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Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

Greetings Brother Knights

The visit to Quebec in April was very eventful. I had the pleasure of attending the Quebec District meeting held at Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory No. 7 on the 24th to mark their 150th Anniversary. This was followed by the Grand Executive meeting held at the Chateau Vaudreuil, QC. on the 25th. The meeting was well attended and the business conducted with dispatch. This venue is outstanding with exceptional accommodation thanks to the owner, Bro. Benito Migliorati a proud mason and a wonderful host.

On the 26th I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Chapter of RAM of Quebec in Montreal, where I was warmly received and honoured with a proclamation as a Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Quebec. I feel very humble in accepting this honour for which I am very proud and hold in high esteem.

On the 27th we attended a memorial service at the gravesite of W.J.B. McLeod, Moore, GCT, accompanied by an impressive number of Brother Knights in spite of cool weather conditions. The Service was primarily conducted by R.Em.Kt. John Moor, and was well done. The Grand Chancellor and M.Em.Kt. Tom Janes, GCT, immediate Past Supreme Grand Master accompanied me during my four days in Quebec, and contributed considerably to the overall success of this tour.

On the evening of the 27th,

Anita and I flew to Edinburgh Scotland as guests of the Great Priory of Scotland, for the enthronement of the Grand Master, M.Em.Kt. and Reverend Grand Master, James R. Hodge. The ceremony was truly outstanding and I was warmly received along with twelve other visiting countries. Anita & I were also recognized and made welcome at the banquet following the ceremony. We extended our visit to include a visit to Rosslyn Chapel, the City of Glasgow and many other interesting places, before returning home.

On May 23rd I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Council R&SM of Eastern Canada at Cornerbrook, NFLD, followed by the Grand Chapter RAM of Newfoundland and Labrador. Both events were very efficiently conducted and well attended. I



was warmly received in both and received the distinct honour of being made an honorary member of the Grand Chapter RAM, of Newfoundland and Labrador, for which I feel very humble, and proud. The warm and generous hospitality for which our Newfoundland Sir Knights are well known, was evident and greatly appreciated. My final visits were to St. John DeMolay No. 3A, St. John, NB and to Antiquity Preceptory No. 5, Dartmouth, NS where I was again warmly received and made welcome, before returning home .

The medical trials and tribulations of R.Em.Kt. Willard Dionne, KCT, Deputy Grand Master which have made it necessary for him to terminate his succession to the office of Supreme Grand Master, are both sad and unfortunate for one who holds such promise and high esteem. However, true to his character, he has accepted his fate with dignity and resolve. I'm certain that I speak for all of his Brother Knights in wishing him every success possible, in this unfortunate situation. We hope he will take comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with him, his wife Suzanne and his family. It is of great satisfaction that a new Regulation (A3.2) was approved at our Assembly allowing for a Deputy Grand Master to retain the rank of K.C.T. when he is unable to progress to the Office of Supreme Grand Master for due and just cause. Accordingly, R.Em.Kt. Dionne retains the Rank of KCT.

On August 01, Anita and I were guests of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Denver, Colorado, where we witnessed the installation of our own Grand Chancellor, R. Em. Kt. David G. Walker into the office of Governor General , a proud moment for our distinguished Knight as well as for our group of Canadian Companion Knights present.

The 131st Annual Assembly on August 16th in Toronto, was very successful due to the diligent efforts of the Officers and members present, to whom I am very grateful. Special Thanks to M.Em.Kt. Tom Janes GCT, for serving as Acting Deputy Grand Master, chairing the Grand Council Meeting on Friday afternoon and filling the Deputy Grand Master's chair during the Assembly. One key element was the election of our new Deputy Grand Master, R.Em.Kt. Gerald A. Riley, K.C.T. who will serve one year in that office rather than the traditional two years before progressing to the office of Supreme Grand Master.

Our General Chairman, R.Em.Kt. David Hardie, and his Committee are to be congratulated on a superb job of making our 131st Annual Assembly an

enjoyable one once again.

As you are now aware my term of office will continue for another year. The Deputy Grand Master, R.Em.Kt. Gerald A. Riley, KCT, will succeed me in the ordinary course of events in August, 2015. At the 132nd Annual Assembly we will once again elect a Deputy Grand Master. I encourage all eligible Sir Knights to carefully consider putting your names forward for election to that office. I have had the good fortune to meet many potential candidates across Canada with proven Leadership qualities who I am confident would do justice to that important office.

Anita and I travelled to Vancouver Island in September as guests of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC/Yukon, and made an official visit of Westgate Preceptory No. 30, Victoria, BC.

Most Eminent Knight G. E. (Gerry) Tetzloff, GCT

Statute R6.10.1:- All other Knights may wear the Red Cross of the Order, viz: a Greek cross (PATEE) spread out at the extremities, worn on the left breast attached to the ribbon of the order.

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132nd ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

August 21st to 23rd, 2015

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Supreme Grand Master's Annual Banquet
131st Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory



**R.Em.Kt. Gerald Arthur Riley, KCT
Deputy Grand Master
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada**



Our Deputy Grand Master was born at Manchester, England on August 22, 1933. He attended Grammar school in Audenshaw, leaving to join the Royal Navy in February of 1949. In March 1953 he transferred to the Royal Canadian Navy - retiring in April 1974. In November 1975 he joined the Naval Reserve division HMCS Scotian - finally retiring in 1988 with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. From October 1973 until December 1997 he

was employed as an Insurance Broker with final retirement from the working world occurring in February 1998. He is Past Vice-President of White Ensign Legion No. 129. A volunteer under the aegis of the VON and formerly delivered meals on wheels and visits to shut-ins. He is the Past President of the "Broom and Gavel" curling association. Gerald is married to the former Eileen Connor who has two children and two grandchildren. He has two children from his wife (deceased) Ruth Mills and two grandchildren. His hobbies include golf, reading and travel.

Brother Gerald Riley was Raised in White Ensign Lodge No. 129 in 1971, serving as Worshipful Master 1974 and made an Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in 2005. In 1974 he was Exalted in Royal Union Chapter No.1 and served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia in 1986. Greeted in Adoniram Council No. 10 in 1978, he served the office of Thrice Illustrious Master in 1986 and as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Eastern Jurisdiction 1995. R.Em.Kt. Riley was Consecrated a Knight Templar in Antiquity Preceptory No. 5, Halifax in 1975, Presiding Preceptor in 1986, Provincial Grand Prior in 2000, dubbed Knight Commander of the Temple in Vancouver in 2006 and elected Deputy Grand Master at the 131st Annual Assembly 2014.

Our Deputy Grand Master is a member, active participant and leader in the Red Cross of Constantine (Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign 2002); Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (Past Grand VII Pillar 2012); York Rite Sovereign College of North America (R.Em. Distinguished Past Grand Governor of Nova Scotia, 2004) and Knights of the York Cross of Honour (Personal Representative of the Grand Master General 2006 to the present).



Statute R9.11.1:- The official ring shall be gold-coloured bearing a Red Cross patee on a white field and letters **V.D.S.A.** following the design and specifications approved by Great Priory.

You have now permission to wear a replica of this ring of the Order and let it ever be a sign of your faith, and a symbol of your perpetual union with our Religious and Military Order.

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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 your-self.

FILING DATES

Must be in the Chancery on or before:

**January 31st ANNUAL RETURNS
REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORTS PARTS 1 & 2**

**Following the Installation of Officers
RETURN of OFFICERS
RETURN of PRECEPTORS**

**April 3rd NOMINATIONS
for SGP Elected or Appointed Office
excepting Grand Council and PGP's**

**May 15th NOMINATIONS
Provincial Grand Priors — Grand Council
District Grand Standard Bearers
Order of Merit — KCT**