



The Crusader



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Commander's Comments

This is the first reborn issue of *The Crusader*, which Ruthven Lewis and I have been working on since before Christmas. We hope to have an issue out three times a year, just to keep you informed of happenings within the Commandery that are not covered in the minutes of meetings. It has been a long time getting this off the ground and into print, but hopefully you will find it worthwhile. For those of you who have put out a newsletter, you know how much work is involved. Therefore, we ask that you send any submissions you would like to see in the newsletter. It will be distributed electronically to those who have e-mail, unless you prefer to receive it through Canada Post. Those who do not have e-mail will receive the newsletter through the regular mail.

I wish to thank everyone for their support and assistance at the casino on Monday and Tuesday, July 16 and 17. Particular thanks go to Knight Commander Lorne Campbell for taking on the duties of General Manager, and all his work in arranging for shifts for everyone. It is impossible to name each individual, but some do deserve special mention, such as Will English, who came in from Grande Cache for the two days. Also to those who worked the evening shift in the cash cage who did their shifts until the small hours of the morning and then went to their regular jobs during the day, Chevaliers Graham Peacock and Brian King and Dame Bonnie Felker. I am sure there are also others who went out of their way for us. Thanks to those who acted as counters, coming in late in the evening and staying until the small hours of the morning. I have not forgotten those who worked the day shift or the chip runners. Please do not feel slighted because you weren't mentioned. You all did a wonderful job, and your efforts are appreciated very much. Thank you everyone!

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From H.S.H. Grand Master Devine, KH

In this, my first and highly eventful year as Grand Master of the Order, I have presided over Order investitures in Finland and attended to the inauguration of a Castellany in the United States of America. On both occasions I explained the Order's commitment to serve the less fortunate within our societies and reminded our members and guests that Hospitallers adhere to basic Christian principles.

The most frequently asked question I have had to answer from guests and potential recruits to our ranks, always concerns the Order's relevance in the modern world. I tell them that poverty, homelessness and disease have concerned the members of the Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem since its inception in the Holy Land nearly a millennium ago and these scourges remain with us today even in the wealthiest countries of the world. Ergo, our work to alleviate suffering must continue.

The pre-eminent Christian value, the message of Jesus Christ to treat others as we ourselves would wish to be treated, motivates the members of the Order above all. Protect the weak, yea protect the weak. For the faith and for service to mankind. I have heard the cynic aver on several occasions that God helps those who help themselves. I cannot dispute such argument since

there are those among us who, by their own efforts have succeeded in whatever venture they have undertaken. But, I ask the cynic, what of those who cannot help themselves? Are we to ignore the disabled, the hungry, the homeless, the lost child?

The cynic replies, God does!

As a serving member of this Christian Order I must reply thus. If in this modern world, our society tolerates the scourge of want, then it is mankind's collective shame, not God's.

Each Hospitaller is pledged to live by the tenets of the Order and, if by example and deeds, can persuade others to assist us in our endeavours then the Order is as relevant today as it was when Hospitaller knights tended sick pilgrims on the road to Jerusalem a thousand years ago.

I would welcome the day when we are no longer needed. However, until such a time comes, the Order will continue to serve in the name of Jesus Christ and John the Baptist.

Edmonton Commandery Saint John's Day Celebration June 23, 2007

Good evening Your Highness, Your Excellencies, Members of the Order and honoured guests. It has been quite a year. In the last year, the Order has gone through great changes. We have a new Grand Master. We have had existing members taking on new challenges and a number of new members on Sovereign Council. More importantly, we have new members entering in the Order. This allows us to grow from strength to strength.

The new application procedures are now in place. The procedures have been updated and streamlined to allow the paperwork to flow in a more efficient and effective manner and should more clearly define the process for members. I am confident this new process will assist in the growth of the Order in Calgary. Members there are keen to bring in new members thus new life to the Castellany.

We, as members of this serving Order, also serve and support those within the Order. I encourage all

Order members to give full support to the Castellany and to assist them whenever and wherever possible in their endeavours, whether it is sharing information about the Edmonton Commandery or attending a function in Calgary.

This Commandery leads the entire Order in their charitable disbursements. I understand that two of the organizations you support are represented here this evening. Both organizations strive to assist those most in need. They do so by assisting those in need of shelter, food and clean clothing, and promoting healthy recreational choices and activities and nutrition for inner city children. I applaud the people within these organizations and each of you here on a job well done.

May we as men and women of honour, realize that there are more lasting needs for mankind today than gain for one's selfish desires. There are those, whose needs can be met by kindness, brotherly assistance and consideration, medical and educational help, and Chivalry with Christianity. We must always remember our duty is to serve one another and especially those less fortunate than ourselves.

Speech given by:

H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, DH

Grand Chancellor

Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada

Congratulations Irene von Stackelberg

Congratulations to Dame Irene von Stackelberg on her recent award as Top Volunteer at the Edmonton International Airport. Irene has been working as a volunteer at the airport for the past 15 years. This is the first time this award has been presented.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday/Sunday, 18/19 August, make sandwiches and serve at the Bissell Centre

Tuesday, September 11, 5.30 PM – Dinner Meeting, Faculty Club

Tuesday, October 23, 7.30 PM – Commandery Meeting, West Division Police Station

Saturday, December 1, - Christmas Church Parade, Augustana Lutheran Church and Dinner, Faculty Club, times to be announced

Biography

by Dennis L. Dwyer

Colonel Paul Wynnyk was raised in rural Alberta. In 1981, he joined the 20th Field Regiment, RCA (Militia) prior to his acceptance under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Studying at both Royal Roads Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, he was commissioned in 1986.

Upon completion of military engineer training, Colonel Wynnyk was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment in Lahr, Germany. During this tour, he held a number of command and staff appointments. In 1990, Colonel Wynnyk was selected to attend the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College, after which time he was posted, as Deputy Commanding Officer, to 22 Field Squadron in Gagetown, New Brunswick. In 1992, he deployed to the Far East where he served in the Engineer Brigade Headquarters of both the UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC) and the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC).

Upon his return to Canada and promotion to major in 1993, Colonel Wynnyk was posted to NDHQ and served back-to-back tours as the European operations desk officer in both the Directorate of Military Engineering and J3 Peacekeeping. He was selected to attend the Canadian Forces College in 1996 and, upon graduation and promotion in 1997, assumed command of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Edmonton.

In 1999, Colonel Wynnyk was posted to Land Force Western Area (LFWA) Headquarters in Edmonton. In the ensuing two years, he successively served as the Area G# and Chief of Staff. In the fall of 2001, he returned to Toronto to attend the Advanced Military Studies Course at the Canadian Forces College. Upon graduation, Colonel Wynnyk was assigned to the Mission de l'Organisation des Nations des Unies en République Démocratique du Congo (MONUC) as the Canadian Task force Commander and the mission Chief of Operations.

Following this tour, he was placed on the Advanced Training List to pursue post-graduate studies in Edmonton. From 2004 to 2006, Colonel Wynnyk Commanded 1 Area Support Group, a formation that included LFWA's bases and support units. Colonel Wynnyk is currently attending the National Security Studies Programme at the Canadian Forces College and will be appointed Director General Engineers/Chief Engineer at the National Defense Headquarters in Ottawa effective July 2007.

Colonel Wynnyk holds a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering, a Masters degree in war studies and business administration, and is a registered professional engineer in the province of Alberta.

Charitable Donations

by Clay McAdam

On Saturday, June 23, two cheques were presented at the St. John the Baptist Day Dinner. Special guests at the dinner were Ms. Laura Kozak, who received a cheque on behalf of the George Spady Centre, and Ms. Cadence Konopaki, who was the recipient of a cheque on behalf of ArtStart.

The George Spady Centre provides assistance to people from the Edmonton inner-city who are in need of medical assistance, clean clothing, nourishment, and personal hygiene items. This agency was suggested as a recipient some years ago by the late Chevalier John Taylor.

ArtStart provides programs for inner-city children who are not fortunate enough to be able to afford arts and crafts programs, music, dance, and drama lessons.

The ArtStart program was identified to the Commandery a year ago by a daughter of Grand Master Robert and Grand Commander Christa Devine. The money received will provide for a nutrition program for the children as well as needed items for the various programs. Dame Commander Sandi Munn and Knight Commander Clay McAdam were pleased to be invited to a year end show on June 23 at Edmonton City Hall, featuring some of the children in the programs.

Castellany of Calgary

Report from Richard Babich, CH

In Calgary we are trying to build, rebuild and renew. At this point we are screening and recruiting individuals. We suffered a slight delay as we waited for the new application forms to be sent out. Our intent is to gather a new group of recruits, hold an investiture ceremony and black tie dinner. The aim will be to bring new blood into the organization. This will hopefully entice the inactive members in Calgary to become active. The black tie dinner in Calgary is planned to be for the HOSJ investiture, but also as a fundraiser open to the public so that we may raise funds for our charity and also increase the awareness of the HOSJ. The Charity for Calgary is the MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre).

We are currently working towards a winter investiture.

Castellany of Jefferson City

Report from Chevalier Glen Babich, KH, Castellan

On June 26, 2007, an Open House for prospective members meeting was held in conjunction with CMS QRM (Correctional Medical Services Quarterly Regional Meeting) of health administrators, nurses, nurse practitioners, and doctors. Potential members from the QRM were invited to the meeting and introduced. Open House format with Non-alcoholic refreshments and hors d'oeuvres provided. Several individuals attended the Open house. Twelve of each brochure and twelve information "postcards" were taken by guests. Though guest turnout was low, the Open House was a success with all present enjoying good company and lively discussions. On display were: display board, Companion Salke's insignia, brochures, information cards, and a video on history of Hospitallers.

Investiture: Vigil October 26, 2007, Ceremony October 27, 2007

Confirmed: Chapel at William Woods University. A blanket invitation to members is extended. Guests would fly into St. Louis, MO, then rent a car and drive to Jefferson City for hotels, about a 2 1/2 hour

drive.

Further information may be obtained from Glen Babich.

Comings and Goings

We are pleased to announce that Dame Maureen and Chevalier Rod Haberstock are now making their home in Edmonton. Dame Haberstock was transferred from Ottawa to Edmonton in July. It will be a pleasure to have Maureen and Rod with us.

It is with regret however, that we announce the transfer of Chevalier Paul Wynnyk from Edmonton to Ottawa in July, where he will assume the duties of Director General Engineers/Chief Engineer at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa. Paul is going to be missed in Edmonton but we do hope he will return occasionally to celebrate major events with us.

Also, we regret that gone from Edmonton for his new posting in Shilo, Manitoba, is our Chaplain, Father David MacLeod. Father David also left Edmonton in mid-July. Again, through his postings, we will see little of our Chaplain, but hope he can return whenever possible, especially to participate in our church parades.

New Admission Process

Grand Chancellor of The Order/Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada, H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell has recently announced the following New Admission Process.

A member who wishes to sponsor a person's admission to the Order must speak with their Commander/Castellan. Once the Commander or Castellan agrees, the sponsor may then approach the candidate for admission.

The sponsor will provide the candidate with information about the Order including the History, Traditions and Expectations. If the person wishes to fill out an application, the Commander/Castellan

will advise the member of the application procedures.

It is the responsibility of the Sponsor to guide the applicant and ensure all paperwork is completed appropriately, and that all cheques are provided as directed by the Commander/Castellan, to the person designated within the Commandery or Castellany for such matters. The application form must be legible to avoid any delay. If it is not, or information is missing, it will be the responsibility of the Sponsor to rectify the situation. It is not the responsibility of the Registrar at any level within the Order to obtain or track down the information.

Once the sponsor has obtained and passed on the information required, the Commander or Castellan reviews the documentation and if satisfied, signs the application and advises the Sponsor that the approval of the Commander/Castellan has been formally granted, and of the potential time frames for final approval. A copy of the application showing the signature of the Commander and one of the passport photos is kept on file at Commandery or Castellany level. All other documents are sent to the Grand Prior/Prioress of the Grand Priory of jurisdiction; along with a letter from The Commander supporting the petition.

When the Commander has approved the application, the application will be dealt with by the necessary Officers upward through the chain of command of the Sovereign council. Once the Grand Master has approved the application, it will be returned to the Grand Chancellor for action. The Commander will then be advised through the necessary Sovereign Council members.

A letter from the Commander/Castellan is sent to the new member welcoming him/her to the Order and advising them of their membership number, along with a primer, copy of any minutes and the date of the meeting/events if any.

King Peter II

The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem is an independent international Order of Chivalry. Until the year 1965 it had continued to function under the authority granted to it by the Royal Charter of King Ernest Augustus of Hanover (sixth son of King George III of Great Britain and Ireland).

In that year, His late Majesty King Peter II of Yugoslavia deigned to accept election as its Grand Master. On 19 March 1965 King Peter II confirmed and extended his Royal Charter, which he had granted to the Order the previous year.

Three years later, on 1 March 1968, as High Protector of the Order he promulgated the Constitution under which the Order continues to function.

But what do we really know of King Peter II of Yugoslavia? A look into the history of King Peter II has revealed some interesting information.

The Karadjordjevic (Karageorgevitch) dynasty is two centuries old. In 1804 a wealthy Serbian clan chief and leader Djordje Petrovic - known to his followers as Karadjordje (Black George after his dark looks) - led the Serbs in an uprising against the Ottoman Empire that controlled the Balkans. The revolution was successful for a time. Karadjordje established a government in Belgrade and in 1811 was confirmed as lawful ruler and the right of succession was vested in the family.

In 1813 the Turks returned to Belgrade and Karadjordje fled to Austria. His son Prince Alexander returned to rule Serbia in 1842 but was deposed in 1858. In 1903 Parliament requested that Prince Peter Karadjordjevic - grandson of Black George - come to the throne.

While the Balkan Wars in 1912 and 1913 resulted in the expansion of Serbia, the annexation by Austria of Bosnia-Herzegovina enraged both neighbouring Serbia and the people of Croatia. Nationalist aspirations for independence from Austria finally led to the assassination of Austrian Archduke Franz

Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914 and within days the First World War had begun.

Before the end of the War in 1918 representatives of the three peoples proclaimed by mutual consent a new "Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes" under the Crown of King Peter I. He died three years later, and his son, Alexander, became King. King Alexander I who had acted as Regent for his ailing father since 1914 had earned national fame as a soldier in the Balkan Wars and the First World War. In 1922 he married Princess Maria of Romania. They had three sons: Crown Prince Peter, Prince Tomislav and Prince Andrej.

The new kingdom faced many threats. Internal rivalries between the Serbs and Croats increased tensions. By 1929 it was clear the King had no option but to impose a Royal dictatorship. However, King Alexander I did so reluctantly and promised to restore democracy to the newly renamed Kingdom of Yugoslavia once unity had been achieved and bureaucratic corruption expunged.

In 1934 King Alexander was assassinated on a state visit in Marseilles by a Macedonian terrorist working with Croatian extremists with Hungarian and Italian support. The French Foreign Minister Monsieur Louis Barthou also died in the attack. At the time of his death, King Alexander's son, Crown Prince Peter was only 11 years old when he became King Peter II. On 27th March, 1941 the young King Peter II was declared of age. Within a week Germany, Bulgaria, Hungary, and Italy invaded Yugoslavia and the government was forced to surrender. King Peter II with the Yugoslav Government made his way via Athens, Jerusalem and Cairo to London where he joined numerous other governments in exile from Nazi occupied Europe.

In November 1945 the monarchy was illegally abolished without a referendum and Yugoslavia remained a totalitarian single party state under the League of Communists for more than four decades. King Peter II never abdicated. In 1965 he went to live in the United States.

Birth: September 6, 1923

Death: November 3, 1970

Burial: Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Saint Sava, Libertyville, Lake County, Illinois, USA

Plot: His tomb is located in the church

On 17 July 2001, the son of King Peter II, Crown Prince Alexander II, his wife Crown Princess Katherine, and his three sons Prince Peter, Prince Philip and Prince Alexander came back home to The Royal Palace in Belgrade. The Royal Palace was the residence of King Alexander I and King Peter II. The Royal Family finally came home after nearly 60 years of exile.

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<http://www.royalfamily.org/history/dynasty.htm>)

St. John the Baptist Day Church Service and Dinner

The service and dinner were held on Saturday, June 23. The Church Service at Augustana Lutheran Church in Edmonton was officiated by Pastor Heinz Hertwig-Jaksch PH. A lovely Dinner followed at the Royal Glenora Club. HSH Grand Master Robert Devine accepted his goddaughter, Miss Heather Campbell into The Order as a Serving Sister. We are pleased to welcome Heather as our newest member of The Order. Congratulations Heather!

HOSJ Website

For those of you with computers, if you have not had the opportunity to visit our website, please take the time to check it out. Our Webmaster, Will English, welcomes any photos of HOSJ events or places of interest that you may have visited and would like to see posted on the website. No computer? You can send your photos to Will by regular mail, but remember, as the Webmaster, Will has final say as to what will be posted on the website.

If anyone has anything they would like to see included in the newsletter, please send it on to me. The newsletter can only be a success if you are willing to provide the information.

*Yours in Christ and St. John
Clay McAdam*