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M.Em.Kt. Thomas G. Janes G.C.T.

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PRECEPTOR 396-4642	EM. Kt. Robert Meyer
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COUNCIL	Presiding Preceptor Constable Marshall Sir Kt. Ray Hiltz Sir Kt. Troy MacCulloch
MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE	Em.Kt. Roy Smith V.Em.Kt. James Mitchell
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REFRESHMENTS	Sir. Kt. Wayne Tutty
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LIFE MEMBERSHIP	V.Em. Kt. Murray Gardner
FINANCE	Council V.Em.Kt. Murray Gardner
TELEPHONE	All Officers

Living Preceptors

1985	Rt.Em.Kt. E.C. MacDonald K.C.T.
1993	V.Em.Kt. R.S. Darroch
1995	Rt.Em.Kt. A.H. Hatfield
1998	Em.Kt. F.R. Smith
1999	V.Em.Kt. M.F. Gardner
2000	Em.Kt. W.H. Gordon
2003	Rt.. . t. or ' ar
2004	V.Em.Kt. S.W. Swan
2005	V.Em.Kt. J.F.D. Mitchell
2006	Em.Kt. A.R. Hubley
2007	V.Em.Kt. J.R. Fraser
2008	Em. Kt. J.H.D. Palmer
2009	Em.Kt.R. Muise
2010	Em.Kt. D.S. Duncan
2011	Em.Kt. T.S. Read
2012	Em.Kt. R. Meyer

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The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
Of the United & Military Orders
Of St. John of Jerusalem,
Palestine, Rhodes & Malta,
And of the Temple

Si, Deus Nobiscum Quis Contra Nos
Meets 1St. Tuesday of each month Except July and August

SIR KNIGHTS;

Your presence and assistance is requested at the next regular assembly of Malta Preceptory, No. 27 to be held at the A.D.E. Tri-Lodge in New Glasgow, N.S. on Tuesday, 07 Feb. 2012 at **7:30 P.M.**

By order of the Presiding Preceptor

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening of Preceptory
2. Reading of Minutes
3. Correspondence and Accounts
4. Receiving Petitions
5. Regrets and Sickness
6. Treasurer report
7. Sunshine Fund
8. Old Business
9. Installation of Officers
10. New Business
11. Lunch Arrangements
12. Kitchen Detail
13. Close Preceptory
14. Lunch and Fellowship

DUES $……..
ARREARS $……..
TOTAL OWING. $……..

Dues

Sir Knights, who are not members of the Life Membership Fund, are asked to review their dues card to see if their dues are paid up to **December 31, 2012** If not please check with the Registrar to obtain the amount owing.

Annual Dues For those not life members is $20.00, payable January 1st. each year.

There are several members who have not paid their dues for 2011. Please check your dues card to verify it's up to date.

Knights Templar Charitable Foundation

Effective January 1, 2012 the Foundation has appointed a new secretary. Please direct all future donations and applications for Bursaries or assistance for Distressed Persons to:

Kenneth Mielkie
D'Marrocco Court
Sarnia, On N7V 0A1
Telephone 519-541-1425
Email kbmilky@xcelco on.ca

Additional information can be found at: **www.knightstemplar.ca**

If you wish to have your notice sent by e-mail please send an e-mail requesting it to-

jimrfraser@eastlink.ca

Sir Knight Robert Meyer, the author of The Pictou County Masons website, has included on his site the current summonses for the local Masonic organizations. The website can be found at: www.pictoumasons.org

TRESTLEBOARD

IN MEMORIUM

Sir Kt. William James Cullen

Affiliated from Antiquity Preceptory No. 5
01 December 1987
Knight Templar: 27 October 1979
Born: 1926
Died: 09 November 2011
Life Member of Malta since: 1988

Em. Kt. Ernest Roland Decker

Order of Red Cross: 06 June 1989
Knight Malta: 01 Aug. 1989
Knight Templar: 03 Oct. 1989
Presiding Preceptor: 2001
Life Member: 1991
Born: 25 Mar. 1929
Died: 21 Jan. 2012

The Presiding Preceptor will be conducting a review of the proper procedure of sword drill, associated with the opening and closing of Preceptory.

Lunch

Sandwiches: Hugh Palmer
Harris MacKenzie

Sweets: Parker Morris
Jim Fraser III

Milk: Murray Gardner

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DISPATCHES FROM HEADQUARTERS

Special points of interest:

> Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

> Supreme Grand Master's Award

> From the Grand Chancellor

> 129th Annual Assembly Airline Discounts

> 129th Annual Assembly Registration Form

Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

Fratres, as I put this edition of Dispatches together, it is with some degree of sadness as another Preceptory has had to close its doors for the last time and two others are amalgamating effective January 1st, 2012. Westminster Preceptory No. 56, which turned 100 years old in August 2011, has decided to close on Nov. 30, 2011. The good news about this closure is that most of the members have transferred to other Preceptories in the area.

Jordan and Columbia Preceptories have decided that for the betterment of our order in the Vancouver area that a single Preceptory would better serve the Fratres. They will stronger and be able to perform the various orders to a much higher calibre and thus attract more new members. We wish them well in this endeavour and look forward to the official amalgamation ceremony in late April, 2012.

I am pleased to report that IvaMae and I have travelled across the Western provinces and visited all of the Preceptories in those provinces. I was pleased to have R.Em.Kt. David Walker, K.C.T., our Grand Chancellor, and his wife Susan travel to many of those visits with us. Thank you for making our visits so great.

The Christmas season is now past and the New Year brings great expectations and challenges to our Fraternity. Let's do all we can to make 2012 an especially memorable year for the Masonic Order in general and the Knights Templar in particular. Practice our ritual so that the opening and closing is done in long form and without the use of the ritual book. It will make the Preceptory look good and make the officers proud of the work that is done.

To attract new members, I would draw your attention to the "3 by 3" program that is in the toolbox and encourage you to use it. If you do not have a copy, please contact the Grand Chancellor.

The swords that we ordered on your behalf have been well received by the Sir Knights and Preceptories. The original order of 150 was quickly sold and another 200 were ordered and they have now all been sold. We have ordered more and they should be in sometime in January. Thank you for the way you have responded to this initiative.

By the time you see this issue of Dispatches, you will have received our revised Statutes 2011 in the new format. I encourage all Preceptors, Registrars and senior officers of all Preceptories to read them carefully. The Grand Chancellor has a good inventory and the price has not changed.

In the Fall 2011 edition of Dispatches, on page 2, at the request of the "Joint Committee on Future Places of Meeting" their suggestion of holding Biennial Assemblies for Sovereign Great Priory was presented for discussion and feedback from the membership. To date, only one response has been received in the Chancery.

Fratres, this is an important question and calls upon all to give it careful and thoughtful consideration. As the costs involved in holding a Grand Assembly and for those attending continue to increase and as our numbers continue to decline, we will eventually be forced to make change. Is the time now? Annually or Biennially? Please provide your input on this matter. We need to know what you think.

SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S AWARD

Most Eminent Knight F. Douglas Draker, G.C.T., Supreme Grand Master 2004 to 2006 introduced the Supreme Grand Master's Award during his term of office.

The following are excerpts which detail this award: Supreme Grand Master's Address 2005 As I stated in my Address last year I have proposed to award any Sir Knight who brings at least five new members, being the first line signer, with new members completing all Orders, a distinctive pocket jewel.

Supreme Grand Master's Address 2006 The "Supreme Grand Master's Award" is developing slowly with one award to be presented. The first recipient is Sir Knight Stuart Crocket of Mount Calvary Preceptory No. 12 in Barrie, Ontario who has brought in six (6) new members to date. There are a number of members getting close to earning this award. Membership is the 'life-blood' of every organization whether it is to seek new members, retain existing membership or the reinstatement of demitted / suspended members, and I ask for your participation. The Membership Committee under the Chairmanship of R.Em.Kt. Dr. Larry Moss has put a package together to assist all Preceptories in the endeavour. As stated in my initial address, I proposed to award to any Sir Knight who brings at least five (5) new members, being the first line signer, with new members completing all Orders, will be awarded this pocket Jewel.

Statute **R6.11.1:-** Every Sir Knight, may wear on his uniform, a pocket jewel of the "Supreme Grand Master's Award" when qualified by being the first line signatory of five new Sir Knights having received the Order of Consecration. Application for jewels to be made by the Preceptory Registrars to the Grand Chancellor, on the prescribed form.

Brother Knights who are "first line sponsors" for 5 or more candidates, who receive all the Orders, are eligible for this beautiful Breast Jewel Award.

Registrars, please supply, to the Grand Chancery, a list of candidates, complete with their date of consecration, since 2005, for whom your members have been "first line sponsors". Those qualified will then be issued this Award.

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SUPREME GRAND MASTER'S 2012 SCHEDULE

Apr 19th SGP Grand Executive Meeting / Apr 19th Official Visit Rosslyn No. 62, Waterloo / Apr 20th & 21st Grand Chapter RAM of Canada, Woodstock / Apr 23rd Official Visit Wm. De la More the Martyr No. 25, Quebec City / Apr 25th 150th Anniversary King Baldwin No. 6, Belleville / Apr 26th Official Visit St. Bernard de Clairveaux, Port Colborne Apr 28th Amalgamation Ceremony of Columbia No. 34 & Jordan No. 76, Vancouver / May 24th -27th Grand Council R&SM of Ontario, St. Catharines / Aug 1st - 4th General Assembly York Rite Sovereign College, Toronto / Aug 10th - 16th Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA, Washington, DC / Aug 22nd & 23rd Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada and Aug 24th -26th Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, Toronto

FILING DATES

Must be in the Chancery by:

January 31st

ANNUAL RETURNS & FEES

Registrar's Annual Reports Parts 1 & 2

February 28th.

NOTICES of MOTION

March 31st

NOMINATIONS

For Elective Office

For Appointmed Office

May 15th

NOMINATIONS

For Provincial Grand Prior

For Election to Grand Council

For District Grand Standard Bearers

PROXY

From the GRAND CHANCELLOR

I was pleased to be able to accompany our Supreme Grand Master on a portion of his Western Official Visit Tour last Fall. Meeting the Fratres in their home Preceptories was most pleasurable. Having the opportunity to meet many hard-working and dedicated Registrars, getting to know them in person and discussing our mutual concerns was invaluable. I hope for both of us. My wife, Susan and I will treasure this experience. The warmth of the Knights and Ladies , their kindnesses and the opportunity to experience the Canadian West from ground level was outstanding. Our Canada has the most impressive and beautiful scenery, everywhere, from coast to coast. Wow!

Moving forward into 2012, I look forward to receiving all the Annual Returns, Fees and various other reports on a more timely basis this year. Our Website is being completely re-newed by our Webmaster, V.Em.Kt. Maurice Hebert, and will soon be live. Check it out. Preparations for the 129th Annual Assembly in Toronto are well under way. It is now time for you to begin making your plans to attend. Please see below the available airline discounts arranged by the Chancery. Please assist the host committee by sending your Registration in as early as possible.

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,
R.Em.Kt. David G. Walker, K.C.T

www.knightstemplar.ca info@grandchancelor.ca

WestJet is offering, the *Sovereign Great Priory 129th Annual Assembly attendees*, a **10%** discount off their best regular fares. Contact the West Jet Convention line at 1-877-952-4696. Agents are available to assist Monday . Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time). These discount rates are available for travel up to 3 days prior and 3 days after our event.

Booking Code Number: CC7182

Air Canada, the Official Canadian Airline, for the *Sovereign Great Priory 129th Annual Assembly* is offering attendees, a **10%** discount off their best regular: *Executive Class Flexible, Latitude or Tango* fares for the travel period August 14th to September 2nd.

****Eligible Tickets.** A ticket is eligible for the discount provided it has been purchased on aircanada.com, and provided the Promotion Code has been applied at time of purchase. Any ticket **not purchased** on aircanada.com for the purposes of travel to an Event will not qualify for any benefits provided by the Meetings and Conventions Product. A ticket purchased on aircanada.com but for which the applicable Promotion Code was not entered or was entered incorrectly will not be eligible for the Discount.

Promotion Code: XCTMU9B1

Porter Airlines is offering, the *Sovereign Great Priory 129th Annual Assembly attendees, a 20%* discount on all fare classes. Porter offers, free in-flight snacks and beverages (including beer and wine). The discounted fares are available for booking from March 1st to August 22nd for the travel period **August 19th – 28th, 2012**. Please book online at www.flyporter.com or call 1- 888-619-8622 using the

Promo Code: *SGPC11.*

Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada
77th Annual Assembly – August 22 – August 23, 2012
Hilton Toronto Airport 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga ON

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada
129th Annual Assembly – August 24 – August 26, 2012
Hilton Toronto Airport 5875 Airport Road, Mississauga ON

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

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

Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

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

Conclave: _____ **No.:** _____ **Rank:** _____

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:*_____

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

Preceptory: _____ **No.:** _____ **Rank:** _____

Present Office: _____

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 2012"
Hotel reservations must be made through the Host Committee. A deposit of one night or Credit Card Guarantee is required.
Send forms to: David Hardie, 328 Brewery Lane, Orillia, ON; L3V 7H6; tel. 705-259-0706: E-mail abbadoc@rogers.com Fax 705-259-1603

Hotel Reservation below __ or included with, (Name):_____ **or I will not be staying in the Hotel (Signature):** _____

Please complete the form below. Room Rates $130.00, 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: Single _____ **Double** _____ **Suite** _____ *extra for suite (Note: Non smoking hotel)*

Hotel Special Needs Only! (if applicable): _____