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Knights Templar Charitable Foundation of Canada

From the Statutes

8.1.1:- The charitable activities of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, including the Charles E. Wells Memorial Fund, are entrusted to the Knights Templar Charitable Foundation of Canada.

8.1.2:- The Knights Templar Charitable Foundation is a registered and incorporated charity dedicated to promote, encourage and carry on Charitable work within Canada including the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and to gift funds to other Registered Charities under the Income Tax Act:.

8.1.3:- The object of the Charles E. Wells Memorial Fund is to grant assistance to youth organizations in Canada.

8.2.1:- The membership in the Corporation shall be limited to those who, from time to time, are members on the register of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Knights Templar

Results

As was reported at the 2013 AGM held in Edmonton the KTCF assumed the assets and administration of the CEWMF. It was also noted that the CEWMF is functioning smoothly under the direction of the Committee appointed by the Supreme Grand Master for that purpose.

Last operation year (ending December 31, 2013) donations of \$ 9,363 were received year. \$ 21,300 of investment earnings were dispensed for charitable purposes. The distribution was as follows:

\$ 800 for Distressed Persons
 \$ 5,000 for Diabetes Research
 \$1,000 for Kidney Research
 \$1.000 to the Canadian Research for the Haitan Dis-

aster Fund

\$13,500 Bursaries to Canadian Christian Divinity Students (9 bursaries at \$1,500 each)

Distribution of Annual Bursaries by Province:

New Brunswick - 1; Nova Scotia - 4; Ontario - 4

This year (ending December 31, 2014) donations of \$ 4,670 were received. \$ 24,800 of investment earnings were dispensed for charitable purposes. The distribution was as follows:

\$ 800 for Distressed Persons

\$ 5,000 for Diabetes Research

\$1,000 for Kidney Research

\$18,000 Bursaries to Canadian Christian Divinity Students (12 bursaries at \$ 1,500each)

Distribution of Annual Bursaries by Province:

British Columbia - 2; Nova Scotia - 5; Ontario - 5

From Inception in 2002 the KTCF has disbursed:

\$ 92,065 for distressed Persons

\$ 45,000 for Diabetes Research

\$ 5,000 for Kidney Research

\$ 8,430 for Other

\$ 201,500 Bursaries to Canadian Christian Divinity Students

Stats for the CEWMF

Donations received from individuals and Preceptories totaled \$1,925. There were two request for Assistance and both were given the max of \$1,000

Manitoba #9 RCACS

Saskatchewan Masonic Youth Leadership Camp

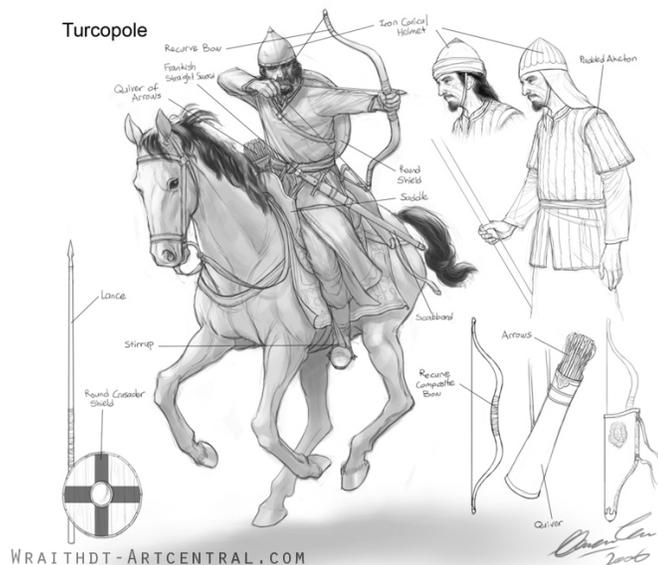
From Inception in 1983 the CEWMF has disbursed a total of \$92,758 in support of Canadian Youth.

As a Christian Mason, be proud of our charitable works and continue to support our Foundation.

TURCOPOLIER

In a Priory of Malta, there is an eight sided table in the West. Seated at which are the Grand Officers of the eight langues or branches of the Order assembled in Council. Their titles are: the Marshal, Hospitaller, Admiral, Conservator, Bailiff, Turcopolier, Chancellor and Treasurer each drawn from one of the eight branches and in charge of the various activities of the Order. From these titles it is fairly easy to deduce the activities they were in charge of with the possible exception of the "Turcopolier."

Turcoples or Turcoples, were archers mounted on Arabian horses, equipped and dressed in Turkish. In French, the word appears in the twelfth century .



It has been argued that, while turcoples certainly included light cavalry and mounted archers, the term was a general one also applicable to indigenous Syrian footmen serving as feudal levies in the Kingdom of Jerusalem. The turcoples employed by the crusader states were not necessarily Turkish or mixed-race mercenaries, but many were probably recruited from Christianized Seljuqs, or from Syrian Eastern Orthodox Christians under crusader rule. In the Holy Land, turcoples were more lightly armoured than the knights and sergeants (mounted men

at arms), being armed with lances and bows to help combat the more mobile Muslim forces. The turcoples served as light cavalry providing skirmishers, scouts, and mounted archers, and sometimes rode as a second line in a charge, to back up the Frankish knights and sergeants. Turcoples had lighter and faster horses than the western mounted troops and wore much lighter armour. Usually this comprised only a quilted *aketon* or jerkin and a conical steel helmet.

TURCOPOLIERS and attendants

The turcoples had their own leaders called Turcopoliers who outranked ordinary sergeants, at least in battle. The senior officeholders of the Knights Templar included a turcopolier who commanded both the mercenary cavalry recruited by the Order in the East and the sergeant-brothers. The personal attendants of the Grand Master of the Temple included a turcopole - possibly as an interpreter or orderly. Francesco Balbi (1568) reports that the leader of the English 'Langue' of the Knights of St John was the order's Turcopolier

As a modern survival, there is always an appointed Turcopolier in a present-day priory of the Masonic Knights of Malta.

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 PGPs**

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

On the 13th of December 2014, **Mount Zion Preceptory** Celebrated their Annual Christmas Observance and shared a family style Christmas Dinner. One of the guests present for this event was Mrs. Cherry Workman, a fourth year Divinity Student at AST who the Fraters of Mount Zion sponsored for assistance. Pictured right, is the presentation of a Bursary from the Knights Templar Charitable Foundation of Canada by the Presiding Preceptor, Em.Kt. James M MacKenzie. Mrs. Workman later participated in our Divine Service.



On January 2nd, Mr Phillip Gearing, a third year Divinity student at Wycliffe College, U of T, was presented a Knight Templar Charitable Foundation Bursary by **Mount Calvary Preceptory** No. 12, Barrie. Seen here, left to right are R.Em.Kt. David P. Hardie, Philip Gearing, Presiding Preceptor, Em.Kt. John Slessor and Registrar, R.Em. Kt. Keith Robertson .

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.

Mr Ka-Yu (Vincent) Tan being presented his bursary on Sunday 28 Dec 2014 by Em Kt Bruce Allan, Registrar **Western Gate Preceptory** No.30. Vincent is a 2nd year student at the Vancouver School of Theology and when he's home in Victoria he preaches at the Victoria Chinese Presbyterian Church. The presentation was done after the service in the Church hall; many members of the congregation were present as this is when they have their tea and coffee following the service.



Antiquity Preceptory No 5 held their Annual Christmas Observance at the Dartmouth Masonic Temple on the 21st of December 2014, during which time they honoured two Divinity Students attending the Atlantic School of Theology. On behalf on the Knights Templar Charitable Foundation of Canada they presented Bursaries to aid with the cost of their studies to become Ordained Ministers within the Christian Faith. Pictured from left to right are: R.Em.Kt E Carson Jackson, PGP, Mrs Lesley Hamilton, Divinity Student, Em.Kt Eric Yates, Presiding Preceptor Antiquity No 5, Mr Colin Nicolle, Divinity Student, and R.Em.Kt. Gerald A Riley, KCT, DGM. Both Students participated in the Divine Service.



Columbia Preceptory No. 34 presentation of a KTCF Bursary and a second Bursary from their own Columbia Preceptory Centennial Fund to Linda McLaren at the Vancouver School of Theology, U.B.C. Principal officers Alphone Quenneville Presiding Preceptor center, George Heggie Registrar left, Roy Friis Preceptor right. The dual grant came just in time as she had enrolled to do a mission in El Salvador and the money had to be paid that day, we arrived in the morning and her trip was covered that afternoon who says there's not someone looking after us. We at **Columbia Preceptory** No. 34 have supported the VST for a long time and it is an example of Christian Freemasonry at work. Presentation made at St Andrews Hall temporary home of the VST as they construct a new building.

How To Memorize In Four Easy Steps **"By the inch it's a cinch, by the yard it's hard".**

Set aside some time each day for memorizing the part. Night time just before bed is best because your mind will retain the information better if you immediately sleep on it. You need to memorize lines every day. You are in fact training your brain. You will find that by the 3rd or 4th day you will memorize faster and retain the info better!

Find your magic number. Each of us has a "magic number" when it comes to memorizing lines of ritual. The magic number is simply the number of times you need to repeat a phrase in order to retain it in your memory word for word. Your magic number can be 3 or it can be 10, it might even be more than ten but rest assured, you do have a magic number. Our brains are smarter than we are. After all, we are only using about ten percent of our available brain power. You will find the more you systematically use this repetitive process, your brain will adapt to this rhythm and you will be able to memorize quicker and easier.

Break the part down into small phrases. This is the key component. Pick a relatively small part as an example, the "Closing Charge" for instance, which has 163 words. The Charge consists of 11 sentences which for our purposes we need to further break down into 24 phrases.

Repeat, repeat, repeat, repeat First, read the entire part 3 times. Do not attempt to memorize anything. Now read the entire part 5 times while interpreting what the lines really mean. USE A DICTIONARY IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT A WORD MEANS. Once you understand what the line means you will be able to put the proper voice inflection into the line. Start by saying the first phrase as many times as needed to retain it. Remember, this will be your magic number. Once you have found your magic number working on the first phrase, repeat the 2nd phrase that many times. Next add the 1st phrase to the 2nd phrase and repeat them together your magic number of times. When repeating, use appropriate voice inflections and pauses. Say the lines out loud if possible so you can hear how they sound. Simply repeat this process, adding phrases, over and over again until you have the entire part committed to memory. Now repeat the entire part at least 3 times per day over the next 4 weeks again using proper voice inflections every time you say it. Check yourself against the Ritual at least twice a week to make sure you are not dropping or flipping words.

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