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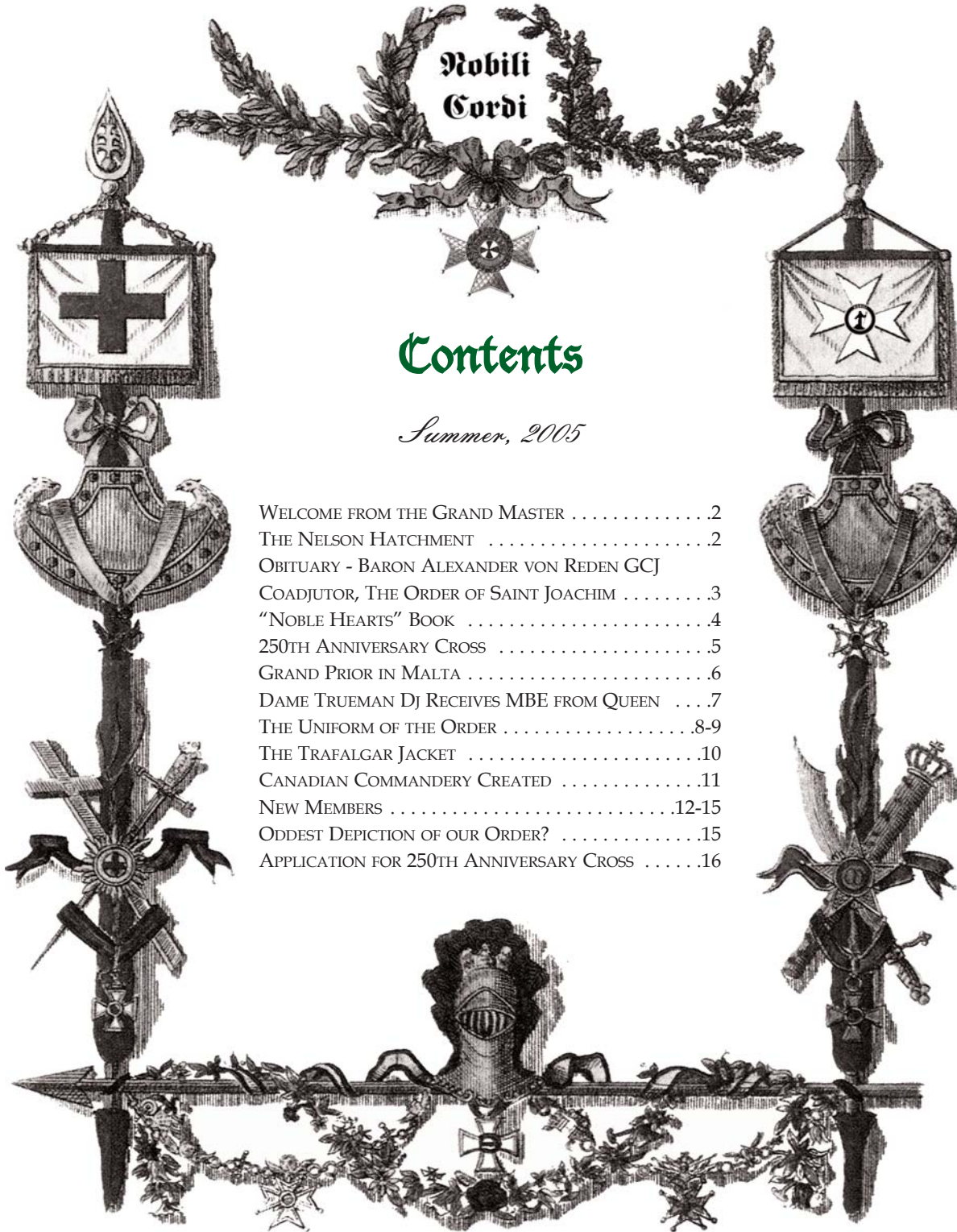
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Message From the Grand Master

**His Excellency The Chevalier Col. Prof.
Vis. Helmut von Bräundle-Falkensee,
GCJ, FMA, MEASc, The Much Hon.
Laird of Bladnock and Lochanbards**

“Nobili” is the ancient motto displayed on the insignia of our noble and illustrious Order of St. Joachim. Nobility (*Nobilitas* as said in ancient times) is now - along with ranks and titles - usually considered a rare and even a slightly unfashionable term.

But our contemporary society and the world in general needs nobility of heart and spirit more than ever, and I hope that the many knights and dames who proudly wear the insignia of our Order may attain this humanitarian and philosophical goal in their daily lives and activities.

May our patron Saint Joachim, as "good Shepherd" bless all of those who serve our sick, disabled, needy and homeless brothers and sisters. To all of our members I want to express my best greetings and all good wishes on the occasion of this, the 250th anniversary of the founding of our illustrious Order.



The Nelson Hatchment

In the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Merton, UK, one finds an unexpected reference to The Order of Saint Joachim. Among St Mary's collection of funereal hatchments is that of Admiral Lord Nelson, located above the door towards the end of the North Aisle. Nelson made his home in Merton and attended St Mary.

On it are depicted the symbols of the four chivalric orders conferred on Nelson, including, suspended from a green ribbon, at the bottom right, a familiar white cross described as the “Order of St Joachim of Leiningen”.



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H.E. The Chevalier Alexander Sixtus Baron von Reden-Esbeck GCJ



1952 ✠ 2004

Coadjutor of The Order of Saint Joachim

It is with deep sadness that the Grand Master and Grand Chapter of The Order of Saint Joachim announces the death of our Order's Coadjutor, His Excellency The Chevalier Alexander Sixtus Baron von Reden, on December 15, 2004, after a lengthy illness.

Baron von Reden was born on 1 May 1952 in Vienna. He was the youngest son of Korvetten-Kapitan Gunther Freiherr von Reden, and Luise Maria. The family originated in Lower Saxony, and can be traced to Heinrich Hysce (1189-1225). Baron von Reden spent his childhood in the upper-Austrian family seat of Regau, later graduating from the Academy of Graphic Arts.

Baron von Reden won the 1974 Biennale prize in Crakow, the 1975 Austrian state prize for tourism advertisement, the gold medal of the Italian Academy of the Arts, as well as the Silver Medal of Honour of the city of Vienna. He served as writer and editor of specialized Austrian trade publications, and wrote numerous articles in domestic and foreign publications. Among his books are "Austria Hungary - the Danube Monarchy in Historical Documents" and "Upper Austria's Secret Regiments - the Citizen and Defence Corps" (Salzburg: 1987).

In 1989 Baron von Reden created the "*Militaerkanzlei* for Tradition Regiments" in Vienna as a governing body for the "tradition regiments" found throughout the former Austrian Empire. These regiments recreated the military traditions and splendor of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and grew to 38 member bodies in Austria, The Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Italy. He was *Kommandanten der Militaerkanzlei*, Vienna.

Baron von Reden received numerous Austrian and foreign decorations in recognition of his distinguished service and career, including Distinguished Service Cross in Gold of the Upper-Austrian Citizen Guard, the Polish Order of St Andrew, The Hungarian Military Service Award, and many others. He was a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim.

Baron von Reden leaves behind his wife Mag. Michaela Reden and their grown son George Michael.

250th Anniversary Projects 1755~2005

Noble Hearts

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

The Order of Saint Joachim has published a book to mark the occasion of the 250th anniversary of our Order.

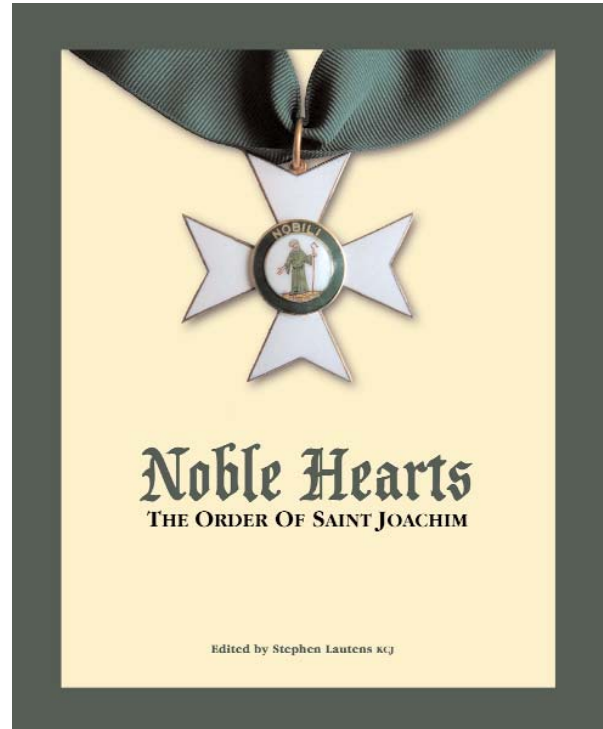
NOBLE HEARTS: THE ORDER OF SAINT JOACHIM is a special collection of articles and documents relating to the founding and first 50 years of The Order of Saint Joachim.

The first chapter explores who were the fourteen founders of the Order. Also included are articles about the 1793 Abridged Statutes and Rules of the Order and the correspondence of the Order with American President George Washington.

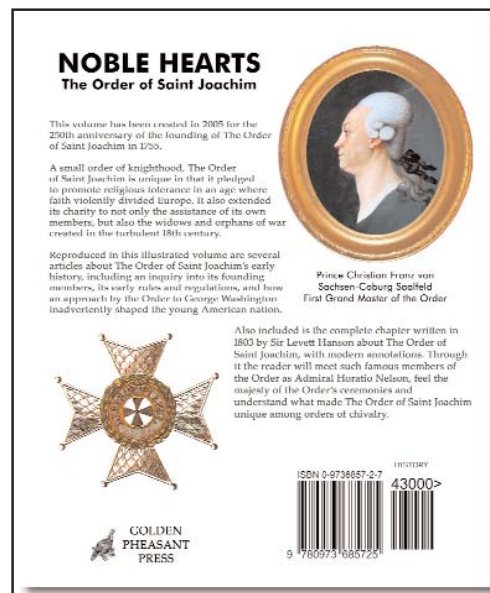
Of particular interest is the reproduction of the whole chapter regarding the history and customs of The Order of Saint Joachim written by the Order's Vice Chancellor Sir Levett Hanson and published in 1803. The chapter by Hanson has been supplemented by extensive and informative footnotes that add a wealth of recently discovered information about the early days of our Order.

NOBLE HEARTS also contains numerous period black and white illustrations, including Lord Horatio Nelson's now lost original Grand Cross and many of our founding members' portraits and arms.

This professionally printed volume is just under 100 pages, and gives wonderful insight into The Order's history and personalities.



It is available as a trade paperback with full colour covers directly from the publisher. For a limited time the Order is offering it to members at \$25.00 Canadian, \$5 off the cover price of \$30. Follow the link on our Order's webpage to take you to the secure site for purchase by credit card. The publisher ships worldwide.



NOBLE HEARTS contains articles by *Chevalier* Malcolm Davies KJ, Ph.D, *Chevalier* Craig Barclay KJ, and *Chevalier* Stephen Lautens KCJ.

We would also ask members of The Order to consider purchasing an additional copy of **NOBLE HEARTS** for donation to their local library or educational institution. For bulk requests (five or more copies), please contact the Grand Herald for additional discounts at grandherald@stjoachimorder.org.

THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY CROSS

Authorized by the Grand Chancellor, the special 250th Anniversary Cross commemorating the founding of The Order of Saint Joachim in 1755 will be available to our members in September 2005.

The design of the commemorative cross has changed slightly since it was first announced last year. The new design is similar but simpler, and more in keeping with the design of our Order's original knights' insignia as shown in A.M. Perrot's 1821 classic book, *A Historical Collection of all the Knightly Orders of Different Nations*. The original gold and white enamel cross has a laurel wreath with green cross pattee, taken from the reverse of the original cross.

The ribbon is green, being the traditional colour of our Order, taken from both the colour associated with St. Joachim and the heraldic colour of the noble house of Sachsen-Coburg Saalfeld, to which our first Grand Master belonged. The ribbon has three stripes - two white representing 100 years each, and a central green stripe for 50 years, for a total of 250 years.

The 250th anniversary cross is available as a miniature only, and is authorized for wear when in formal attire on a ribbon bar next to the current miniature Knight Expectant's insignia of the Order.

The 250th anniversary cross will be available beginning in September, 2005. All members of The Order of Saint Joachim who hold the rank of Knight Expectant and above are eligible for this award, provided they are current in paying their oblations to Grand Chapter.

Qualified members may submit their application to be awarded this special commemorative cross. A copy of the application is included in this edition of *The Herald* and is also available on our website.



**250th Anniversary Cross
1755-2005**



**Original Knight's cross of
the Order shown in A.M.
Perrot's 1821 book, *A
Historical Collection of all
the Knightly Orders
of Different
Nations*. The
green cross pattee
medallion on the
reverse is shown
below.**

Grand Prior Receives Award In Malta

His Excellency The Most Reverend Douglas Lewins, GCJ, The Grand Prior, recently received a singular honour from the the Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion.

The Order of Saint Mary of Zion was established by His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Zere Yacobe Asfa Wossen Haile Selassie, who holds the Office of Grand Master and has all authority to direct, administer and bestow the Order.

The Order was established for the purpose of providing humanitarian assistance to the people of Ethiopia. The Ethiopia 2000 Project was established for this purpose, with the support of the Haile Sellassie I Humanitarian Foundation and the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Priory of the Mountain of the House of the Lord - Utah).

The Imperial Ethiopian Order of Saint Mary of Zion works internationally to raise funds for a variety of domestic charitable projects, including assisting hospitals, street children, orphans, the homeless, providing medical supplies and care, safe water, and a variety of grass roots economic development projects.

At a convocation in Malta this year, their Deputy Grand Master, HH Prince Stephanos (pictured below, 2nd from right) invested our Grand Prior (centre) with the Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Mary of Zion.

Through our Grand Prior, *The Order of Saint Joachim* presented a cheque for £200 for their Redeem the Generation project.

Our Grand Prior has also agreed to be the Order of Saint Mary of Zion's ecclesiastical representative in Europe.



Saint Joachim Member Honoured by Queen with M.B.E. for Charitable Work

On June 7, 2005, Dame Yvonne Trueman DJ was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire at an investiture ceremony held at Buckingham Palace.

Dame Trueman was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for her long and distinguished history of charitable work.

Dame Trueman, a resident of Bahrain for over 25 years, has assisted with many charities there, including acting as chief fund-raiser for Dreamflight. Dreamflight takes seriously ill children on a 10-day journey of a lifetime to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, US. She has been Dreamflight Bahrain's chief fund-raiser for the last five years, but has been involved in Dreamflight since her brother Derek Pereira founded it in 1986. Every year since 2001, Bahrain has been able to send two children on Dreamflight holidays, joining hundreds of other seriously ill youngsters from the UK and Hong Kong, supported by British Airways.

One of Dame Trueman's current charitable projects is the Belize Orphanage, which her son Julian supported until his untimely death in 1994. Dame Trueman's fund-raising not only helps support the orphans at the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Home, but also to send



DAME YVONNE TRUEMAN, M.B.E., DJ, LADY OF PRIORS HALL, RECEIVES HER M.B.E FROM HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH

some of the children for weekends at Wildtracks. Wildtracks is a volunteer, non-profit organisation located on the north-eastern coast of Belize, which focuses on conservation and environmental education.

Other charitable work has included children's homes in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Hong Kong. In 2006, Dame Trueman and her daughter Kathrine will be visiting children's homes and orphanages in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Among her accomplishments, Dame Trueman is also a pilot, who earned her own private pilot's licence in the UK more than 30 years ago. Subsequently, she joined the family aviation business and travelled the world engaged in sales and marketing.

The Order of Saint Joachim is pleased to have contributed to Dame Trueman's charitable projects and offers its warmest congratulations on her recent honour.

Members of the Order wishing to make a contribution to the Belize Orphanage are encouraged to contact Dame Trueman directly at: trueman@batelco.com.bh.



ORPHAN CHILDREN FROM THE DOROTHY MENZIES CHILD CARE HOME IN BELIZE



THE UNIFORM OF THE ORDER

BY STEPHEN LAUTENS KCJ, GRAND HERALD

Considering themselves “knightly militia”, it is not surprising that most orders of knighthood adopted military dress. Many modern orders have either continued or maintained this tradition of wearing a uniform for ceremonial or formal occasions.

When first constituted as *The Order of Jonathan, Defenders of the Divine Providence*, the first regulations of our Order set out the uniform. The *Statutes of the Divine Providence*, published in 1756 following the election of our first Grand Master, describe the very elaborate uniform of the Order:

“For Commanders of the Grand Cross, a celestial blue uniform, their chest, collar and cuffs the colour of fire. Epaulettes of silver and a hat with a white feather, a cloak also of celestial blue...”

It is not known whether the “celestial blue” referred to in the French version of the document is a light or dark blue, as both were in common use at the time.

By the time Sir Levett Hanson, the Order’s Vice Chancellor, was writing his history of the Order of Saint Joachim (1803), the uniform had changed:

“The Uniform worn by the Grand Master, consists of a Waist coat and small cloaths of superfine white cloth; the coat is of superfine Scarlet cloth, lined with white; the cuffs and collar, are of dark, green Velvet; the buttons are white; and thereupon, a green cross pattée is engraved, according to the rules of Blazonry.

“The coat is distinguished with two silver Epaulettes embroidered, and adorned with a green cross pattée. The Grand Master has four such crosses, upon each Epaulette; the

Grand Commanders, three; the Commanders, two, and the Knights, one. The Sword is decorated with a Knot of green and Silver. The Grand Master wears his Hat bordered with a point D’Espagne of Silver, and adorned with a white Feather. During the Assembly of the general Chapter, and on all days of Solemnity, the Grand Master, the principal Members of the Chapter, and such Knights as then reside at the Court of the Grand Master, appear in Boots and Spurs, and carry a Cane, à la Militaire; and, in their Hats, which are plain, they wear a green Cockade, and likewise an Aigrette, or plume of green and white Feathers.”

The wearing of the uniform was an important part of life at the “court” of the Grand Master. Hanson continues:

“When at the Residence of the Grand Master, all the Knights are obliged to appear constantly with the Uniform; and each Knight, wheresoever he may be, is in duty bound to wear it as much as possible. Nevertheless, all who appertain to the ecclesiastical body; and those who are still attached to the military Service; are exempted from such regulation.”

The donning of the Order’s uniform was an important part of the Ceremony of Admission of new Postulants or Knights Expectant. During the course of the ceremony the candidate first watches as the Order’s officers assemble and the Grand Master gives a speech regarding the duties of a member of the Order. He is then led out of the reception hall by the Master of the



Prussian military uniform in typical style from 1760, about the time of the founding of our Order.



Two modern interpretations of the ancient uniform of The Order of Saint Joachim described by Hanson and adapted in a form similar to modern UK military “mess kit”. The short jacket is scarlet with a dark green collar, with either lapels or vest of white. The silver epaulettes bear crosses in accordance with rank, and the buttons are silver with green cross pattee. It could be worn with black or dark green trousers.



Typical Saxon uniform from the 1790s, just prior to Hanson’s time.

Ceremonies, who again reminds him of the duties he undertakes as a member of the Order, and then dresses him in the uniform of the Order to return and take his oath and complete the ceremony.

The putting on of the uniform is highly symbolic of the Postulant’s entering into a new life as part of a fraternity bound together by oath. Taken to its religious extreme, it can be seen as a “rebirth” within the society of the Order.

Indeed, the importance and significance of the Order’s uniform was such that on their

death, members of The Order of Saint Joachim were required to be buried in it.

Sometime in the 19th century the uniform of the Order fell into disuse.

While our Order no longer considers itself a “military” order, there is some merit to reviving the uniform in a modernized style for formal and ceremonial occasions, such as the Ceremony of Admittance and Advancement, Grand Chapter, and events with other Orders.

The closest equivalent modern uniform that approximates the traditional colours described by Hanson is a modified version of British and Canadian military mess dress or “kit”. A short scarlet jacket, lined in white with white lapels or vest and green open or closed collar is in keeping with Hanson’s description, with silver epaulettes and buttons with the Order’s green cross.

If one could be produced for a reasonable cost, the revival of the Order’s uniform could provide our members with a visible sense of identity and a welcome link with our rich and colourful history.

The Trafalgar Coat

The year 2005 is the 250th anniversary of the founding of The Order of Saint Joachim, but it is also the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, and the death of our Order's arguably most famous member, Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson of the Nile and Burnham Thorpe KB, GCJ, RN.

As Commander in Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, Nelson directed the battle from the deck of the HMS Victory on October, 21, 1805. A Royal Navy fleet of 27 ships destroyed a combined French and Spanish fleet consisting of 33 ships west of Cape Trafalgar in southwest Spain. Napoleon and his allies lost 22 ships; the British none. The British victory put an end to Napoleon's plans to invade Britain across the English Channel and effectively ended the war at sea.

About an hour after the battle had begun, Captain of the Fleet Thomas Hardy turned to see Nelson on his knees - he had been hit in the shoulder by a sniper's bullet fired from the *Redoubtable*. Nelson's uniform coat bears the hole where the bullet entered.

The uniform coat Nelson was wearing at Trafalgar has been preserved and is on display at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, UK. On the left side are "tinsel" versions of Nelson's four orders of chivalry - Knight of the Bath, Order of the Crescent, Order of Ferdinand & Merit and the breast cross of a Knight Grand Commander of The Order of Saint Joachim, awarded to him on September 14, 1801, in recognition of his victory over Napoleon at the Battle of the Nile.

The metal and enamel versions of Nelson's sash and breast cross of The Order of Saint Joachim were on display at the Painted Hall of Greenwich Hospital, until stolen in December 1900. They have never been recovered.



THE CANADIAN COMMANDERY

Due to the rapid growth of the Order in Canada, The Grand Chapter of The Order of Saint Joachim established a new Canadian Commandery in January, 2005. The Commander is The Chevalier Stephen Lautens KCJ, the Order's Grand Herald.

In the short time since it's founding, the Canadian Commandery has introduced a dozen new members into the Order, almost half of whom have now been advanced to knighthood. Numerous expressions of interest from other individuals ensure that it will continue to grow.



H.E. Commander The Chevalier Stephen Lautens KCJ, Commander of Canada (centre), with two of the Commandery's new knights, Chevalier Robert Clark KJ (left) and Chevalier Michael Martincek KJ (right).

The Canadian Commandery has to date performed three Ceremonies of Admission and Advancement to Knighthood. Its ceremonies are held at the beautiful St. Thomas Aquinas Church in downtown Toronto. The Reverend Daniel Brereton of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton has been appointed Chaplain for the Commandery.

Each ceremony has been followed with a formal dinner with as many as 30 in attendance. Dinners are held in a private dining room at

the prestigious Ontario Club.

In addition to continuing to increasing the presence of the Order across Canada, plans for the future include a charity ball - The Trafalgar Ball - scheduled for October, 2006, and work is under way now to incorporate the Canadian Commandery as a not-for-profit charity.



INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Order of Saint Joachim would like to welcome and congratulate the following new members who have recently joined our Order.



PRINCE THE CHEVALIER WILLIAM BASZTYK KJ

Prince Baszyk is the Honourary Consul General of Suriname. He is a professor of business at George Brown College, with a Ph.D., and MBA. He also has FCI, FCIP, FCIS and MCIIOB professional designations. His family were noble French refugees during the revolution, and were granted the hereditary title of Prince by the Czar. Prince Baszyk is also a Knight Commander of both the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem (Knights Templar) and The Sovereign Order of St. John. Chevalier Baszyk is a member of the Canadian Commandery



MICHAEL MARTINEK KJ

Chevalier Martinec (right) is President and CEO of The Ontario Club, one of the premier private clubs of Canada. He is a 32nd degree Mason and member of Harry L. Martyn Lodge, GRC 696. Chevalier Martinec is a member of the Canadian Commandery.



ROBERT JAMES CLARK KJ

Chevalier Clark is Vice President of Atlas Van Lines (Canada). He is a past director of Child Find, Vice President of The Ontario Club. He is a 32nd degree Mason and a member of Mocha Shriner A.A.O.N.M.S., London, Ontario. Chevalier Clark is a member of the Canadian Commandery.





JAMES ROWAN KJ

Chevalier Rowan lives in London, UK, and is a Lloyd's of London professional indemnity underwriter. He is a Freeman of the City of London.



CAPTAIN ARJEH VAN DER SLUIS, CD

Captain van der Sluis is an officer with the Canadian Customs Service and a Captain in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves. He is very involved with the St John's Ambulance.



RALPH SCHOENIG

Mr. Schoenig is Chief of Customs Investigations with the Canada Border Services Agency. A former sergeant of the Queen's Own Rifles, he was on the Board of the Bayview Support Network (cancer care) and is a member of the St John's Ambulance Community Advisory Committee.



EDWARD CHARLES DENBEIGH

Mr. Denbeigh is a former Canadian Forces officer and currently a senior official with the Canadian Department of National Defence. He is a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Ontario) and Past First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons (Canada).



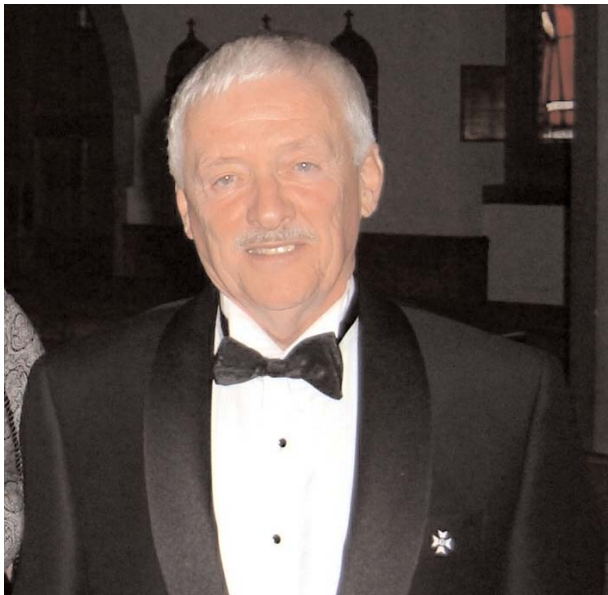
MAJOR THE CHEVALIER TIMOTHY ZACK KJ

The Chevalier Zack is a serving Major in the United States Army. He has been involved in the de-mining project in Croatia, and has been central to large projects to collect and deliver excess medical supplies to both Bosnia and Croatia, and more recently Poland. The Chevalier Zack is also a Knight Commander of St John Hospitaller, Knight of Malta, Order of Saint Lazarus, and the Order of Saint Stanislas, and is a Knight of the Templar Knights of Jerusalem. The Chevalier Zack is a member of the Canadian Commandery.



COL. CHEVALIER MAURICE JANECKO

The Chevalier Janeczko is a Colonel (ret.) in the New York Guard. Along with The Chevalier Zack, Colonel Janeczko has been actively involved in the planning and execution of a major project to collect and deliver needed supplies to Poland called "Scotland Yard Convoy 2000", which delivered over \$10 million of food, clothing and medical supplies over a five year period. Colonel Janeczko is also a Knight Commander of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem. Colonel Janeczko is a Knight Expectant of the Canadian Commandery.



HARRY STEWART FERGUSON

Mr. Ferguson (left) is a Governor of the University of Guelph's Scottish Studies Foundation and President of the Sir Walter Scott Society. He is Corporate Development Officer of the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders (Canada). His charitable work includes the Salvation Army, Foster Parents Plan, the United Way and the Canadian Bible Society. He is President & CEO of Glen Roy Resources Inc. Mr. Ferguson is a Knight Expectant of the Canadian Commandery.

MORE NEW MEMBERS

CAPTAIN CORNELIU EMIL EUGEN CHISU CD

Captain Chisu is an active member of the Canadian Armed Forces, Military Engineers, 2 Field Engineer Regiment of Toronto, with the 32nd Canadian Brigade Group. He is a Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) and Certified Engineering Technologist with many other certifications and qualifications. He has served in Bosnia Herzegovina as Engineering Advisor to NATO peacekeeping Operations Headquarters. He has received many awards and decorations for his service.

Captain Chisu has also served as Consul General of Moldova and Secretary of the Consular Corps Association of Toronto. He is a member of The Sovereign Order of the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem - Knights of Malta.

DR. STEFFAN WOLFRAM GROSS

Dr. Gross has been a Visiting Fellow at Wolfson College, Oxford and is currently a Lecturer in Economics and History of Ideas at the University of Cottbus, Germany. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy (the Philosophy of Economics) from Berlin Technical University, where he graduated magna cum laude.

He is a member of The Royal Economic Society, the Political Studies Association of the United Kingdom and the British Society of Aesthetics.



All new members are encouraged to send their C.V. and a digital photo to the Grand Herald for inclusion in future editions of *The Herald*: grandherald@stjoachimorder.org.

ODDEST REFERENCE TO THE ORDER?



With the profusion of Nelson memorabilia on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, the insignia of The Order of Saint Joachim has never been so widely displayed to the public. Nelson re-enactors have been seen in documentaries and public events correctly wearing the breast cross of our Order on his admiral's tunic.

Above is a statuette made by the firm of Robert Harrop which is part of a series of famous Britains depicted as dogs. Nelson appears as a bulldog, complete with all his orders of knighthood, including ours.

A booklet is available to all members of our Order describing the Code of Honour and duties and obligations of members, as well as a schedule of fees, brief history of the Order, its officers, ranks, wearing of insignia, and the conventions for the use of titles and post-nominal letters. It is also ideal to introduce our Order to potential members. Copies can be obtained by emailing the Grand Herald: grandherald@stjoachimorder.org.



Application for Award of 250th Anniversary Cross

To The Grand Master and Grand Chapter of the Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim:

I, _____, hereby petition the Grand Chapter of
name of applicant
The Order of Saint Joachim to receive the award of the 250th Anniversary Cross of the Order.

I confirm my eligibility for the above award by certifying:

- My oblations to Grand Chapter are current and paid in full;
- I am of the rank of Knight Expectant or above.

All of which I humbly submit,

Date

Signature of Member

Address

Return this completed Application to the Grand Herald with the fee of \$60 Canadian or \$50 US (cheque or money order) payable to The Order of Saint Joachim.

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