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Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

Brother Knights, as I begin my second year as your Grand Master, I would like to thank you for the confidence you have placed in your Officers for the upcoming year.

At our 128th Annual Assembly in Dartmouth, major changes were approved to the Statutes of this Great Priory. It is hoped that they will be available by December for distribution. The format will be completely changed and hopefully much easier to look up various items.

We saw an official Coat of Arms unveiled and adopted. Although we are legally unable to register it for Heraldic Registration purposes, we will be taking whatever action that is available to protect these Arms.

In the 2011 – 2012 year, several Preceptories will be celebrating significant anniversaries. King Baldwin Preceptory No. 6 will be 150 years; Cyrene Preceptory No. 29 will be 125 years and Crusader Preceptory No.54, Saskatoon Preceptory No. 55, and Westminster Preceptory No. 56 will mark 100 years of service. We congratulate all of these Preceptories on achieving these milestones.

During the last year many Preceptories saw a good increase in new younger Sir Knights but some were not so lucky. To the Preceptories not seeing new candidates, please contact other Preceptories that are doing well and see if you can emulate their success in the coming year. Every Preceptory that is doing well is doing something different to attract these men. The main thing that is being done is being visible in the Chapters and Lodges and talking about our great Christian Order. As the saying goes, "IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY, TRY AGAIN". Some open Houses have taken place, but those who have not tried, should. There is no cost for dispensation to have an open house but you do need to let the Grand Chancellor know of the event.

As stewards of the Christian faith, we must not be hesitant to express our feelings to our Brethren and Companions to make sure they know our values as Knights Templar.



Food for Thought

You are a volunteer in your Lodge, Chapter, Council or Preceptory until you are elected by the members as an officer. Now you have become the servant of the members and must strive to bring honour to your office and to yourself.

Notes from the 128th Annual Assembly

In response to some controversy over the proper way to give a "Military Hand Salute" The Grand Council approved and Great Priory ratified the recommendation of the Grand Executive: That the salute referred to in the Sword Manual be renamed as the "Knight Templar Hand Salute" and be defined, approved and published as "the longest way up, open palm to the front and the shortest way down."

The Supreme Grand Master further recommends that the Knight Templar Hand Salute be used by all Brother Knights during the business portion of Preceptory Assemblies.

The Joint Committee on Future Places of Meeting reported that the 129th Assembly will be held in Mississauga at the Toronto Airport Hilton Hotel August 24th to 25th; the 130th in Edmonton, hotel to be announced, August 16th to 18th and the 131st in central Canada in the Toronto Airport area August 15th to 17th. The Committee also shared their discussions on the question of possibly changing to Biennial Assemblies. This issue has been brought up by various members due principally, to the rising cost of attendance for members. It has been previously discussed in our history in 1981 last. They requested the Grand Chancellor and Grand Recorder to present this concept to the membership for discussion and feedback. The feedback will be brought up at the 129th Assembly for decision. Your input is important. Have your say.

CONCEPT

The Grand Council only, meeting alternately in Eastern and Western Canada on odd numbered years to do the business of Great Priory and Sovereign Great Priory meeting biennially in Central Canada on even numbered years.

IMPACTS

All Sovereign Great Priory Officers would be elected or appointed for a two year term.

Grand Council, consisting of the Elected Officers, Past Supreme Grand Masters, Provincial Grand Priors, Knights Commander of the Temple and appointed members of Grand Council, per the Statutes, would meet each year and all S.G.P. members attend every second year.

OR

The Grand Executive Committee, per the Statutes, would be authorized to conduct the business of Grand Council between Biennial Grand Assemblies

The 2011 Notices of Motion, with the exception of item 4 of the "Separate Motions" section, were approved. A full re-print of the Statutes, as amended, is now in progress. I anticipate it will be ready for distribution, hopefully, by the end of the year.

Long Service Lapel Pins are now authorized to be worn on the left lapel of the Knight Templar uniform. Recognition of Long Service as a Preceptor (25 and 50 years) is now available, upon request of the Registrar to the Grand Chancery. It is in the form of .75" numeral to be worn on the Preceptor's Collar below the Preceptory name.

The Knights Commander of the Temple, at their Annual Meeting, (pictured below), granted R.Em.Kts. James W. Gerrard and Ernest Moyle "Emeritus Status."

In attendance (left to right) R.Em.Knights Jean-Marc Laprise, T. Roy Binns, Earl C. MacDonald, Harris Pipes, Gerald A. Riley, W. Bruce Miller, David W. Hickman, Allen G. Smuck, M.Em.Kt. Thomas G. Janes, GCT, and behind the camera, R.Em.Kt. David G. Walker and also R.Em.Kt. James A. Hall, who skipped breakfast.





June 11th, 2011, Montreal
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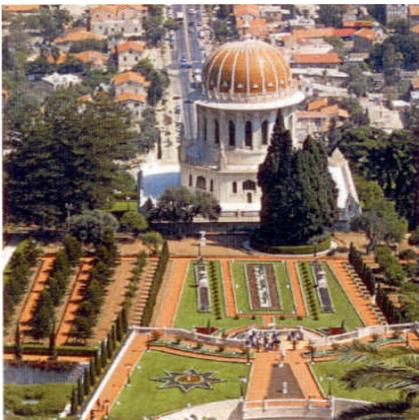
M.Em.Kt. Thomas G. Janes invites you to join with him and Ivamae for this 10 day tour of the Holy Land. He is looking for a group of at least 30 people to make it viable.

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