



## News from the Grand Priory of Canada

December 2017

Greetings Fellow Templars . . .

THANK-YOU for your confidence in me in blessing me with the office of Grand Prior. I commit myself, my talents and resources to doing all that I can to support all the Templars of Canada and the goals of our Order throughout the world.

Each Prior and Grand Prior brings to their office their individual talents, goals and dreams. Where I intend to devote my energies initially is in improving communications across this vast country of ours. Fortunately, we live in a time of Skype rather than fax machines; websites instead of annual reports and texts and emails and facebook and twitter and so much more. We do have to learn how to employ them to our best advantage: and that is the challenge in the months ahead. Fortunately, we have great talent available and, happily, volunteering to help this all happen!

Our Order only works if you do - so get involved. Tell us what you want to do; what skills you have; what languages you speak; the talents you are willing to share . . .

This is the first of many monthly Newsletters that you will receive over my term in office. Do look it over and let me know what we need more of, less of and what we didn't think about.



And to every Templar, from far and wide, the blessings of Christmas and a wondrous New Year

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H.E. the Rev'd Dame Nola Crewe

## LOCAL

To get to know each other better, I have asked each Priory to provide us one bit of information about what they are doing or what they think we would find of interest.

### Simon-Peter, Ottawa

Hockey Knights in Canada continues with over two tonnes (16 pallets) of hockey equipment off to the area of Inuvik.



*A pick-up run of donations in Toronto heading for Ottawa and on to the far north*



*for future hockey champions like this recipient*

Funding the transport came from a night of "Trivial Pursuit" at the Prior's home raised almost \$2000.00

### St James, Toronto



*The St James Investiture brought together Sir George Jackowski, Prior; Sir Peter Kelly, Grand Prior II; Dame Nola Crewe, Grand Prior; Sir Dale Starkes, Chancellor General of OSMTH and Sir Ron Matthewman, Grand Prior I of Canada.*

The St James Priory, at the request of St James Cathedral, their home church, will be collecting money at their monthly meeting to buy 300 pairs of socks to be given to the Street People who will be celebrating Christmas at the Cathedral over a hot dinner with Christmas presents (and socks) for all.

### Ascension, Windsor



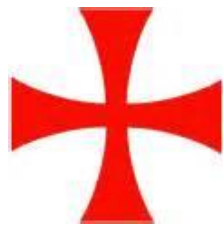
*The Investiture at the Priory of the Ascension*

Windsor has come up with a unique fundraiser: Sir Roy DelCol's wife, Lady Carol DelCol, has painted a series of humorous

"Knightly-themed" paintings. They are auctioned off in a variety of innovative formats by Sir Terry Fink, a professional auctioneer. One of these formats involves auctioning a painting for a year of possession: and auctioned again 12 months later to provide a continuing stream of funds for the Priory's charities.



*"Knight after Knight after Knight after Knight after Knight" by Lady Carol DelCol*



## **INTERNATIONAL**

Skane, Sweden: The biggest news for Canada is that we have been tentatively approved to host the Fall 2020 GMC. So planning and work on this epic adventure starts now!!!

The GMC meeting in Sweden saw the resignation of the Grand Commander, HE BG Dr Chev Marcel de Picciotto, accepted. He has served our Order faithfully for many years and will continue to support the Order in other arenas. HE Sir Thomas Curtis, the

Deputy Grand Commander will complete his term.



As evidenced in this book, among the many skills and talents Sir Tom brings to the Grand Commander's office, are his artistic talents.

When we meet in Greece in April 2018 we will be electing both Grand Master and Grand Commander and they will assume office in Serbia next October.

One of the many subjects discussed was how the Grand Priorities can come together on a major project in the Holy Land. The one thing that makes us unique among the many groups who engage in charitable works is our commitment to the Abrahamic faiths living in harmony in the Holy Land and protecting Christians living there to freely practice their faith. You will be hearing more about this in the months to come.

During this time of religious crisis, all Templars have been asked to daily pray the following:

*Heavenly Father we reach out to you with a plea for the Peace of Jerusalem, the centre of the world, the centre of our faith. May it be the centre of love and peace, the gathering place of the nations, as we relate to you and to each other. We pray for all*

*places where terrorism, violence, warfare and acts of inhumanity are taking place. Guard, protect, direct and gather us into one great family; that we may worship you in peace and live together in Holy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*



*The Grand Priors lining up in Sweden as they prepare to enter the Billeberga Church*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Keep your datebook up-to-date with what is going on locally, nationally and internationally (*and send your dates on to us*)

2 December 2017 - Simon-Peter's Xmas Party at the home of their Prior

21 December 2017 - St James Xmas Gathering and a time to contemplate why one belongs to the Order.

18 March - Remember the Martyrdom of the Templar Magisterium in 1314

18 - 22 April 2018 - GMC - Athens, Greece - Registration now open.

16 - 18 April 2018 - Pre-GMC 900<sup>th</sup> celebration excursion to Rhodes, Greece

13 October - Remember the arrest of the Templars in 1307

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 - GMC/GCG - Belgrade, Serbia.

14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October - Pre-GMC 900<sup>th</sup> celebration 3-day excursion

3 November 2018 - The Priory of the Ascension of the Lord Investiture in Windsor

### **YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Let me introduce you to your Grand Council and the key positions in our Order.

Grand Prior - HE the Rev. Dame Nola Crewe  
Grand Chancellor - HE Col (Ret'd) Sir Bill Megill  
Grand Secretary - HE Major Roy Sir Embury;  
Grand Treasurer - Sir Stephen Willetts  
Grand Inspector - Sir Jerry Jackowski  
Ascension of Our Lord - Prior HE Cdr Sir Walt Pastorius  
St James Prior - Sir George Jackowski  
St Simon-Peter Prior - HE LCdr Dame Nicole Lassaline  
Grand-Prior II - HE Cdr Sir Peter Kelly  
Grand Prior I - HE Sir Ronald Matthewman  
Edmonton Commandary - Sir Rob MacMullen  
Halifax Preceptory - Dame Anne Matthewman  
Grand Webmaster - Sir Aaron Mailloux

Your Council will be meeting the third Monday of every month on Skype, with the goal of making resources available nationwide to all Templars and to make us a more unified and effective Order.

This is your Newsletter. Your contributions will make it successful. Send your concerns, ideas, prayers, whatever you want others to know or to get answers to your questions: all ideas are welcome.

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