



Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem

Knights Hospitaller® London Commandery

Knighly News

Summer 2013

Commander's Message



I hope everyone is having a great summer and enjoying the long sunny days, and also the rain that makes our gardens grow.

This year the London Commandery held a very good AGM and Spring Dinner on April 27, 2013, at the Ansell Armory in Chatham. Everyone present enjoyed the venue and remarked how good the food and companionship was. Thank you Garry, Lois, and Nancy for all your help, and to our guest Garna Argenti for the wonderful presentation "Gathering our Heroes" which is the Kent Regiment Chapter IODE project for their 100th Anniversary. The Service at Christ Church was cancelled due to only 35 members responding, but Rev Father Paul Millward graced us with his presence at the dinner.

We celebrated Saint John's Day on July 27th with something different this year – a Wine Tour of Essex, organized by John Vanthournout and Rachael Curtis, Beth Dykeman, Garry Mardling and Lois Conner, and of course my secretary Nancy Standard. Also in attendance were our old friends, Terry and Donna Wallace. Everyone met at the Sutton Creek Golf Course at Noon for a lovely lunch, and then we started out for the wine tour and tasting. We visited four wineries with excellent wines, and tour guides explaining how the wines are made from certain grapes in their area. After the tour, we returned to the Golf Course for a great dinner courtesy of Col Hearne. Alison Amos and her father came and joined us for dinner. We had 22 members out for this event, and all had a great time, with lots of conversation and laughter.

The next major item for the Commandery and the Grand Priory is the Investiture in London on October 4 – 5, 2013. The London Commandery has been tasked to host this event. This is a good opportunity for members to advance in the Order to the next eligible rank. A New Grand Master will be invested, so this is something special. As your Commander, I would urge all members in the London Commandery and from all other Commanderies, if possible, to attend the Investiture. Room rates are very good, and we need members to support this very important event.

I realize it is only August, but I would like you all to pencil in the date for the Christmas at Home event, to be hosted by Kevin Bertoia and his committee in St. Thomas in the Officers Mess at the Armoury on Sunday, November 24, 2013. An invitation will be forthcoming in October. Please give this some extra effort, and support Kevin and his crew. Please remember it is the members who make a Commandery strong; not the Commander alone. I need your help.

Yours in Christ and St. John,

Sheila

H.E. Bailiff Sheila M. DeJaegher, DH
Commander of London



Nancy's News

The summer has gone by rather quickly... for me, at least. I had foot surgery in June, and it's hard to believe that more than two months have gone by. Walking is slow, and stairs are a challenge, but this is expected as the recovery period is lengthy. I never realized how large the Real Canadian Super Store is until I made my first trip there (post surgery) a few weeks ago. As I entered the store, I decided that I really didn't need everything on my list.☺ It's amazing what we take for granted! I am very grateful for all of the help I received from my two daughters and my Mom!

We have had quite the unusual weather this summer; lots of rain, and some cooler temperatures. Generally, by this time, our lawns are dried out, and the only reason for cutting the grass is to trim the weeds, the only thing that manages to grow without water. Although not the most favourable for the campers and beach-goers, the cooler weather has meant less air conditioner usage, and lower Hydro bills.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer, and please stay safe!



Upcoming Events

Investiture 2013: October 4th and 5th in London. **Please note** that we need volunteers from our Commandery for this function. Please contact H.E. Bailiff Sheila DeJaegher, DH, to volunteer. Sheila's email address is: sdejaegher@cogeco.ca. Phone: 519-351-2741.

Christmas Event: Our Christmas event will be held on Sunday, November 24th, at the St. Thomas Armoury Officer's Mess. Invitations will go out in October. Please mark your calendars.

Commandery Events – We Need Your Suggestions: We welcome your ideas for our Commandery events. Member input assures variety as well as improved member attendance and participation. In 2014, we aim to have the year's events planned, and will notify you by late January so that you can mark your calendars in advance. Invitations will still go out closer to the events. Please feel free to submit your event ideas to us as soon as possible. Thank you!

Knightly News Submissions: Do you have some interesting news to share? Have you been on a great vacation? Please provide your submissions and any pictures to me for the Knightly News.

A special "Thank You" to Dame Norma West for preparing the Knightly News for many years. You have earned the rest now Norma!

In Christ and St. John,

Nancy

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Hospitaller Work



Presentation to Kent Regiment Chapter IODE
"Gathering Our Heroes" Project
Garna Argenti (President) & Sheila DeJaegher



Presentation to Outreach for Hunger
Sheila DeJaegher & Brenda LeClair (Branch Coordinator)



Presentation to Hospice of London
Jayne Graham (Executive Director) and Ingrid Hope



Presentation to Hospice of Windsor & Essex County
Fr. Matthew Durham & Serafino Valigini



Presentation to Teenage Help Centre
Secretary & Serafino Valigini

Fall/Christmas Function – November 17,2012



**Presentation of Grand Priory Medal to
Don Watts from Sandy Brown**



**Grand Priory Medal Recipients
Don Watts, Sheila DeJaegher, James Parker,
Nancy Standard, Ralph West, Norma West**



Sheila DeJaegher & Garry Mardling



Ev Reeve & Don Howard

AGM & Spring Dinner – April 27, 2013



**Garna Argenti, George DeBruyne,
James and Carole Parker**



Lois Conner, Nelson & Marlene Somerset



George & Ingrid Hope



Sheila DeJaegher and John Vanthournout



**Rachael Curtis, Jim Stokes,
Margaret Thomas, Ruth Stokes**



Susan Watts, Judy Watts, Valerie Roskamp

St. John's Day Wine Tour – July 27, 2013



Nancy and Michelle Standard

I am very grateful to my daughter for being my chauffeur (post foot surgery). I wouldn't have been able to attend without her help.



Donna and Terry Wallace, Archie Neilson



Garry Mardling, John Vanthournout

Why open the bottle when you can go right to the source?



Ralph & Norma West



Beth Dykeman & Steven



Garry & Lois Mardling
Cheers!

Thinking of You

Marlene Somerset and Beatriz Griffiths are both going through some serious health issues right now. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Also, on August 13, Sheila DeJaegher suffered a stroke. Her doctor, however, said that her prognosis is very good, and she is coming along extremely well. There are no physical signs of having had a stroke either. Sheila is in the CKHA (Chatham Hospital), but is expected to be released on August 29th. Sheila said she is feeling pretty good, except for being a little tired, which is expected.

Other Good Stuff

Email note from LCol Morris Brause:

Morris has been on exercises with the Military or in Kabul, Afghanistan. He is doing some great work with both Church services, and assisting with all the music. He is also the Chairman of the Canadian Charity Organization and they are doing some great work in raising funds and getting some children's winter clothing and school supplies. If anyone would like to provide some support to this worthy charitable mission, please let Morris know.

Morris can be reached at morris.brause@hotmail.com.