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**Musings of our Supreme Grand Master**

The Fall was a very busy time as Ivamae and I travelled to the East Coast during September and October. We were treated to some typical East Coast weather but the friendliness of the Sir Knights and their Ladies was outstanding. It was Ivamae's hope that we would see a moose somewhere in our travels but that was not to be. We did see however see a magnificent Caribou that showed no fear of cars or people and seemed to pose for pictures. After we returned to Ontario we made a number of visits around the Province and the weather cooperated right through to the last visit. I would mention that the televised Christmas Observance in Peterborough was very successful with over 160 in attendance. A copy of the CD is available to any Preceptory.

As is the case across Canada some Preceptories are seeing some candidates while others are not. Those that are seeing candidates are usually very active in promoting the Order in the local Chapters and Lodges and have a program to do good work in the Orders. The best way to impress a new member is to do the work without the aid of books and to do the openings and closing by memory. By doing the work in this way we also encourage all members to come out and perhaps assist in the Orders.

I have been encouraging all Preceptories across Canada to have open houses. These should be in the Preceptory Chapel and in full uniform including caps and mantles and make them open not only to all Masons and their families, but to the public. This is a great opportunity to showcase our Christian Order and Masonry in general. If you receive one candidate from this, the day was a success. If you encourage one man to become a Mason, that is also a major success.

I trust that many of you have visited our website and can see the many updates and information available. If you see any omissions or corrections, please communicate them to our Grand Chancellor.

Our Grand Chancellor has been busy updating and making more information and forms available in electronic format and this process will continue for many more months. Please remember that the Grand Chancellor's office is normally open Monday to Friday and from 9:00AM to 4:00PM Eastern Standard (or Daylight) Time. Email can be sent anytime but will not be replied to on Weekends. The change over from the former physical office to the new virtual office appears to be working well and will eventually be very cost effective. To the Grand Chancellor many thanks for all the work and effort you are putting into this new venture.

If you wish to submit an article for this publication please forward it to the Grand Chancellor in electronic form in Word or PDF format. The deadline for publication is August 15 for the Fall, December 15 for the Winter and March 15 for the Spring/Summer issues.

REGISTRARS AND PRECEPTORS

If you publish your Summons on a bi-monthly basis and you are sending some or most of these summonses by email, consider a quick email a couple days before each meeting as a reminder to your members. We would also suggest that a telephone committee be established for those members not on email in your local area to be reminded of your meetings. Some of us are getting a little older and sometimes we might forget about a meeting and a gentle reminder would be appreciated.

KNIGHT COMMANDER of the TEMPLE

On March 17th, 1873, at the formation of the Convent General, embracing the Templar governing bodies of England, Scotland & Ireland, H.R.H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, Most Eminent, the Supreme Grand Master, on his Installation, announced that Her Majesty, Queen Victoria had consented to become Patron of the Order. He also announced the institution of honorary ranks within the Order, namely Grand Crosses of the Temple and Knight Commanders of the Temple. The Grand Prior of the Dominion of Canada, W.J.B. MacLeod Moore was one of the first twenty-one upon whom the distinction of Grand Cross of the Temple was conferred.

The particular statute, introduced, relating to these Honours reads in part, "Honourary Past Rank is abolished, substituting the chivalric dignities of "Grand Crosses" and "Commanders" limited in number and confined to Preceptors."

In 1881, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, authorized the Great Prior for the Dominion of Canada to nominate a limited number of Canadian Fraters to receive these honorary decorations. Most Eminent Knight W.J.B. MacLeod Moore, G.C.T., announced that he had received patents from England for: Grand Cross of the Order of the Temple, R.Em.Frater William R. Simpson, Montreal, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and Past Great Sub-Prior of Canada; and for Knights Commander of the Order of the Temple, R. Em. Fraters: Issac Henry Stearns, Montreal, Past Grand Z of the Grand Chapter, and Provincial Prior of Quebec; Hon. Robert Marshall, St. John, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and Provincial Prior of New Brunswick; James Moffat, London, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada and Past Grand Vice-Chancellor of the Great Priory of Canada; Charles Davis MacDonald, Peterborough, Past Grand Z, Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Grand Commander for Ontario and Quebec; and Lawrence H. Henderson, Belleville, Past Grand Z, Grand Chapter of Canada, and Past Grand Chancellor of the former Grand Priory. In 1883, 2 more G.C.T.s and 4 more K.C.T.s were created by the Prince of Wales. It wasn't until 1946 that the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada first conferred these Honours on distinguished Canadian Knights when 1 G.C.T and 3 K.C.T.s were created.

Today, the Statutes of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Part IV, and Appendix "A" set out the regulations governing these honorary decorations today. "Article 53.2(a):- The number of Knight Commanders of the Temple shall not at any time exceed thirty-six (36). And (b):- Such honours shall be



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 yourself.

conferred only on an Eminent Knight of the Order of the Temple in Canada who has rendered distinctive, noteworthy or meritorious service to Freemasonry, its extension, jurisprudence, literature, history, ritual or organization." It is noted that the Grand Crosses and Knight Commanders become members of the Grand Council for life and their attendance at each Annual Assembly is anticipated. On examination of the Statutes, one can easily see and understand that a nomination of an Eminent Knight for this most prestigious honour will have been very seriously considered. A nomination not only reflects on the individual, but also on his Preceptory and District. It is not automatically made just because there may be a vacancy in a District or by some perceived right of rotation or turn. Nominations are not, necessarily, always recommended to the Supreme Grand Master by the College of Honours.

Protocol requires that when a Great Priory Officer is being received by a Preceptory, any Knight Commanders of the Temple present will be introduced after the Provincial Grand Priors and when being spoken of, the full appellation of Knight Commander of the Temple is used. The initials, K.C.T. are only used in print. This latter protocol also applies to a Grand Cross of the Temple, G.C.T. and to members of the Order of Merit, O.M.

References: "The History of the Knights Templars of Canada", by J. Ross Robertson, 1890

"The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Orders of Malta and of the Temple", by Michael Jenkins, 2003

"Statutes 2006" as amended

"Guidelines on Knight Templar Protocol"

128th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
August 19th to 21st, 2011
Darhmouth, Nova Scotia

FILING DATES

Must be in the Chancery on or before:

January 31st ANNUAL RETURNS

February 28th. NOTICES of MOTION

March 31st. NOMINATIONS

For Election to Great Priory Office

For Appointment to Great Priory Office

May 15th. NOMINATIONS

For Provincial Grand Prior

For Election to Grand Council

For District Grand Standard Bearers

From the GRAND CHANCELLOR

It has been a very busy time since August 21st last. The Chancery move was completed on September 30th Many Sovereign Great Priory Forms have been converted to electronic format. The 2009 and 2010 Proceedings have been prepared and will soon be distributed to the Great Priory Officers and Preceptory Registrars. I thank all, especially our faithful Registrars, for their assistance and patience.

Moving forward into the new year, I look forward to receiving all the Annual Returns on time. 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.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order, **R.Em.Kt. David G. Walker, K.C.T**
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Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar, 128th Annual Assembly

Friday, August 19th

7:00 am to 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (included with room rate)	Peppermill
7:30 am to 8:45 am	Supreme Grand Master's Breakfast Advisory Meeting	Peppermill (separate)
8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Registration	Park Centre Foyer
9:00 am to 12:00 am	Preceptory Officers Instruction	Mosher
10:30 am to 12:00 noon	Preceptory Registrars' Instruction	Burnside
9:00 am to 12:00 noon	Provincial Grand Prior's Instruction	Arkley
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Grand Council Meeting	Commodore
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Knight Templar Charitable Foundation AGM	Commodore
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Meet & Greet	Park Centre

Saturday, August 20th

7:00 am to 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (included with room rate)	Peppermill
8:00 am to 8:30 am	SGP Officers and PGP's Rehearsal for Annual Assembly	Park Centre
8:30 am to 10:00 am	Registration	Park Centre Foyer
8:45 am to Noon	Annual Assembly Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	Park Centre
12:00 Noon to 1:15 pm	Men's Luncheon	Commodore
1:15 pm to 4:30 pm	Annual Assembly continues	Park Centre
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	Open Installation of Officers	Park Centre
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Reception	Park Centre Foyer
7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Sovereign Great Priory Banquet	Park Centre

Sunday, August 21st

7:00 am to 9:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (included with room rate)	Peppermill
7:00 am to 9:00 am	KCT and GCT Breakfast	Peppermill (separate)
9:15 am to 11:30 am	Wreath Laying Ceremony and Divine Service	Commodore

LADIES PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 2011

BREAKFAST: (included with room rate)	Peppermill	7:00 am to 9:30 am
HOSPITALITY: tba		9.30 pm to 4.00 pm
MEET and GREET: Commodore		7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011

BREAKFAST: (included with room rate)	Peppermill	7:00 am to 9:30 am
HOSPITALITY: tba		9.30 pm to 4.00 pm
LADIES LUNCHEON tba		12.00 pm to 1.00 pm
LADIES PROGRAM: tba		1.15 pm to 2.45 pm
OPEN INSTALLATION: Park Centre		3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
HOSPITALITY HOUR: Park Centre Foyer		6:00 pm to 6.50 pm
SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY BANQUET: Park Centre		7.00 pm to Close

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

BREAKFAST: (included with room rate)	Peppermill	7:00 am to 9:30 am
Wreath Laying Ceremony & Divine Service: Commodore		9:15 am to 11:30 am

Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada

76th Annual Assembly – August 17 – August 18, 2011

Park Place Hotel & Conference Centre 240 Brownlow Ave, Dartmouth NS

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada

128th Annual Assembly – August 19 – August 21, 2011

Park Place Hotel & Conference Centre 240 Brownlow Ave, Dartmouth NS

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Ladies Name: _____ Email: _____ Tel: _____ Sent: _____ Rec'd: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Attending: YES ___ NO ___ Arriving via: AIR ___ CAR ___ Attending: YES ___ NO ___ Arriving via: AIR ___ CAR ___

Conclave: No.: _____ Rank: _____ Preceptory: No.: _____ Rank: _____

Present Office: _____ Present Office: _____

Registration (ALL EVENTS)
(KNIGHTS COMPANION) \$100.00 includes fees, Wednesday Get Acquainted evening, Men's Luncheon and **Thursday** night banquet.
(LADIES) \$90.00 includes fees, Get Acquainted evening, Ladies Program, Luncheon and **Thursday** night banquet.

Registration (THURSDAY ONLY) \$50.00
(KNIGHTS COMPANION) includes fees and Men's Luncheon
Single Banquet Tickets may be purchased for guests @ \$55.00 each.

Grand Sovereign's Banquet (Thursday) state choice & number of meals
Beef ___ Chicken ___ Fish ___

Food Special Needs Only: _____

Registration (ALL EVENTS)
(SIR KNIGHTS) \$125.00 includes fees, Friday evening Meet & Greet, Men's Luncheon and **Saturday** night banquet
(LADIES) \$95.00 includes all fees, Friday evening Meet & Greet, Ladies Luncheon, Program and **Saturday** night banquet.

Registration (SATURDAY ONLY) \$50.00
(SIR KNIGHTS) includes fees and Men's Luncheon
Single Banquet Tickets may be purchased for guests @ \$55.00 each.

Grand Master's Banquet (Saturday) state choice & number of meals
Beef ___ Chicken ___ Fish ___

Food Special Needs Only: _____

Please make cheque (No Post dated cheques please) payable to: "GIC / SGP Annual Assembly 2011"

Hotel reservations must be made through the Host Committee. A deposit of one night or Credit Card Guarantee is required.

Send forms to: Fred Donaldson, 36 Pinehill Road, Dartmouth NS B3A 2G2 (902) 463-7535 Email: fdonaldson@accesswave.ca

Hotel Reservation below ___ or included with, (Name): _____ or I will not be staying in the Hotel (Signature): _____
Please complete the form below. Room Rates \$125.00, plus applicable taxes per night, single or double occupancy, includes breakfast and free parking.

Deposit \$ _____ Credit Card: Visa ___ Amex ___ MasterCard ___ Other ___

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Room Type: 1 King Bed ___ 2 Queen Beds ___ Suite ___ \$50 extra, plus applicable taxes per night for Suite

Hotel Special Needs Only! (if applicable): _____