



**The Sovereign Military Order
of
the Temple of Jerusalem**

Priory of St. James

**Newsletter
June 2010**

Prior: Nola Crewe



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

This year is hurtling along with summer looming, although this wonderful weather suggests Spring was left far behind.

We start off with happy/sad news. Happy for Dame Anne Matthewman who has just been appointed as the Chief Librarian at the Dalhousie Law School in Nova Scotia . . . sad for us, to lose Anne who has been a very active member from the beginning and served as both our Treasurer and Secretary. But she promises to do her best to attend the Convent.

In her absence, Sir Keith Leonard, who is in charge of Membership, will take over her duties in registering Convent attendees and keeping the membership list up to date.

And talking of good news, we had a great party at Chancellor Lake's home on May 12th, with his wife Debbie playing the most gracious and organized hostess. A large number of prospective members were in attendance and the dinner provided by Sir Tom Sottile and Postulant Sabina Pirri had everyone full and jovial and with short speeches, the party carried on into the night.

There will be another evening for socializing and introducing prospective postulants to the members at a garden party on August 5th from 6 - 8 p.m. at my home, 74 Riverdale Avenue, Toronto M4K 1C3. It is just off Broadview, between Danforth and Gerrard, easily reached by public transit or car. All the appropriate prayers are in for a warm and sunny evening, but if not, the party will proceed indoors. Do join us and bring along friends and family that you think would find our goals, their goals.

And, best of all, the Convent is fast approaching: from the 22nd to 26th of September at the Meridien King Edwrad Hotel and the St James Cathedral with people coming worldwide to meet you and enjoy our city. It's up to you to be the hosts, with the most! If your registration isn't in already, send it to

Sir Keith Leonard, Post Office Box 69006, 12 St Clair Avenue East, St Clair Centre RPO, Toronto M4T 3A1

And finally, the Royal Canadian Military Institute which has played generous hosts to our Order is about to close for two or more years as a condo is built on the site with the first six floors dedicated to continuing the RCMI. Which means that our meeting on June 14th at 6:30 (social for 7:00 p.m. business) will be the last one in the old building: it closes the following Friday. So come one, come all, to say a fond farewell and a thanks for its generous support. We have never been charged for our meeting rooms and have always been accommodated even at very short notice.

Nominations for AGM

If you want to assume responsibility for a position within the Priory, please contact George McNeillie; Matthew Gaasenbeek or Nola Crewe, no later than 5 July 2010.

Blessings on you and all your good works

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Nola, Alastair, William & Harold, Your Editorial Team

CALENDAR

Do add the following dates to your agenda: Send your news of upcoming events for inclusion in the next issue to Sir Alastair at alastairi@electricscotland.com

14 June 2010

The Priory's AGM will take place at 7:00 p.m., immediately before the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Do plan on being there.

12 July 2010

July/August (date to be determined) Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

5 August 2010

Prior's Garden Party, 6 - 8 p.m. at my home, 74 Riverdale Avenue, Toronto M4K 1C3

9 August 2010

Monthly Meeting. Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

13 September 2010

Monthly Meeting. Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL . . .

22 - 26 September 2010

Grand Magisterial Council & Grand Chapter General at the King Edward Hotel & St James Cathedral . . . when the world comes to Toronto for the International Convent and Investiture. If you haven't sent in your registration yet, go to <http://torontotemplars.org/nndnn2010/registration.html>, download and complete the form and then send it ...

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"And while you are at it, please complete this volunteer form and REALLY get involved." See below for the form.

4 October 2010 [the second Monday is Thanksgiving]

Monthly Meeting. Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

8 November 2010

Monthly Meeting. Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

13 December 2010

Monthly Meeting. Socialize at 6:30 for 7:00 meeting.*

*** Mark the 2nd Monday of the month in your datebook for a Templar meeting. If the agenda is thin and nothing is urgent, we will cancel it. Notices and agendas will proceed every meeting and cancellations will be equally broadcast. BUT do plan on attending. Your participation, wit and wisdom are needed!**



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - St James Priory
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

I want to fulfil my volunteer commitments
in the following manner:

Committee Membership(s):

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Convent 2010

SILENT AUCTION

As part of our fund-raising to support our various charitable activities we are putting on a silent auction during the Convent. If you have anything to contribute to its success, please send a note to Sir William Upper or Dame Nola Crewe. Tickets to sports or cultural events, local trips or restaurant meals on Thursday or Friday are particularly interesting for the auction on Wednesday night at the opening Grand Prior of Canada's reception, and Templar memorabilia, jewellery, art, etc. will be available for bidding from Wednesday to Saturday night.

Sponsors are also welcome. And pages in the programme can be sponsored. So, if you have something to offer, or know someone who does, please take the initiative! And then pass the information along to Sir Randal.

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Just a reminder, the one function of the year that each Templar is required to attend is the annual Investiture of new members. This year it is also the International Investiture and Convent. If you are utterly unable to attend, you are required to seek permission from the Prior to be absent. Dame Barbara Bowles-Davis has already requested and received permission as she will be off on a medical mission of mercy in Malawi and Botswana. If your reason to be absent is as reasonable, fear not, you will be excused.

If not, make sure your reservations are in for the Investiture and Banquet. Contact Sir Keith [redonda@sympatico.ca] to do so.

A reminder, our Grand Prior, Sir Ronald Matthewman, arranged for an early bird special for those who are attending: you've missed the \$50 deduction, but have until 31 July to take advantage of the \$25.00 deduction. All taxes are included in the \$275.00 pricetag along with days of activities, debate, participation and fun. Get your registration form at <http://torontotemplars.org/nndnn2010/registration.html>, and send it off to Sir Keith ASAP. And, see you in September . . .

Our Prior Ordained as a Priest

By Chev Alastair McIntyre

On 25 April 2010 your Prior, the Reverend Dame Nola Crewe, was Ordained a Priest in the Anglican Church. The service was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity in Toronto. There were some 140 persons attending along with family and friends. We were told that it had been more than 40 years since this service had been performed at this church.

I took the opportunity to do a story board of the service. This includes the Guide of the whole service and also the homily along with a number of pictures taken throughout the service. which you can see at: <http://www.electricscotland.com/bible/ordination.htm>

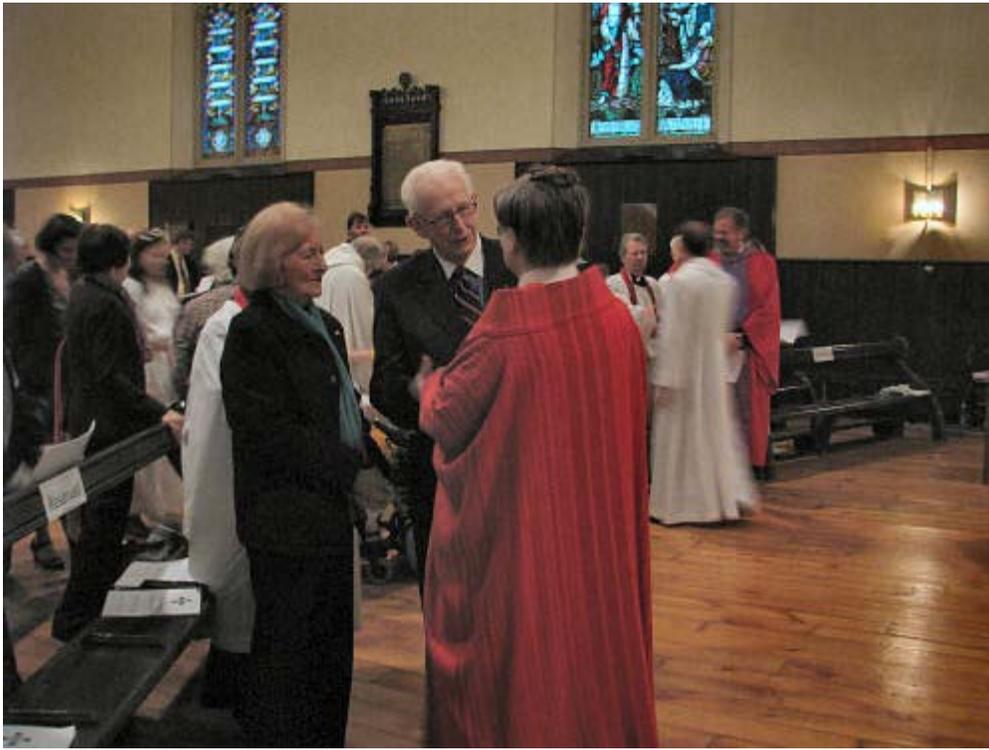
Here are a few pictures taken at the event...



Dame Nola making her vows before Bishop Patrick Yu



Dame Nola is presented to the Congregation



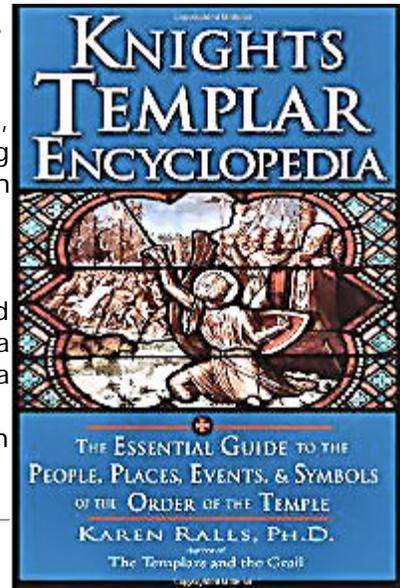
Dame Dai and Sir Matthew Gaasenbeek congratulating the new priest.

**Knights Templar Encyclopedia, by Karen Ralls, Ph.D.
By Dame Nola Crewe**

A great source for information about the Templars is the book, "Knights Templar Encyclopedia", by Karen Ralls, Ph.D. I'm including some items from it to provide some esoterica. For example, just in case you had some hunting planned for the weekend:

BIRDS

Falconry was forbidden in the Templar order, as was hunting a bird with another bird. A brother could not go into the woods with a longbow or crossbow to hunt animals, nor should he ever spur on a horse to hunt a wild beast, as section 55 on the Rule outlines. Falconry was expressly forbidden to Templar Knights as it was an especially popular activity of secular knights at the time. p.36



Postulants & Membership

Sir Keith Leonard, KTJ

When I was young, most of my friends played Cowboys and Indians. So did I, but not with the same conviction: perhaps because of the influence of two unconventional Grandfathers.

My mother's father was a Photographer at the turn of the 20th century in Scotland, and among other things, taught fencing at U of T. My father's father, from a very early age, was a military man, including in his varied service, a stint as a Queens Lancer.

Devotion to the concepts of chivalry and honour, to say nothing of slaying a few dragons for England developed early. As I grew older, fair damsels came into play. I was fortunate to find my Guinevere fair, and gallantly honor her for almost 30 years.

Chivalry and Honour are not dead. You, my fellow Dames, and Knights follow those practices of old. We live in a "Techno" world, but reach out like our predecessors to help those in need: to

defend, and proffer our Christian values to those seeking direction.

All of you are members of the Order serving on your own terms. Shoes and eyeglasses for the homeless, fresh water wells for those who only have disease infested water to drink, helping to save churches in the Holy Land from assaults of foes and time on all sides and many other just causes.

As you know, September 2010 sees our St. James Priory hosting the World Convent of our Order. We are extremely fortunate to be entrusted with holding such an event. Do get your registration in and plan some holiday time off to really participate and get to know our companions world-wide.

We also like to get together to party as we add to our ranks.

Our Annual Garden Party is on August 5th: traditionally the ideal time to introduce those who share our values to our membership comes just before this year's deadline for membership applications: August 10th. Let's ensure the party is a great success. Bring anyone you think would be of credit to the Order. Remember, there is no charge to attend for either you or your guests.

I implore each of you to consider who among friends, coworkers, family and partners should be encouraged to join the "Crusade" for our beliefs and values.

Please contact Prior Nola [stmonance@hotmail.com, home: 416 466 0311, business 416 586 4800, ext.4651] or me [Redonda@sympatico.ca, home: 416-484-1466, mobile: 416-574-0338] with details of possible Postulants.

You know we make a difference.

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Keith L. Leonard, KTJ
Membership Champion

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on 14 June 2010 at the RCMI at 7:00 p.m. Here is our financial Statement and other reports will be orally delivered.

Financial Statements, written and oral reports will be available at the AGM on Monday evening.

Turkey & A Clash of Faiths

By Chev. Harold Nelson

With modern globe-trotting, many Christians now are making a pilgrimage to Turkey and the province of Anatolia to the numerous sites where Christianity's roots were planted by St Paul. They are travelling in the footsteps of Paul and pilgrims of many centuries.

The historic role reflected in the sites include Tarsus where Saint Peter was born, Ephesus where the apostle John and the Virgin Mary lived after Christ's death and Antioch, where the first Christian church was carved from a cave. Indeed, the first time the followers of Jesus were called Christians was in Anatolia.

Times though are changing and events of the past weeks reflect that. The recent murder of the Roman Catholic bishop of Anatolia shocked most Turks and was quickly called the action of a mad man with no political or religious ties. However, the victim, Bishop Padovese had warned that the toleration of Christians was being weakened because of antipathy among the general population over Turkey's military and commercial ties with Israel.

For ninety years Turkey has been a democratic, secular, unitary and constitutional republic increasingly integrated with the West. In recent years the secular government has been challenged by the increasing strength of religious parties, Islam being the faith of the vast majority of the population.. With Christians making up a mere one percent of the population they have little influence, being mainly bystanders to the passions of others.

Turkey's location at the crossroads of Europe and Asia makes it a country of significant geostrategic importance. The politicians of Turkey have, of recent years, been orienting their country toward Europe, rather than the middle East, as they seek to be part of the European Economic Union and of NATO.

In the military realm, the United States has vital bases in Turkey where supplies for Iraq and Afghanistan are trans-shipped. Turkey has proven a valued ally of the West since the start of the Cold War: a Muslim country that was friendly to Israel and did not allow the training of terrorists within its borders.

However, the recent attempt by six Turkish ships to break the embargo of Gaza poses a major problem for the Turkish government, even though they had nothing to do with the flotilla. The mobs in the street reflect a major change in Turkey. And politicians in a democracy who ignore rioting people in their streets do not tend to be long-serving. That this nation with a long history of tolerance and inclusion of those of other faiths is now teetering on the edge of political and religious intolerance is a frightening facet in the ever-increasing tensions of the Middle East.



This is a picture of our Prior at the well in St Peter's Church in the countryside of Anitoch, Turkey. This church/cave was built into the rocky hillside no later than the 4th century (tile dating) but could have been considerably earlier. St Peter was the first missionary in the area. The walls of the church and the garden outside just reeked with the prayers of the ages. It is a truly wondrous site to visit.

Out and About

We got this in from Chev. James Borer CD

When choosing to be Knighted as a member of the Priory in Toronto I knew that my ability to attend most meetings would not be high. Having said that, to this day feel I made the right choice in choosing Toronto as my priory. I truly appreciate the camaraderie and vitality of the priory. I hope that each of you is in good health and you are succeeding in living a chivalrous life.

If I may be permitted the latitude to share with you some information on the charitable works I have been focusing on as of late.

- Continuing to advocate on behalf of children who are hard of hearing or deaf. With the current financial difficulties facing society it is critical to be on watch for those who are not capable of advocating on their own behalf.
- Working to have reserve soldiers who have served in Afghanistan, shoulder to shoulder with regular force personnel, have the same entitlement as the regular force soldiers to educational loans at a very low percentage.
- Working within Eastern Ontario through my school board to raise awareness about children who require special education. Recently suggesting and organizing a special education symposium and workshops for the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario.
- Recently incorporating a company called NECANA - Noble Enterprises Canada, that is focused on creating not-for-profit housing to meet the massive need of seniors and disabled people in Ontario. In Cornwall alone there are over eight hundred on the waiting list for affordable housing.
- Continuing to work with Chev. William Upper on the shoe campaign for this coming year.

Again thank you for allowing me to share my works as of late. Since becoming a Knight I have taken great pleasure in carrying out good works, nnDnn.

God Bless and may you prosper in order to serve others.

Chev. James Borer CD

We got this next article in from Chev. Ralph Schoenig

As many of you know, 19 years ago I had cancer (non-hodgkins lymphoma to be specific) - surgery, radiation, chemo, and a bunch of nasty tests. The year before that my mother died of brain cancer. This time last year my sister developed breast cancer.

For many years I volunteered with a cancer group doing a number of different things. During that time I met several other survivors, some of us didn't make it, but others are still involved in the cancer fight.

I've had my break and am now getting back into the battle.

On June 11th I will be participating in the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The Canadian Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight non-competitive relay that celebrates cancer survivors and pays tribute to the lives of loved ones. It involves teams of 10 people who take turns walking, running or strolling around a track to raise money to support the work of the Canadian Cancer Society. It's a night of fun, friendship and fundraising to beat cancer.

This year I will be participating in the Survivor's Victory Lap, and helping out during the event.

I will be participating with a very dear friend of mine, Margaret Wolf, who is a 25 year survivor. She is on the committee for the Forrest Hill location of the Relay for Life, and she has organized a team for several years called "The Wolf Pack"

While I am not actively raising money as a "team" member this year or seeking sponsorship (I will be next year so watch out!!) I am asking if you can spare even a couple of dollars to donate directly to Margaret, and "The Wolf Pack", for the Relay for Life.

She and her team are close to their goal (a very modest \$1,500.00) so it would be great to see them reach or even surpass it.

I realize that times are tight for all of us, and there is always someone out there asking for money for many worthy causes, so if you are unable to help, or have already made all of your contributions this year, please accept my thanks and my well wishes. However if you can give a couple of bucks to the cause that would be great. Please believe me when I say that there is absolutely no pressure from me in this regard.

Unfortunately I don't know anyone that has NOT been touched by cancer, either through a family member, friend or co-worker. My little family of 4 has been hit 3 times now.

Clearly defeating cancer is a cause that I believe in deeply because the medical community saved my life and, that's why I'm still here to bug you all now! To be honest, I don't want anyone to have to go through what I did, and I know that I got off lucky.

So, if you are in a position to help please go to Margaret's Relay for Life web page below.

All I can offer in return are my thanks, and the knowledge that cancer is not always a death sentence, I'm proof of that, so is Margaret, and so are thousands of others (we just don't see them).

I'm going to die one day, but until then I plan on living and I'm here to bug you all!!

Take care my friends, and thank you with the warmest of regards

Ralph

Click here to visit Margaret's Relay for Life page to donate directly through her. Under the team picture there is a blue button marked "Support Margaret" and simply follow the instructions.

http://convio.cancer.ca/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFL_ON_even_px=1601501&pg=personal&fr_id=5472&fl=en_CA&et=DLXJFmb4CI3OJ4NEXxIBKw.&s_tafId=115767

Grail Romances

From the Knights Templar Encyclopedia

Given the complexities of medieval dating, scholars cannot always determine the precise date for a manuscript, however, historians note that many of the Grail romances were written in the period between 1190 and 1240, roughly synonymous with the peak of the Templar Order. Many were authored by monks, in particular, the Cistercians and Benedictines. These two Orders of the Church, although totally distinct from the military-religious Templar Order, also had associations with the influential Cistercian abbot Bernard of Clairvaux, a key early supporter of the Knights Templar as well. There is no historical evidence that a Templar wrote a Grail romance, although some Grail romances do have Templar-related themes, details, and motifs. Contrary to popular belief, there is in fact no "single Grail story"; this is a rather unfortunate misconception to-day.

Many of the motifs in the Grail story come from earlier pagan Celtic themes that were later amalgamated into Christian themes as well. But the medieval Grail romances are of a very great variety and do not always agree with each other. One could say there is a prototypical Grail story, but even then, it is an amalgamation of various themes, people and places from different medieval manuscripts.

The actual medieval manuscripts describe the Grail as a cup or chalice, a relic of the Precious Blood of Christ, a cauldron of plenty, a silver platter, a stone from Heaven, a dish, a sword, a spear, a fish, a dove with a communion Host in its beak, a bleeding white lance, a secret Book or Gospel, manna from Heaven, a blinding light, a severed head, a table, and more. Obviously, the Grail can take different forms in these legends all depending on how it chooses to reveal itself to the

seeker. In Chretien de Troye's Le Conte du Graal, for example, the Grail is a platter bearing a single Eucharist wafer. In Robert de Boron's account, the Grail is the chalice Christ used the Last Supper. In the Queste del Saint Graal, it is the dish from which Christ ate the Passover lamb, which now holds the Eucharist wafers. Wolfram presents it as a luminous pure stone. The anonymously written Perlesvaus describes it as five different things. There is no single Grail story, and no single Grail -- this point cannot be emphasized enough. The Grail can manifest differently to each seeker. It can be an earthly object, and it may be the goal of a spiritual search, and often, it is both. Yet ultimately, it remains a mystery.

[and there is more on the subject in the Knights Templar Encycloped between pages 81 and 86, for those who are interested]

A Brief History of the Crusades and The Knights Templar **by the Honorable Sir Charles S. Davis III, GCTJ, Prior of St. Clair** **(A talk delivered to The Assembled Witenagemote on 12/18/97)**

This is a history we are going to provide over several issues of this newsletter and we hope you enjoy it. Here is Part 4...

Finally, Phillip thought the time was right. Acting in the same manner he had with the Jews a year before, Phillip dispatched secret orders through France once more. In the early morning of Friday, the 13th of October, 1307, (and this is the reason the date Friday the 13th is so infamous) the French army broke the wax seal of their secret orders and placed all the thousands of Templars in France in chains. The stated reason for the arrests was as follows:

Quoting from Phillip's Orders to His Officers:

"A bitter thing, a lamentable thing, a thing horrible to think of, too terrible to hear, a detestable crime, an execrable evil deed, an abominable work, a detestable disgrace, a thing wholly inhuman, foreign to all humanity, has, according to the reports of several persons worthy of faith, reached our ears, not without striking us with great astonishment and causing us to tremble with violent horror...."

As you can see, Phillip's orders never said what exactly the Templars were guilty of... in fact, it was said to be so vile that no one should write it or hear it... but, the letter ended....

"....all members of said order will be arrested , without exception, imprisoned and reserved for the judgement of the Church."

Phillip had cloaked his actions in the veil of the Pope's permission for him to bring evidence to the Panel. Although Phillip had no legal right to touch the Templars, he pretended he was acting for the Church, which had the right to investigate heresy. Similar announcements were made the following Sunday from every church pulpit and posted in public places -- Phillip wanted to quickly destroy the reputation of the Templars.

And investigate it, Phillip did. As soon as the Templars were arrested, the "inquisition" into their crimes began. Phillip's own men conducted the investigation with the specific charge "...to spare no means of torture". Therefore, if a Templar answered "no" when asked to admit to DeNogaret long list of heretical actions, the Templar would be placed on the rack, or have his testicles squeezed, or his eyes put out with a hot poker, or have his feet roasted over charcoal. It wasn't surprising that many said "yes" -- what was surprising is that many committed suicide, rather than be forced to admit a falsehood.

When word of Phillip's action reached Pope Clement V, the Pope was furious! He wrote Phillip reminding him that the Pope had specifically said he did not believe Phillip's charges. Clement stated he had only approved a quiet inquiry by a Papal Commission. Phillip said the inquisition was only to gather evidence. Clement then removed his Papal sanction of any inquisition by officially removing any Church participation. But Phillip paid no attention and the tortures continued conducted by his own men, without any clerics present.

Phillip was beside himself. Yes, he had captured a large number of Templars in France. But, somehow, the Templars had known about his plans. The Paris Treasury having a value of millions of gold florins had disappeared -- . The Templar fleet had sailed from Marseille, La Rochelle and other French ports during the night preceding the arrests. And, the manning of many of the Templar was not at the expected compliment.

Evidently, to allow the Templar records, treasury, and certain Templars themselves to disappear, the vast majority of French Templars including the Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, had stayed behind pretending that they were unawares of Phillip's plan. To be fair, although the Templars may have known about Phillip's arrests, I doubt they knew of the planned torture. They must have believed Phillip's action would only effect their temporary arrest and that it would be reversed by the Pope. For the next eight years, Grand Master de Molay sat in prison firmly believing that the Pope would arrange their release and restore his blessing to the Order.

Regretfully, de Molay had underestimated Phillip and over-estimated the integrity of the Papacy. Phillip knowing he was too committed to back down, again sent a small army to camp in sight of the Pope's palace. The Pope issued a Bull on November 22nd that totally reversed his position. It praised Phillip for his efforts to protect the Church and charged all Kings in Christendom to arrest any Templars in their lands and torture them to obtain confessions of heresy.

However, the only countries that followed the Bull were the Kingdoms of France (of course) and city states in Italy. Most of the other Kings virtually ignored the Bull. In England, Edward II gave it lip service... he had it published in the English churches, and then delayed by three weeks implementing it. Surprisingly, after three weeks notice, only two Templars could then be found in all of England and by then the total value of the Templars' London Treasury, was less than 200 pounds. English tribunals convened in London and York could not find any reliable evidence of heresy.

In Scotland, Robert the Bruce accepted the Templars with open arms and ignored the Pope entirely. In fact, in 1314, at the Battle of Bannock when Scotland won its freedom, Robert the Bruce was fearfully outnumbered and losing until a large contingent of Knights Templar cavalry in full Templar uniform, white capes and red crosses flying, charged over the hill. The English foot soldiers, who eighteen years prior had defeated William Wallace with the help of the Templars, were so shocked at the sight and fearful of the reputation, that they turned and fled.

In Portugal, King Denis I after hearing the charges, declared that his investigation found all Portuguese Templars innocent of heresy. However, to avoid a continuing conflict with the Pope, he disbanded the Templars and allowed them to immediately form a new order, loyal to him, called the Knights of Christ. Its uniforms and insignias stayed exactly the same. In fact, over the next two hundred years, many of the most famous Portuguese navigators, such as Vasco da Gama, were members of the Knights of Christ. The red cross on Christopher Columbus's sails was a replica of the Knights of Christ cross, not any symbol of the Spanish crown or Catholic Church as is commonly assumed. Columbus had artists paint the red crosses on his sails to dedicate his voyage in honor of the order and its individuals who had gone before him creating his navigational instruments and charts..

In Spain, similar arrangements were made; however, since Templars owned over 40% of all the land in Spain, the Spanish King did seize most of it back before re-establishing the order under a different name. In Germany, Templars were invited to forswear their Templar vows and join the Teutonic Knights. Those who did not could simply keep traveling east into Russia, where the Pope's influence was not present. (as a footnote, this Russian portion of the Templar history was only recently discovered and is still under documentation).

Phillip, however, still had a problem. He had thousands of Templars locked up in his dungeons, who ostensibly were under the Pope's protection. What could he do with them? He kept pressuring the Pope, so that three years later, the Pope called for a Council to convene in 1310 and formally placed the issue of the alleged heresy of the Templars on its agenda. To prepare for the Council, the Pope appointed a Papal Commission of Bishops to make recommendations to the Council.

The Commission asked that any Templar who wished to defend the Order would be heard -- it was expected that none would. You see all those individuals who had not confessed to heresy were obviously dead by now since the torture would not stop until the individual confessed or died.. Those who were still alive had confessed and after a prison sentence would eventually be released. However, once a confession was obtained, a Templar who recanted his confession would be considered a relapsed heretic and burnt at the stake.

The Commission was shocked when 546 Templars stated they wished to reverse their confessions and defend the Order. The commission heard from three representatives of this Group that all the confessions were false and extracted only by most grievous torture. One of the three had to be carried into the Commission because his arms and feet had been burnt off prior to obtaining the confession.

Only two of the six Bishops on the Commission were French, the other four were becoming increasingly alarmed that the whole Templar issue was a hoax perpetrated on the Church by Phillip. They called for a full hearing and invited the other Templars to testify. Phillip could not allow this. The day before the Templars were to mount their defense, Phillip had the 54 of those who were scheduled to testify burnt at the stake. Prior to lighting the fires, they were offered clemency if they would simply tell the commission that their original confessions were valid -- not a one did. The next day, Phillip took 120 more that were scheduled to testify and had them burnt at the stake also. The Commission adjourned, knowing what Phillip was doing, but powerless to stop it.

End of Part 4

For those of you interested in a wardrobe unlike your neighbours . . .

From the Knights Templar Encyclopedia

SOLERETS

Solerets protected the legs and feet of a Templar knight, and were given to them by the Draper of the Order after their investiture, along with other items of their armor. Knights Templar Encyclopedia, p.179

SURCOAT

Referred to in the Templar Rule, the surcoat was a piece of clothing that went over the body, similar to an overgarment. It was not identical to the mantles or tunics of the knight-brothers and sergeant-brothers in the Order. p.183

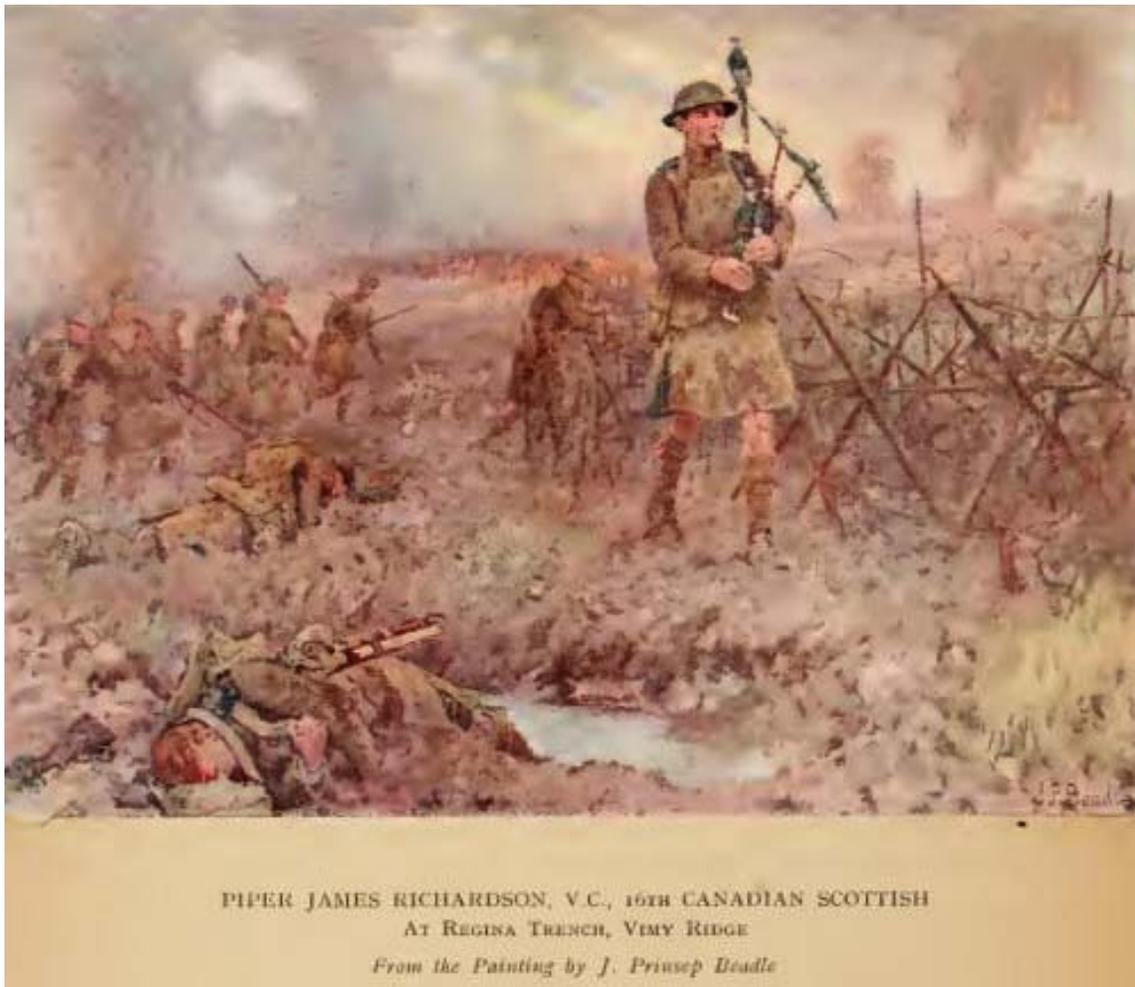
ESPALIER

Espaliers were metal shoulder protectors on a Templar knight's armor and were given to them by the Draper of the Order after their investiture. p.63

The Pipes of War

By Chev. Alastair McIntyre

A Record of Achievements of Pipers of Scottish and Overseas Regiments during the War of 1914 - 1918. by Brevet-Col. Sir Bruce Seton, Bart. of Abercorn, C.B. and Pipe Major John Grant. (1920)



I came across this old book while doing some research and will be adding it to my Electric Scotland web site in the weeks ahead. I was struck by the number of Canadian regiments featured in this book so thought I'd share a bit of the Preface with you and the list of regiments...

This record of the achievements of pipers during the war of 1914-18 is not intended to be an appeal to emotionalism. It aims at showing that, in spite of the efforts of a very efficient enemy to prevent individual gallantry, in spite of the physical conditions of the modern battlefield, the pipes of war, the oldest instrument in the world, have played an even greater part in the orchestra of battle in this than they have in past campaigns.

The piper, be he Highlander, or Lowlander, or Scot from Overseas, has accomplished the impossible—not rarely and under favourable conditions, but almost as a matter of routine; and to him not Scotland only but the British Empire owes more than they have yet appreciated.

With 300 pipers killed and 600 wounded something must be done to raise a new generation of players; it is a matter of national importance that this should be taken in hand at once, and that the sons of those who have gone should follow in the footsteps of their fathers.

This is the best tribute that can be offered to them.

Regimental Records

The Scots Guards

The Royal Scots

The Royal Scots Fusiliers

The King's Own Scottish Borderers

The Cameronians (The Scottish Rifles)

The Royal Highlanders (The Black Watch)

The Highland Light Infantry
The Seaforth Highlanders
The Gordon Highlanders
The Cameron Highlanders
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
The London Scottish
The Tyneside Scottish
The Middlesex Regiment
The Liverpool Scottish
The Royal Fusiliers
The Argyllshire Mountain Battery
The Ross and Cromarty Battery
Miscellaneous
The Pipe Band of the 52nd (Lowland) Division
Prisoners of War Band
Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
The Royal Highlanders of Canada
The 48th Highlanders of Canada
The Canadian Scottish
The Cameron Highlanders of Canada
The 21st Canadians
The 25th Canadians
The 29th Canadians
The 236th Canadians
The Canadian Pioneers
The 2nd Auckland Regiment
The 42nd Australians
The South African Scottish

A Little Humour

A Child's Mind

Until a child tells you what they are thinking, we can't even begin to imagine how their mind is working.

Little Zachary was doing very badly in math. His parents had tried everything...tutors, mentors, flash cards, special learning centers. In short, everything they could think of to help his math.

Finally, in a last ditch effort, they took Zachary down and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the first day, little Zachary came home with a very serious look on his face. He didn't even kiss his mother hello. Instead, he went straight to his room and started studying.

Books and papers were spread out all over the room and little Zachary was hard at work. His mother was amazed. She called him down to dinner.

To her shock, the minute he was done, he marched back to his room without a word, and in no time, he was back hitting the books as hard as before.

This went on for some time, day after day, while the mother tried to understand what made all the difference.

Finally, little Zachary brought home his report card. He quietly laid it on the table, went up to his room and hit the books. With great trepidation, His Mom looked at it and to her great surprise, Little Zachary got an 'A' in math.

She could no longer hold her curiosity. She went to his room and said,

'Son, what was it? Was it the nuns?' Little Zachary looked at her and shook his head, no. 'Well, then,' she replied, Was it the books, the discipline, the structure, the uniforms? WHAT WAS IT?'

Little Zachary looked at her and said, 'Well, on the first day of school when I saw that guy nailed to the plus sign, I knew they weren't fooling around.'

The Bagpipe Story **By Chev. Alastair McIntyre**

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a grave side service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back-country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost. I finally arrived an hour late.... and saw the funeral guy was evidently gone, and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left... and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man.

And as I played 'Amazing Grace', the workers began to weep. They wept; I wept; we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say,

"Sweet Mother of Jesus, I never seen nothin' like that before.... and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years..."

Grand Master H.E. RADM James J. Carey, GCTJ, GMTJ. Farewell to Saint King Charles the Martyr Priory, Washington, DC.

We include the 2 page pdf file of the Grand Master's farewell for you to read below...



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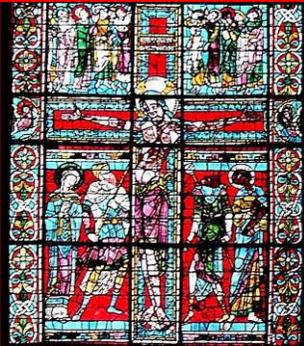
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Cathedral of St. Peter, Poitiers, France, end of the 12th century.



Prayer Breakfast

June 5



"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished.

That will be the beginning."

Louis L'Amour (1908-1988)



A Solemn Goodbye ...



... and a Joyous Introduction.

Chev. Isaac D. Evans, KTJ, in the next issue



Grand Master Thanks SKCTM Priory

H.E. RADM James J. Carey, GCTJ, GMTJ

Very Special Thanks to the Priory of Saint King Charles the Martyr for your kindness in holding the reception honoring me as my Term of Office as Grand Master of the Order nears its end. When I turn the reins of office over to General Patrick Rea in Toronto this September, I will have served in the Senior Leadership of our Order for over two decades. It's been a truly wonderful experience for Dame Arlene and me as you have ever so kindly given me your trust and confidence and voted for me, first as Chancellor, then as Prior of SKCTM Priory, followed by Grand Chancellor, and then Grand Prior of the USA. Then later in the Templar international world stage, you continued to support me as Grand Commander and CEO of the Order worldwide for six years, followed by another six years as Grand Master.



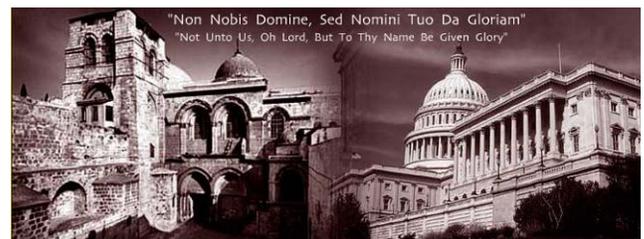
I've been fortunate to travel the world over on behalf of our great Order. I have met with national leaders and United Nations leadership, had the privilege of meeting with Senior Clergy in the person of Bishops, Archbishops, Cardinals, and Papal Nuncios [tall cotton for a lad who used to "serve mass" as a boy at St. Joseph's Parish in Berlin, Wisconsin], and enjoyed meeting our truly wonderful Knights and Dames from all around the world.

It's also been a truly GREAT experience to be at the helm when we've more than doubled the size of our SKCTM Priory. We have also doubled the size of GP-USA, and grown the international Order to 14

nations, with another 15 nations in the process of gaining OSMTH Templar recognition at one level or another. Our position and status with the United Nations has grown by several magnitudes, and while I take credit in personally achieving United Nations recognition in Special Consultative Status with the U.N. for the Order, I salute General Rea and Chev. Randy Tietz who have taken our Templar involvement with the U.N. to levels I personally never imagined we could have achieved.



It is this high level of achievement with the United Nations, our recognized credibility and reputation with the leaders of the world's nations, and our acceptance from very highest level of Senior Clergy (that lead the Major Churches in our 2,000 year-old Christian Religion) who now seek involvement with the Order, that has been particularly fulfilling. All of this is truly incredible. I have been honored that you have elected me and allowed me to play a role at this level for these two-plus decades. It has truly been my honor that you have given me this opportunity to serve for so long at these senior levels, and I thank you from the very inner reaches of my heart.





Arlene and I were truly grateful, thankful and appreciative that so many of you took the time and made the effort to attend the SKCTM Reception held for us. The fact that some of you drove three hours one-way to be there truly “blew us away.” We are ever so grateful and will remember your kindness and this event for the rest of our lives.

As I said when I spoke at the reception, it has been a wonderful experience to be a Templar since first being invested in Oslo, Norway in 1983, and then to be able to serve in senior leadership for so long. Part of those leadership duties took place while I was still a serving naval officer, as well as when I was still serving in the Reagan and Bush Administrations. So as you might imagine, there were times when I was incredibly busy and “stretched to the limit.” Yet it was all something that I’d do all over again, given the energy of youth [or relative youth] to be able to perform.

As I tried to make clear in my remarks, I’m not going away --- I am simply stepping down as Grand Master. I will still be at as many Priory, Grand Priory and International Templar functions as I possibly can, so long as my health continues to be as good as it is. Arlene and I consider you all to be our friends as we tread this pathway high in our Templar Quest to make ours a better world and the lives of some of our less fortunate world citizens better because we care about them.

So many MANY THANKS for the reception you held for us, and for your many kindnesses and honors

during the past 27 Templar Years. It’s been wonderful. GOD BLESS ALL!!!!

NON NOBIS DOMINE, NON NOBIS, SED NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM,



RADM *[Signature]*

REAR ADMIRAL JAMES J. CAREY, GCTJ, GMTJ
GRAND MASTER, OSMITH



C&I Jerusalem, Jan. 21st, 2010

MAJ Chev. Mark G. Hartell, KCTJ

The Commandery of the Holy Land held a Convent and Investiture on January 21, 2010 at St. Johns Chapel, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem.

This C&I marked the lifting of this Commandery from provisional status to that of a full Commandery under the mentorship of the Priory of St. King Charles the Martyr.

The St. John’s Chapel has special meaning among the crusader orders of knighthood. The chapel was built in the early 12th century as part of a large pilgrim hostel and convent named St. Mary Latine Minor and was one of many structures erected in Jerusalem by the **Hospitaller Order of St. John**. The chapel

