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**Musings of our Supreme Grand Master**

It is with great interest that I read all Preceptory summons during the year and see so many new Companions joining our Christian Order. Most Preceptories are becoming much more proactive in spreading the word about our Order and trying everything to bring their Preceptory's work to a higher level by improving not only the opening and closing floor work but also the excellence in which they portray the Orders. I would still like to see more Preceptories having Open houses in promoting our Order.

Most Preceptories have an interesting Preceptor's message or some interesting trivia about our ancient landmarks. These make the summons much more interesting and I would encourage all Preceptories that do not do this to make an effort to improve this area of the summons. The expansion of Preceptories using email for their summons is good to see as this saves substantially on postage costs and speed of delivery. I would again encourage all Preceptories using the two month format for summons to send a quick reminder to members just before each meeting. I know that the faithful attenders probably don't need this but it may help to get some of the 'less' faithful to attend.

The Annual Assembly this year is going to be in Dartmouth, NS ( next door to Halifax) on August 19 to 21, 2011 and I would encourage as many as possible to attend. A great deal of important business will be discussed, including a complete overhaul of the Statutes. The Sir Knights of Antiquity Preceptory No.5 and the Sir Knights of Nova Scotia have planned a little different and interesting program, that I am sure, all Sir Knights will enjoy.

If the Great Priory or its Officers can assist in any way please do not hesitate to call on them. May our Great Captain guide you in all your endeavours.

**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.**

**From the GRAND CHANCELLOR**

Greetings from the Chancery. The learning curve related to the duties of this office is pretty steep. My admiration for our Grand Chancellor, Emeritus, R.Em.Kt. Edward W. Elcombe, KCT, keeps growing. Progress continues apace and I thank our dedicated Registrars for their assistance and patience.

Preparations for the 128th Annual Assembly are well under way. It is time for you to make your plans to attend and to send your Registrations to R.Em.Kt. Fred Donaldson, Registration Chairman. Please do not wait until the last minute. All Officers, elected and appointed and the Knight Commanders of the Temple are required to attend. Presiding Preceptors and Registrars, in particular, are expected to attend if at all possible. All Sir Knights and ladies are welcome.

The diligent work of the Statutes Revision Committee is now in your hands as a series of Notices of Motions (10 pages). To facilitate the timely processing of these at the 128th Assembly, it is important that all study them carefully. Many may require no discussion allowing ample time for those that may.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

**R.Em.Kt. David G. Walker, K.C.T**

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## **From the GRAND CHAPLAIN**

### **Knight Templar Chivalry**

On the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada web site we have an article titled "Christian Chivalry and Freemasonry". It starts by saying: "Rarely does one connect Chivalry with Freemasonry, yet there is one branch of the Fraternity which places great emphasis on Christian Chivalry and those virtues that go to make up a chivalric character. That Order is known as Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar." There is no definitive list of Knight Templar virtues. However, on our web site, we also have a very interesting article titled: "This Is My Cross and This Is My Sword" by Rt. Em. Kt. W. Bruce Miller. In this paper, it is stated that: "As modern Masonic Knights Templar we practice the virtues of: Faith, Courage, Temperance, Prudence, Generosity and Courtesy. The Order of Masonic Knights Templar embraces those ideals, which have made human liberty the watchword of the ages. It impresses upon every Knight his responsibility, not only as a man and Mason, but also as a citizen and member of society." Sir Knights, each of these virtues is important in itself, and every one of these virtues is an admirable quality, but when a frater puts all of them in practice, we discover the value, and power, of chivalry today.

The purpose for which our Order was founded is to promote Knight Templar Chivalry in our day to day lives. If we live as Templar Chivalry teaches, we are an asset in any community. How we demonstrate Masonic Knight Templar principles and virtues in our daily lives is important. How we live outside our Preceptories is as important as what we do inside. As Knights Templar, we are there to improve our world. As modern-day knights we should strive to keep the virtues of Charity (or Generosity), Faith, Courage, Temperance, Prudence and

Courtesy alive and try to apply them every day.

### **Easter**

We will shortly be celebrating Easter to commemorate the resurrection of our Lord and Great Captain of our Salvation. For Christians in general and Knight Templars in particular, Easter is very important and I hope most of you will have the opportunity to attend an Easter Observance ceremony.

At each opening and closing of our Preceptory Assemblies we say those words: "Christ our Prophet, Christ our Priest and Christ our King". As priest, Jesus accomplished what the priesthood in ancient Israel could not do (Heb. 8:6); he offered his own body and blood as an eternal sacrifice for sin (10:10); and he intercedes with God on our behalf (Rom. 8:34). Central to the biblical concept of Christ's work as priest is his role as high priest and mediator of our salvation. On Good Friday, remember this and take a few minutes to thank Jesus for what he did for us.

Good Friday, day of darkness and death, comes to everyone. So does Holy Saturday, that day of emptiness and sorrow. On such days it's hard to believe. But Easter Sunday, day of life and joy, will come surely as the dawn. Death, the last enemy, has been overcome.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope of eternal life, a hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair. May the Great Captain of our Salvation bless us in all our undertakings!

Yours in the Bonds of Christ,  
R.Em.Kt. Rev. Dr. Willard Dionne, Grand Chaplain

### **FILING DATES**

Must be in the Chancery on or before:

**May 15th. NOMINATIONS**

For Provincial Grand Prior

For Election to Grand Council

For District Grand Standard Bearers

**July 1st. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Please file your Committee's Report, in "electronic form" if possible, for publication in preliminary Proceedings

## **128th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY August 19th to 21st, 2011 Dartmouth, Nova Scotia**

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**Reservations must be made before July 22**