

ABOUT M. Em. Kt. William F. (Bill) Mann, GCT, Supreme Grand Master, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

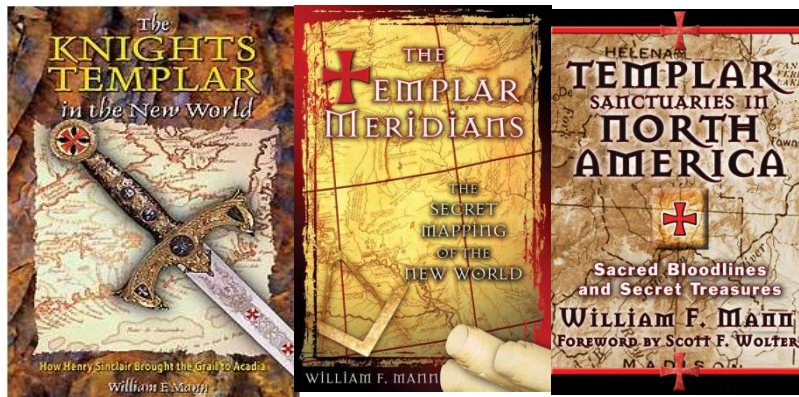


William F. Mann is a member of Oakville Lodge #400, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Canada, White Oaks Chapter No. 104, Royal Arch Masons of Canada, Salem Council #9, Royal and Select Master Masons of Ontario, Macassa Bay Lodge No. 9 of Royal Ark Mariners and Sir William York Rite College #57. He is also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, being a member of Murton Lodge of Perfection, Hamilton Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, and Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton.

On August 17th, 2019, M. Em. Kt. William F. (Bill) Mann, GCT, was installed as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory – Knights Templar of Canada, for a two-year term, following in the footsteps of his great-uncle – M. Em. Kt. Frederic George Mann, GCT, Past Supreme Grand Master (1954-1955), Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. He is also an IX^o Rt. W. Frater, belonging to the Thomas G. Janes College of Ontario (SRICF) and a Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine, Harington Conclave #16 (Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada).

Bill is a registered Planner, Forester, Landscape Architect and Environmental Management Consultant within both the Province of Ontario and in Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry degree from the University of Toronto (1977) and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Guelph (1980) with a specialization in New Town Planning.

Bill also holds a Diploma in Business Management from the University of Toronto (1985) and has a Master of Public Administration degree through the University of Western Ontario (2010). Last August, after 40 years of combined public/private experience in the fields of municipal governance and planning and development, Bill retired from his position as CAO for the Town of Milton, which has been the fastest growing municipality in Canada for the past twelve years.



Author of *The Templar Trilogy*, consisting of three non-fiction books: *The Knights Templar in the New World*, *The Templar Meridians*, and *Templar Sanctuaries in North America* (www.templarsnewworld.com), he lives in Milton, Ontario, Canada, with his wife Marie and two sons, William and Thomas, where he continues his lifelong passion of writing and painting.

It was approximately six years ago that Bill, in his then-capacity as the Grand Historian/Grand Archivist of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, discovered buried in the Grand Chancellery's files a set of private letters between the then Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada, the Most Eminent Knight W.J.B. MacLeod Moore, GCT, and the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite of America, the most exalted Albert Pike. What is contained within these letters is nothing less than remarkable and their contents have never before been presented publicly.

Within the pages of his new novel entitled, *The Last Refuge of the Knights Templar; The Ultimate Secret of the Pike Letters*, which is due to be released April,

2020 (www.innertraditions.com), the exact content of some of those letters will be revealed. As these letters are real and have been historically verified, their context is remarkable and priceless in themselves. When interwoven with the multi-layered story that Bill has penned, whispers of a secret of world proportions takes on more meaning than mere speculation. Masons and non-Masons alike will certainly enjoy Bill's modern-day mystery thriller.

