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## Welcome

Dear fellow Knights and Dames of our Order,

I am pleased to welcome you to this issue of the St. George Chronicle and to acknowledge all your efforts. Much has transpired since our last newsletter, so I'd like to highlight a few things.

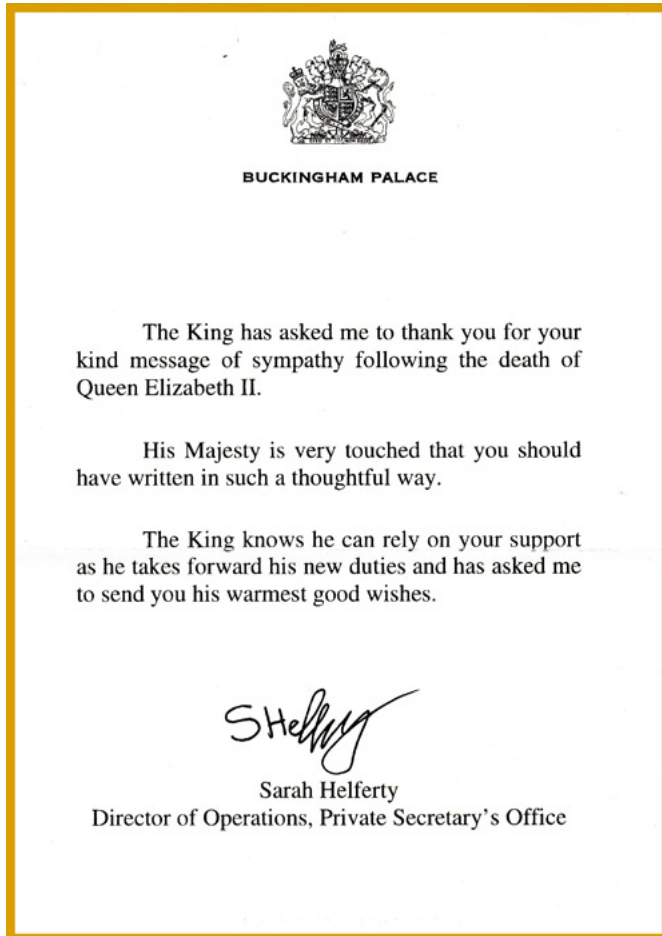
During the weekend of September 31 to October 1, 2022, we held a very successful Investiture hosted by the Kingston Priory, expertly orchestrated by the Kingston Investiture Team led by Chevalier Robert Hamilton KGCStG. I am honoured to welcome all the new members into our Order and anticipate the infusion of new energy and ideas to further our good works. I also encourage the Knights and Dames who have yet to complete their investiture to make every effort to attend an in-person Investiture - it is an experience not to be missed! We will be holding an Investiture this year in Calgary in late September/early October and a second Investiture in Halifax in April 2024. More information will be forthcoming.

Please take note of some key leadership changes under Announcements. I am grateful for the contributions of those stepping down and look forward to the new leaders who will bring their expertise and energy to the membership and our purpose, all with a commitment to our chivalric virtues of Faith, Service and Honour.

Yours in the Spirit of St. George,

Chevalier Charles Hill KGCStG  
Grand Prior

# Response from Buckingham Palace



# Kingston Investiture - Congratulations to our Newest Members!

The Kingston Investiture was held on Saturday, October 1st, 2022, at St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, ON. Congratulations to those members who completed their Investiture by being Dubbed, Cloaked and Spurred and a warm welcome to those who were fully invested at the same time. Members virtually invested in 2020 who have completed Investiture:

David Bathurst	Michaela Koch
Thomas Burnie	David Parker
Angus Cameron	Ian Steingaszner
Roger Chabot	Jacquelyn Stevenson
Dermod Coombs	Gerald White
Erica G. Courtney	John Wong
Scott Healey	Duncan Miller
Daniel Hutt	

Members virtually invested in 2021 who have completed Investiture:

Brian Carter	Thomas Morin-Cabana
Donald Davidson	John Nolan
Richard Hamilton	Kenny Tsui
Tony Luk	Peter Ke Kee Wong
Lawrence McGuin	Weibang John Zhu

New members:

Laurent Bergeron	John Morrison
Kin Sing Cheung	Frances Shepherd
Charles Lemieux	William Steedman
Heather Morrison	Garry Willard

## Announcements

The Order and The Foundation are pleased to make the following announcements, and on behalf of the entire membership, offer our sincere appreciation to the Knights and Dames noted here who have given so greatly of their time and effort.

Chevalier Don Haisell, KCStG assumed the role of Prior of Kingston in October 2022 replacing Chevalier Robert Hamilton KGCSStG

Chevalier John Nolan KStG assumed the role of Prior of Toronto replacing Chevalier Gil Taylor KStG in December 2022

Chevalier Gene Kushnir KStG assumed the role of Prior of the Prairies replacing Chevalier John Wojcik KStG

Chevalier Thomas Morin-Cabana KStG established a Quebec Bury in November 2022

Following a Foundation Special Member's Meeting held by video conference on February 1st, 2023, the following members of the Board of Directors of The Foundation tendered their resignations:

Dame Linda Colwell DCStG, Chair  
Dame Barbara Corbett DStG, Vice-Chair  
Dame Susan Everett DStG, Secretary  
Chevalier Ron Theroux DCStG, Director

The following members of the Board of Directors of The Order also tendered their resignations:

Chevalier David Sutton KCStG, Secretary  
Chevalier John Pickford KGCSStG, Prior's Representative

The following members of The Order were appointed to the Foundation Board of Directors:

Chevalier Alan Bird KCStG, Chair  
Chevalier Lindsay Dencsak KStG, Director  
Chevalier Ferguson Mobbs KStG, Director

## Invitation to Membership

As you all know, membership in our Order is by invitation only. With the Calgary and Halifax Investitures fast approaching, now is the time to extend invitations to those whom you would like to be considered for membership in The Order.

An invitation for membership is not based on an individual's personal or financial success; rather Members of The Order are distinguished by a lifetime of accomplishment and service to others. What prospective Postulants need to know:

- There is an initial Fee of Passage of \$750 which covers the cost of the Investiture Ceremony as well as the new member's personal regalia, scroll and vestments.
- Annual membership dues of \$150 are required to maintain membership and the right to wear the Insignia and use the post-nominals
- There is an expectation that members will support the Order's charitable and good works with their actions, efforts and resources according to their means

Once you have extended an invitation and the prospective member accepts, they become a Postulant. The next step is to send them this link to the Postulant Application and Petition:

<https://orderstgeorge.ca/postulant-petition/>

## Knights & Dames in the News

This excellent article about the work of Chevalier Trapper Cane appeared recently in the St Croix Courier: <https://stcroixcourier.ca/st-stephen-legion-creating-learning-opportunity-with-new-museum/>

# Membership Fee 2023

As usual, the membership fee for 2023 was due on 31 January. Thank you to all Knights & Dames who have remitted their dues – your prompt payment is greatly appreciated! The membership fee is not eligible for a charitable tax receipt and is used by the Order for membership administration and other management expenses.

Donations are always welcome! They are to be sent to the Foundation as a separate remittance and are fully eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

Payment by credit card through the portal is convenient and secure.

Paying by e-transfer or cheque?

## Membership:

Send **e-transfer** to: treasurer@orderstgeorge.ca

Make out your **Cheque** to The Order of St. George and mail to:

P.O. Box 112, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4H3

## Donations:

Send **e-transfer** to: foundation@orderstgeorge.ca

Make out your **Cheque** to The International Knightly Order of St. George Foundation and mail to:

P.O. Box 112, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4H3

# Invitation to the Investiture of the UK Grand Priory of the Order of St. George

The Grand Prior, Chevalier Charles Hill KGCSG is pleased to share with all Knights and Dames of the Grand Priory of Canada and the Americas the following invitation recently received from the Grand Prior of the UK Grand Priory:

Dear Friends,

You are cordially invited to the next Investiture of the UK Grand Priory of the Order of St. George, to be held in London, from Friday 12 May – Saturday 13 May 2023.

On the Friday, 12 May, we will be holding an afternoon seminar about the work of the Order, followed by our informal pre-investiture dinner, which will take place at the 17th Century George Tavern – London's only surviving galleried London coaching inn.

For the Investiture itself, on Saturday 13 May, we are going to the historic St. George the Martyr church in Southwark. The Investiture will be followed by our traditional banquet, which will be held in the church crypt.

The full Itinerary, menu choices, booking form, and payment options, are available [here].

<https://orderofstgeorge.co.uk/2022/10/19/london-investiture-2023/>

(Please note that it is essential that you register using the above link if you are planning to attend any of our Investiture events.)

I look forward to seeing you in London!

Yours Under the Banner of St. George,  
Stuart

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The Order of St. George

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## Priory News

### Atlantic Priory:

Atlantic Priory members were front and centre in their community this past year doing good works and deeds. In fact, several members were honoured by being awarded the QEII Platinum Jubilee Medal. They are Dame MacKinnon and Chevaliers Bathurst, Bergeron, Cameron, Carter, Dobson, Goode, Hosford, Pickford, Stoffer and White. Also, Field Dame Christie and Field Knights Bell and McBride - all for Nova Scotia. For New Brunswick – Chevaliers Eastman and Cane. Several photos can be found on the Atlantic Priory page on the website.

As well, Dame Armstrong was awarded the Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation. Photos can be found on the website. Another notable accomplishment was the election of Chevalier Eastman as a first-time Councillor to the newly formed Municipal District of St. Stephan, NB.

The Priory hosted another successful fundraising golf tournament, in September 2022, for Paws Fur Thought, a service dog provider for veterans with PTSD. With 112 participants, several volunteers and myriad sponsors and donors the priory raised \$52,480. This almost quadrupled the 2021 donation from the same tournament. Since 2017 (less 2020 due to Covid) the priory has raised just over \$124,000 between dinners and golf tournaments. Given that each dog can cost upwards of \$20K that approximates to five veterans

whose lives have been saved. Photos can be found on the website including the 6 Feb 23 cheque presentation.

The priory will not conduct a fundraising golf tournament in 2023; instead, we are going back to a fall black-tie dinner fundraiser to be held in the Wardroom, CFB Halifax on 18 November. The charity remains Paws Fur Thought.

Finally, Atlantic Priory has been approved to have a spring 2024 Investiture held in Halifax. The dates are 26-27 April 2024. We have chosen the Halifax Hotel [www.hotelhalifax.ca](http://www.hotelhalifax.ca) A superb hotel in downtown Halifax a couple of blocks from the waterfront near Historic Properties <https://www.historicproperties.ca/> Further details will be forthcoming from the Order.

Chevalier John Pickford KCStG  
Prior Atlantic

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### Prairies Priory:



*Former Prior Prairies, Chevalier John Wojcik and his companion Christa Petit with the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, S.O.M., M.S.M. and Her Honour Donna Mirasty, at the New Year's Day Levee at Government House in Regina, SK.*

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### Pewaukee Bury:

Read our annual reports here:

[https://orderstgeorge.ca/2023/02/annual\\_reports\\_2012-2021/](https://orderstgeorge.ca/2023/02/annual_reports_2012-2021/)