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Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

My Dear Brother Knights

As I write this message, it hardly seems like my two year term is coming to a close. What a tremendous two years of change and progress we have made. Our Grand Chancellor has been able to get most of the forms used by Preceptories into electronic format, completed all Proceedings, coordinated the revision of the Statutes and had them published and a whole lot more that we will benefit from for years to come.

One of the projects that started out as a small way to increase interest in our Order was to get new swords at a very reasonable cost. We initially thought that if we sold 100 to 150, the project would be a success. To date we have sold over 430 and still have a limited supply left.

We have issued the last of our former Order of Merit Jewels, which displayed the original Seal, and have contracted to produce a new jewel displaying our new Coat of Arms which will be presented this August to any Sir Knights approved for this award.

I am also pleased to report that all Preceptories have filed their Annual Returns (although some have a small amount of information missing) as compared to this time last year when a fair number were still among the missing. Although this is a significant improvement a number were still received late



(after January 31st.) .

Throughout all my travels, on behalf of Sovereign Great Priory, across Canada and Internationally, Ivamae and I have always been received with the most cordial and friendly reception and I would again say a heartfelt thank you to all who made our travels so enjoyable.

On April 28, I will be travelling to Vancouver to complete the Amalgamation of Jordan Preceptory No. 76 and Columbia Preceptory No. 34. Everyone in the area should try to attend as this is a most interesting and meaningful ceremony. The newly Amalgamated Preceptory will proudly carry forward the Columbia No. 34 Banner into the future. As part of this reorganization of the Preceptories in the Vancouver area, it is sad to say that Westminster Preceptory No. 56 went into darkness. It is good to note that all members of Westminster were transferred to either Columbia or Mount Slesse Preceptory in the area.

In closing, I would again say thank you for allowing me to be the Supreme Grand Master for this past two years. It has been a wonderful experience to serve you and to further the interests of Knights Templar. It could only have been done with your assistance and with the guidance of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

From the Statutes 2011

LONG SERVICE PINS

4.4.1:- A lapel pin shall be presented by Great Priory to a Knight who has fifty years membership in the Order. Such award shall be made in accordance with regulations approved by Great Priory. **see R6.11.2**

4.5.1:- A numeral pin, ½" in height, bearing a scroll with the word "YEARS" to be attached to the Preceptor's collaret, shall be presented by Great Priory to a Preceptor who has twenty-five or fifty years service as a Preceptor in the Order. Such award shall be made in accordance with regulations approved by Great Priory.

4.6.1:- A lapel pin may be presented by the Preceptory to a member with twenty-five years of service. It shall be the responsibility of the Preceptory to verify the length of service. Such award shall be made in accordance with regulations approved by Great Priory. **see R6.11.2**

4.6.2:- The Twenty-five Year lapel pin shall only be purchased by the Registrar of the Preceptory.

R6.11.2:- Every Sir Knight, may wear on the right lapel of his uniform, a Sovereign Great Priory, long service lapel pin, to which he is entitled.



From the GRAND CHANCELLOR

Greetings from the Chancery.

Preparations for the 129th Annual Assembly are well under way. It is now time for you to make your plans to attend and to send your Registrations to R.Em.Kt. David P. Hardie. Please do not wait until the last minute.

All Officers, elected and appointed and the Knights Commander of the Temple are required to attend. Presiding Preceptors and Registrars, in particular, are encouraged to attend if at all possible. All Sir Knights and ladies are most welcome. Don't forget the Airline Discount Codes published in the Winter Dispatches.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

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

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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.

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

129th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

August 24th to 26th, 2012

Toronto Airport Hilton Hotel

Mississauga, Ontario

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Reservations must be made before July 28