. A note to DameTemplar@gmail.com would be just the thing! Until then, experimenting I shall be!

International News



Our Order deeply honoured Kofi Anan, the late Secretary General of the United Nations. Our prayers have been extended for his soul and to his family.

His Excellency Robert Bateman, Chief of Mission, OSMTH Delegation to CoNGO at the United Nations in New York is seen signing his Remembrance Book, which was placed in the official reception area in the UN Headquarters Building in New York.

His Excellency Baron Wolfgang Odelga, OSMTH Chief of Mission at the United Nations in Vienna, Austria signed the Remembrance Book in Vienna.

In the U.K., Her Excellency Dr. Jean Ford, Legate to the World Council of Churches signed the Remembrance Book at Liverpool University.



The Grand Master passed along word from the Consul General of Jordan in Chicago that a group we work with on a MOU, "*Generations For Peace*" has been short-listed for the tenth annual *Beyond Sport Global Awards*, a statement from the top NGO said. Selected from a record-breaking pool of over 400 entries, *Generations For Peace*, is classified as the world's second-leading peace-building organisation, is one of 35 nominees overall, and one of only four in the awards' "*Global Impact of the Year*" category.

For the full story go to,

<http://jordanembassyus.org/blog/generations-peace-shortlisted-global-award>

The next International meeting will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia from the 14th to 21st of October. The first three days are an "add-on" that will give an introduction to the country beyond what any tourist experiences. The meetings themselves begin on the Thursday. I strongly recommend international meetings to anyone who can afford the time and cost. You will come home renewed in your commitment to our Order and proud of being a part of such an international movement. If you are interested, check out the details at xx and let me know so that your attendance can be approved.

National News

Quebec City played host to the NATO Grand Priory of Saint Sebastian-Soldier Martyr, on the 11th of August at La Citadelle where their Convent and Investiture took place.

Following we were hosted to a cocktail hour and dinner in the Officer's Mess.

With our Grand Chancellor and his wife in attendance, and with a NATO member from Toronto, Sir Tom Foulds, looking after us, Canada was well represented.



H.E. Dame Elke Bruns, GP IV Germany;
H.E. Lasse. R. Braathen, GP NATO;
H.E. The Rev'd Dame Nola Crewe, Canada.

PRIORY NEWS

Our Commandary in EDMONTON continues its rebuilding efforts and we have great hopes for an Investiture there within the next year.

HALIFAX (like all of us) continues to seek new members. If you know anyone in any area in which we meet, who is interested in our Order, do pass their name along to me or to the leadership in the area.

ST JAMES is holding their final training session for the Postulants this week and all will be in attendance for the Investiture at St James Cathedral on Saturday the 8th of September.

Earlier in the day the Priors and Grand Priory Council will gather, the St James Priory hosting an "in-person" meeting, rather than the more usual monthly conference call.

ASCENSION'S Summer Social, held at Hilly Kazzilli's Crabshack & Grill on the Detroit River, was a great success.

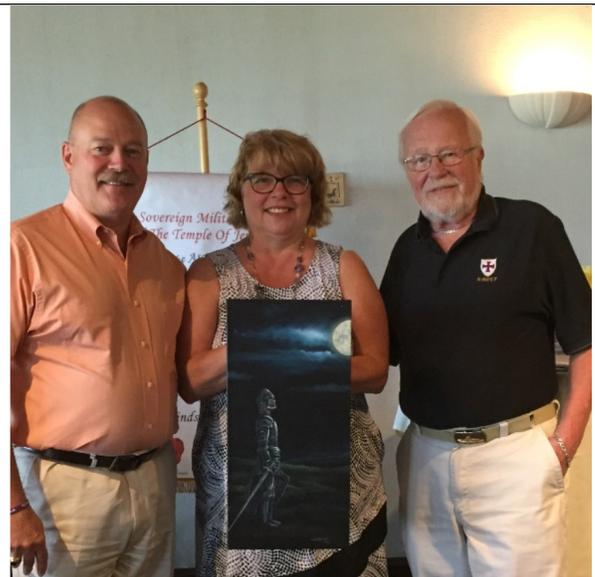


Some of the 36 attendees



Sir Terry Fink leads the auction of Lady Carol DelCol's painting: her artwork having proven a great fund raiser for the Ascension Priory over the years.

Auction winners: Sir Peter and Dame Theresa Kelly holding up their newly acquired painting, *Moonlight Knight* while being congratulated by Prior Walt Pastorious.





In Ottawa lately, the priory of Simon Peter has become the "Ace Trucking Company". As a part of our ongoing support of the Cornerstone Hostel for homeless women, we have been trucking produce from the West side Costco to the three locations of the home. We are acting as the bridge between Costco and Cornerstone in the Knights Templar tradition.

The produce each Saturday is culled from the inventory of the wholesaler as it approaches its "best before" date. The volumes of produce provided sometimes exceeds the ability of the shelter to store it and left overs are donated to the Ottawa Food bank. This seems to be testament to the truth of the adage that there is plenty of food; we just need to get it to those who need it. Each Sunday afternoon, a Chevalier or Chevalieress from Simon Peter Prior attends Costco and picks up the surplus in their personal vehicle (often more than one car full) and delivers it to the various locations across Ottawa.



Further to the Costco -Cornerstone initiative, we have been performing other acts of mercy and have transported donations of yard furniture to the Cornerstone locations providing a place for the ladies to sit outside so they don't have to be on the street where they are vulnerable. This project also includes "handyman" services such as set up and relocating the furniture. Most of the donors prefer to be anonymous and there is a prohibition against photographing the ladies, so there are no pictures.

Our other activities are continuing as the "Hockey Knights" are anxiously waiting to meet with the Council of Algonquin Chiefs for aid in distributing hockey equipment to those most in need. A large shipment recently went to the First Nation of Kitigan Zibi (Lake of Flowers) and to Barrier Lake. The Hockey Association at North York is planning an association wide drive to collect used equipment for us to donate. We are making an effort to "grow" this project by approaching a wider range of First Nations.



Jan and Celine Whiteduck helping with hockey inventory



Dropping hockey equipment off at Barrier Lake



Celine's family at Kitigan Zibi school to receive hockey equipment



Preparing and serving lunch for the Aphasia Walk 'n' Talk

The Aphasia Centre of Ottawa is planning a Trivia Night fundraiser in the fall and of course the Simon Peter trivia team, the "Retro-Rockets" will field a team. While never the Team to Beat, we are always contenders. We may have mentioned our annual lunch served to victims of strokes which we call their "Walk 'n Talk". Stroke victims frequently have limited use of at least one arm and leg. This combined with the prevalent loss of speech prompted the name of this social event.



Serving lunch for the Aphasia Walk 'n' Talk

With the recent elevation of our Chancellor to Prior, her reigns of our Kiva contributions is being handed over to a new rep within the priory. The organization that makes micro-loans to third world women for entrepreneurial undertakings merely reports on the distribution of our cash donations and the over 95% return rate of the loans. The new representative will be announced at the next Priory Council meeting.

Dates to Remember

8 September 2018 – St James' Priory Investiture, St James Cathedral, Toronto.

13 October 2018 – Mourn the arrest and subsequent torture of the original Templars in 1307. Wear a black ribbon under your GP-Canada pin. Share with all those you meet both our sorrow and our pride. If any Priory wishes to hold a Church Service, I have

one that can be adapted to the particular denomination of the Church in which it will be held.

17 – 21 October 2018 – GMC/Grand Chapter General – Belgrade, Serbia Registration is up on the OSMTH site: <http://gmcevent.osmth.org/> If you do not have credentials for member access, please email me and I will authorize the webmaster to provide them.

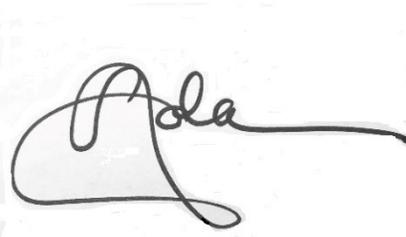
3 November 2018 – Ascension of Christ Investiture, Church of the Ascension, Windsor.

30 November – 12 December 2018 – OSMTH – USA has a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Jordan. If you are interested, they welcome Canadian Templars to join them.

May the end of summer find you revitalized and ready for the challenges and changes of the Fall and may back-to-school be an exciting time for your children/grand-children. But, most of all, may the honour of serving the Risen Lord as a Templar enrich your life and that of those you love. Until next month . . .

Blessings

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The Reverend Dame Nola Crewe
Grand Prior - Canada