

**Hospitaller Order of Saint John**

**WHITE CROSS GAZETTE**



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## Gazette of Official Appointments

The following events have occurred or actions have been taken or confirmed by the Grand Master since the meeting of the Sovereign Council on 21-23 June 2006.

### Sovereign Council

**H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, D.H.,** appointed Grand Chancellor of the Order effective 24 June 2006.

**H.E. Bailiff Wendy Rollins, D.H.,** appointed Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure, following the resignation of H.E. Bailiff Bonnie Smith, effective 24 June 2006.

**H.E. Bailiff Christa Devine, D.H.,** appointed Grand Commander of the Order, effective November 2006.

**H.E. Bailiff Lea Passoja-Mikkola, D.H.** appointed Grand Councillor of the Order effective 24 June 2006.

## Grand Officers of the Grand Priories

**H.E. Bailiff Sandra Munn, D.H.,** appointed Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada, vice the promotion of H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, D.H., on June 21, 2008.



## Officers of the Commanderries

**Chevalier Clayton McAdam, K.H.,** appointed to the office of Commander, Commandery of Edmonton, vice the promotion of Dame Commander Christa Devine, D.H., to Grand Commander, effective November 18, 2006.

**Chevalier Glen Steven Babich, K.H.,** appointed to the office of Castellan, Castellany of Jefferson City, effective October 27, 2007.

**Chevalier Robert Rogers, K.H.,** appointed to the office of Acting Commander, Commandery of Edmonton, vice the resignation of Commander Clayton McAdam, effective June 21, 2008.

**Chevalier Glen Steven Babich, K.H.,** appointed to the office of Commander, Commandery of Jefferson City, effective November 15, 2008.

**Chevalier Robert Rogers, K.H.,** appointed to the office of Commander, Commandery of Edmonton, effective November 23, 2008.



## Promotions

**At Ceremonies of Investiture conducted under the authority and in the presence of the Grand Master, the following promotions were made:**



### **Edmonton, Alberta - June 24, 2006**

**Chevalier Rodney Haberstock, K.H.** created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Friedrich Koenig, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Clayton McAdam, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Dame Kathleen Clarke, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Dame Barbara Koenig, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Dame Kathryn Millar, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Richard Babich, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Jutta McAdam, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Katrina Tocher, CH.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.



### **Tampere, Finland - November 25, 2006**

**Chevalier Marku Johannes Isotalo, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Pekka Kulervo Kynnös, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Heikki Tapani Vaiste, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.



### **Turku, Finland - September 22, 2007**

**Chevalier Antti Juhani Jääskeläinen, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.



### **Jefferson City, Missouri - October 27, 2007**

**Chevalier Alfred Garcia, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Ernest Wilder Jackson, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Ralf Salke, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Michael Eugene Sands, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Dame Nancy Babich, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Dame Patricia Sue Garcia, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Robert Bruce Sikes, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.



### **Tampere, Finland - October 18, 2008**

**Dame Maija-Leena Raipia, D.H.** created a Dame of the Order.

**Chevalier Onni Grönlund, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Kimmo Kauranen, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Kauko Lehtoranta, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.



### **St Louis, Missouri - November 15, 2008**

**Chevalier Robert Bruce Sikes, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Joseph Scott Savage, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Tran Nguyen, J.H.**, promoted to Jurat in the Commandery of Jefferson City.

**Edmonton, Alberta - June 27, 2009**

**Kevin Casper, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Martin Michael Kenneally, C.H.**, promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Richard W. Kaye, C.H.** promoted to Companion of the Order.

**Chevalier Richard Alan Babich, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Chevalier Joseph Scott Savage, K.H.**, created a Knight of the Order.

**Dame Jutta Johanna McAdam, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**Dame Katrina Tocher, D.H.**, created a Dame of the Order.

**New Members**

**At Ceremonies of Investiture conducted under the authority and in the presence of the Grand Master, the following new members were received into the Order:**

**Edmonton, Alberta - June 24, 2006**

**Richard Babich**, admitted as a Jurat in the Commandery of Edmonton, Grand Priory of Canada.

**Tampere, Finland - November 25, 2006**

**Risto Assmuth**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Raimo Lucien Heschung**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Matti Sillanpää**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Lars Stjernvall**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Marita Vaiste**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Kimmo Kauranen**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Veikko Pavela**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Maija-Leena Raipia**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Edmonton, Alberta – December 1, 2006**

**Michael Babich**, admitted as a Serving Brother into the Commandery of Edmonton.

**Edmonton, Alberta – June 23, 2007**

**Heather Campbell**, admitted as a Serving Sister into the Commandery of Edmonton.



**Turku, Finland - September 22, 2007**

**Hannu Antero Härmälä, C.H.**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Heikki Juhani Jalas, C.H.**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Jari-Pekka Juhani Mikkola, C.H.**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Antii Oskari von Wehrt, C.H.**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Oili Maria Ylikleemola, C.H.**, admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Jefferson City, Missouri - October 27, 2007**

**Edith Rice, J.H.**, admitted as a Jurat in the Castellany of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of United States of America.

**William Rice, J.H.**, admitted as a Jurat in the Castellany of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of United States of America.

**John Darin**, admitted as a Serving Brother in the Castellany of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of the United States of America.

**Chris Russell**, admitted as a Serving Brother in the Castellany of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of the United States of America.

**Tran Nguyen**, admitted as a Serving Brother in the Castellany of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of United States of America.

**Edmonton, Alberta – December 1, 2007**

**Rev David Lehmann, Ch.H.**, admitted as a Knight of the Order and appointed Chaplain of the Commandery of Edmonton.

**St Louis, Missouri - November 15, 2008**

**Erin Manott, J.H.**, admitted as a Jurat in the in the Commandery of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of the United States of America.

**Iko Essien**, admitted as a Serving Brother in the Commandery of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of the United States of America.

**Jeremy Griffen**, admitted as a Serving Brother in the Commandery of Jefferson City, Grand Priory of the United States of America

**Tampere, Finland - October 18, 2008**

**Risto Sjöholm, C.H.** admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Auranmaa, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Kalevi Salaluoto, C.H.** admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Annette Suvanto, C.H.** admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Kari Suvanto, C.H.** admitted as a Companion of the Order in the Commandery of Tampere, Grand Priory of the Baltic.

**Edmonton, Alberta – November 29, 2008**

**Kevin Casper**, admitted as a Jurat in the Commandery of Edmonton, Grand Priory of Canada.

**Martin Kenneally**, admitted as a Jurat in the Commandery of Edmonton, Grand Priory of Canada.



## HOSJ Sovereign Council-2009



***H.S.H. Robert Devine K.H.  
Grand Master***



***H.E. Rudy Maich K.H.  
Grand Marshall***



***H.E. Wendy Rollins D.H.  
Grand Receiver of the  
Common Treasure***



***H.E. Joanne Campbell D.H.  
Grand Chancellor***



***H.E. Christa Devine D.H.  
Grand Commander***



***H.E. Lea Mikkola D.H.  
Grand Councillor***



***H.E. Rauno Mikkola K.H.  
Grand Prior (Baltic)***



***H.E. Sandra Munn D.H.  
Grand Prioress (Canada)***



***H.E. Anne Maich D.H.  
Grand Prioress (U.S.A.)***

## Enthronement of the New Grand Master



*His Serene Highness Robert Drimnie Ogilvie Devine*

On June 24 2006, Lieutenant Grand Master, Bailiff Robert Drimnie Ogilvie Devine K.H. was invested Prince Grand Master of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller. H.S.H. Robert D.O. Devine succeeds the late Prince Grand Master, H.S.H. Richard Flach de Flachslanden who died suddenly in November 2004. In the months following the unexpected passing of the previous Prince Grand Master, a Chapter General of the Order was convened, and the then Lieutenant Grand Master Bailiff Robert D. O. Devine was elected unanimously, as Sovereign of the Order. The Enthronement of the new Grandmaster and an accompanying Investiture were hosted by the Commandery of Edmonton, Grand Priory of Canada in Christ Church Anglican Church, Edmonton, Alberta. In 1980, this venue was also the site of the first investiture hosted by the Commandery of Edmonton during which the then Robert D.O. Devine C.H. was made a Knight of the Order.

The solemn Ceremony of Enthronement was presided over by Grand Prelate Heinz Hertwig-Jaksch under the eye of the Sovereign Council. Officiating Sovereign Council members were H.E. Grand Councillor, Bailiff Lea Mikkola (Finland), H.E. Grand Marshal Bailiff Rudy Maich (U.S.A.), H.E. Bailiff Wendy Rollins, Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure (Canada), H.E. Bailiff Rauno Mikkola, Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of the Baltic (Finland), H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich, Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of the United States of America (U.S.A.) and H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada (Canada). Subsequent to his taking the oath of office, the oath of fealty to the new Prince Grand Master was taken by Sandra Munn D.H. on behalf of all members of the Order and the new Prince Grand Master then presided over the investiture of several Companions, Knights and Dames of the Order.



*Dame Sandra Munn D.H. (kneeling) swears the Oath of Fealty at the Investiture and Enthronement of His Serene Highness, Robert D.O. Devine, as Grand Master of the Hospitaller Order of John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller.*



*The Grand Prelate and the Sovereign Council following the Investiture and Enthronement of His Serene Highness, Robert D.O.Devine.*

*(Left to right) H.E. Bailiff Rauno Mikkola, Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of the Baltic, H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell, Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada, H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich, Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of the U.S.A., His Serene Highness, Robert D.O.Devine, H.E. Bailiff Wendy Rollins, Grand Receiver of the Common Treasure, H.E. Grand Councillor, Bailiff Lea Mikkola, H.E. Grand Marshal Bailiff Rudy Maich and Grand Prelate Heinz Hertwig-Jaksch K.H.*

## The Grand Master's Message



In the few years since I was invested as Grand Master of the Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem I have attended Investitures in Canada, Finland and the United

States of America. In those Investitures, carried out with all of the solemn dignity our ancient traditions demand, I have dubbed Knights and Dames, invested Companions and welcomed Jurats and Serving Brothers and Sisters into the Order. Since this Order is ecumenical in its traditions the ceremonies have taken place in the churches of many Christian denominations, Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, and Anglican, reflecting the divergent religious affiliations of our membership. In all of those venues the Order has been warmly welcomed by the host congregations who gave freely of their time and made their places of worship available to us for our Order ceremonies. On each of these occasions I was profoundly impressed by our hosts generosity and came to realize that the work this Order does and the charitable traditions that the Order embraces are widely appreciated amongst Christians and transcend any differences in Christian dogma and creed. Our motto "Pro Fide" for the faith is inclusive for all Christian denominations and "Pro Utilitate Hominum" for service to humanity is universally accepted as a primary Christian obligation.

Each and every member of our Order is therefore obligated to uphold the reputation of the Order by charitable works and goodwill towards others. It is not enough to merely belong to the Order, one must actively contribute one's own efforts together with fellow Hospitallers to collectively maintain the reputation for service and goodwill which the Order presently enjoys amongst fellow Christians.

In business or political organizations and foundations, there may be disagreements amongst board members as to the appropriateness of this or that decision. In those corporate sectors such conflict is usually resolved by majority vote or by a single executive decision. Charitable organizations with their emphasis on voluntary participation must necessarily rely on the goodwill and the generosity of spirit of their membership to come to a consensus agreement. Compulsion has no place here.

The Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem, through its constitution and handbook encompasses both of these business models with the Sovereign Council as the supreme governing body for the International Order and the Commanderies and Castellannies as the charitable arms of the Order at the local level.

It is therefore incumbent on the senior Officers of the Order to explain to all prospective members that their intended membership will require them to embrace the traditions and service obligations of the Order and to be aware that they are entering an organization which embraces both of these models but which by necessity and preference is closer to the charitable model. Prospective members entering into Commanderies and Castellannies must be aware that the work of the local charitable organization can prosper only in an atmosphere of goodwill and a willingness to co-operate and compromise with both ideals. Over the past few years changes to the Constitution have strengthened the Order with women taking their places within the High Offices of the Order. There is a renewed spirit of international co-operative development within the Order.

But such has not always been the case, and the Order has suffered schism and fracture when disenchanted individuals wished to undermine the work of the Order and promote their own separate agendas. Even today such

conflicts do arise and cause sorrow and division as has happened recently in the Tampere Commandery. It is therefore essential that we admit to our ranks only those who will abide by the sacred obligations of the Order and that any prospective member be given all relevant information pertaining to Order membership before entering our ranks. It is only by candid disclosure of our organizational dispositions that we may reasonably expect to avoid misunderstandings as to membership obligations.

With these caveats understood I would also urge the membership at large to actively recruit suitable candidates to join the Order. Senior Order membership is ageing and the future survival of the Order requires that we replace ourselves with younger members who will carry on after us. Recently I have revived and actively promoted the induction of young people as Serving Brothers and Sisters of the Order. Their contribution at the local level will assist present charitable efforts and eventually, I believe, swell our ranks with experienced and dedicated Hospitallers who will ensure the future of our Order.

This edition of the White Cross Gazette has had a longer gestation period than I would prefer. The previous editor of the Gazette who continues to assist the new editor was unable to publish a gazette partly due to poor health but also due to a lack of publishable material sent to him by the membership at large. Knight Commander Clay McAdam, who has recently relocated to Mexico and has graciously agreed to take over as Editor General, will no doubt have the same problem. I would therefore urge the membership to send him articles of interest for publication in the Gazette together with photographs and commentary.

In the name of Christ and St. John I close this message by wishing each and every Hospitaller, a summer of health and happiness. May you find peace and purpose in the Order.

*Ever yours in Christ and St. John,  
Robert D.O. Devine, K.H.*



## 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.  
Hea, Defend the Weak!  
Hear us, O Lord, Amen



## From the Grand Priory of Canada



*H.E. Bailiff Sandra Munn, D.H.  
Grand Prioress, Grand Priory of Canada*

It was a busy 2008-2009 for the Grand Priory of Canada. Since becoming Grand Prioress of Canada at the June 2008 Church Parade in Edmonton, it has been my pleasure to be in frequent contact with the members of both the Edmonton Commandery and the Castellany of Calgary. As one of my first duties, I attended with the Grand Master to welcome Serving Brother Walter Babich and Serving Sister Madeleine Babich to the Order in an informal ceremony in Calgary. September saw new members Martin Kenneally and Kevin Casper join the Edmonton Commandery.

In mid November, I was also privileged to attend the Investiture and the elevation of the Castellany of Jefferson City to a Commandery in St. Louis, Missouri.

A Church Parade in Edmonton at the end of November was followed by a lovely Christmas dinner at the University of Alberta Faculty Club for members and guests of the Edmonton Commandery. The annual general meeting and potluck dinner was held in April with good fellowship abounding.

In May another Casino was held to raise monies for the charities that the Edmonton Commandery supports. Recipients of the \$28,500 that were dispersed over the last year were Rock Lutheran, Terra Association, Edmonton Garrison Military Family Resource Centre,

George Spady Centre, Art Start and the Hope Mission.

In June 2009, Commander Bob Rogers hosted a very successful Vigil and Investiture in Edmonton. The Vigil was followed by a traditional reception for the Grand Master. The following day saw Scott Savage from Tennessee, USA, Richard Babich from Calgary, Jutta McAdam from Mexico and Katrina Tocher from Edmonton invested as Knights and Dames of the Order. Also at that ceremony Richard Kaye of Calgary, Kevin Casper of Bonnyville and Martin Kenneally of Edmonton were made Companions of the Order. The church service and Investiture at St. George's Anglican Church was followed by a festive dinner at the Royal Glenora Club.

My congratulations and thanks to all the hard working members in Canada who have made this a most successful year for the Order.

In closing, please remember in your prayers, our Order members, Martin Kenneally of Edmonton and Terry Larson of Calgary, who will be serving with the Canadian military in Afghanistan.

***Yours in Christ and St. John,  
Sandra Munn, D.H.***



## Grand Prioress's Address and Grand Prioral Medal Presentation - 2006

My name is Joanne Campbell and the position I hold within the Order is Grand Prioress of the Grand Priory of Canada. I became a member, as a Dame on the day in May in 1991 when Richard, Baron Flach de Flachslanden became the new Prince Grand Master in London, Ontario, Canada. Today we have witnessed the enthronement of the man that sponsored my entrance into the Order. Your Highness, thank you for accepting the nomination for Grand Master and taking on the responsibility this entails. I feel very fortunate to be a member of this Order and to have witnessed these two momentous occasions within the Order.

As I was in the final stages of preparing for the ceremony today and the dinner this evening, I remembered that I had not repaired the clasp on my mantle. One more thing to do. Then I stopped. The mantle is not what is important. It is not the medals the post nominals, the titles. It is the members and the work done by the members to assist those who need it most. It is the work we do that makes us what we are. A serving Order. The History and traditions is what this Order is about.

Commander Devine, I thank you for all you and your Commandery have done to make this Enthronement and Investiture a success. I feel fortunate to have been part of this Commandery for many years. This Commandery has raised nearly half a million dollars to assist those in need. You have all contributed your time and energy to assist those in need. I believe that you all have contributed in some way to better the lives of others whether it is supporting the social functions, working at a fundraising event, taking the time to prepare food and serve the food to those in need, or supporting your friends and family as they do these things.

It is now time to recognize one among us who continually goes above and beyond. This individual has been in the Order for a number of years and has invested a tremendous amount of time and energy in this Order with style and grace. This person is steadfast in supporting, and ensuring that members are aware that their

many strengths are recognized and appreciated. When organizations are truly in need of assistance, the answer is yes. When someone appears to require assistance, this person is there. When I personally have requested assistance, the answer has always been yes. There have been many, many times this individual has worked into the wee hours of the morning assisting with the various preparations for functions such as this. The offers of assistance and service from this person are always given freely and they come from the heart and neither recognition nor thanks is sought. This individual has contributed a great deal over the past number of years and is a positive influence and role model, who is ever kind, gentle and gracious and epitomizes the term Dame.



The Grand Prioral Medal is an award that is bestowed on a member of the Order whom the Grand Priory wishes to particularly acknowledge for service to the Order and the Grand Priory. The last individual to receive this honour was H.E. Bailiff Angus Munn, KH on February 6, 2002 for his guidance and staunch support through a tumultuous time within the Order. Today I wish to recognize the contribution of an individual in the Edmonton Commandery. Without the support, guidance and wisdom of this person, this Commandery would not be where it is today. Dame Commander Christa Devine, please come forward and receive the Grand Prioral Medal with thanks from the Grand Priory of Canada.

**Joanne Campbell D.H.**

**June 24 2006**



## Grand Prioress's Address and Grand Prioral Medal Presentation - 2009

A quote which appears on many messages I receive "Light travels faster than sound – that is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak". Oh, well, - this will be short.

It is my pleasure to extend warmest greetings to all members of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem as well as to families and friends. Welcome all.

It is always so edifying to see how well you pull together to support the Order's efforts to do good. What strikes me most is the pride that you have in being part of the HOSJ family and the incredible support you provide to each other. In my view, this spirit de corps represents one of the best elements of a life of service recognizing that our greatest strength is our sense of unity. There is nothing so strong as the heart of a volunteer. We are all on the same train – just in different cars.

Yet another example of chivalry in action is members of our Grand Priory serving Canada Overseas helping those who really do need our assistance. I wish to recognize the following members and hope that you will keep them in your prayers as I do.



**Brigadier General, Chevalier Paul Wynnyk, K.H** (currently serving in Afghanistan).

**Lieutenant. Colonel, Martin Kenneally, C.H** (deploying to Afghanistan later this year).

**Lieutenant. Terry Larson K.H** (deploying to Afghanistan later this year).



All this said, there is one member that I would like to honour tonight, one who in a very few years has done an incredible job to further the traditions of our Order and continually demonstrates the true spirit of service to the Order. In our chivalric oath, we declare to do everything in our power to contribute to the

greater glory, prosperity, solidarity and unity of the Order of Saint John and to never act contrary to its dignity. This person exemplifies these high chivalric ideals and has devoted countless hours to the betterment of the Order.



*Chevalier Clayton McAdam K.H.*

This individual has served on numerous committees and on the Commandery executive and not only provides guidance to new members but continues to assist any member without hesitation when called upon to do so. I now call upon this member, Clayton McAdam, to come forward and accept this Grand Prioral medal with the thanks from all of us here in Canada.

**Sandra Munn D.H.**  
**June 27 2009**



## Commandery of Edmonton: Charitable Activities

The philosophy guiding the Edmonton Commandery's charitable efforts is to direct resources to where they can be of most benefit to the indigent and needy. Currently this is manifest through a three pronged approach, viz meeting the needs administered to by inner city agencies, sustaining the agencies providing such assistance, and nurturing inner city youth through artistic personal development programs.

The funds which support these endeavors are procured through charitable donations, casinos sanctioned by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, and *de novo* fund raising events sponsored by the Commandery. Donations and *de novo* fund raising are of special importance because many organizations cannot accept funds procured through casinos. Over the years, fund raising has taken many forms including, musical evenings, exotic dinners, auctions and garden parties. The commandery gratefully acknowledges the contributions of members and nonmembers who have contributed to the success of such events, and especially the contributions of The Devine Harmony Fun Club (musical), Dame Gillian Taylor (exotic dinner preparations), and Chevalier Fritz Koenig and Dame Barbara Koenig (garden party hosts).

In varying degrees, nearly all the agencies supported, cater to basic human needs by running meal and nutritional programs, and by distributing a range of basic consumables to

improve conditions for the needy. Examples of are the kitchen and dining hall run by the ROCK, the HOPE MISSION's vans which rescue people of the street, and the laundry and sleeping spaces provided for homeless persons at the George Spady Centre. The support of such agencies by contributing to the upgrading of their facilities and equipment. More and more, agencies are delivering services with aged and substandard equipment that are past due for replacement, and health, safety and legal issues are increasingly becoming considerations for both clients and staff. The most dramatic example of this is "the ROCK" which for the past two years has upgraded floors, windows, tables, freezers, coolers, and various pieces of kitchen equipment to meet Canada Food, Health and Safety standards. The George Spady Centre has also been gradually replacing mattresses; and the Terra Centre is looking to replace a refrigerator at the Braemar School day care, and install a communal kitchenette and pantry in their apartment complex.

Funds have also been provided to support the nurturing of inner city youth through programs administered by E4C's ArtStart. To this end, dance program mirrors were purchased and installed, and materials have been purchased for their various art, music and dance programs. The Commandery is also examining Terra programs for pregnant and parenting teens offered at the Braemar School.

### Charitable Disbursements

#### 2006

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| George Spady Center            | \$13,000 |
| Mustard Seed                   | \$ 5,000 |
| Hope Mission                   | \$18,000 |
| Art Start                      | \$ 3,000 |
| Deer Park                      | \$ 725   |
| Christ Church Community Dinner | \$ 950   |

#### 2007

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| George Spady Center | \$14,000 |
| Mustard Seed        | \$ 5,000 |
| Hope Mission        | \$13,000 |
| Art Start           | \$12,800 |

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Edmonton Garrison             | \$1,000 |
| Terra Association             | \$1,000 |
| Marion Center                 | \$5,000 |
| Repairs to Hospital in Africa | \$ 500  |

#### 2008

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| George Spady Center              | \$5,000 |
| Hope Mission                     | \$4,000 |
| Art Start                        | \$5,120 |
| Edmonton Garrison                | \$3,500 |
| Terra Association                | \$3,700 |
| Rock Lutheran Inner City Society | \$7,200 |

## From the Grand Priory of the Baltic



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

### The History of Events in the Grand Priory of the Baltic

The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem started its functioning in Finland in the 1970's as Volunteer Corps. Interest towards the Order began by a group that had members such as Matti Koivurinta, Veikko Nurmi, Jukka Suotmaa and Lauri Winter. The functioning was very small and occasional until it began to get stronger in the late 70's.

Grand Master Robert Sanguszko-Formhals who was the Grand Master then promoted Jukka Suotmaa and Lauri Winter to the rank of Companions in 1982. Operations began developing and new members were taken and they began using the name Order of Saint John and the Commandery of Finland was established. Grand Master Sanguszko-Formhals promoted in USA esteemed Companions Jukka Suotmaa CH who was present and Lauri Winter CH who was absent to Knights.

When Grand Master Sanguszko-Formhals passed away Richard Baron Flach de Flachslanden became the Grand Master. Expansion went on. During his time in the late 1990's there were some conflicts mostly in USA and in Canada.

While there was an interregnum the Order divided and the Commandery of Finland was driven to the so called "break-away" group lead

by Lieutenant-Grand Master Joe Rude III and Grand Chancellor Merwyn Richards.

The Commandery of Finland became the Grand Priory of the Baltic and Jukka Suotmaa KH its Grand Prior in 1998. Other officers included Knights Juha Suotmaa, Rauno Mikkola, Reino Pispanen and Seppo Ristilehto. Also then the Commandery of Finland became the Commandery of Turku. We see that our active operations initiated in the year 2000.

Grand Master Flach de Flachslanden and the Commandery of Edmonton with Bailiff Robert Devine kept in contact with us actively here in Finland and hoped that we would return to the original HOSJ Order. Our rapidly extended operations and amount of members resulted into busy conversations and correspondence. The proposition from Edmonton lead into a positive result.

When we had got our operations into a good start in HOSJ some accusations surfaced here in Finland about the righteousness and credibility of our Order. Because of this a report was made and it stated that no financial harm or damage was made to the Order. During this time Grand Prior Jukka Suotmaa asked to be resigned due to illness from the Grand Master and he approved.

Prince Grand Master, H.S.H. Richard Baron Flach de Flachslanden decided during a Sovereign Council meeting on June 24.2004 on a proposal from Bailiff Devine to establish the Grand Priory of the Baltic and nominated Rauno Mikkola KH to become the Grand Prior. At the same time the Commanderies of Auranmaa, Keski-Suomi, Tampere and Ylä-Lohja were accepted back to the original HOSJ Order lead by Grand Master Flach de Flachslanden. Only the Commandery of Turku stayed in the Rude III's "break-away" group.

Grand Master Flach de Flachslanden passed away on October of 2004 and HOSJ had to nominate a new Grand Master. Robert D.O. Devine, who had worked before as Lieutenant of the Prince Grand Master, was nominated. His ceremonial inauguration ceremonies were held June 22.2006 in Edmonton Canada.

It has to be said that the rapid growth in the membership here in Finland in the beginning of the millennium was too intense and uncontrolled and too little attention was put in looking into the applicants attributes. That was going to backfire later on. We haven't yet gotten the operations started in the Commandery of Keski-Suomi even though we have tried many times. The future will show if it has potential. There was an opposition group formed in Tampere by some members in 2004/5 and its goal was to reduce our international payments and overall dependence to the Sovereign Council lead by the Grand Master. However they soon realised that critiquing the Grand Master was too dangerous and they started to critique the Grand Prior with whom they were not happy. They did not stick to their vows and didn't want to follow the rules and obligations of the Order. Contrary to what was decided in the discussions they continued in their dissolving ways and the then Commander could not make them stop. He didn't want or he didn't have enough will to act according to the rules and instructions of the Grand Master and Grand Prior and the Grand Priory Council.

After the discussions and correspondence that had lasted about one year with the Grand Master Devine, who then urged in a personal letter the members in Tampere to consider their membership in HOSJ very seriously. Grand Master Robert D.O. Devine stated that opposition groups and persons who question the righteousness and legal status or Hospitaller ideals are not fit to be members. Those who want to disturb the work of our Order, its name and reputation have no right as Hospitallers to carry our Insignias and use the name HOSJ. When the Grand Masters letter to the members in Tampere yielded no response, he decided to remove them from the membership as of April 1.2009 and obligated the Grand Prior to follow the ruling and do accordingly.

Although the same kind of disintegration happened in Finland now as had happened 10 years ago in USA and Canada we believe in the future and share the good and the bad things of this many centuries old HOSJ Order.

Our yearly framework of operations is based on many already traditional events. We have visited the birthplaces of our Order in Malta and Rhodes and got to know historical places in our home country. We have organized days of spiritual growth with quests from many fields and we have had cultural theatre and music happenings. Our yearly Investiture festivities is the climax of the year and those events have been honoured with the presence by Grand Master Robert D.O. Devine and Commander Christa Devine and Grand Marshal Rudy Maich. Our charitable work is still minimal. The Grand Priory Council has basically approved a charitable program that is going to start 2010 at our 10-year festivities.

It is clear that it has taken a lot of time and energy to get past these setbacks. But we have learned from those setbacks and we believe in the stronger and more unified HOSJ Order.

*Pro Fide – Pro Utilitate Hominum*

**Rauno Mikkola K.H.**  
**June 2009**



## Greetings From Finland



Members of the Grand Priory of the Baltic made a trip to the isle of Malta, with their spouses on September 30-October 7, 2006. There were 32 persons on the trip and the purpose of this trip was to get to know better the birthplace of our Order.

Malta is a small island, only 316 km<sup>2</sup> between Italy and Tunisia in the Mediterranean ocean. We got to know the island pretty well on a week trip. Malta had joined the EU on 2004 but they still use their own money lira. There were 400 000 inhabitants and the cities and the villages were next together, very little of countryside and that little was very rugged.

The Maltese cross was shown everywhere like on jewellery, cloths etc. Tourism is growing rapidly but still there is improvement to be done on services and attitudes.

We travelled on the island both alone and together on little trips. It was easy to travel by around bus. We made our first trip to Mdina. It used to be the capital in the middle ages. It was located on top of a hill and was surrounded

with walls. There we walked on narrow streets and visited the cathedral of Saint Paul. It was built again after an earthquake in 1693. On its dome there is a painting portraying St. Paul crashing to the shores of Malta.

Our second trip was to the new capital city of Valletta. It is also surrounded with walls and very packed. Saint John's cathedral the former monastery of the Maltese Knights was filled with treasures. We visited Grand Masters armoury in the palace. Otherwise this palace was closed because of a state visit.

Before returning home we had a dinner together with discussions about the future of the Order. Those persons who could not be with us on this trip are already hoping of a second trip to Malta, perhaps next year. The Commandery of Tampere had made all of the arrangements concerning the trip and our guide was Prelate Aaro Hurskainen, who had visited Malta before.

***Lea Passoja-Mikkola D.H***  
***November 2007***



## From the Grand Priory of the United States of America



*H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich, D.H.  
Grand Prioress, Grand Priory of the U.S.A.*

For the last several years the Grand Priory of the United States has seen renewed activity, particularly in the heartland of the country. In only a few years members of the HOSJ in Missouri and Tennessee grew from a Castellany to a Commandery, with members drawn from the military, medical, education, social services and clergy. There are new members who fill each rank of our Order from Serving Brother and Sister, and Jurat, to Companion, Knight and Dame. Ranging in age from college students to retirees and hailing from several states, they have met the challenge of quarterly meetings function planning and activities with great success driven by their dedication to the principles of our Order.

These relatively new members have already shown what it means to be true Hospitallers, giving tirelessly of their time and effort in their professional work lives and in their activities in formal Order functions. Already in the short space of three years the Commandery of Jefferson City has held three Vigils, Investitures and Dinners at which the Prince Grand Master has officiated.

They have also raised hundreds of dollars in funds for two major charities:

Wounded Warriors, which provides programs and services to severely wounded service members during the time between active duty and their return to civilian life, and the Saint Jude Children's Fund, which provides research and medical treatment for children diagnosed with different pediatric cancers.

Members from this new Commandery are also serving at the Grand Prioral level Dame Patricia Garcia, DH as Secretary Major and Knight Commander Glen Babich, KH as the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Priory of the United States of America. Further, a new Pilgrim Master for the Order has been happily found in Chevalier Bruce Sikes, KH, whose travels to Malta and Rhodes were presented at the 2008 Investiture Dinner in Saint Louis, Missouri.

We salute their efforts, and feel fortunate, indeed, to have all of these fine members working so well together under the banner of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem "*for the Faith and for the good of Mankind.*"

***Anne Maich D.H.***



## Castellany of Jefferson City - Investiture 2007



***The Nucleus of the Castellany of Jefferson City – October 2006***  
*Back Row Left to Right: Ernest Jackson C.H., Elizabeth Conley C.H.*  
*Patricia Garcia C.H., Alfred Garcia C.H.*  
*Mid Row: Ralf Salke C.H., Nancy Babich C.H., Michael Sands C.H.*  
*Front: Chevalier Glen Babich K.H. Castellan.*

On October 26, 2007 The Castellany of Jefferson City held its first Vigil Ceremony, in Jefferson City, Missouri, which was conducted by Rev. Bruce Sikes, acting Chaplain. The following afternoon at William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri a Ceremony of Investiture took place at which H.S.H. The Prince Grand Master officiated. Also present were H.E. Bailiff Christa Devine, Grand Commander of the Order; and H.E. Bailiff Anne Maich, D.H., Grand Prioress of the

United States of America. A guest Chaplain John Hunter conducted the ceremony.

Following the Investiture a Reception and Dinner followed at a local Country Club which was hosted by Castellan Glen Babich, K.H. Among the speakers were H.S.H. The Prince Grand Master, the Grand Prioress of the United States, and Castellan Babich. New and old members of the Order introduced each other, giving biographical and Order involvement information, which was warmly received.



## **Grand Prioress's Address to the Castellany of Jefferson City Jefferson City, Missouri, October 2007**

Your Serene Highness, Your Excellency, Chaplain Hunt, Castellan Babich, Fellow Knights and Dames, Companions in Saint John and Esteemed Guests, I am very happy to be here in Missouri with you and in such good company tonight. Some of you have just now been invested as Knights or Dames, putting on the new man, as it were. So let us speak of beginnings.

When asked about the beginnings of the Knights Hospitaller Order of Saint John many times in the past I have answered with a thumbnail sketch like this: two merchants from Amalfi, Italy in A.D. 1048 built a small hospice in Jerusalem to care for pilgrims traveling to the Holy Land who were sick or dying and abandoned due to the law forbidding a Moslem to help a Christian, punishable by death if broken.

Some of us have been fortunate enough to have visited the Holy Land, perhaps even standing in the spot of this hospice, the official birthplace of our Order, which happens to be very close to a church dedicated to Saint John the Baptist. But tonight I'd like to accompany you on a mental pilgrimage to the spiritual beginnings of our Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, which will take us back centuries before.

Our first stop is to the deserts of Judea where, if we listen carefully, we may hear the voice "of one crying in the wilderness to make straight the paths of the Lord." Our patron, Saint John the Baptist would have been remarkable to behold. Clothed in rough skins, first cousin to Our Blessed Lord, he made an unusual herald for the King of Kings. Tradition has it that from his youth he lived a solitary life of austerity and poverty in the desert. The same hand that baptized with water belonged to the one who felt it unworthy to loosen the strap of the sandal of His Lord. Centuries later King Peter of Yugoslavia, the fons honorem from whom we received one of our charters as an Order of Knighthood, as a child would see this

hand in the Royal Chapel in Belgrade, and the memory of it would never leave him.

Although Saint John's faith was nourished in the desert, his work was among men. It was during this work in a crowd that his King appeared suddenly before him. And like His ensign, Our Lord would travel to the desert from the River Jordan to fast and pray for forty days and nights before beginning His own public work. You followed this example as you fasted and prayed last night to prepare for this day. After that as He moved among men, eyes would be opened to his works and ears to his words. Some would recognize Him in their midst, as John did, others would not. He taught "What you do to the least of these, my brethren, you do unto Me." He gave the teaching popularly called the Beatitudes which have guided Christians, particularly our Order, to the present day down to us gathered here tonight.

Let us next go to see the Fathers of the early Church, those men taught by the Apostles who lived in the deserts around Jerusalem as hermits, like Saint John, leading holy, austere lives. Only the strongest spiritually can survive the battles fought alone in the desert against the world, the flesh, and the Devil. Their prayer was continual, their work was prayer and spiritual warfare.

Let us now travel ahead nearly 300 years to our next stop around 496 A.D. to find a young man of noble family running away from school in Rome where his parents had sent him. Sensing the spiritual dangers there he hid himself in a cave for some years. Like John in the wilderness he found physical and spiritual nourishment. Like John, too, when he emerged from his hermitage he was barely recognizable as human, dressed as he was in the skin of an animal. But his presence was so enlightening that others came to live near him and to be taught by him. Eventually he wrote a rule of life for them and by this marvel of moderation, unlike the severities of the Desert Fathers, Benedict of Nursia succeeded in making men

holy living together a life in religion based on the family. He is the founder of Western Monasticism. The scientist and writer Isaac Asimov went so far as to call him the Founder of Western Civilization. The Benedictine life of “Ora et Labora,” of prayer (first) and work (second), hearkens back to our first great duties as followers of Christ: to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.

Companies of twelve monks set out for other wildernesses all through Europe until it was covered by a network of prayer and work. First a rough chapel would be built, then the monks would build their huts around it, and others from the neighborhood would move close by. This is how the great cities of Europe began, each one a Benedictine foundation, each one having at its center a small chapel housing the King of Kings. Each monk was instructed by the Holy Rule to welcome each guest to the monastery as though he be Christ Himself.

Nearly 500 years later a French Benedictine monk, Guestmaster of the Monastery of Sancta Maria Latina in Jerusalem, who perhaps better than anyone else knew how to greet Christ in each visitor, was asked to help build a hospital to give aid to pilgrims worn out from their journey. The work of Blessed Gerard, his “Ora et Labora” in this hospice was done under the patronage of Saint John the Baptist his companion monks were also instructed to see Christ in “Our Lords the Sick.” They lived and worked believing that the drink of water or food or healing medicine was actually given to Christ Himself. No one was to be turned away, neither those too poor to pay, nor Jewish nor Islamic. In A.D. 1113 when his monks became an Order under the protection of Pope Paschal II, greater things could be expected. And they did occur.

Later, larger hospitals were built near and far and the Order became armed to protect them and pilgrims en route to the Holy Land. The Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem became a force to be reckoned with and was admired by pagan and faithful alike. We had our place in many battles in history, recruiting the sons of noble families and others as well. The most decisive naval battle in Christendom occurred on October 7, 1571 at Lepanto. The Knights of Saint John were there under the banners of Don Juan of Austria.

Through the years our Order’s “*Pro Fide et Pro Utilitatem Hominem*” has been a hearkening back to the Benedictine “*Ora et Labora*” which together is the taking to heart of the two greatest commandments given us by Our Lord Himself. When we do this we are able to recognize Christ in our midst. When we do a thing to the least of these, we do it to Him. Our Lords the Sick, Our Lords the Needy are Christ himself welcomed at our battlefields, in our hospitals, in our schoolrooms and in our homes.

I’d like to end this mental pilgrimage by sharing with you a personal story. When I was trained in the Chaplaincy Department of a hospital near my home, I was asked by the moderator what we hoped to achieve in our visits at the hospital. Each of us said basically the same thing: “to bring Christ to others,” “to share the Gospel with those who need to hear it.” He replied, “Those are worthy objectives, good and natural desires. But there is a better answer, and that is to see that Christ is already there in the room ahead of you.” My prayer for each one of you tonight is that when you look for Him you may find Him, wherever you may be.

**Anne Maich D.H.**



## Inauguration of the Commandery of Jefferson City 2008



*Officers and Participants at the Inauguration of the Commandery of Jefferson City*

On the weekend of November 14 and 15, 2008, the Castellany of Jefferson City celebrated the formal elevation of its status to a Commandery in the Grand Priory of the United States of America. The formal inauguration of the new Commandery coincided with an Investiture in St Louis, Missouri. The Vigil preceding the Investiture was held on Friday November 14 at Saint Francis Xavier College Church with Rev. Jeremy Griffin acting as Chaplain. The vigil was followed by a reception hosted Dame Sandra Munn.

On the following afternoon H.S.H the Prince Grand Master presided over the Investiture which was also held in Saint Francis Xavier College Church. These proceedings occurred under the eye of the following members of the Sovereign Council: H.E. Bailiff Christa Devine (Grand Commander), H.E. Bailiff Sandra Munn (Grand Prioress of Canada), H.E. Bailiff Rudy Maich (Grand Marshall), and H.E. Baliff Anne Maich ( Grand Prioress of the USA).

Following the investiture, the festivities continued at a dinner in the Il Monasterio Dining Hall with feature addresses by the Prince Grand Master and the Grand Prioress of the U.S.A. Later, the Host Commander Glen

Babich K.H. who was also appointed to the Office of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Priory unveiled the Flag of the new Commandery, and Chevalier Bruce Sikes, K.H., the newly-appointed Pilgrim Master made a special presentation of his trips to Malta and Rhodes.



*Kt. Commander Glen Babich (left) and Chev. Alfred Garcia K.H. unveil the flag of Commandery of Jefferson City.*



## **Grand Prioress's Address to the Commandery of Jefferson City St Louis, Missouri, November 2008**

Your Serene Highness, Your Excellencies, Knight Commander Babich, Chaplain Griffen, Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Saint John, Honored Guests, Traditionally, the Vigil of Knighthood was spent in prayer, in conversation with God. At our Vigil Ceremony last night many beautiful prayers were said and meant from the heart. You offered yourselves to God as a group and as individuals. For most of us prayers begins each day and ends it. This afternoon, once again, came prayer that was heartfelt.

Tonight I'd like to speak of Joy; the joy we're experiencing from work well done and answered prayer. The joy we are experiencing tonight has come from faithfulness to commitment and very much hard work. Tonight this Castellany has been raised to a Commandery through your dedication to the Order and to each other, and especially through the guidance of our new Knight Commander Glen Babich, whom I wish personally to honor at this point. Through him our Order as a non-profit organization has been officially recognized by the State of Missouri. Chevalier Bruce Sikes has been clothed with the Mantle of Knighthood and has received his appointment as Pilgrim Master. Scott Savage is now a Companion of Honor. We have two new Jurats, Tran Nguyen of limitless energy and enthusiasm and the lovely Erin Mannott, as well as two new Serving Brothers Jeremy Guiffen and Iko Essien.

Each of us as members of our Order has felt this joy tonight, as have your friends and family. Your work has been prodigious – your joy is fitting. We know it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I'd like to say officially – “Well done!”

It gives me joy to see old and new friends, companions together in this room, and especially to see different generations together under the Flag of the Order. As Grand Prioress I have a particular joy in recognizing all your efforts and faith which has strengthened our

Knights Hospitaller Order. We have prayed together and rejoiced together. The question awaiting each one of us now is “What are we to do next?” Prayer is conversation with God. When we speak to God He answers us, maybe right away, maybe not; maybe in unusual ways, maybe in silence. But He does answer us. And we can hear Him only when we are quiet, wait patiently and listen.

Tradition has it that our holy Patron Saint John the Baptist from his youth lived a life of great austerity in silence and prayer in the deserts of Judea. How fortunate he was to hold familiar conversation with his first cousin, Our Lord. When Christ began His public life, John was already at his own work baptizing at the River Jordan “making straight the way of the Lord. There, all were favored by actually hearing the voice of God, “This is My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”

We, too, must take the time to listen - in times of preparation, in times of rejoicing, in times of consolation or in spiritual dangers, in good weather and in bad.

Which reminds me of a saying of a very wise Spanish woman who lived five centuries ago, a nun, put in charge of the difficult task of reforming her Order in Spain, who said, “There is no such thing as bad weather; all weather is good because it comes from God.” Now I must hasten to add (before my Canadian friends and their nine months of winter and my Missourian friends lynch me, Californian that I am) that I think what she meant is this – that there is a joy that comes from doing the will of God precisely because it is His will – whether it is simple or complicated, easy or difficult. When we listen and then do our best, we can then understand how “all things work unto good for those who love God.”

One of my favorite prayers of all time expresses this idea to me perfectly. It never fails to bring me courage and joy when I hear it or read it. It was prayed at the Vigil Ceremony last night. It was composed by a true soldier of

Christ, a knight who had seen battle, living through victories as well as defeats. He was spending a year nursing a battle wound, a broken leg, I believe. He wanted more than anything to be back in the thick of it, I'm sure, not shut up in bed like a weakling. But God had other ideas for him. He was frustrated and bored, whiling away his recuperation reading – then praying. – and listening. And this prayer is what came out of it. Surprisingly, his picture is on the wall of this very room tonight. It is of Saint Ignatius of Loyola:

*“Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous;  
To serve Thee as Thou deservest:  
To give and not to count the cost;  
To fight and not to heed the wounds;  
To toil and not to seek for rest;  
To labor and not to ask for any reward  
Save that of knowing that we do Thy Will.”*

**Anne Maich D.H.**  
**November 15 2008**



*Saint Francis Xavier College Church, St Louis Missouri  
Host venue of the Investiture and Inauguration of the  
Commandery of Jefferson City*



## **The Commandery of Jefferson City – A Perspective on its Charitable Mission**

On October 26 2006, His Serene Highness Robert D.O. Devine, Grand Master of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller, formally inaugurated the Castellany of Jefferson City at investiture in Scott Air Force Base, O'Fallon, Illinois, USA. On that date, Chevalier Glen Babich K.H. was invested as Castellan of the Castellany of

Jefferson City, and with the committed support of a few new members began the task of reestablishing the Order as a viable charitable mission in the mid western states of the United States of America. Along with the unending challenge of recruiting new members to the service of the charitable mission of the Order, it was essential that the Hospitaller Order of Saint

John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, be accredited as a non-profit charitable organization with the empowerment to solicit funds and issue Tax receipts within the jurisdiction the State of Missouri. Accordingly, application was made to the Missouri Secretary of State to operate within the state of Missouri as a nonprofit charitable organization, and permission was then sought from the Attorney General of Missouri to solicit funds from both individual and corporations in support of the Order's charitable mission. These legal and administrative hurdles have since been cleared and, as of August 6, 2008, the Castellany (now Commandery) of Jefferson City has the legal standing to function as a non-profit charitable organization in the State of Missouri and to solicit funding from both individuals and corporations in support of its charitable mission.

Prior to its accreditation as a nonprofit charitable organization in the state of Missouri, it was actually illegal for the Castellany to solicit funds or perform fund raising activities as a non-profit charitable organization within the state of Missouri. Nevertheless, it was permissible for the Castellany to accept unsolicited funds from individuals and corporations in support of its charitable mission, and the Castellany thus began the process of defining and establishing the nature of its particular charitable mandate, in the face of the challenges posed by the wide scattering of the membership over two states. Undaunted, its charitable mission has developed along two complementary lines. The first involves the procurement of resources which are then made available to other organizations which minister directly to those in need. So far, the Castellany has supported the Wounded Warrior Project which assists veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This organization provides material and other support to amputee war veterans throughout the process of their recovery and rehabilitation and strives to ease their transition back into civilian life. The Castellany has also supported the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Foundation which, from its base in Memphis, Tennessee,

provides free medical care to children suffering with childhood cancers, or suffering with other rare, complicated childhood diseases. Because of the legal and administrative hurdles that were in place at the time, the support of organizations was funded almost entirely by contributions from its members.

The other aspect of the Castellany's charitable mission is a more "hands-on" approach in which members provide services as individuals (usually with the assistance of a spouse or significant other) through a charity or service club; or as groups of members working together. Many members of the Castellany are physicians, nurse practitioners, dentists, health administrators, teachers, ministers, deacons, or college students and have actually chosen career paths that enable them to apply their professional skills more directly towards providing services to the poor the sick, the underprivileged, the disadvantaged, or disabled. Through their mission, members assist in the provision of medical and dental services to inmates in prisons or jails, medical services in emergency rooms, medical services in community clinics serving the indigent population, nursing services in psycho-geriatric units in hospitals caring for geriatric patients afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and other mental impairments. Members have also been involved in providing assistance to those with hearing impairments by the provision of real-time interpretation of lectures in college or university classrooms, and Members have assisted in the serving lines of food kitchens. They are involved in providing counseling services for teens; and sporting activities, such as fencing instruction, for adults and children at local community and college levels as well as abroad in under serviced locations such as India.

In all of these charitable endeavors they embody the spirit of those Hospitallers of long ago who serve the needy and vulnerable so selflessly. We wish them well.

***Ruthven N.A.H. Lewis K.H.***



## Reflections

*An excerpt from an email message transmitted to H.E. Bailiff Joanne Campbell by Major David M. McLeod, K.H while serving with Combined Task Force in Afghanistan*

From: McLeod, David M MAJ  
To: Joanne Campbell  
Subject: Christian Service  
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2006 1:32 PM



On Monday I was with the Americans all day working on a funeral Mass for one of their Sergeants, KIA (killed in action). Last night I had the best sleep I have had in months, I was out like a light, down for the count. This morning started well, I had a wonderful chat with one of our Corporals at breakfast, definitely I thought, I will be able to write you this morning. It was at that moment when the American Sergeant who works at Mortuary Affairs spoke with me. The Romanians had a KIA early this morning. The Romanians are responsible for camp security here; one of their patrols hit an IED (improvised explosive device) around 4am. There were four wounded and one KIA. My cell phone rang and someone

in Canadian Ops asked me to speak with the Romanian chaplain, I felt very efficient indeed when I said I was already on my way to their HQ. This is the first death for the Romanians in about 2 years. They wanted to know how to conduct a Ramp Service, the thing is there is no liturgy for repatriation ceremonies, we have written this one on the run. There are similarities in these repatriation ceremonies but every country puts their own mark on it. Later I went over to Mortuary Affairs to get some of their questions answered. As I finished I thought I am going to spend some time in their chapel before anything else happens. They have a beautiful chapel with some very good icons, it is so wonderfully exotic placed right here in the wilds of Afghanistan. One of my favourite icons in the chapel is of St Michael; he has been prayed to a lot on this tour. As I reflected on this tour and where we have been since February, soldiers would come in for a moment of prayer, finish and quietly leave. Until this tour I had never thought too much about the piety of soldiers but I have seen evidence of it everywhere. One does not immediately think of piety when you see a soldier, especially an infantry soldier. Simple acts of piety have been displayed by all the Coalition soldiers, Canadian, British, Dutch, American, Romanians and French. Some great eye-opening "life" questions have been asked throughout this tour. What I have seen out here has seriously challenged all that we are led to believe is true about soldiers and faith. To tell you the truth I have always known this, the only difference now is that I have seen it in action.

All of this brings me to my reflections on, Christian service. My time at the Romanian chapel this morning has caused me to abandon the notes I had been working on. Over the last few years I have realized that service and in particular Christian service is largely ignored if

not forgotten. Everyone has rights, no one has responsibilities there is no point in speaking about accountability because we barely admit we are mortal. Thanks to the tour I am now seeing Christian service shouting at me from every corner, this certainly flies in the face of what the media and others have led us to believe for so long. Yes, this has been a wake up call for me. So now I come to the Investiture. Joanne, your beautiful email made me feel as though I was with all of you again. Your description of the church, the preparations by yourself, Sandi Munn hosting the Sovereign Council meeting and Christa arranging a tour of inner city organizations brought me to two motivators of Christian service, roots and tradition. If we forget where we came from we are truly a ship without a rudder and tradition is the vehicle of our progress. It is important for us to remember where we come from as people and as an Order. Acknowledging our past, with our triumphs balanced by our failures, we can in true humility move forward and face the challenges of the next step we are taking as an Order. Tradition is not some dusty relic we trot out on special occasions nor is tradition something that was set in concrete at some point in the past and now bogs us down in a situation we can no longer accept. Tradition is alive, so while we hold close the best of our traditions as a people and an Order, we can in faith take that next courageous step forward into the vulnerability of Christian service.

We have been well served in the past by the Prince Grand Master and Col Angus Munn, both of happy memory. A poem of Burns is beneath the photo of Angus Munn on his memorial card, I keep one of these in my breviary. This poem is well worth remembering; I will quote the last lines.

*“For a’ that, and a’ that  
Their dignities and a’ that  
The pith o’ sense and pride o’ worth.  
Are higher rank than a’ that.”*

The tradition and history of the Hospitaller Order of St John of Jerusalem continue now with the Investiture of Robert Devine to Grand Master. Robert I pray for you and Christa as you accept the responsibility of the office of Grand Master. God grant you peace and strength as you take that next step with us on the journey. To do the little things with as much care as if they were great things, Because of the majesty of Jesus Christ who dwells within us and to do the great things as if they were small and easy, because of his all-powerfulness.

In Peace.

**David McLeod, Major  
Chaplain  
Combined Task Force Aegis  
Kandahar Airfield  
Afghanistan**



*“I have most invariably found that the very feeling which has seemed to me most private, most personal and, hence, most incomprehensible by others, has turned out to be an expression for which there is a resonance in many people. It has led me to believe that what is most personal and unique in each of us is probably the very element which would, if it were shared and expressed, speak most deeply to others.”*

**Carl Rogers**  
in ***Celtic Daily Prayer: Prayers and Readings From the Northumbria Community***



## Snapshots



*Altar in the Co-Cathedral of St. John, Vallarta, Malta*



*Landside entry into the Old City of Rhodes*



*Lindos Castle, Rhodes*



*Walls on the port side of the Old City of Rhodes*

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**The Island of Malta and the Old City of Rhodes**  
(Courtesy Chev. Clayton McAdam K.H. and Dame Jutta McAdam D.H)





*Sovereign Council Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, June 2006*



**Dame Christine Loeffler D.H.** who celebrated her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 25 2008 is the oldest member serving in the Commandery of Edmonton. Grandma is blessed with a warm, infectious smile, an indomitable spirit and the capacity to inspire all that is good in everyone she meets.



*June 24 2006: A really fine day for the Enthronement and Investiture*




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