



DISPATCHES



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By Issue of the Supreme Grand Master
M. Em. Kt. Clive Stephenson G.C.T.





From the Supreme Grand Master

Sir Knights,

Welcome to the second edition of the 2024-26 Dispatches. I certainly hope you enjoyed the last issue and that you found the articles educational and interesting.

I want to again single out the work of Em. Kt. Alistair Munro of Burleigh Preceptory No. 21/Windsor Preceptory No. 26 and Sir Kt. Preston Meyer of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 and the editors of the newsletter for applying their skills to produce a visually pleasing and informative publication for the membership. They are both to be congratulated for their excellent work.

As your Supreme Grand Master, I have been extremely busy since my last report to you. I have completed a number of Official Visits and represented the Sovereign Great

Priory at a number of events. At all of these visits, one commonality stood out: the warm welcome I received on each. I am indebted to the Preceptories, Knights, and hosting organisations for the hospitality rendered and the welcome I received. I sincerely thank all of you.

Continuing from the visits mentioned in the last edition of the Dispatches, I went on to have extremely enjoyable Official Visits to Harington Preceptory in North Bay on January 20th, to the Kingston-Ottawa District Field Day in Kingston on May 2nd, to Mavar Preceptory in Sudbury on May 22nd, to Godfrey de Bouillion Preceptory in Hamilton on June 6th, to St. John the Almoner Preceptory in Oshawa on September 25th, to Gibson Preceptory in Sault Ste. Marie on October 2nd, to Edmonton Preceptory on October 8th, to Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory in Thornhill on October 23rd, and to the London District Field Day hosted by Windsor Preceptory on November 2nd. Each of these proved to be educational and engaging.



In addition to these Official Visits, I was fortunate enough to be invited to and attend



a number of Masonic events as Supreme Grand Master. These included The Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA Easter Observance in Alexandria, Virginia; the Annual Assembly of the Grand Chapter RAM of Canada in the Province of Ontario from April 24th to 26th, a Pilgrimage to the Grave of MacLeod-Moore in Montreal on June 8th; the Grand Encampment Knight Templar USA Prince Hall Affiliate in St. Louis on June 25th to 27th; and the York Rite College Annual Assembly in Raleigh, North Carolina from August 7th to 9th.

Add to this attendance at several other SGP committee meetings, and you can see that your Supreme Grand Master was rarely home.

Please note the following upcoming events:

A trip to Detroit, Michigan, on December 6th to attend the Annual Inspection of the Detroit Commandery, Grand Encampment, Knight Templar USA. You are cordially invited to attend with me, and you should have received details of the event via your Preceptory Registrar. If not, please contact the Grand Chancellor. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with our brother Knights Templar from the USA, to witness an Order, to tour the Detroit Masonic building, and to build fraternal relationships.

I will be conducting an Official Visit to Mount Calvary Preceptory in Barrie on January 2nd. This will be their Annual Installation of Officers. Visitors are welcome to attend with me.

Official Visits out east to New Brunswick and to the Canadian west coast are in the planning stages, and details will be shared when finalised.

I also hope to attend Grand Chapter and Royal and Select Masters in Ontario in the Spring, and the 100th Anniversary of the Grand Encampment Knight Templar USA Prince Hall Affiliate in June in South Carolina, and the Annual Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College in Iowa in July.

If any Preceptory has an event they would like me to attend, please reach out to the Grand Chancellor, and we can try to accommodate the request.

The 142nd Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory, held in conjunction with the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, was held in Montreal, August 18th to 19th, 2025. The host venue was the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and I thank all who made this a successful event.

As you all know, Sovereign Great Priory meets at the Annual Assembly once per year. Recent developments in the tenure of Sovereign Great Priory Officers, moving from a 1-year to a 2-year term, have resulted in the 'non-election-installation' year being a much smaller event than that at which the Officers are elected and installed. This has given rise to justifiable concerns about attendance at what I will call the 'off-year' and its financial implications.

As such, at the Annual Assembly in Montreal this past August, a Notice of Motion was put forward to hold an In-Person Annual Assembly every 2 years and a virtual Assembly in the intervening years. The Notice of Motion will be dealt with at the Assembly next year. If passed, the next full Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory, following that in 2026, would be in 2028, with a virtual Assembly in 2027. This would not change the desire to hold an assembly

in Nanaimo; it would just be in 2028 rather than 2027. Sir Knights, I bring this to your attention so you are aware of the motion and have time to consider it.

This would be a significant change to how Sovereign Great Priory meets, and it should receive due consideration, remembering that it is the members of Sovereign Great Priory – the delegates at the 2026 Assembly – who will determine the way forward, as it should be, in my humble opinion.

The 143rd Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory is being planned for August 21st and 22nd, 2026, at the Toronto Airport Hilton Hotel in Mississauga. Negotiations with the hotel are almost finalized, and we are looking forward to a great assembly. Details will be coming out soon.

In closing, I want to leave you with a thought: a Preceptory is only as strong as its members; the first thing any knight can do to strengthen his Preceptory is to attend. Your contribution to the welfare of the Preceptory by simply attending a meeting cannot be overstated.

I would again like to recognise the support I have been so lucky to receive from so many of you. It is both humbling and invigorating to have this high level of support, and to know we are all working for the benefit of our beloved Great Priory. Stay safe and keep the faith.

Yours in the Bonds of Our Order

M. Em. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson, G.C.T.
Supreme Grand Master
Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
- Knights Templar



From the Deputy Grand Master

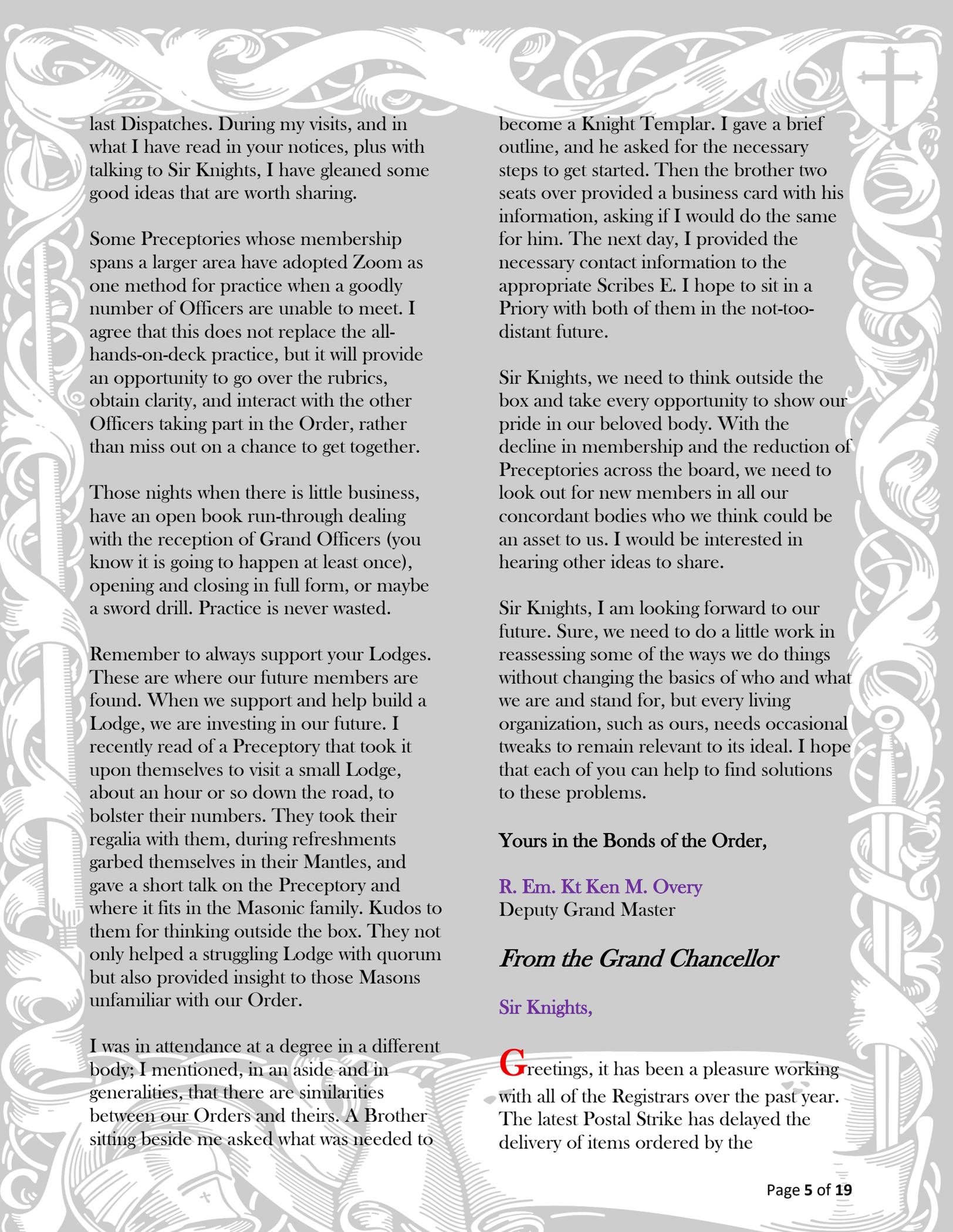
Greetings Sir Knights,

I trust that this message finds you well and ready to head into this upcoming year with renewed vigour, causing your Preceptory to be one admired by the surrounding Masonic bodies.

As this year is coming to a close, I would like to wish everyone and their loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and fruitful upcoming year.

Sir Knights, attendance at your Preceptory cannot be overemphasized. Lack of participation can kill any organization very quickly. Please make it a habit to attend and take it one step further by contacting a Frater who has not been out for a while, for whatever reason, and offering to drive him (them) to a meeting. Endeavor to be the flame to re-ignite that spark that kindled your desire to search us out that very first night.

I would like to continue along with my thoughts expressed in the Spring Dispatches, with regard to the retention of members and possible ways to entice newer members into looking to increase their Masonic Enlightenment by becoming a Knight Templar. I have already discussed ways in which to improve a candidates experience on the night of an Order in the



last Dispatches. During my visits, and in what I have read in your notices, plus with talking to Sir Knights, I have gleaned some good ideas that are worth sharing.

Some Preceptories whose membership spans a larger area have adopted Zoom as one method for practice when a goodly number of Officers are unable to meet. I agree that this does not replace the all-hands-on-deck practice, but it will provide an opportunity to go over the rubrics, obtain clarity, and interact with the other Officers taking part in the Order, rather than miss out on a chance to get together.

Those nights when there is little business, have an open book run-through dealing with the reception of Grand Officers (you know it is going to happen at least once), opening and closing in full form, or maybe a sword drill. Practice is never wasted.

Remember to always support your Lodges. These are where our future members are found. When we support and help build a Lodge, we are investing in our future. I recently read of a Preceptory that took it upon themselves to visit a small Lodge, about an hour or so down the road, to bolster their numbers. They took their regalia with them, during refreshments garbed themselves in their Mantles, and gave a short talk on the Preceptory and where it fits in the Masonic family. Kudos to them for thinking outside the box. They not only helped a struggling Lodge with quorum but also provided insight to those Masons unfamiliar with our Order.

I was in attendance at a degree in a different body; I mentioned, in an aside and in generalities, that there are similarities between our Orders and theirs. A Brother sitting beside me asked what was needed to

become a Knight Templar. I gave a brief outline, and he asked for the necessary steps to get started. Then the brother two seats over provided a business card with his information, asking if I would do the same for him. The next day, I provided the necessary contact information to the appropriate Scribes E. I hope to sit in a Priory with both of them in the not-too-distant future.

Sir Knights, we need to think outside the box and take every opportunity to show our pride in our beloved body. With the decline in membership and the reduction of Preceptories across the board, we need to look out for new members in all our concordant bodies who we think could be an asset to us. I would be interested in hearing other ideas to share.

Sir Knights, I am looking forward to our future. Sure, we need to do a little work in reassessing some of the ways we do things without changing the basics of who and what we are and stand for, but every living organization, such as ours, needs occasional tweaks to remain relevant to its ideal. I hope that each of you can help to find solutions to these problems.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,

R. Em. Kt Ken M. Overy
Deputy Grand Master

From the Grand Chancellor

Sir Knights,

Greetings, it has been a pleasure working with all of the Registrars over the past year. The latest Postal Strike has delayed the delivery of items ordered by the

Preceptories, and hopefully it will be rectified soon.

The Annual Returns for 2024 were slow again this year, and the last Preceptory only filed in October. The filing date for the Annual Returns has not changed; they are due by January 31 each year. Along with the assessments, we require the Return of Preceptors with email and the Return of Officers. With the change in Statutes 1.3.8, a list of all of the Consecrated Knights of the Order will be required.

1.3.8, "Each voting member present at the Annual Assembly must pay the registration fee established by the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada to be entitled to vote. Any member of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada who is registered on the role of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and is a duly Consecrated Knight of the Order of the Temple on or before July 1st of the year of the Assembly is entitled to vote on the affairs of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada (2024)."

The 2026 Annual Assembly will be held on Friday, August 21st, 2026, at the Toronto Airport Hilton. Details of the assembly will be distributed and placed on the website soon.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2026

6.10.1: Every Preceptory, not later than the 31st of January of each year, shall transmit to the Grand Chancellor on the forms provided by Great Priory. Preceptories failing to submit their Returns by that date will be subject to penalties.

1.9.16: Nominations for Grand Council shall be received by the Provincial Grand Prior at a meeting of the to be held not later than April 30th. One nomination only, shall be approved from each District and sent to

the Grand Chancellor on forms provided by Great Priory (available on the website) not later than May 15th.

1.9.19: Nominations for all elective offices except the Grand Council to be received by the Grand Chancellor on or before the First Friday in April (April 10th).

Provincial Grand Priors

2.3.1: The Provincial Grand Prior for the ensuing year shall be elected by a majority vote of all Presiding Preceptors, Preceptors, Constables and Marshalls of the District present and voting at the Annual District Meeting to be called and held by the Provincial Grand Prior not later than April 30th.

REMINDER TO THE REGISTRARS

Summons are to be sent to the following:
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Deputy Grand Master: ken.overly@telus.net
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Yours in the Bond of the Order

R. Em. Kt. Howard F. Adams, KCT
Grand Chancellor





From the Grand Chaplain

Fraters, by now you should have received notice that the Christmas Observance for the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada will take place by Zoom at 4:00 pm EST on Sunday, November 30. On behalf of our Supreme Grand Master and the officers of Sovereign Great Priory, I urge you to attend if you are able. Our Grand Chancellor has sent a poster with the service link to the Registrars of the Preceptories. If you haven't received it, please contact your Preceptory Registrar.

Sunday, November 30, this year, seems to me an appropriate time to have this service, as those churches that use the traditional church calendar mark that Sunday as the First Sunday in Advent. The word Advent (from Latin *adventus*, "coming") means "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." It signals the beginning of four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. During the waiting period of Advent, as in Lent, the forty days prior to Easter, Christians are expected to examine themselves, their conduct, and their relationships with a view to how they align with the pattern of life exemplified by Jesus. Remember that in the earliest days after the death and resurrection, we were known not as Christians but as "followers of the Way".

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6) How do we as Christian Knights live up to His example?

Although our celebration of our Christmas Observance is well before the actual time of Jesus' incarnation, it will remind us of the great gift that God has given us - "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) For the people of the Jewish faith, these words prophesy the coming of a future king like David to restore the greatness of Israel.

For us as Christians, they speak of the Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of God incarnate in Jesus. His purpose is to restore us and all things to right relationship with Him and with each other. While we wait for His coming again to complete that purpose, let us ask ourselves in this very broken world, what are we doing to promote his healing?

I leave you with this exhortation and blessing:

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

God bless you on your journey.

**Rt. Em. Kt. Alan Akehurst, K.C.T.
Grand Chaplain**

Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar

The Detroit Commandery No. 1, seated in the great ritual edifice of the Detroit Masonic Temple in Michigan – **the largest masonic temple in the world**, is a commandery with a tremendous history. It was one of the oldest and largest commanderies in the United States and had an impressive roster of the “who’s who” of the automotive industry and Detroit/Michigan in general.

Origins and Founding: Knights in the Motor City

It was in the mid-19th century that Detroit Commandery No. 1 took its place amongst the ranks of Templar Masonry. The commandery’s story is chronicled in *A Century of Templar Service: The Story of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Detroit, Michigan, 1851-1951*.

From its earliest warrant, the Commandery answered the call of Christian Masonry in a rapidly industrialising city. The Detroit-area Masonic community had already laid foundations long before: the first lodge in Detroit (Zion No. 1) was warranted in 1764, making Detroit Masons among the earliest west of the Allegheny Mountains.

The Commandery’s 1851 origin places it in an age of bold expansion, a time when the industrial north burgeoned and the Fraternity’s virtues of faith, fellowship, and service found new ground. Over subsequent decades, Detroit Commandery No. 1 marched in parades, conducted ritual with dignity, and carved a reputation for Templar fervour. For example, their “grandest pilgrimage” as primary escort to

the Grand Master in the 1895 conclave underscores the prominence this body enjoyed.

Indeed, records preserve a group photograph of the officers of Detroit Commandery No. 1 dated 1892—with full regalia and the proud bearing befitting Sir Knights.



The Temple as Home: A Monument to Fraternal Aspiration

The Detroit Masonic Temple stands as a grand cathedral of Craft ritual and symbol, and within its walls, the Commandery holds its asylum. Beginning with the cornerstone ceremony of 18 September 1922, where the **same trowel once used by President George Washington for the U.S. Capitol** was employed, this temple speaks to continuity, legacy, and aspiration. It would be formally dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, 1926.

The building is vast—some 12 million cubic feet of ritual, banquet, theatre, drill-hall, and lodge rooms. The original drill-hall was massive, consisting essentially of a whole floor dedicated to its use for practicing marching and drills. There were so many members that when they marched the

whole building would “beat” to it’s rhythm. The drill-hall now is used for several events and specifically it houses the competitions for the Detroit Roller Derby.

For the Knights Templar of Detroit, the asylum within this grand temple serves not only as a meeting space but also as an architectural statement. It is no idle metaphor: the gothic limestone façade, the soaring towers, the lavish interiors all reflect the power and influence that Freemasonry once held.



Service, Ceremony & Community: Walking the Templar Path

From parade ground to banquet table, from ritual to community witness, Detroit Commandery No. 1 has walked the Templar path. Early lists of members (the 1928-29 roster is preserved) bear witness to the body’s steady growth and sustained service.

Throughout the 20th century, the Knights Templar of Detroit would march in several parades every year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Memorial Day). Their membership numbered in the thousands, and **during Masonry’s heydays, these parades saw several hundred members**

march - a sight to behold! The synergy of their operations within the magnificent Detroit Temple underscores the dual reality of our Order: the private, solemn works of knightly ritual; together with the public witness of service and fraternity.

The Cross Held High

Detroit Commandery No. 1 stands as a powerful exemplar of what Christian Masonry and specifically Templar Masonry can achieve when purpose, place, and people align. The roar of industry that once engulfed Detroit did not silence the soft echoes of solemn ritual in the asylum; rather, it provided the backdrop against which Sir Knights laboured, marched, and assembled.



May we, hold the Cross as steadfastly, gird our loins with the belt of truth, and stand true to the obligations we have sworn. In that spirit, may the memory of Detroit No. 1’s service spur us to renewed vigour, even as we raise the sword of charity and brotherly love.

If you wish to visit the Detroit Commandery No. 1, please join the Supreme Grand Master as he visits on December 6th at 1 pm at the Detroit Masonic Temple in the Commandery. Make sure to arrive early.

There is parking in the back of the temple accessible by a driveway located at the left of the temple.

Em. Kt. Alistair Munro

**Current Presiding Preceptor
Burleigh No. 21**

The Order of Templar Commander

Last year in Montreal at the Annual Assembly of Sovereign Great Priory, the first ever portrayal of the Order of Templar Commander was delivered with over 50 Preceptors becoming part of the inaugural conferral.

From all reports received, the Order was very well received, and those who took the Order commented that they were most impressed not just with the ritual and presentation, but also with the lessons and spiritual feeling of the entire ceremony.

But what is this Order? Why do we have it? What is its place in Chivalric Masonry?

First, a little history is in order. Many years ago, in Ohio there was an informal gathering of several heads of Masonic bodies and discussion was around those Grand Bodies in York Rite that had “chair degrees” attached to them. The general consensus was that these “chair degrees” not only added to the annual assemblies of those bodies, but were an enticement to member attendance at the annual assemblies.

For those who do not familiar with the term, “Chair degree”, the Order of High Priesthood or the Order of the Silver Trowel are the most well known of these.

The Order of High Priesthood in most jurisdictions is part of the Grand Chapter and the Order of the Silver Trowel is part of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters (Masons). The Orders are open to those who have attained the East in the respective Body (Chapter or Council). In each of these Chair degrees there is an element pertaining to the story of the Body as it pertains to leadership and so the degrees are restricted to those who have been installed as either a High Priest (First Principal) of a Chapter or as a Thrice Illustrious Master of a Council.

Having digressed a little, the historical aspect of the informal gathering in Ohio proposed that we should have similar “Chair degrees” in all bodies of Masonry. From this humble beginning several orders arose, but none having to do with Chivalric Masonry.

Jumping ahead several years and having experienced the devastating blow in membership in the Masonic Bodies, not the least of them Preceptory, we found ourselves with markedly decreased attendance at the annual Assemblies of Sovereign Great Priory. The question arose how might we best attract Preceptors to come to our annual assemblies and have a reason to participate.

Hence the proposal for a Chair Order which would be limited to those who have been installed as a Preceptor. Furthermore, with such an Order being confined to being conferred only at Sovereign Great Priory it would have its parallel to the Order of High Priesthood and Order of the Silver Trowel as seen in Grand Chapters and Grand Councils in other York Rite jurisdictions throughout Canada and elsewhere. A notable exception is in the Province of



Ontario where the Order of High Priesthood has become a separate and autonomous Grand Body. This exception would play an important role in the formulation of a set of by-laws for the Order of Templar Commander.

In 2024, when our present Supreme Grand Master asked for ways we might improve membership and especially attendance at our annual assemblies of Sovereign Great Priory, the concept was put to him and he immediately thought is a wonderful concept. Thus, work began on bringing together various ideals of leadership, chivalric virtues and the position of Presiding Preceptor. Born of this, the Order promulgates the characteristics of humility, obedience and perseverance concepts touched on within the Orders of Sovereign Great Priory as well as the ceremony of installation. Using many of the scriptural lessons from the Gospels, the Order of Templar Commander expand on the virtues and our vows of Trinitarian belief and faith to give the Preceptors of our Order a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Christian Masonic leader and a Chivalric Mason.

Events in the life of our Lord especially around the time of the crucifixion figure prominently in the ritual and emphasize the importance of the title, “poor Soldiers of the Temple” and later “poor soldiers of Jesus Christ” following the dissolution of the Knights Templar in 1307.

To maintain the arms-length connection to Sovereign Great Priory, but at the same time prevent any prospects of the Order breaking away, several points of its by-laws enforce this component. While the fees for the Order are “life membership” set at a very reasonable amount (\$40.00 at present),

those fees are accounted for separate to Sovereign Great Priory. However, all by-laws and subsequent changes must be ratified by Sovereign Great Priory.

Officer ranks of the Order of Templar Commander will be unique in that the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master will become the ruling Lord Commander in and Order between regular members of Sovereign Great priory. The Deputy Grand Master on his election will automatically be deemed as having been elected as the “Guard” in the Order of Templar Commander. Thus, he will progress in the chairs of that Order until at the end of his term as Supreme Grand Master he will be elected as the Lord Commander of the Order of The Templar Commander. In the in-between years of elections of Sovereign Great Priory officers, the position of “Guard” will be an election from among the members of the Order of Templar Commander. The vision there becomes one of having the out-going Supreme Grand Master becoming the Lord Commander and the following year a non-line officer of Sovereign Great Priory being such.

The jewel of the Templar Commander will be allowed as part of the uniform worn in meetings of Preceptories. This jewel is a 5/8 inch diameter pin depicting a knight templar on bended knee with his sword resting on its tip and held in his hand on a background of white. The circumference of the pin will have three colours denoting rank. A white circumference will denote a Preceptor who has the rank of Eminent or Very Knight, the circumference of red denotes a Right Eminent Knight and a purple circumference a Most Eminent Knight.

All past Supreme Grand Masters have been elected as Lord Commanders and as such are entitled to a jewel of that office. The officers of the Order of the Templar Commander will be given a jewel corresponding to their Sovereign Great Priory rank. In the case of a member of the Order who gets elected to the position of Eminent Knight Lieutenant he will be entitled to a red banded jewel. Likewise, when he attains the rank of Lord Commander he will be awarded the 'purple' jewel.

The Order of Templar Commander has much merit and will be an added component to the annual assemblies of Sovereign Great Priory. Hopefully, it will become a highly 'looked-forward-to' part of the proceedings at Sovereign Great Priory.

An application for becoming a member of the Order of Templar Commander can be obtained from the Grand Chancellor or Most Eminent Knight David Hardie, past Supreme Grand Commander and present Lord Commander of the Order of Templar Commander.

Respectfully submitted

David Hardie, GCT, PSGM

Current Lord Commander of the Order of Templar Commander

Sovereign Great Priory Pilgrimage in Honour of Col. MacLeod- Moore

On Sunday, June 8th, 2025 the Supreme Grand Master of The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, M. Em. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson, GCT, joined with Masons for

the Annual Pilgrimage to the grave of Colonel William James Bury MacLeod-Moore in the Mount Royal Cemetery, Montreal, Quebec.

Illustrious Brother David Bennett, 33°, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Canada (AASR) was specially invited to Co-Chair this year's Pilgrimage to the grave of Col. MacLeod-Moore with M. Em. Kt. Clive D. Stephenson, GCT.

The Sir Knights, with the Supreme Grand Master, the members of the AASR with the Sovereign Grand Commander, and the members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec with the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Eric Perlinger, paraded from the cemetery entrance to the memorial site, led by two pipers.



At the service, we all gave thanks for Col. MacLeod-Moore's life, for all his loving kindness throughout his earthly life, and for all that he was able to accomplish. Indeed, Col. MacLeod Moore was instrumental in the establishment of both Sovereign Great Priory and the Supreme Council of the AASR in Canada.



The gathering departed from the grave site, led again by the two pipers.

A lunch followed the event at Moe's Bar & Grill in Montreal. We chose this restaurant a long time ago because it is close to the highway to facilitate the return of the brethren from Ontario by road.

This is an annual event, and we hope to see you next year on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, for the Pilgrimage in Honour of Colonel William James Bury MacLeod-Moore. All Masons are invited.



To see more pictures and videos of the Annual Pilgrimage, please visit the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada website via the following link:

<https://sovereigngreatprioryofcanada.ca/annual-pilgrimage-to-the-grave-of-colonel-bury-macleod-moore-in-montreal-held-on-sunday-june-8th-2025/>

To see more pictures of the lunch that followed the Pilgrimage, please visit the following link:

<https://sovereigngreatprioryofcanada.ca/macleod-moore-2025-macleod-moore-pilgrimage-pictures-restaurant/>.



R. Em. Kt. Randolphe Segla, Chairman, MacLeod- Moore Memorial Committee, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.
R. Em. Kt. Dale Langille, Provincial Grand Prior, District No. 5 Quebec, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.



Our new 2025 Team with Em. Knight Bob Lemmens as the Presiding Preceptor. The highlight of the meeting was the Education on Leadership provided by Sir Knight Dave McDonald.

*Edmonton Perceptory N° 46
Introducing our perceptory in
images, Dec 2024- Oct 2025*

We ended the year 2024 with the installation of the new Officers and the Christmas Observance in December, during which we welcomed representatives from all Masonic bodies in Alberta, including the Easter Star, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay. The job's daughter made a meal for 70 people, and there was nothing left ...



Seven new companions started their Templar Journey by receiving the Red Cross order. (Part 1). We also presented the Certificate of the 2024 Consecrated Knight to the IPP. Em. Knight Michael Ryan.



In March, we concluded the Red Cross (Part 2) order in our newly renovated costumes.

Our Education Corner articles :
A Brief History of Christianity, focusing on the years between 800 and 1500, by Sir Knight Dr. Neville Smith.

In April, our new candidates received the Malta Order.

Our Education Corner:
The masonic York Rite Order of the Red Cross: A Journey of Fidelity.
By: Em.Kt. Bob Lemmens.



We added an Education Corner to our Summons. First Article: A Short History of Christianity up to the year 1099. *(Em Kt. Bob Lemmens).*

SUMMER 2025

We were delighted to present the 60 Year pin and Certificate to two of our members.

Sir Knight Wes van der Lee - 66 YEARS

Born: 1927-06-18 Red Cross: 1959-05-30
Raised: 1959-05-29 Malta Order: 1959-05-30
Exalted: 1963-05-31 Consecrated: 1959-05-30



Sir Knight Richard Collier - 62 YEARS

Born: 1927-11-20 Red Cross: 1963-04-27
Raised: 1960-06-01 Malta Order: 1963-04-27
Exalted: 1961-10-31 Consecrated: 1963-04-27



When visiting Sir Knight Collier at the Home, many curious residents started to gather around us. When we told them that he was a Knight Templar, many took pictures, and the staff and managers of the Home came to congratulate him and will publish his image in the local paper.

His wife told us that he was very excited about my visit and had already been dressed and waiting for a few hours before my arrival. When visiting Sir Knight Wes van der Lee, Knight, Em. Kt. Will Leano (Grand Master of Alberta) and Sir Knight Hakim Fubara, who told a very similar story.

Congratulations to both our fantastic Knights for an outstanding achievement.

Our Seven Novices on the day of their first Temple order.

Education Corner:
The Masonic Order of Malta: A Brief Overview
By *Em. Kt. Bob Lemmens*



The official visit of our Provincial Grand Prior Right Em. Knight ROD PONECH (*Rod loves Cake, and we baked one special for him*)



The visit of the Supreme Grand Master Clive Stephenson GCT



In his closing remarks, he delivered a message of profound meaning—one that reminded us of the sacred duty we bear and the enduring legacy we uphold.

We also welcome our seven Novices to the Second Temple Order and took the "official Picture" of the Perceptors in Full uniform. *Education Corner: The Papal Bulls and the Knights Templar- From Pilgrims to Warriors to Heretics by Em.Kt. Bob Lemmens*



The Fraters of Edmonton Preceptory #46 were honoured with the attendance of our

Supreme Grand Master Clive Stephenson, Grand Cross of the Temple (SGM) to our October 8, 2025 regular meeting.

The time and effort of this visit was clearly understood by all since our SGM lives in Sudbury, Ontario. A four hour drive to the Toronto airport, providing a clear 2 hour security check, plus a 4 hour flight, makes for a long day. Arriving on October 7th, our past Supreme Grand Master Gerry Tetzloff, Grand Cross of the Temple, and wife Anita, hosted our SGM overnight in their residence during this visit.

Our SGM attended our executive meeting at 6 pm, followed by the 6:30 pm banquet held in his honour. A special cake was prepared for the full enjoyment of all present.

The business part of the meeting was deferred pending completion of the Consecration Order for five newly minted Sir Knights. They then joined 30 Sir Knights in attendance for the business

portion of the meeting, wherein our SGM assisted in the presentation of the Preceptor's Certificate to Em. Kt. Michael Ryan.

Our Presiding Preceptor, Bob Lemmens, also gifted an original watercolour mountain view in Jasper National Park on behalf of Edmonton Preceptory to our surprised SGM. This painting was made specifically for our SGM by Sir Knight Sandy Robinson, who lives in Jasper, Alberta.

A 9 am drive on October 9th to the Edmonton airport for a noon flight to Toronto still left our SGM a 4-hour drive back to his home in Sudbury. So a 4 ½ hour meeting in Edmonton requires the dedication of 3 full days. For that, the Fraters of Edmonton Preceptory #46 are extremely grateful.

R. Em. Kt. Terry Gould, K.C.T.

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada Christmas Observance

**Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master
Clive D. Stephenson, GCT**

**Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master
Kenneth M. Overy, KCT**

**Right Eminent Grand Chaplain
Alan Akehurst, KCT**

**SGP Christmas 2025 Zoom Meeting
Sunday, November 30 4:00pm EST**

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