

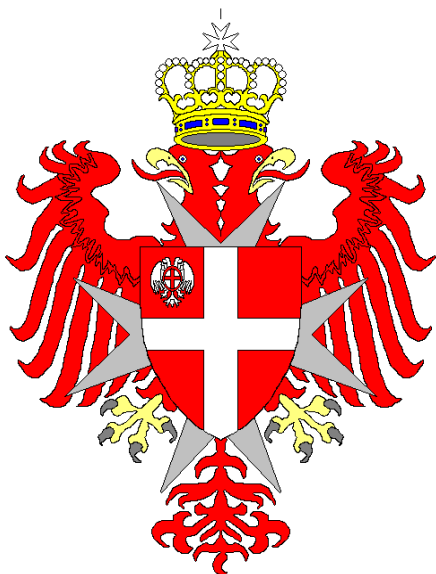
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Gazette of Official Appointments



Knight Commander Reino Pispänen KH, appointed to the office of Sword Bearer of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010.

Knight Commander Matti Puhakainen KH, appointed to the office of Marshall of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010.

Knight Commander Petri Vuorinen PH appointed to the office of Grand Prelate of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010.

Chevalier Jari-Pekka Mikkola, KH, appointed to the office of Treasurer of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010.

Grand Officers of the Grand Priories

Knight Commander Heikki Jalas KH, appointed to the office of Grand Chancellor of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective October 10, 2009.

Knight Commander Reijo Helläkoski KH, appointed to the office of Herald of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010

Knight Commander Antti Jääskeläinen KH, appointed to the office of Hospitaller of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, effective September 11, 2010.

Officers of the Commanderies

Chevalier Heikki Sario, KH appointed to the office of Commander, Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, effective October, 2009

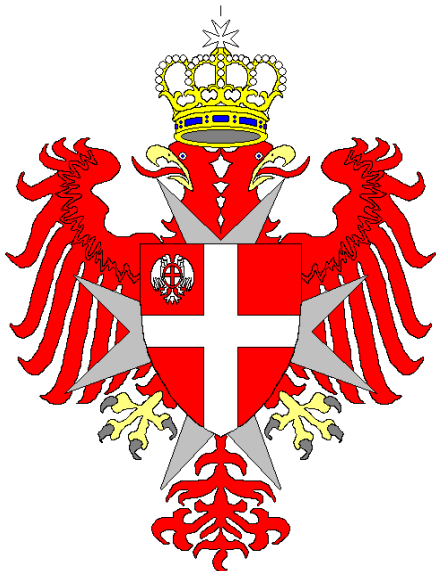
Dame Maureen Haberstock, D.H, appointed to the office of Commander, Commandery of Edmonton, vice the resignation of Knight Commander Robert Rogers, effective November 2009.

Chevalier D.T. Brian Doherty KH, appointed to the office of Castellan of the Castellany of Calgary, effective June 2010.



Promotions

The Following were promoted at Ceremonies of Investiture conducted under the authority and in the presence of the Grand Master



September 11, 2010, Turku, Finland

Chevalier Ilmari Hiidenheimo, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Juha Luohisuo, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Sakari Itahaarla, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Lars Stjernvall, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Hannu Harmala, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Jari-Pekka Mikkola, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Tarmo Mattila, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

October 10, 2009, Turku, Finland

Chevalier Heikki Jalas, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Jarmo Kallinen, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Chevalier Heikki Sario, KH, created a Knight of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.



New Members

**The Following New Members were received into the Order
at Ceremonies of Investiture conducted under the authority
and in the presence of the Grand Master**

October 10, 2009, Turku, Finland

Juha Hammaren, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Pekka Saurio, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Martti Hirvonen, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Ralf Sundgren, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Ari Lindqvist, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Harry Suominen, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

September 11, 2010, Turku, Finland

Leo Aarnio, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Pekka Sysmalainen, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Erkki Pursi, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Timo Waris, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Ylä-Lohja, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

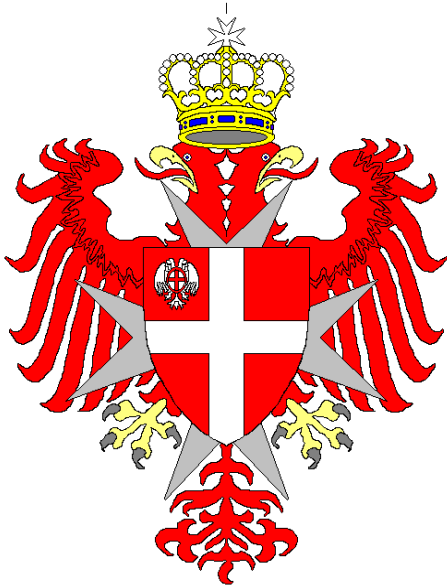
Junani Hujanen, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Kyosto Vuontela, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

Kirsi Swanljung-v. Wehrt, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.



The Grand Master's Message



In these first few years of my Grand Mastership I have witnessed the expansion of our Order in Finland and the USA. Now we need a period of consolidation to establish the present realities and to consider the needs of the Order in the future. At the last Sovereign Council meeting I proposed a change to the category of Serving Brother/Sister to allow aspirant members under the age of thirty five years to join the Order without financial obligation following two years of satisfactory service to the Order. This proposal was passed unanimously by the Sovereign Council and has now been communicated to the Priories and Commanderies of the Order.

In my long association with the Order the membership has been largely derived from the elite of our societies, men and women who came into the Order following long and successful careers in business, the military, academia and the professions. An inevitable consequence of this recruitment strategy is an aging membership still vigorously upholding the traditions and service obligations of the Order but slowly diminishing in numbers. I believe this new approach to recruitment will

reverse this trend. Young people today have been nurtured in an affluent society which has created such terms as the “me generation” or “generation x”, in my opinion derogatory terms which diminishes the many and varied services some young people have contributed to our societies through voluntary activities in the community. Still, there remains a lingering suspicion that the distractions of the modern world with its emphasis on material consumption, has seduced many of our younger generation into self-indulgent lifestyles.

Each generation has had to adapt to the realities of its own times. The tumultuous twentieth century with its social upheavals, regional conflicts and world wars forced many to question the old conservative and imperialistic values where paternalist policies, dictatorial regimes and capitalist elitism had led to the deaths of millions of innocents.

My fathers' generation fought the Second World War to rid the world of fascism. My generation reaped the meager rewards of that costly and bleak victory in the years that followed. To quote a favorite author, “It was the best of times it was the worst of times.” Let me explain with a short biographic sketch for those of you who are not familiar with my background. I was born in Dundee, Scotland on the seventh of May, 1944. My father was in the south of England with his Regiment awaiting transport to the battlefields of Normandy so my mother and I lived with my grandparents in the old Overgate, a medieval part of the old city. When my father returned in 1946 we moved to a house on the outskirts of the town. These early years saw great changes in British society with the inception of a National Health Service, the introduction of State Pensions and the beginnings of a new and fairer Society. Nevertheless, food rationing remained in effect and there was a profound lack of modern housing for those returning from the war. Of

course I was completely ignorant of such matters and grew up in almost idyllic surroundings protected by a closely-knit family. I cannot recall any hardship yet my parents related a time when even the simplest of commodities were hard to find and impossible to obtain without the requisite coupon. I do remember having to present sixpence and a coupon for the weekly quarter pound of sweets.

I made many friends at school and was the recipient of a classical Scottish education, taught by dedicated professionals. Education was paramount and we were never allowed to forget it. However it was not all reading, writing, and arithmetic. My friends and I lived in our imagination. There were wynds and closes to wander in the ancient city, ruined castles to explore, local hills to hike over and the distant mountains of the Highlands to dream about. The long summer holiday saw us play from dawn to dusk in the parks and hills of our vicinity, building rafts on the Dichty Burn (I had recently read "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer") or bicycling down to the seaside to build sand castles and paddle about the beaches where the river estuary entered the North Sea. Early morning bus rides took us to the Carse of Gowrie to pick raspberries in order to earn a few shillings to spend at the pictures (movies).

Church was a different matter. Like many small boys I went reluctantly to Sunday school and deliberately failed the choir audition. Sundays were freedom days and I resented the necessity to spend half of it in a musty old church where the minister quoted scripture and reminded me that I was destined to hell and perdition for the mischief and mayhem that my friends and I had been up to the previous week. Nonetheless, I was persuaded to join the cub scouts, an avenue for young boys to learn nature craft and contribute to the church's charitable activities. There were nature walks, camping and the opportunity to win merit badges to be proudly displayed at the annual parade. Bob a job week saw us doing chores in the neighborhood in order to raise funds for the church outreach activities. We

brought what might be described as care packages to elderly parishioners and were expected to be polite and respectful at all times. Later, at twelve years old I joined the Boy's Brigade another church organization that emphasized discipline, sports and charitable activities. I personally didn't think much of the discipline part but enjoyed most of the other activities including selling poppies on Remembrance Day and Life Boat decals at the annual Fundraiser for the Life Boat Service. There was also the annual weeklong camp at Aberfeldy in the Highlands, which inculcated a love of the mountains, which remains to this day.

I relate all this to you to illustrate a childhood in which there was little material wealth, yet was rich in all things important to a child. I sometimes wonder if this new generation, raised with all the distractions of our modern global village, television, cell phones, video games, the internet-with all of its inherent dangers to children, have perhaps been deprived of the simple joys of childhood. Indulgent parents may have cocooned our children to the extent that they may be afraid to go joyfully into the world.

It is a time for mentoring and there are many within our ranks who can recruit and encourage those younger people who are unafraid to take up the responsibilities of Hospitaller membership. The call to service may not have been part of their childhood but there is no reason to believe that the call is entirely absent. On the contrary many of our young people serve in the armed forces or volunteer within our social institutions. It is therefore necessary to begin now to replenish our ranks with the Serving Brother/Sister category. No less than the future of the Order in the modern era depends on it.

*Ever yours in Christ and Saint John,
H.S.H. Robert D.O. Devine, KH*



From the Sovereign Council

On the Role of the Sovereign Council

The Sovereign Council of the Order functions in the dual capacity as the legislative arm of the Order and as a cabinet to advise the Prince Grand Master and to report to him on the affairs of the Order. It implements the Constitution and makes and enacts the Statutes and Regulations of the Order.

The Sovereign Council consists of the Prince Grand Master, the Grand Commander, The Grand Chancellor of the Order, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure, the Grand Councillors, and the Grand Priors of the Grand Priories. Before assuming his or her seat in the Sovereign Council, each new appointee executes a prescribed oath of office. Each member has one vote, except that the Prince Grand Master has two, and a quorum consists of the Prince Grand Master and at least one-half of the total number of persons

composing the Sovereign Council at the time of meeting. Sovereign Council meetings are held in executive session and are convened and presided over by the Prince Grand Master to hear reports, approve a budget, confirm nominations, and generally transact business and set policies.

The Sovereign Council defines procedures on membership, promotions, oblations, and other matters affecting the operation of the Order. It works to insure that Order policy is followed throughout all Grand Prioral jurisdictions, it administers the Order's property, and it is the nucleus through which the Order's *fons honorum* is exercised. It is the duty of Sovereign Council to adopt and implement policies and programs for the Order in conformity with the Constitution of the Order and the will of the Chapter General.

The Sovereign Council - 2010



The Prince Grand Master
H.S.H. Robert D. O. Devine KH.

The office of Prince Grand Master (PGM) is at the apex of the Central Administration, of the Order. In effect, the PGM is the Sovereign of the Order and of all of its dependencies, and the government of the Order is vested in this office. The PGM is

chairman of the Sovereign Council, and presides over its meetings as well as those of the Chapter General of the Order. The PGM nominates and upon confirmation by the Sovereign Council appoints all High Officers, appoints all General Officers with the agreement of the Magistral Council, and appoints all other officers upon his own authority.

In jurisdictions where local law requires the existence of a legal corporation for the functioning of the Order, the PGM has the same powers as the President of a Corporation and serves as the chief executive officer. Accordingly, the PGM is thus empowered to sign all certificates, contracts and other instruments of the corporation. Through this office the PGM is an ex-officio member of all boards, colleges, commissions, committees and other assemblies at all levels of the Order. The PGM presides over all formal investitures where the dubbing of knights is required.



The Grand Commander, H.E. Bailiff Christa Devine, DH

The Office of Grand Commander ranks second in precedence after the Prince Grand Master, and acts as his personal deputy. This officer is responsible for the officers and the organization of the Prince Grand Master's Household. The office oversees the office of the Grand Prelate as well the hospitaller, charitable and educational work of the Order. This Officer also performs other duties that may be assigned by the Prince Grand Master.

The Grand Chancellor, H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, DH

The office of Grand Chancellor heads of the Administration of the Order. The holder of this office is thus responsible for the issuance of notices of all meetings of the Sovereign Council and of the Chapter General and for the maintenance of accurate records of such meetings. This Officer is also responsible for the Order's Great Seal and the corporate books, and makes such reports and performs such duties as are incidental to this function. The Registrar General reports to this officer who also serves as the PGM's representative to all levels of the Order.

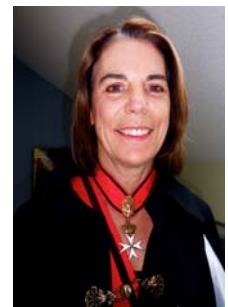


The Grand Marshall, H.E. Bailiff Rudi Maich, KH

The office of Grand Marshall exercises complete authority over all matters relating to arms, heraldry, genealogy, honours, titles, ranks, and orders of chivalry. The duties of this office require that the holder have some specialized knowledge or experience in these areas. This Officer is responsible for all matters concerning regalia, insignia and ceremonial aspects of the Order and maintains the Order's records on the genealogies, arms, and honours of its members

The Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure, H.E. Bailiff Wendy Rollins, DH

The Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure is the chief financial officer of the Order and is responsible for accounting, banking, and general management of Order funds. Thus the duties of this office include the collection, safekeeping, deposition, and disbursement of all funds and securities of the Order and the general supervision of the accounting system. This Office prepares summary reports to the Prince Grand Master on the financial affairs of the Order, prepares the annual report on the finances of the Order, and is responsible for the Order's agreements with financial institutions



The Grand Councillor, H.E. Bailiff Lea Passoja-Mikkola, DH

In addition to the High Officers of the Order there may as many as four Grand Councillors, whose duties are to advise and assist the Prince Grand Master in issues about which the Grand Master may not be particularly knowledgeable. Grand Councillors are nominated by the Grand Master and appointed upon confirmation of other Sovereign Council members. Currently there is one Grand Councillor who advises the Grand Master on issues related to the functioning of the Order in Finland.

The Office of Grand Prior



H.E. Bailiff Rauno Mikkola, K.H.
Grand Prior of the Baltic



H.E. Baillif Sandra Munn, DH
Grand Priororess of Canada



H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich, DH
Grand Priororess of the
United States of America



The Office of Grand Prior is the administrative head and in effect the viceroy of the Prince Grand Master in each Grand Priory of the Order. Within the jurisdiction of the Grand Priory, the administrative position of the holder of this office is comparable to that of the Prince Grand Master. The Grand Prior (or Grand Priororess) chairs the Grand Prioral Council, and where local law requires the existence of a Corporate President, this officer has the same powers as the President of the Corporation. The primary duties of this office are the Governance of the Grand Priory according to the principles of the Order and ensuring that the policies and programs of the Order, as determined by the Prince Grand Master and the Sovereign Council, are implemented within the jurisdiction of the Grand Priory. The Grand Prior (or Grand Priororess) is responsible for the interests of all members of the Order within the Grand Priory, and for keeping members informed on Order affairs.



Prayer of the Order

Defend, O Lord and Bless the Order;
Thee it wants to serve alone.
By thy Grace be its Succour;
And Help it in Salvation's Fight.
Make our Faith steadfast in the Saviour
Who brought the Cross to Victory.
Bridle evil, Advance What's Good
Defend the Weak to Keep his Faith.
Dea, Defend the Weak!
Hear us, O Lord, Amen



Proceedings of the 77th Meeting

The 77th meeting of the Sovereign council occurred on June 4th-5th, 2010 in Jasper, Alberta. The Sovereign Council discussed a number of issues related to the modernization of current administrative practices in deference to the increasingly international nature of the Order's presence. The Sovereign Council also noted that the average age of the membership is increasing, and discussed issues pertaining to the recruitment of new members and, in particular to those that may provide opportunities for younger people to find a service purpose within this Order.

The Following Resolutions were adopted:

- *Within the jurisdiction of each Grand Priory, remittances to the Order will be in the local currency. The amounts will be calculated to nearest local currency unit based on the Canadian conversion rate at the time.*
- *Remittances by each Grand Priory to the Sovereign Council will be in Canadian funds only. All remittances should be submitted with a listing of the amounts remitted as oblations, admission fees, advancement fees, etc., on a form provided by the Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure.*
- *The Serving Brother/Serving Sister category shall be changed to reflect various sub categories including young persons under the age of 35 who may be admitted as affiliates of the Order, on the recommendation of a Companion or Knight/Dame of the Order. There is no financial obligation for this category.*
- *For applicants to the Order under the age of 35, there will be no admission cost if that applicant has completed two years of satisfactory service to the Order as a Serving Brother or Sister, as verified by the appropriate officer. However, Annual oblations will apply.*

The Sovereign Council also noted most of our records and regalia have been finally retrieved from Mexico, and that it was, indeed, a long and arduous process. It was thus recommended that the Order should put in place the physical and other resources required to computerize all of the Order's records, so as to modernize the maintenance of and accessibility to such records in a manner that would facilitate a smooth transition between current and future Officers of the Order.

The Sovereign Council noted that a number of the members in the Commandery of Tampere in the Grand Priory of the Baltic have decided to separate from the Grand Priory and have set up a website naming H.S.H. Robert Devine as their Grand Master. This action is completely unacceptable to the Grand Master and to the Sovereign Council. The Sovereign Council's position is that, by their actions, these members have, *de facto*, resigned from the Order and the Grand Master has informed them of this by a letter communicated through the Grand Prior of the Baltic. Accordingly, these former members are not entitled to use the name of H.S.H. Robert Devine in any capacity which identifies him as their Grand Master. A note to this effect will be posted on the Order's website. However, the Sovereign Council also noted that the Order remains open to any of these former members who may wish to reaffirm his or her commitment to the Order, and that they may do in written communication with the Grand Prior of the Baltic and through him, the Grand Master.



From the Grand Priory of the Baltic



Officers and Participants at the Investiture celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Grand Priory of the Baltic

The year 2010 marks the tenth anniversary of the Grand Priory of the Baltic. This special year was commemorated with a number of events culminating with a major Investiture in the historic Holy Church of Turku on September 11th. HSH Robert D.O. Devine (Grand Master) and HE Bailiff Dame Christa Devine (Grand Commander) presided over the Investiture at which seven Companions were advanced to Knights and seven new members were admitted into our ranks as Companions. The investiture was followed by a reception in the Jugend Hall of the Hotel Hamburger Börs.

The period, 12-18 months preceding the 10th anniversarial investiture, was one of considerable activity within the Grand Priory. The activities within this period also included an investiture (October 10 2009) which was attended by the Grand Master and the Grand Commander. At this smaller investiture three companions were advanced to Knights and six new Companions were admitted into our ranks.

This period was also tinged with some sadness. In May, the Grand Priory in general and especially the Commandery of Auranmaa mourned the loss of Antti Oskari von Wehrt CH. The Grand Priory remembered and

honoured Antti with a trip to the art chapel in Hirvensalo, Turku, and a visit to the South West cancer association of Finland where they attended a lecture “500 years of tumors” by Dosent Väinämö Nikkanen.

There were also several trips to various historic sites, trips to the theatre, etc., Chevalier Keijo Kivinen KH, was instrumental in the organization of many of these activities and was awarded the Grand Priorial Medal of Merit. These activities are an important part of the fund-raising efforts of the commanderies, and ultimately, to their charitable activities. Through such activities sufficient funds have been raised to support a children’s home in Ghana and to fund two scholarships. Recently, the Commandery of Auranmaa also decided to reserve most of this year’s revenue to support the social programmes of local churches.

The Grand Priory thus looks forward to the next decade with hope, optimism, and trust that with God’s help and the commitment of our members, we may serve our communities in furtherance of the ideals of the Order.

Lea Passoja-Mikkola DH
Rauno Mikkola KH



The Prelate's Address - The Holy Church of Turku - September 11th 2010



This day of HOSJ festivities is a continuation of the clerical theme, *gratitude*, which began last Sunday. We, of course, also have a special reason to be grateful: the 10th anniversary of our Grand Priory. Let us therefore thank God for being part of this community and for the privilege of sharing in its responsibilities.

In today's world, it seems that being grateful or expressing one's gratitude is not very fashionable. The gospels also tell us that while our Lord Jesus Christ was doing his good work here on earth, only one in ten came forth to thank him. Moreover, those who expressed their gratitude were usually only those who were cured of some illness. Thus it seems that even amidst the poverty and misery that was rampant in our Lord's time, the mere act of doing good was not fully appreciated. Today, amidst the relative prosperity of our time, many things are taken for granted. We hope that good health is not one of them. However, I have had many discussions with members of my congregation whose childhood and early youth were spent amidst the deprivations of war. It seems to me that that generation has a broader perspective on things and are more inclined to express their gratitude for the quality of life enjoyed today. It also seems that material wealth is not as important to that generation as it is to those born after the war.

Where then can one find those values and riches for which we can be truly grateful? I believe that they can be found in our Christian faith. Those values are not compromised by

prevailing fashion; they do not rust away nor do they depreciate in value by being eaten by moths. Let us therefore commit ourselves to Christ, and hope that good will prevail over evil. Let us also pray for hope, faith and love and for the Lord's blessings on all our loved ones and on the world at large.

We may talk about the angels that protect us in our daily lives, put our trust in the guidance of these angels and believe that they are not imaginary beings, but an intrinsic part of our faith. However, it is our faith that is really important, and the strength of our faith is in the wonderful things that occur in our daily lives. With our faith, we may find that which enlightens us and, at least in part, frees us from the modern lifestyle and attitude which exhorts us to simply enjoy life. It is for this and other things that we can be truly grateful today. When you give you get, when you seek you find, and with it the joy and peace of Almighty God.

Almost 1000 years ago the first Knights of the Order of St. John protected pilgrims, women and children in the Holy land, and they established hospitals to take care of those in need. They began the tradition which led to our being gathered here today in the Holy Church of Turku. Doing good is inherent to the goals of the Order. Let us therefore do good, serve our communities, help those in need and assist the Order in its charitable work.

Today as friends and co-travelers in this unique moment facing God, we are admitting new members to the Hospitaller Order of Saint John, and enjoining others to different tasks. We pray for God's blessing on the Order and all of its members. May the Lord bless and guide us in the tasks we are given, and may we eventually join our Lord for eternity.

Petri Vuorinen PH



On Behalf of the New Knights

An investiture address to the Grand Priory of the Baltic - September 11 2010



Honorable Grand Master, Grand Prior, brothers and sisters of the Order, I thank you on behalf of the newly promoted Knights for the honor that we have been given today. I wish to express a few of my thoughts on this joyous event about our Order and its contacts to our time and days.

I am myself in a way a "skeleton" from the museum of cavalry. We are here in the Hamburger Börs that has a status of a museum and our joyous Investiture was held in the Holy Church of Turku, which is a historic shrine in Finland. We did not hold this event in a stadium nor in a disco nor was it branded by an advertising agency. Did the launch of this event fail? Was the promotion lacking?

Well, we do not need "new branding". Although we are in a sense a "museum", we are however, a living one: One with a long history

but still existing in this time. This Investiture and celebrations are part of a continuum; a process that neither screams nor makes loud noises. It does not need to be overtly publicized. Its message comes quietly to us and lives peacefully in our hearts.

What is the essential force of our Order that binds us to those principles that we hold so dear? It is a promise - an oath. Is this promise, this oath just a formality? No, it is a mandate but more importantly, it is a commitment. Among us today are many, like myself, who have taken such an oath, and with it, new responsibilities. We are here in our traditional ceremonial garments and insignia but we will soon be divest of this formal attire and be performing our daily tasks. A military officer may change from his uniform to civilian attire. A doctor will divest himself of his white jacket when he goes home. A priest may even change his clerical vestments to sportswear. However, they will still be the same people who have taken oaths to which they are bound.

As members of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John, we will always be representatives of the Order regardless of our attire, where are and what we are doing. No matter where we go, what our goals are, or what tasks we undertake, we must also be honorable representatives of the Order. Let us thus perform our daily tasks while espousing the virtues of goodness, joy and loyalty. In all of our endeavors, may we also be humble and submissive to Almighty God

"May the Lord have mercy on us"

Ilmari Hiidenheimo KH



On Behalf of the New Companions

An Address to the Grand Priory of the Baltic - September 11 2010



Honorable Grand Master, Grand Prior, esteemed brothers and sisters. I thank you on behalf of myself and other new brothers for the trust that you have shown us when you admitted us into the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.

I have been very interested in history for over thirty years and also the history of the Knights Hospitaller. I have travelled to Rhodes, Cyprus and Greek islands following the trail of our ancient brothers. My next destination is going to be Malta. By reading about history and visiting those places I have attained a silent respect for the people who built those structures.

The traditions of our Order began far in the history when our brothers in Jerusalem decided to help those in need by building a hospital over there. Over the centuries they have had to relocate and the structure of the Order changed. However, its original purpose i.e. assisting those in need, remains and there is still much work that needs to be done.

In many ways those needs may even be greater today than those of ancient times. Although it was said a long time ago that

Jerusalem is a city of peace, there has not really been peace there since our Order was established. The same war and need can still be said to be spreading today. Here in Finland, we can be grateful to the Lord that our country is at peace and that it ranks high on lists of international comparisons about living conditions and happiness. However, despite our current prosperity, there are still many among us who are not that prosperous: Those who are sick: Those who are disadvantaged: Those who need our help.

The size of the Order and the scope of its activities in Finland is growing. As far as I know our financial situation is also improving, so that we can do more in furtherance of the Order's ancient and noble mandate. However, like all societies, our Order depends on its members. They have to be mentally and spiritually committed to work for the traditions and the principles of the Order. This I know to be true of the members who joined today. We thank you for this opportunity to join this venerable Order so we can take part in continuing its long tradition of charitable work.

Our Order is still small and relatively unknown here in Finland. However, our credibility is based on centuries of noble tradition which will help us win the trust of our fellow citizens. The work of our past brothers has provided the foundation upon which we can build. However, the future is all about our own selfless work. We have to earn that respect with our daily good tasks.

Once again, we thank you for admitting us into the Order. We shall endeavor to show to our godfather Reijo and fellow brothers that we are worthy of the trust that you have shown us.

Juhani Hujanen CH



From the Grand Priory of Canada

Introducing Colonel Maureen E. Haberstock, OMM, CD The New Commander of the Commandery of Edmonton



Colonel Maureen Haberstock enrolled in the Medical Officer Training Plan in 1972 and received her MD from the University of Saskatchewan (1972-1975). She served as a general duty medical officer at CFB Esquimalt (1976-1979) and was the first female to qualify as a Ship's Diving Officer. She was voluntarily released in 1979 and had a Family Medicine practice with emphasis on obstetrics (1979-1990). Over that period she was active in the Medical Reserves, completed militia command and staff training, and, as Commanding Officer of 11th Medical Company (Victoria 1987-1990), she was the first female physician to command an Army Field Unit. She transferred back to the Regular Forces as Deputy Commanding Officer 1st Field Ambulance (1990), she managed the integration of women into that Regular Forces unit.

In 1991 she deployed to Gulf War I as Treatment Company Commander 1st Canadian Field Hospital forward elements, in support of 1st UK Armored Division during the ground battle. For her efforts during the conflict and for ensuring excellent care for hundreds of Iraqi prisoners of war, she received the Middle East Commander's commendation. She has also deployed to Ethiopia and Djibouti with the

grain lift humanitarian mission, to Rwanda as Force Medical Officer for the United Nations Assistance Mission, and domestically (Quebec Ice Storm. 1998). She has been senior physician at Combat Training Center Gagetown and headed the closure of Cdn Forces Hospital in Lahr, Germany. She has also served as the senior medical advisor for the Army Headquarters in both Atlantic and Western Canada, and was the Commanding Officer of 1st Field Ambulance (1997-1999). She was admitted to the Order of Military Merit (1998) and honored as the Edmonton CTV "Woman of Vision" for 1999.

More recently (2000-2004) she served as Canadian Defence Liaison Staff military medical liaison officer in Washington, (the first female to hold an attaché position for the Canadian Forces), and was a guest lecturer at Howard Univ. Med. School, Georgetown Univ. School of Public Health, Industrial College of the Armed Forces and the United Services University of Health Sciences. She returned to Canada as head of the medical policy and standards section at Canadian Forces Health Services HQ in Ottawa. Subsequently, she was promoted to Colonel and appointed Director Health Services Operations (July 2005). During her tenure of that office she planned and oversaw the Canadian led, NATO hospital in Kandahar, chaired the Multinational Military Medical Steering Group, and managed overall medical support to all Canadian Forces serving in international missions. After moving to Edmonton (August 2007), she was appointed the Commander of 1st Health Services Group, overseeing all medical units west of Thunder Bay. She retired from the Canadian Forces after 34 years of combined regular and reserve service (October, 2009) and named the 2010 honorary member of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada.

Currently, Col Haberstock is a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in both Alberta and British Columbia and a member of the Canadian Society of Physician Executives. She lives with her husband Rodney, an EMT, and has two children, Erica and Kevin, and one granddaughter, Sophia.

She is also an accomplished pianist, a fair skier, and by her own admission, a rather poor golfer.

Following her retirement from the Canadian Forces, Col. Haberstock was appointed Dame Commander of the Commandery of Edmonton on November 28, 2009



Edmonton Commandery - Commander's Comments

For the Edmonton Commandery, 2010 has been a very active year in which we have continued to raise funds in support of various charities. Moreover, during this year we began to hold both executive and general meetings at the locations of those charities, a move which has made us more cognizant of their needs and of the impact of our work. For example, we held a meeting at the Rock Lutheran Centre, and saw, first-hand, the difference our donations had made towards their capacity to function. Also, when we met at the Hope Mission, we assisted the staff in serving ~400 people their evening meal, and we were all able to appreciate quite vividly, the dire straits of our most needy fellow citizens. The Rock Lutheran and the Hope Mission cater to the hungry and homeless, and offer rehabilitation services and shelter for those addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Over this past year, the Commandery has also increased its efforts at non-casino fund-raising so that we can continue to support organizations, which do not accept funds raised through casino activities, which is currently our main source of revenue. This has proven very successful, with members so far hosting a Mexican fiesta, a Western barbecue, and an Oktoberfest. Other theme activities are planned for next year, in addition to our usual spring and Christmas church functions.

In our efforts to attract new members, we have implemented the Sovereign Council's policy of oblation fee exemption for entrance of younger members under 35 years of age as Serving Brothers and Sisters, and have attracted some new regular members who will be invested at the investiture is planned for June

2011. We also continue to support the efforts of the Castellany in Calgary to establish itself more fully in preparation for a Commandery in that location.

Sadly, this year we all mourned the loss of our much beloved "Grandma", Dame Christine Loeffler, who passed away in February. Her funeral was truly a celebration of a Christian life very well lived and attended in force by the Commandery members. Substantial donations were received in her memory in support the Marian Centre.

On a happier note, my husband Rod and I had the wonderful experience of visiting the Templar's Church in London where prayers were said for the Knights buried there, now for more than a millennium. We visited the Black Abbey ruins in Ireland, located on the grounds of the Irish National Stud Farm. This abbey was set up for hospitaller work with security provided by the Knights Hospitaller, shortly after the end of the Crusades. Most assuredly, we hospitallers, have inherited an honourable and longstanding, meaningful tradition and history. I was reminded that this is a responsibility that none of us can take lightly as we carry the torch forward and transform the Order into its rightful place of relevance for the twenty first century.

I look forward to the coming year and to my continuing responsibility of nurturing the vitality of this Commandery, and encouraging those virtues that allow us to embody more fully, the principles and ethos of the Order.

Maureen Haberstock DH



Edmonton Commandery - Hospitaller Report (2009-2010)



Barrie Reeder(standing), manager of The ROCK Lutheran Center, speaking to the Commandery of Edmonton at a regular commandery meeting hosted by the ROCK Lutheran Inner City Society.

Several years ago, the Commandery of Edmonton discussed the issue of the best use of the resources acquired through its fund-raising activities. The membership felt that a lot more would probably be achieved through a program of sustained effort in areas of greatest need. A resolution to this effect was adopted and, since then, the disbursement of funds has been guided by this principle.

This year, much effort went into assisting the ROCK Lutheran Inner City Society (The ROCK) to upgrade its facility to meet the standards set for non-profit kitchen and dining facilities by the Department of Health. This year the focus was on an upgrade of The ROCK's food storage and food preparation facilities to meet such standards and also, to address the safety concerns of the volunteers staffing the facility (many of whom are senior citizens). The efforts of The ROCK to upgrade its facilities is still a "work in progress" and the Commandery is pledged to continue its support to that process. Last February, emergency funding was also provided to The ROCK for the immediate

replacement of three old furnaces which failed during the winter. The commandery expresses its thanks to the officialdom of the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission for their expeditious approval of the use of Casino-derived funds to meet that emergency.

The late Chevalier John Taylor CH, introduced the Commandery to the needs of the George Spady Centre which he had discovered through his work with the Edmonton Police Service. The George Spady Centre, assists those dealing with the twin evils of homelessness and substance abuse and is one of the organizations targeted for some measure of sustained financial and other support. Last year the Commandery assisted the Centre in the furnishing of their new half-way house in the Sherbrooke district, and in completing the replacement of sleeping mats in the downtown facility. The commandery also provided funds for consumables such as laundry soap, toiletries, basic medical supplies, and clothing used by patrons assisted in the daily and short term programs offered at the Centre.

Upon an initiative instituted by Dame Commander Maureen Haberstock, some Commandery meetings were held at the facilities of some of the organizations that were supported. Through this, members are becoming more fully acquainted with the importance and tremendous impact of their fund-raising efforts, and how such efforts are being actively translated into good works and deeds. In September, the commandery held a regular meeting in the HOPE Mission. Prior to that meeting, members assisted the staff in serving the supper meal to what appeared to be an endless line of needy souls. It can be said that an entirely new spin was put on the term “fast food”. Homelessness has been evolving into an increasingly serious issue in the city of Edmonton. The HOPE Mission uses two vans (reconditioned ambulances) as part of its outreach program to the homeless. The Commandery’s program of sustained support of the Hope Mission is primarily one of funding the provisioning of these vans with food supplies, clothing, basic medical supplies, toiletries, etc.

Other agencies that were supported this year are *Clean Scene*, *St. Faith’s* and the *House of Refuge*. Clean Scene is dedicated towards the in-school education of youth regarding the negative effects of drugs, crime, and gangs. Their aim is provide proactive assistance to

young people by assisting in their development of critical thinking skills, and a heightened sense of self-esteem before they become entrapped in desperate situations as adults. St. Faith’s provides breakfast and evening meals to those in need (especially over the winter), and runs a weekly kitchen program to assist in the development of good meal preparation skills. The House of Refuge provides light meals of soup and sandwiches, along with clothing, household goods whilst also providing some spiritual support and solace to those in need. These agencies have recently come to the commandery’s attention.

The commandery also received donations in the memory of Dame Christine Loeffler (Grandma). By a unanimously supported resolution, the membership agreed that these funds should all be directed to The Marian Centre. This agency also ministers to the physical and spiritual needs of Edmonton’s homeless and needy. However, since many of their patrons owe their circumstances to gambling, this apostolate prefers to fund its operations from resources other than those raised through casinos. In Grandma Loeffler’s memory, the sum of \$1495 was donated to the Marian Centre from the commandery’s charitable account.

Disbursements over the period September 2009-September 2010 were as follows:

The ROCK Lutheran Inner City Society	\$18,000
The George Spady Centre Society	\$4,000
The HOPE Mission	\$4,000
Clean Scene	\$7,000
St. Faith’s	\$5,000
The House of Refuge	\$7,000



Introducing Lieutenant-Colonel D. T. Brian Doherty

The New Castellan of the Castellany of Calgary



Lieutenant Colonel D.T. Brian. Doherty was born in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and spent his early years in Southern Ontario on a small dairy farm in St Augustine Parish and in the Thorold-St Catherine area. He graduated from the University of Windsor with a BSc (Honors) in Geology and moved to Calgary, Alberta where he began his civilian career as a Petroleum Geologist.

Having convinced himself that there was such a thing as “free time” in that phase of his life, he joined the 14th (Calgary) Service Battalion in January 1981 as a Private, and trained as a Vehicle Technician. In 1983 he was commissioned from the ranks as an officer cadet and held appointments as a Platoon Commander and as Company Commander.

However, Brian soon finally realized that the concept of “free time” in that phase of his life was indeed a myth. He therefore transferred to the Second Service Reserves so that he could actually have “time” such as would be required to advance his civilian career and, perhaps more importantly, to assist his wife, Louise, in the nurturing of their then young and growing family.

In September 1990 Brian re-entered the Primary Reserves, rejoining 14 (Calgary) Service Battalion as a Military Engineer Second Lieutenant and, over the next several years, held increasingly senior appointments with the Battalion. He completed his Militia Command training in 2000 and commanded the 14 Service Battalion from September 2005 to February 2009.

Lt. Col. Doherty resigned command of 14 Service in February, 2009, and was appointed Deputy Director of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Branch, and Army Training Authority Liaison Officer for Combat Service Support Reserves working with Land Forces Training and Doctrine headquartered in Kingston Ontario.

In his civilian career, Brian held Senior Managerial and Vice Presidential appointments in several Oil and Gas firms. Currently, he is self-employed as an oil and gas consultant and lives in South Calgary with his wife Louise (a vice principal with the Calgary Separate School Board) and their three children Elise Christine, Amanda Louise, and Sean Michael James.



In Memoriam

Grandma - A Life Well Lived



We are gathered here together today to celebrate the life of Christine Stephanie Loeffler, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend to all who knew her and Dame of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. She was born on Christmas day 1916 in Vienna, Austria. Her parents were originally from Bohemia, that part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire now known as the Czech Republic. From these forebears she inherited her profound sense of independence, love of liberty and zest for life. She was always proud to converse in the language of her Bohemian antecedents as I witnessed a few months ago when out of the blue in the Faculty Club she spoke to a grad student from the Czech Republic in her own language. Grandma was always full of surprises. In her nineties she could still remember the language of her youth. Her father was a business man in Vienna, constructing houses and operating a large lumber mill at Kagran, in Vienna just east of the Donau canal. She grew up in the dismal aftermath of the Great War when rampant inflation and widespread unemployment swept through Europe. Yet hers was a happy childhood with her sisters and brother swimming in the Danube, rowing on the Donau Canal and excelling at school. This idyll came

to an end with the early death of her mother and the accidental death of her beloved brother.

In nineteen thirty four she attended the University of Vienna majoring in French and Economics. After graduation, since there was no great prospect of employment in her field, she decided to go to Greece as a baby nurse. She spent two happy years learning the language in the household of a family she admired and loved. But all that came to an end with the gathering storm in Europe. Hitler had annexed Austria into the greater Reich and was threatening Czechoslovakia. War loomed and she was obliged to return home to Austria and her family. Grandma always maintained nothing good ever comes from War. Nevertheless, with all the men away grandma obtained a good position in the Bank of Austria as an economist. Then there was a chance encounter on a Viennese tramcar with a young Officer on leave from the Eastern Front. That young lieutenant Friedrich Eduard Loeffler was to become the love of her life and in 1942 in spite of the uncertainties of world conflict they married and spent the rest of their lives together in sickness and in health, richer and poorer until Fred passed away in 1988.

After the war with little prospect of progress under Soviet Occupation the Loefflers, now a family of four, Fred born in 1946 and Christa born in 1949 emigrated to Canada and began a new life together in Edmonton. The first years were difficult but gradually they acquired a house in Mill Creek and it soon become a second home for all the children's friends as many here will recall. Grandma initially worked as a nurse at St Joseph's Hospital but later obtained a position in The Virology department of the old Provincial Laboratory at the University of Alberta. She became a highly skilled cell culturist providing diverse cell monolayers for virus isolation. Anyone who has ever been involved with the vagaries of eukaryotic cell propagation will know that it requires a

dedication of purpose, attention to exquisite detail and an exactitude of mind. Grandma had these things in spades.

And that's where I appear in the story. In 1968 I spent the year in Calgary as a Commonwealth University Fellow. In 1969 I was recruited as a virologist at the University of Alberta in the Provincial Laboratory of Public Health in Edmonton. I think grandma was wary of me at first and maybe even mildly apoplectic when I started to court her daughter. Apparently she had some serious misgivings about the Scots in general and perhaps me in particular. Nevertheless, she came to accept me as part of the family and I think came to realize that we Scots are nae sae bad.

She retired in 1981 with the admiration and grateful thanks of her colleagues. Fred and Chris were able to travel and spend time together until Fred passed away in 1988. After an initial period of mourning her zest for life returned and more travels to distant parts were planned. I had the privilege of introducing grandma to my own native Scotland, with its highlands and Islands, castles and ancient buildings. She was particularly impressed by St. Andrews and took hundreds of photographs, enough to fill Scots magazine Calenders for years to come. And speaking of photography I would venture the opinion that everyone here has had their picture taken by Grandma at one time or other. Every occasion was photographed. Grandma kept Kodak in business for years after the digital revolution. Forget this electronic rubbish, grandma needed a picture you could hold. Two copies at least.

Then came the Grandma years. Every Grandchild was a precious gift to nurture and protect. She would attend every occasion. A birthday, a confirmation, a Christmas dinner an easter egg hunt.

Family and friends were everything to grandma She loved and was loved in return. Her two families revered Grandma. And her sense of family extended beyond blood relations as many here today will attest. All those who studied with Christa and Fred at the

U of A will remember the welcome on 93rd avenue and the hamburgers she would make for hungry students. Oh those hamburgers, they were unique and have not been replicated since. Her fellow Hospitallers gathered here today revered Grandma for her wit and mischievous sense of humour and for her dedication to the Christian ideal. "*That which you do to the least of us you do to me*". She took her religion seriously and attended at mass every week. Those were her personal beliefs and she never wavered. Not once.

Her motto was live free and be independent and she did so in her own house until two weeks before she died. Being there in the hospital when I realized Grandma was not going to get better this time I remembered the words of the poet William Morris in his prologue to the earthly paradise

*Of heaven and earth I have no power to sing
I cannot ease the burden of your fears
Or make quick coming death a little thing
Or bring again the pleasure of past years
Nor for my words shall ye forget your tears
Nor hope again for aught that I can say
The idle singer of an empty day.*

*But rather, when aweary of your mirth
From full hearts still unsatisfied ye sigh
And feeling kindly to the earth
Grudge every minute as it passes by
Made the more mindful as the sweet days die
Remember me a little then I pray
The idle singer of an empty day.*

And remember Grandma we shall.

Her grandchildren all have special memories: In the mountains; By a lake; Birthdays, Holidays. She was always there.

Thank you Grandma for the love and hugs and little things that made you so special.

Well done!

Robert D.O. Devine KH



From the Grand Priory of the United States of America

The membership of the Grand Priory saw many changes occur during 2009 and 2010, notably within the Commandery of Jefferson City. Members across the States of Missouri and Tennessee became further dispersed, some relocating to Texas and Arkansas. Members of the Grand Priory currently reside in the states of California, Texas, Arkansas, and the Saint Louis and Jefferson City regions of Missouri.

Despite the numerous personal challenges relocation and changes in employment presented in their lives, members of the Commandery of Jefferson City met in small groups within their localities for fund-raising, service-work and socializing. Local fund-raising activities in Saint Louis, Missouri were planned and carried out. Funds by means of donation were raised and allocated to a Christian organization sponsoring youth clubs in India during 2010.

The members continued to provide service hours in their communities. These included medical and dental services to inmates in correctional facilities, and nursing services to psycho-geriatric patients. In the field of education, instruction in academics and sports

coaching for youth groups, high school, college and university students, and interpretation services for the deaf at schools, colleges and universities were also provided. Members logged service hours in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve, staffed local museums, worked in construction for Habitat for Humanity and served in the Ministry.

Members pledge to continue the process of building membership, planning and executing strategies for fundraising, and providing service hours. With the Prince Grand Master's and Grand Prioress's approval the Commandery of Jefferson City will assist the Texas members in forming a detachment with the intention of building a Castellany in the State of Texas.

Our prayers and appreciation for all their hard work go out to each member of the Grand Priory. Albert Einstein once said, "In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." As members in our Knights Hospitaller Order may we continue to take every opportunity with which we are presented at home or in our communities to work "For the Faith and for the Good of Mankind."



**God be in my Head, and in my Understanding;
 God be in my Eyes, and in my Looking;
 God be in my Mouth, and in my Speaking;
 God be in my Heart, and in my Thinking;
 God be at my End, and at my Departing**



A Message From the Grand Prioress of the United States of America

Many of us in the Grand Priory of the United States and elsewhere in the Order have experienced some important and unusual changes in the past year. Some of us have moved to jobs in other States or Provinces, cared more intensively for children or elderly parents, seen children off to college for the first time, worked for our own degrees, received unexpected medical diagnoses, and kept vigil as sons and daughters and dear friends went off to war and returned.

Learning to live in unfamiliar territory we have reminded ourselves we still must continue to maintain and to progress, trying to fulfill our duties better than we did the day before, remembering to rest and to count our blessings before facing the demands of the next day. At work we try to effect change for the better for our patients, students, communities. At home we try our best to fulfill our duties as sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, and as Hospitallers we aim to integrate all our duties under the motto of the Order :

Pro Fide et Pro Utilitatem Hominem

Amidst challenging circumstances we might remember that we are the survivors, the descendents of those who have come before us. And this is true of us as Hospitallers as well. How did the first Hospitallers, whose work we carry on, live and cope, work and pray? How did they adapt to new situations, hostile circumstances? Did they have a way of looking at things that we might adopt that helped them daily to live up to their ideals and inspired them in the middle of difficulties?

One might spend a lifetime investigating the history of the Hospitallers and never stop learning things we can apply in our own lives. Obviously we who are members of this Order today should have an admiration and high regard for the ideals of the Order which began so long ago. Our work now is connected to, in fact built on the ideas, beliefs and actions of those who came before us in the Order,

going back even farther to those who influenced them!

My particular questions came from necessity in my own circumstances – how did my forebears in the Order (and those who paved the way for them) keep their heads above water in stressful times? What was their best defense against intrusions that threatened to overcome their peace of mind and soul? What was their secret strength enabling them to defend the Faith and help their fellow man? It must be something ancient yet adaptable to time and place and necessity.

Well, help comes in unexpected places when you ask for it. One such unexpected source in my case was the Psalter, known as being the main part of the Liturgy of the Hours (also known as the Breviary, the Divine Office, the "Work of God"). The Psalter is essentially the 150 Psalms arranged according to the time of day, day of the week, and season of the year. It owes its remote origin to King David's words, "Seven times a day I praised You" (Ps. 119:164). Perhaps the earliest of the Psalter cycles of which we have a record is given by Saint Benedict in his **Rule** ch. 8-19 (c. 550) with canonical hours of Lauds (Morning Prayer) offered at sunrise, Prime (first hour of the day), Terce (3rd hour, or Mid-morning), Sext (6th hour or Midday), None (ninth hour or Mid-afternoon), Vespers (Evening Prayer) offered at sunset, and Compline (Night Prayer) before going to bed. In addition monks arose to read and pray during the night. The basic structure of the Divine Office has been relatively constant since the 11th century.

The Blessed Gerard, founder of the Knights Hospitallers, himself a Benedictine monk, and his first Hospitallers would have been familiar with the Psalter, prayed it, and revered it for the treasure it is. As I looked through the beautiful arrangement of the Psalms I was struck by one thing in particular. At the beginning of each Hour was the little verse "O God, come to my assistance; O Lord,

make haste to help me!" I wondered why this little prayer seemed to have such importance as to be prayed unfailingly during the day as an introduction to each Hour.

Looking a little farther into the customary prayer life in the sixth century brought me to an author with whom the founder of the Benedictine Order and all his spiritual descendents (including the Blessed Gerard) were very familiar, John Cassian (d.~435 AD). Cassian's writings, especially his **Conferences** and its famous chapter "On Prayer" were greatly admired and put into practice in monastic life. As one of Cassian's translators put it:

"In a profound and timeless way he (Cassian) was a salient example of the problem faced by any Christian who is somehow obliged to reconcile an admired past with the needs and burdens of his own day. His commitment was to the life of the spirit, and this within the perspective of the later fourth century and the first of the fifth century, but his reflections, his concerns, his efforts to speak words of weight and value mark him at once as a writer entitled to the respect of any age, including our own."

John Cassian, **Conferences**;
Classics of Western Spirituality;
Translated by Colum Luibheid;
Paulist Press; 1985.

Cassian had something to say regarding that particular little introductory verse and its appearing so prominently in the Psalter.

"It is not without good reason that this verse has been chosen from the whole of Scripture as a device. It carries with it all the feelings of which human nature is capable. It can be adapted to every condition and can be usefully deployed against every temptation. It carries within it a cry of help to God in the face

of every danger. It conveys the humility of a pious confession. It conveys the watchfulness born of unending worry and fear. It conveys a sense of our frailty, the assurance of being heard, the confidence in help that is always and everywhere present. Someone forever calling out to his protector is indeed very sure of having him close by."

John Cassian, "On Prayer"
Conferences, Conference 10

Cassian's instruction regarding this prayer, learned from the Desert Fathers, put into practice by Saint Benedict, by the Blessed Gerard and his Knight Hospitallers, comes to us today in our own particular circumstances as a guide, a constant that can keep us united to Our Lord. My feeling is that this short Psalm which can easily be said any time of day or night, during any occupation, and adapting itself in any circumstance is part of our spiritual heritage. I believe that as the descendents of the first Hospitallers and their forebears that we who are called to live in the world and yet not be of it, have found a spiritual treasure in this little prayer, whose value has been esteemed for centuries as a "pearl of great price."

We may discover, as someone reminded me recently, that our "success" as individuals and as an Order will not depend necessarily on the successes we have achieved in the eyes of the world, but in the purity of our intention, the strength of our desire to please God and to stay united to Him throughout the day in everything we do. May our faith translate into good works and be sustained by prayer and the interior life, and by the little verse:

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!

H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich DH



Thoughts and Reflections



Christ of the Margins

A Homily address to the Commandery of Edmonton - June 19 2010

Located within the heart of the inner city of Edmonton is the Marian Centre an Ecclesiastical community of the Roman Catholic Church dedicated to the care of the homeless and the disenfranchised. As one enters the Centre, the eye is attracted to a beautifully painted mural that covers an entire wall. The mural depicts the inevitable inner city line up. Silhouetted against a moonlit sky, a row of darkened and bedraggled figures await an evening meal and shelter. Upon closer inspection, a surprise awaits. One of the figures is Jesus, immersed within the crowd, sharing the common lot of the homeless. Christ present with those living in the margins.

On this occasion of the St. John of Jerusalem Church Service, Commandery of Edmonton, we celebrate the life and ministry of John the Baptist. In some traditions John's prophetic call is forged within the ancient Essene Community. The Essene Community was known for its desire to live an isolated and ascetic lifestyle. Holding to a strict orthodoxy, they lived in piety, lives dedicated to holiness as they anticipated an eschatological end of things. Thus in my estimation, John was a very private person, a contemplative, seeking God within the enduring silences of the wilderness and living within the confines of a dedicated faith community.

Yet, much to his surprise, John received the compelling call of God to leave his life of solitude to minister to the beleaguered, bewildered and broken populace that sought him out by the waters of the Jordan River. Much to his chagrin, John was thrust into the lime light becoming a legend in his own time. John was called by God to minister amongst the troubled seekers living in the margins. And ... it was while he was ministering to the many in the margins that he met our Lord Jesus

Christ. Baptizing Jesus in the Jordan, John experienced the very heavens open, and the holy dove of God alight upon the person of our Lord; Christ of the margins.

I am the Pastor of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM). The ICPM is an agency style ministry that defines as a "ministry of presence" within the inner city of Edmonton. ICPM offers pastoral care and spiritual support amongst Edmonton's homeless and the disenfranchised. Throughout the week we visit amongst the populace that live within the many drop ins and shelters, offering special care to many in the Remand Centres, hospitals, the Federal Women's Prison and visiting in homes.

Sunday is a special day as the Emmanuel Community gathers for worship in the Bissell Drop In. This worship service and lunch program is open and friendly to all who live on the streets and those who live in poverty in the Boyle McCauley area. Sister Marion and Linda Winski minister particularly amongst the women. Two additional focus points of the ministry are the aboriginal population and advocacy for the homelessness and affordable housing.

As Pastor of ICPM my call is to a ministry amongst those who live in the margins. Before attending this ministry I was comfortably situated in a congregational ministry within a community of faith well loved and predictable. Yet, the Christ of the margins called and what was I to do but respond. And, it has been my experience within this ministry time and time again that God has manifest in spiritual presence and I have met our risen Saviour in this blessed community, the Christ Of the margins.

Let me speak to you about this unique inner city community. What makes a person one of the poor, the marginalized, having fallen between the cracks of our social order? Consider a person with mental health problems and no family support. Consider again a mental health problem accompanied by an addiction, a duo diagnosis. A child or a woman abused, trauma without nurture. Systemic racism is alive and well within our community in relation to the Aboriginal population. Low income seniors and single moms on the most basic of pensions and family support lead lives of poverty. Unskilled labourers move daily from job to job within the Temp Agencies. Ex offenders who are in need of reintegration into the community. These are some of the reasons people find themselves in the margins. These

are the people that Christ walks amongst, the Christ of the margins.

In accepting this invitation to speak to The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem – Knights Hospitaller, Commandery of Edmonton, I am aware of the ministries of hospitality and offerings to the homeless and disenfranchised you make year by year. I commend your efforts, dating to the time of the Crusades! May I say, that you too have a unique calling, the calling of our Lord to those homeless and disenfranchised. May God bless you with a sense of the Spirit's divine presence as you minister within the inner city and walk with the Christ of the Margins.

Pastor Rick Chapman
Inner City Pastoral Ministry



An Address to The Rotary Club of Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico

Mr. President, Rotarians, thank you for your invitation to be here today. It is my pleasure to be able to speak to you about the Knights Hospitaller, Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

What is the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem? It is an independent international Order of Chivalry, also known as the Knights Hospitaller; it is one of the oldest orders of chivalry in the world. It is both a religious and military Order, being a hierarchal rather than a democratic organization. It is not affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, The Masonic Lodge, or The Shriners, and is not associated with any other Order of Chivalry.

St. John the Baptist is the Patron Saint of the Order. I have with me the mantle worn by Knights and Dames of the Order. It is based on monks' robes, with cowl or hood, and bears the Cross of the Order on the left breast. The Badge of the Order is the Maltese Cross, an eight pointed white cross with the extremity of

each arm indented by two points. The arms are narrow where they meet and gradually expand. The four arms represent the four cardinal Virtues:

*Fortitude
Justice,
Temperance
Perseverance*

The eight points of this Maltese cross symbolise the eight Beatitudes:

*Blessed are the poor in spirit ...
Blessed are they that mourn ...
Blessed are the meek ...
Blessed are the righteous ...
Blessed are the merciful ...
Blessed are the pure in heart ...
Blessed are the peacemakers ...
Blessed are the persecuted ...*

The Order of St. John of Jerusalem dates back to before the Crusades. The Hospitallers began in the 11th century, records

indicating about 1048, with religious and caring duties, to provide for the poor and pilgrims visiting the Holy Land which was then held by Muslims. The Hospitallers did not start out as a fighting force but in 1095, Pope Urban called for armed help in freeing the Holy Places from the Muslims, bringing in the age of the Crusades.

The call to arms was answered by all ranks of society, but it was the 'powerful and honoured men, proud in the belt of secular knighthood' that made a success of the Crusades. The Crusaders conquered Jerusalem in 1099. The military role of the Order began in the 12th century in the form of convoys to ensure safe passage of pilgrims to and from the Holy Land. The Crusaders who remained in the Holy Land after the fulfillment of their vows turned to the task of helping those who they had enabled to follow peacefully in their path. They were involved in the defence of the Kingdom of Jerusalem against the Muslims together with the Knights Templar, which Order evolved from the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem. In 1140, the Grand Master directed the European expansion of the Order which expanded into France and thence into other countries.

By 1148, in the Second Crusade, the Order was recognised as part of the military effort for the defence of the Holy Land. Numerous fortresses were established from north to south in the Holy Land, two of the most famous being Crac de Chevalier, and the fortress at Acre. Acre became the capital of the Kingdom of Jerusalem after its conquest by Richard the Lionheart during the Third Crusade in 1192. It had been lost to the Muslims during the Second Crusade of 1147 – 1149.

April, 1291 saw the beginning of the siege of Acre by the Muslims, and ended on May 18 when the fortress was overrun and the remaining seven Knights of the Hospitaller Order retreated to Cyprus. During the rebuilding of the Order on Cyprus the mission changed from that of a fighting army to a navy. The Cypriots were not happy to have the Order on their island and a subsequent move was

made to Rhodes which was granted to the Hospitallers in September 1307 by Pope Clement V. In 1319 a large Turkish force sailing for Rhodes was defeated by the Hospitallers. The Order flourished on Rhodes and remained through two sieges by the Turks in 1451 and 1480 until it was finally defeated in 1522 following a long siege by the Turks.

Once again the Order retreated westward, arriving on the island of Malta in 1523. The Hospitallers now became the defenders of western shipping in the Mediterranean against the Turks. Once again, in 1565, the Order was attacked by the Turks, but withstood the attack to hold Malta. The Order was defeated and driven out of Malta by Napoleon in 1798. The Knights of Malta, as they had then become known, were expelled from Malta and dispersed to various countries. The Order went through lean times in the following years with various branches finally evolving in different countries.

The Order, of which I am a member, functioned under the authority granted by Royal Charter of King Ernest Augustus of Hanover – sixth son of King George III of Great Britain and Ireland, until 1965. In 1965, His Late Majesty, King Peter II of Yugoslavia, accepted election as Grand Master of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem. King Peter fled Yugoslavia during the Second World War and headed a government in exile in England. He is the only monarch buried in the United States of America. His tomb can be found in the church of the Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Saint Sava in Libertyville, Illinois.

Are we actually knights, because knights are created by sovereigns? The concept of Knighthood and the development of Orders of Chivalry are both firmly rooted in the Old World. The answer to whether we are actually knights is yes. We receive the Accolade, since with an Order of Chivalry this right to create knights is delegated exclusively to the Grand Master and is reflected in the Order's Royal Charter.

With all the fighting on land and sea that has taken place over the centuries, what is the mission of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem now? Our mission today is what it was in the 11th century – to serve our lords and masters, the ill and the destitute.

While the original Order was Catholic, as was all of Christendom in the 11th century, and all male, our Order is now Christian. Historically, ladies were not a part of the formal chivalric structure, and even today a great many Orders of Chivalry exclude them from membership or relegate them to a distinctly secondary capacity. Our late Grand Master, Richard, Baron Flach de Flachslanden, declared that women can now receive the Accolade of Knighthood as well, in other words, they become Dames in the Order.

We are not a group of religious fanatics, but a group of men and women who believe in what the Order stands for, and work together to make the world a little better place for those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. This is accomplished through fund-raising and the dispersing of funds. All funds raised for charitable purposes, every cent, goes to charity. Nothing is kept for administrative fees. Administration fees are raised through dues and oblations.

The Commandery of Edmonton, Grand Priory of Canada, raising funds through casinos from 2006 to 2008, dispersed \$121,495 to inner city agencies in Edmonton to feed and clothe the ill and destitute, as well as assist the families of military members serving in Afghanistan. The Commandery of Jefferson City, Missouri, Grand Priory of the United States of America has raised funds for two major charities - Wounded Warriors, which provides programs and services to severely wounded service members in their transition from military to civilian life, and the Saint Jude Children's Fund, which provides research and medical treatment for children diagnosed with different pediatric cancers. The Grand Priory of the Baltic with headquarters in Finland also has a charitable program.

With the exploration and settlement of the New World, its settlers naturally brought with them their traditions and institutions. To this we owe our language, our law, and much that has enabled us to develop as unique peoples. The New World also offered refuge from religious intolerance, and later it was a refuge from a social stratification that prevented many from achieving their full potential. Still later it offered refuge to those whose positions in the social fabric had been destroyed by revolution and the rise of totalitarianism. Those who came, regardless of what brought them here, each had a contribution to make, and the sum total of their contributions created the Americas.

In the wake of the migrations across the Atlantic came our Hospitaller Order of St. John. Established in the Old World, it was to see itself fulfilled in the new. Like those pioneers who struggled to conquer the wilderness, our Order also suffered many changes in circumstances in the nearly two centuries that it has been on the North American continent. But like all who struggle, we emerged the stronger for it. Just as other European institutions have been able to adapt and flourish in the fertile climate of the New World, so has our Order. While keeping the best of the old, we have been forced by circumstance to also embrace the new. While retaining the aristocratic principles of chivalry, we have opened our ranks to all Christians regardless of denomination. We have been careful not to abandon what is necessary to maintain our chivalric integrity. Our Sovereign Protector, King Peter II of Yugoslavia, came to these shores just as our ancestors, and we, did.

Members of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, today consists of people from all walks of life – doctors, lawyers, military and retired military members, police officers and retired police officers, university professors, business men and women, college and university students, teachers, virtually every vocation you could name. We all work together toward the same

goal – to serve our lords and masters, i.e. the sick and the poor.

The Order is headed by the Grand Master with descending ranks of Bailiff; Commander; Chevalier, Chaplain and Dame; Companions; Jurats; and Serving Brothers and Sisters. The organizational structure is composed of the Sovereign Council, Chapter General, Grand Priorities, Commanderies, and Castellannies. The Grand Master is elected by the members of the Chapter General and serves for a life term.

Admission to the Order is through invitation by a serving member and must be recommended by the Commander of the Commandery in which the application is being made. The application is then forwarded to the Grand Prior/ess of the area in which the Commandery is located. The Grand Prior/ess then forwards the application to the Grand Master for final approval. The application procedure can take several weeks to several months. Once approved, the applicant is then formally accepted into the Order at the next Investiture, wherein promotions take place, and finally advancement to Knight or Dame.

Functions are formal in nature with the wearing of dress uniforms, tie and tails or tuxedos, highland dress, and for the ladies, long skirts, with medals and decorations displayed. These formal occasions occur usually twice a year, on or about St. John the Baptist Saint Day in late June, and at Christmas.

Commandery Meetings are held at least four times a year, with the Commandery Executive meeting usually six times a year. Officers of the Order are not elected. They are appointed by the Grand Master by referral. The Executive of the Commandery is appointed by the Commander of the Commandery.

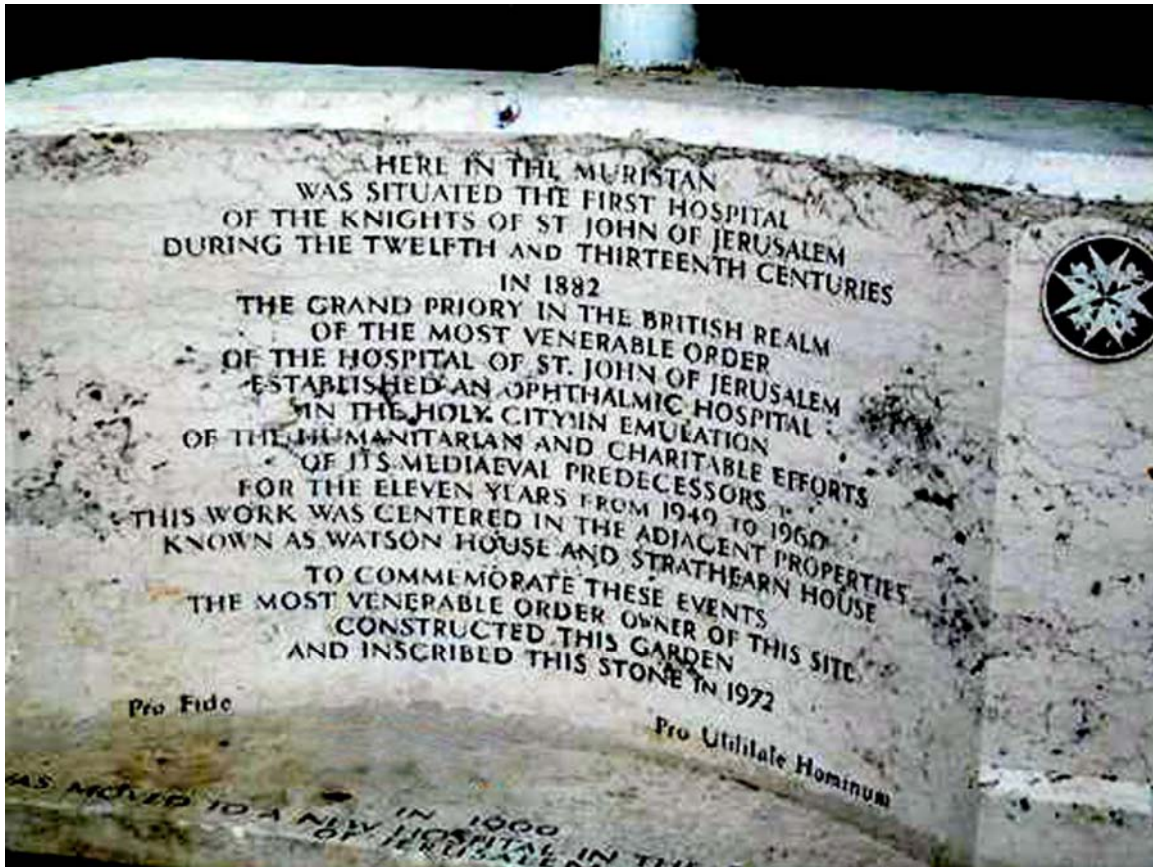
Members of the Order have dedicated themselves to helping mankind through the implementation of the Order's great motto: **Pro Fide** (for faith) **et Pro Utilitate Hominum** (and to serve mankind). By upholding the ethical and religious standards of Christian Chivalry, the Order is committed to the encouragement of all that makes for the moral and spiritual strengthening of mankind. It also encourages and promotes works of charity and humanity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering and danger, without distinction as to race, colour, creed, or national origin.

In closing, I would like to quote a distinguished member, the late Rt. Rev. D.D. Metcalf, Bishop of Canan and Darnley, and Prior of the South Pacific HOSJ, who once wrote in reference to John 6, verse 27: "May we then, as men and women of honour, take these words to heart and realize that there are more lasting needs for mankind today than gain for one's selfish desires. There are those who are destitute of this world's goods, those whose needs can be met by kindness, brotherly assistance and consideration, medical and educational help, and Chivalry with Christianity. This is nobility in action, and for such there is no need of a peacock's feathers or gilded plumage; but rather brotherly kindness and honest toil. In such a noble calling as this, there is a need of those who will give of themselves, and will acknowledge that neither with them or their Order is there a lack of Chivalry, and they will continue to show evidence of such in their faithful support of the leadership."

Chevalier Clayton McAdam KH
August 18, 2009



A Pilgrimage



Site of the first hospital of the Order of St. John in Jerusalem

In October 2009, Chevalier Clayton McAdam, and Dame Jutta McAdam were on a cruise that took them to ports that included Rhodes, Israel, and Malta.

We were very surprised on the ship the first day. Jutta was having a rest in the cabin and I was exploring the ship, as I normally do, to find where everything is located. As I was doing so, I heard a scream and my name being called. When I turned around, there stood Dame Katrina Tocher from the Commandery of Edmonton! We were both surprised to meet on the cruise as neither of us knew the other would be there.

Our first stop out of Athens was Rhodes. Jutta and I did not take one of the tours as this was our third trip there and we decided

to just explore the Old City on our own, which we did. Our main interest this time was to visit the old hospital, which is now a museum. We passed a couple of hours or more there, as the entire complex is quite large and very interesting, with gardens and some Order history displayed. From there we wandered up the Street of the Knights where the Inns of the Knights are located, and to the Grand Master's Palace. Unfortunately the front of the palace had been closed off for restoration work.

Two stops in the Holy Land were the highlight of the trip. The first was a tour to the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, and Nazareth. It was all so very interesting. Jutta stuck her foot in the Jordan River while I only stuck in my hand. It was a hazy day and it was hard to see across

the Sea of Galilee, but in the afternoon it cleared off enough that we could make out the Golan Heights on the opposite shore. The Sea of Galilee is only 13 miles by 7 miles although while driving along the shore it seemed larger. I had identified myself to the tour guide when he spoke of the Knights of the Order of St. John. As a result, when we reached the Mount of Beatitudes, where the Sermon on the Mount took place, the tour guide called me to the front of the bus and asked me to read the Beatitudes to the tour. I was honored to have been asked and I read the Beatitudes.

The next day was a tour to Jerusalem. Our first stop in Jerusalem was on the Mount of Olives so we could see out over the Garden of Gethsemane to the Golden Dome of the Rock and the city walls. Our tour took us to the room where it is said The Last Supper took place, then through the Jewish Quarter where Jutta happened to see the Cross of the Order on a doorway and on the gates beside it. Behind the gates we saw a monument that has been erected stating it was the site of the first Hospital of the Order. Then it was on to the Holy Sepulchre which was absolutely packed with people.

Our next stop was the Garden of Gethsemane and the final stop was at the Western Wall, or Wailing Wall as it is commonly called. I stopped at the wall and said my prayer, while Jutta wrote out her prayer and placed it in a crack in the wall. The wall is divided into two parts so the men and women do not go to the same area for their prayers. There was also a multitude of young Israeli army personnel there for their graduation parade. Unfortunately we did not have time to stay for the parade. On the way back to the ship Bethlehem was pointed out to us but no stop as it is in Palestinian territory.

Our second visit to Malta was followed soon after. We took a tour in the morning to Vittoriosa, which was the first location where the Knights settled. After the tour, Jutta and I poked around Valletta on our own. The following day was a stop on the island of Gozo, which we had also visited on our previous visit to Malta and had been a site of the Order.

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Hospital Gardens - Rhodes



Grand Hall of the Order Hospital - Rhodes

(Photographs courtesy Chevalier Clayton McAdam and Dame Jutta McAdam)

Snapshots

In August 2009, the commanderies of Auranmaa and Ylä-Lohja co-sponsored a trip to Raasepori where Prelate Oili Ylikleemola CH performed the midday Angelus in the medieval church of Tenala.



Raasepori Castle, Finland



At Raasepori Castle in period dress

(Photographs courtesy Dame Lea Passoja-Mikkola)



*Dame Christa Devine formally donating the funds to the Marian Center
The background shows the mural portrayal of Christ in the Margins*



Outside the gate to the courtyard on the Royal Mile, Edinburgh, Scotland

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