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NEWSLETTER OF THE ORDER OF SAINT JOACHIM

March 2021 - In the 266th Year of The Order

Continuing To Serve During COVID

While we have not been able to meet in person for over 12 months now, our members around the world have found many ways to continue to support our charitable mission.

In 2020 the Canadian Commandery made donations of over $20,000 ($30,000 with matching funds) to worthy causes, including donations to support food banks an a nutrition program for children who relied on school lunch programs. The Order made a donation to Opportunity International in the amount of $10,000, which was matched with an additional $10,000.

The American Commandery's last charitable action of 2020 was to donate $1,500 from our disaster relief fund to those affected by Hurricanes Laura and Delta in Louisiana in 2020. The donation was made to All Hands and Hearts, a grassroots disaster relief organization. Hurricane Laura tied the Last Island Hurricane (1856) for the strongest land-falling hurricane in Louisiana on record, and the devastation was compounded by Hurricane Delta which hit just 6 weeks later and caused 18" of rain in just a few hours. Chancellor of the American Commandery,

The **Chevalier Antonio M. Wendland KCJ** (pictured left with Bruce Linton, Chief Development Officer) presented a ceremonial check to All Hands and Hearts.

As reported in the last issue of The Herald (Nov. 2020), the United Kingdom Commandery made a number of charitable donations in 2020 and into 2021. In addition, our individual members have continued with "boots on the ground" and personal initiatives.

In February 2021 our Grand Prior, **H.E. The Most Reverend Chevalier Douglas Lewins GCJ**, made a donation of a new INR machine to the Gosberton Medical Centre on behalf of The Old Roman Catholic Church.

Our **UK Commandery** has also been particularly active with individuals making person contributions and volunteering in their communities (see page 6 for a full report of UK Commandery activities).

Thank you to all our members who continue to make a difference.

2021 Meeting of Chapter General

On **June 26, 2021** the Grand Chapter of The Order of Saint Joachim will hold a virtual meeting of Chapter General. All members of the Order are welcome.

In addition to updates from members of Grand Chapter and our national commanders, the meeting of Chapter General will also take the place of the regular annual Investitures in Canada and the United States due to ongoing Covid restrictions and safety protocols.

At the meeting, to be held over Zoom, we will also welcome all members who have joined or been elevated in the past year. This will not take the place of a formal investiture for new members, who will be invited to attend in person as soon as normal investitures return.

Details of the June 26th Chapter General meeting will be sent to our members by email as the date gets closer.

Upcoming Investitures

Our Austria-Germany and UK Commanderies are still scheduled to proceed with their investitures this year.

The 2021 Austria-Germany Investiture is scheduled to take place on the weekend of Oct. 16, in the Danube region of the "Wachau", with a planned boat cruise from Krems to Weissenkirchen and back included. Please contact Commander H.E. Dr. The Chevalier Oswin Hochstöger GCJ for details: ra.hochstoeger@wvnet.at

The UK Commandery Investiture is scheduled to take place in King's Lynn, England on Oct. 29-31, 2021. Please contact commandery secretary Chevalier Christopher Goldbold KCJ for updates and details: OrderofStJoachimUKTreasurer@hotmail.com

Generous Donation Received

This month Grand Chapter was the recipient of an exceptional personal donation of $5000 for its charities from our **Chevalier Harry Ferguson KCJ**.

Chevalier Harry Ferguson was born in Glasgow and received a degree in Physics & Applied Economics from the University of Strathclyde. He worked on the design and layout of ships for Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., as well as research and development for ships for the British Admiralty. After immigrating to Canada, his early work in Canada included work for the National Research Council at the Radio and Electrical Engineering Laboratory on special systems for the USAF at Wright Paterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. Chevalier Ferguson has been Chair, fundraiser, Honorary Director and Honorary Patron of the Scottish Studies Foundation for 34 years and founding chair of the Scottish Studies Foundation. He is on the Senate and supporter of The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's) regiment.

The Grand Master presented Chevalier Harry Ferguson KCJ with the Order's Distinguished Merit Cross for this and other contributions to the Order.

Chevalier Ferguson made the donation in the memory of his grandfather, Sgt William James Ferguson (1900–1963) RN; British Army. Born in Castlebar, Ireland, on 15 April 1900, young William was a sturdy lad keen to serve. He lied about his age – he was only 16 – and joined the Royal Navy on 7 November 1916. Assigned to HMS Powerful, a cruiser reclassified as a training ship in August 1912, he was "Invalided" out on 4 April 1917.

A more powerful force, his grandmother, angry and upset about the wartime interruption to his education, had the underage lad pulled out of the navy. Still committed to a life of adventure; four years later, he joined the 2nd Battalion, The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), the county regiment of Lanarkshire, which was sailing for India. He found adventure, and then some, there. After service in Rawalpindi and Kohat on the Northwest Frontier, the 2nd moved to Quetta in Balochistan near the end of 1922. In February 1923 the 2nd was ordered to Hinaidi (a base near Baghdad) to join a punitive force sent into Kurdistan. Within a week of its arrival, the 2nd set out on an expedition that lasted about ten weeks. They marched 475 miles over some of the wildest and most mountainous country in Asia Minor. Returning to Hinaidi in May 1923, the unit remained there until January 1924 when it returned to Quetta for almost four years. By 1926 he was a sergeant.

In November 1927, the battalion moved to the garrison at Razmak in Waziristan for 12 months before heading further north to Nowshera (near Peshawar) for its last year in India. Because of near constant local uprisings, the fighting was almost continuous and intense. In early December 1929, the 2nd

sailed home to Maryhill Barracks in Glasgow. William had satiated his zest for adventure in India; fighting (including six bayonet charges) and hardship had provided its fill for a lifetime. Although back on Scottish soil, the frontier retained its hold. Immersed and enamoured of Indian culture and fluent in Hindi, he often surprised an Indian-born streetcar conductor in Glasgow by conversing easily about India.

William Ferguson lived, for a time, a Kiplingesque life and quoted his verses readily. He was a Cameronian, a soldier of the British Empire, and now, after so many years on the empire's farthest reaches, he was a bewildered civilian. He joined the civil service, married, and, after a life so filled with danger, died peacefully in his early 60s.

More Charitable Giving

In December our **HCol Dr. the Chevalier Bryan Brulotte KJ**, CD, PhD, CEO & Chairman of MaxSys Staffing & Consulting, made a $500 donation on behalf of the Order of Saint Joachim to St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church for their Woman's Shelter Ministry in Ottawa. Pictured is Chevalier Brulotte, and accepting the donation is Reverend David Clunie, priest at St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church.

In March the Grand Master personally accepted a further donation to the Order's Noble Hearts Foundation of $500 from Chevalier Brulotte (at a safe distance). The donation was made by Chevalier Brulotte's company MaxSys.

Congratulations and thank you to Chevalier Brulotte for his generosity and upholding the best traditions of the Order in caring for the most vulnerable.

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Virtual Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser Success

On January 30th the Canadian Commandery held a very successful charity bourbon tasting organized by our Grand Almoner, **H.E. The Chevalier Peter Mueller GCJ**.

Chevalier Peter Mueller, himself a bourbon enthusiast, hand selected five excellent and rare bourbons for tasting – including a $1500 bottle of 10-year-old 'Old Rip van Winkle' handmade straight Kentucky bourbon donated from his own collection.

For a minimum donation of $120 (with many participants generously donating much more), participants received by courier a tasting kit containing five bourbon samples, a glass, tasting notes and a special, limited edition Covid donation coin.

Because of the rarity of some of the samples, the event was limited to a maximum of 30 participants. Chevalier Peter Mueller led the assembled members through the tasting over Zoom. The discussions became predictably more lively as the sampling progressed.

Over $4000 was raised and donated to FeedOntario, a food bank charity.

Our Grand Almoner, H.E. The Chevalier Peter Mueller GCJ, leads the tasting.

Limited Edition Covid Coin Available

A very limited number of the special Covid-19 donor coins made for participants in the recent Canadian online tasting are now available to members of the Order for a minimum CDN $50 donation. Please email insignia@stjoachimorder.org to order and check for availability.

2021 Annual Dues

Annual oblations are due March 31st from all members of the Order. Members who were admitted in 2021 or after October 1, 2020 are exempt from 2021 oblations.

Annual oblations for 2021 remain at £50 ($87 CDN / $69 USD) and can be paid by cheque or through PayPal to grandherald@stjoachimorder.org or https://paypal.me/saintjoachim. Payments made through PayPal can be paid in your local currency and should add 5% to cover transaction fees.

Note: Members in the American and UK Commanderies should pay directly to their Commandery, and can contact Chancellor@stjoachimorderusa.org in the USA and OrderofStJoachimUKTreasurer@hotmail.com in the UK.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of Covid-19, in the case of economic hardship Grand Chapter has the discretion to waive a member's annual fee. For confidential consideration, email grandchapter@stjoachimorder.org.

Your oblations support the modest administration costs in operating the Order internationally. No member of The Order receives any payment, fee or honorarium, or receives any funds for their personal use from The Order.

Virtual Robbie Burns Night – UK Commandery

Members of the U.K. Commandery were joined by guests and international members of the Order on January 23rd for a virtual Burns 'Knight' Supper. Hosted by **His Excellency, The Chevalier Trevor Haynes GCJ** FCILT and organized and emceed by our **Chevalier James Dickaty KJ**, this event was attended by more than 40 members and guests.

Members supplied themselves with a prepared 3 course dinner, haggis and a more than adequate amount of refreshments for the numerous traditional toasts.

Capt. Chevalier Ian Steingaszner KJ, CD provided the evening with his considerable piping skills. Grace was given by our **Consoeur Stacy Snook**, with the 'Address to the Haggis' delivered by **Chevalier Howard Doe KJ**.

Chevalier Blake Hopley KJ presented the 'Immortal Memory' of Robert Burns. Other guest speakers included **Chevalier Ian Tough KJ** who presented the Burns classic 'To a Mouse', and **Chevalier Anthony Knight MBE KJ** who read 'Address to the Toothache.' The always perilous Address to the Lassies was delivered by **Chevalier Peter Fisher KJ**, with a spirited Lassies' Response presented by **Dame Carol Goldman DJ**.

Also in attendance were the Grand Master, the Grand Capitular, H.E. The Chevalier David Douglas GCJ, Commander of Canada H.E. Lt. the Chevalier Sean Livingston GCJ, Commander of the Nordic Sub-Commandery Chevalier Toivo J. Hujanen KCJ, and members from the American, Canadian, Austrian-German, and Knights Errant Commanderies.

Attendees were also able to enjoy conversation in smaller groups throughout the evening through 'breakout rooms'.

Congratulations and thank you to all the organizers and participants of this wonderful event.

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American Commandery Virtual Meeting of Members & Guests

Dear Confrères and Consoeurs,

Join the American Commandery for a virtual meeting on:

March 20, 2021 at 1:00 PM EDT.

The Commandery will be using the free video-conferencing platform FreeConferenceCall. To participate and receive the video conference link, please contact the Commandery's Registrar, Registrar, The Chevalier Heriberto "Herb" Rivera Jr. KCJ, at: us.osj.registrar@gmail.com.

PROGRAM AGENDA

12:55 PM: Meeting room opens for guests

1:05 PM: Convocation

Most Reverend Chevalier **William Myers** KCJ ~ Prior, American Commandery

Greetings

H.E. The Chevalier **Stephen Lautens** GCJ ~ Grand Master
H.E. LtCol the Chevalier **Martin von Grossmann** GCJ ~ Commander, American Commandery

1:20 PM: History of Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington DC

The Chevalier **Antonio Wendland** KCJ ~ Chancellor, American Commandery

1:25 PM: Moderated and open discussions: Meet the Americans !!

1:58 PM: Closing Words

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2021 UK Commandery Events

Saturday 24 April 2021

Following the success of previous virtual events, UK Commander H.E. The Chevalier Trevor Haynes and Chevalier Dickaty KJ are putting together another Zoom event for Saturday 24 April, starting at 19.30 BST. This will provide an opportunity to meet other members in a virtual social setting with a nod to England's national patron, St George.

Another virtual event is likely to be held in late August. Details will be circulated soon.

UK Investiture

Friday 29 to Sunday 31 October 2021

The UK government's recent announcement detailing the route to normality gives me great hope that we shall be able to hold our investiture this year. Current estimates for vaccination indicate that much of the population will have received at least one jab by the end of July and hopefully many of you will have been vaccinated before then and allow us to go ahead with plans.

The weekend will be based at the Duke's Head hotel in King's Lynn. Detailed arrangements are being finalized and will be circulated nearer the time. These will include:

Friday, 29 October – the customary informal evening meal.

Saturday, 30 October – a programme of visits, hopefully including lunch in Horatio Nelson's town of birth, Burnham Thorpe.

This will be followed in the early evening by our Investiture, when we will welcome our new members and recognize special efforts; and following this, our Annual Banquet.

The historic town of King's Lynn, Norfolk, England, 98 miles north of London.

As in previous years, no formal events will be scheduled for Sunday 31 October, leaving participants to choose to gather informally and make return travel arrangements.

I appreciate that some of you may still feel reluctant to travel but I hope that between now and October these fears will disperse and that as many as possible will support our first steps into normality.

Report from the UK Commandery

Since November the UK Commandery has welcomed three new members to the UK Commandery: **Consoeur Perdita Dickaty and Confrères Jason Rushworth and Peter Zakierski**. Several other members are waiting to be raised to Knight, hopefully at the investiture scheduled for October.

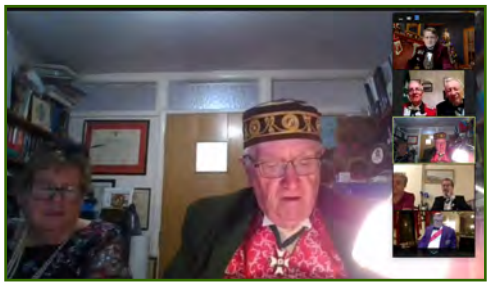
Our UK Commander continued to organize virtual Zoom events to maintain fellowship and virtual contact among members, and these have attracted worldwide attention. A Dickensian Festive Event was held on 19 December 2020 and 27 members took part, including about 25% of the UK membership. As with the Trafalgar event the previous October, those who took part prepared a meal for themselves and between each course, selected members read passages from A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. This famous story remains especially relevant, not just as a social commentary about the treatment of the poor in the Victorian era but also highlighting the ability of the selfish to become kinder, more philanthropic beings.

The most successful virtual event so far was on 23 January 2021, when some 40 members and guests logged on to Zoom for the nearest equivalent to a Burns' dinner that the UK Commandery could muster. As with previous events, a meal was prepared by members at home. However, on this occasion, not only was the meal interspersed by traditional readings from Burns' poems but the grace and the haggis were accompanied by real Scottish pipes, played by our own virtuoso, **Chevalier Capt. Ian Steingaszner KJ**. In spite of the amount of alcohol which must have been consumed during the event (or maybe because of it), everyone enjoyed a wonderful event, for which Zoom console operator Chevalier James Dickaty KJ was well thanked.

Many of our UK members continue to demonstrate their valuable contributions to charities while staying close to their homes but three deserve a special mention for outstanding donations.

Just before Christmas, **Chevalier Baizhou Cai KJ** visited Richard House Children's Hospice with his wife and young daughter to drop off a box of toys. Opened in 2000, Richard House was London's first children's hospice and it provides palliative care to children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. As Chevalier Baizhou Cai said in an email: "It is very sad that during lockdown these poor children see few visitors. Hopefully our last-minute gifts will brighten up their Christmas just a bit."

In another example of our members' charitable work, **Chevalier James Dickaty KJ** made a substantial donation of essential food items to his local food bank which supports the North Lakes Food Bank Network and the Trussell Trust. Our Order's badge was prominent on the donation which also recognized kindness shown to Chevalier Dickaty by Chevaliers Martin Wiegand KCJ and Nwakasi Belisle-Nweke KJ. Recent research by the Trussell Trust in the UK estimated a need to provide some 846,000 food parcels between October and December 2020 – 61% more than in 2019.



Chevalier Anthony Knight MBE KJ has continued to support Forgotten Veterans UK, who have been providing community support and assistance with the mass Coronavirus vaccination campaign in Portsmouth, UK. In this initiative, what began as a two-week task grew to become five weeks of voluntary support. Chevalier Knight has continued to negotiate and maintain liaison with Morrison's, a UK supermarket chain, to collect donated snacks and refreshments for the volunteers, while also arranging victuals to feed other volunteers accommodated at Fort Cumberland for a 10-day vaccination camp.

Chevalier Blake Hopley KJ also made a significant charitable donation.

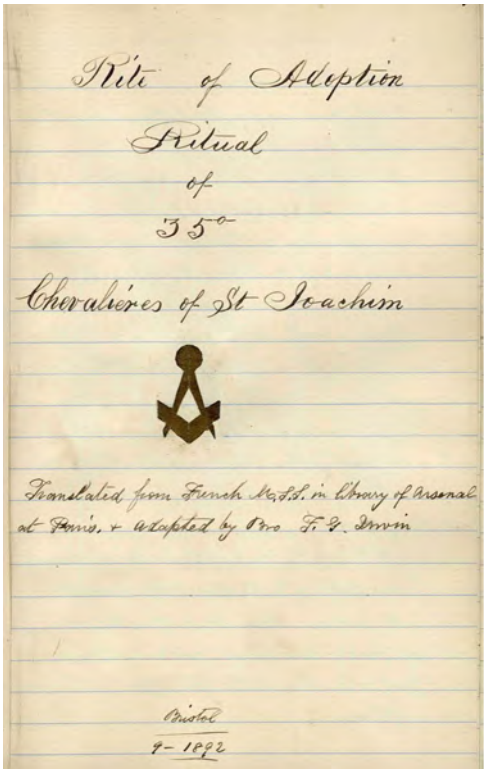
A heartfelt thank you to all who have made the past twelve months a little more bearable for those in need.

The trustees of the UK Charitable Trust will distribute grants during 2021 once it becomes possible to visit sites and present cheques. Meanwhile, members continue to demonstrate generosity through their donations which enable further expansion of the Order's charitable work.

History Corner: The Ritual of the French 35º Degree Masons

Many Freemasons feel at home in The Order of Saint Joachim because of its traditions of religious tolerance and charity, but The Order is not Masonic. Some of the confusion comes from the fact that our Order originated in Europe during the Enlightenment and several of its founding members in 1755 included Freemasons, Rosicrucians and members of other esoteric groups common to the time. In the 1948 Statutes of the Order it was felt necessary to state that "any formal ties to Freemasonry is expressly denied."

It was therefore interesting to discover a manuscript in the library of the United Grand Lodge of England in London that connects The Order of Saint Joachim with Freemasonry. A manuscript dated November, 1892 is a



Rite of Adoption

Ritual

of

35°

Chevalieres of St Joachim

Translated from French M.S.S. in Library of Arsenal at Paris, & adapted by Bro F.G. Irwin

Bristol

9-1892

translation of a French masonic ceremony from the "Rite of Adoption Ritual of 35º Chevalieres of St Joachim". It is a translation by an English Masonic researcher named F.G. Irwin of a manuscript deposited in the Paris Arsenal Library. The ritual described is almost identical to the Order's Ceremony of Investiture still in use today and follows the same form as recording in the book by Sir Levett Hanson GCJ published in 1802. However, the French 35th Degree also has added Masonic floor work, wands for the officers, signs and a "secret" handshake which do not appear in the Order's normal ceremony.

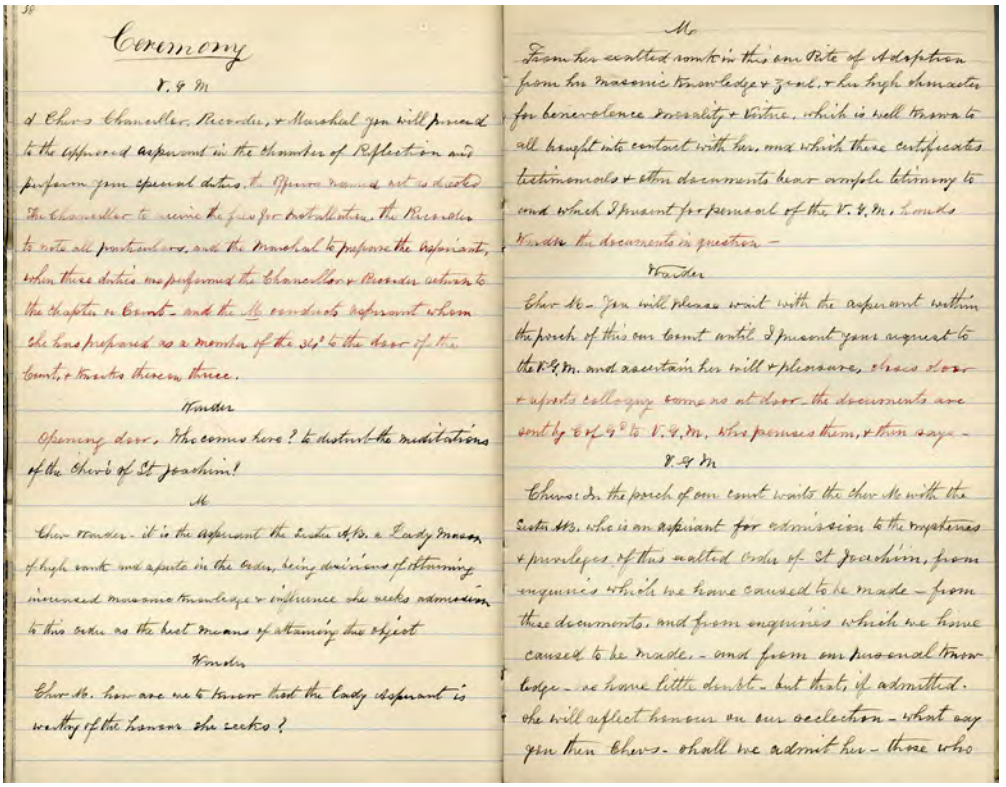
Because the French ceremony includes both men and women performing the ritual, it likely belongs to the French Grand Orient de France branch of Masonry. Of interest is the opening of the "Court" where it is stated that the reason for the gathering is for "the purpose of studying the Ritual and practices of Freemasonry and tracing its connection with the chivalric orders and the Rite of Adoption, and especially with the Order of Saint Joachim."

There is no documented direct connection between The Order of Saint Joachim and this French Masonic degree. It is speculated that the Order's ceremony (recorded in Hanson's 1802 book about orders of knighthood) was adopted and turned into a French Masonic degree through its brief connection with Joachim Murat, Napoleon's brother-in-law and Marshal of France. Murat reportedly usurped the Order's Grandmastership when he became Duke of the Berg in 1806, but lost interest in The Order of Saint Joachim when he became King of Naples in 1809 and established his own system of honours.

Murat was an active Freemason. He was initiated as a Freemason on December 26, 1801 at the "L'Heureuse Rencontre" ("Happy Meeting") Masonic Lodge in Milan, and later was a member of the "Napoleon" Lodge in Paris. He became Assistant Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France on April 5, 1805 and was elected First Grand Warden on September 30 later that year. In 1808, he became the Worshipful Master of the "La Colombe" ("The Dove") Lodge which subsequently changed its name to "Sainte-Caroline" in honour of Murat's wife. On

October 27, 1809 he founded the Grand Order of Naples and became its Grand Master.

It may be that Murat or one of his Masonic subordinates familiar with the investiture ceremony of The Order of Saint Joachim took and adopted it into a "side order" within the French Grand Orient Lodge whereby it travelled back to France. It is not known if this degree still exists or is practised, or for certain how it became part of French Freemasonry.



Ceremony

V. & M

& Chevs Chancellor, Recorder, & Marshal you will proceed to the opposed aspirant in the chamber of Reflection and perform your special duties. The Opposed candidate is directed the Chancellor to receive the fee for Initiation, the Recorder to note all particulars, and the Marshal to prepare the Aspirant, when these duties are performed the Chancellor & Recorder return to the Chapter or Court - and the Mr conducts Aspirant whom she has prepared as a member of the 35° to the door of the Court, & knocks thereon three.

Warder

Opening door. Who comes here? to disturb the meditations of the Chevs of St Joachim!

Mr

Chev Warder - it is the Aspirant the Sister M.S. a Lady Mason of high rank and esteem in the Order, being desirous of obtaining increased masonic knowledge & influence she seeks admission to this order as the best means of obtaining the object

Warder

Chev Mr. how are we to know that the Lady Aspirant is worthy of the honour she seeks?

Mr

From her exalted rank in this our Rite of Adoption from her masonic knowledge & zeal, & her high character for benevolence morality & virtue, which is well known to all brought into contact with her, and which these certificates testimonials & other documents bear ample testimony to and which I present for perusal of the V. & M. Lords & under the documents in question -

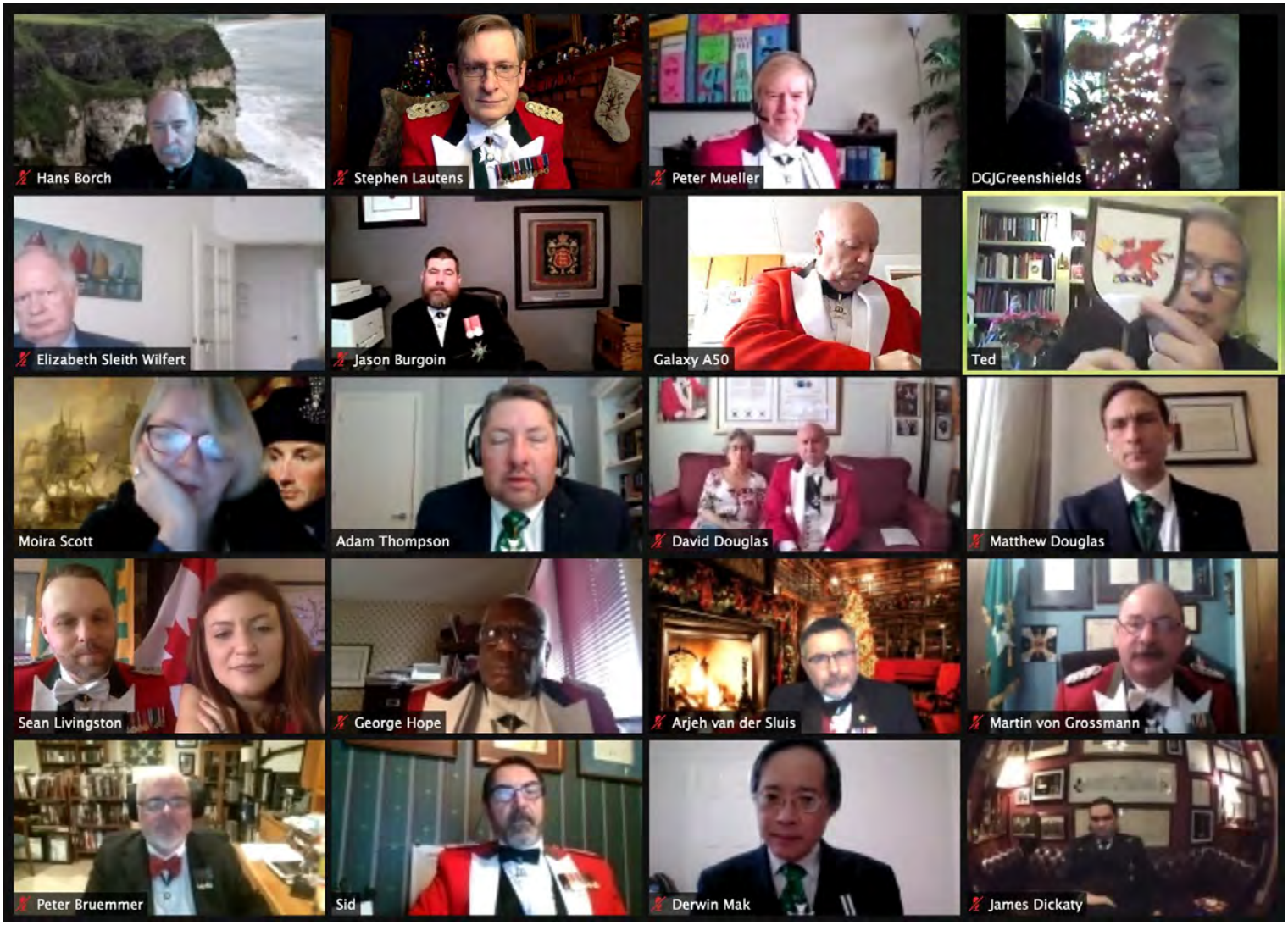
Warder

Chev Mr - You will please wait with the aspirant within the porch of this our Court until I present your request to the V. & M. and ascertain her will & pleasure, Chevs close door & upon calling come no at door the documents are sent by Bro of 9° to V. & M. who peruses them, & then says -

V. & M

Chevs & the porch of our court waits the Chev Mr with the Sister M.S. who is an aspirant for admission to the mysteries & privileges of this exalted Order of St Joachim, from enquiries which we have caused to be made - from these documents, and from enquiries which we have caused to be made, - and from our personal knowledge - we have little doubt - but that, if admitted, she will reflect honour on our selection - what say you then Chevs - shall we admit her - those who

Canadian Commandery New Year's Day Levée



On January 1st, the Canadian Commandery of the Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial Order of Saint Joachim held a New Year's Day Levee over Zoom to help foster fellowship and comradeship during these trying times.

Joined by members of the Order and guests, the Commander of Canada, **H.E. Lt. The Chevalier Sean Livingston GCJ** led the gathering through a lively social hour and a half, as members from Canada, the USA and the UK participated in a "Knightly Show & Tell." It was an opportunity for members to share something unique or of interest with a knightly theme.

The presentations varied greatly from coats of arms, insignia, swords, Nelsonalia, and even a collection of living plants, all with accompanying commentary. Our Grand Master shared two rare books from his personal library. The first was a first edition of Sir Levett Hanson's 1802 book "An Accurate Historical Account of all the Orders of Knighthood at Present Existing in Europe". Hanson was our Order's Vice Chancellor at the beginning of the 19th century and dedicated a chapter in his book to The Order of Saint joachim.

The second book was an original "Rules and Regulations of the Order of Saint Joachim" published in 1787, bearing the stamp of a German Masonic Lodge, the "Three Cedars", in Stuttgart, possibly recovered from when Hitler broke up the German Masonic lodges in 1934.

The event was an excellent afternoon of fellowship and a great way to ring in a hopefully better 2021.

Letter From Our Grand Chapter Charity Recipient

Thank you, Noble Hearts Foundation!

We are most grateful to The Noble Hearts Foundation for your very generous donation of $10,000 on Giving Tuesday! The impact of your gift was doubled as our Board of Directors matched all gifts received that day. I am delighted to share that Opportunity raised $75,760 – and with the Board match – $151,520 in one day!

Those funds will allow Opportunity's partners to restructure loans so that micro-enterprises can continue operating as well as leverage technology so clients can more easily make loan repayments, access savings and participate in remote training. Opportunity's clients will be supported as they adapt their businesses so they can survive the economic crisis in their communities caused by the pandemic.

Clients like Sonyami in the Dominican Republic. A few years ago, Sonyami lost her job. She needed an alternative source of income, so she started selling her baking.

A friend motivated her to connect with Opportunity to see if we might help her grow her business. What started as one simple desert offering expanded to include a number of bakery products such as speciality cakes. Sonyami had established a regular clientele in her community and was well on her way to success.

And then COVID-19 came, and everything was shut down. Sonyami thought that her business was doomed.

But what we have learned is that when normal gets turned upside down, creativity and ingenuity take over and we find our way through.

In the Dominican Republic, Opportunity's partner ASPIRE very quickly adapted their business model and created webinars to help their clients cope. They started a whole new promotional marketing tool series on helping business that could go virtual – do just that.

So Sonyami started offering her deserts and specialty cakes via Whatsapp, Instagram and Facebook. Sonyami's business is going strong even in the pandemic. Sonyami can feed her children and she has learned that her positive attitude and creativity is also helping her help others in her community. And Sonyami's business? She has an expansion plan in the works!

This is just one story of what is all over the world of Opportunity. This and so much more. In every country where Opportunity is working, staff are banding together to continue the business of being a banker to the poor and empowering client financial stability through this crisis.

We couldn't do it without you.

Caroline Munshaw
Director of Philanthropy, Ontario
Opportunity International

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New Deluxe Neck Cross Available

THE ORDER now has a deluxe version of our neck cross available to our members.

The new "deluxe" neck cross is an optional item for members wishing to upgrade from our current standard neck cross. It is 2-sided and has slight overfill of the white enamel with domed centre discs in transparent green enamel.

The front displays St Joachim and "NOBILI" and the reverse now has a domed disc with the green cross of our Order and "CORDI" with the founding date "1755".

The cross comes with a custom green moiré ribbon available either with ties or a hook and eye clasp attachment. It hangs from a custom gold-plated bronze hanger and is shipped in a new presentation box.

The new presentation cross is available to new members on their elevation to Knight / Dame for an upgrade cost of £40 ($70 CDN / $55 USD). It is available to all current members of the rank Knight / Dame and above for £80 ($135 CDN / $105 USD), including postage.

Members interested in ordering the new deluxe KJ/DJ cross should email Grand Chapter:

grandchapter@stjoachimorder.org

RING OF THE ORDER

Thanks to the efforts of our Commander of the Gore-Niagara (Canada) Sub-Commandery, Capt. the Chevalier Jason Burgoin KCJ, the Order now has a custom ring available only to members.

It is available in sterling silver and UK 9K gold, and in two engraving styles for both men and women. There are a number of face size options. Each one is custom made to order.

Ordering details are available on the website. As it is only available to members of our Order, the code "1755" is required on ordering. Members who have ordered the ring have been very pleased with the quality and fast service.

Rings start at £114.00 (Inc. VAT). Members can also have the inside engraved with their name and/or date of admission to the Order at their option. A ladies' pendant is also available.

Visit the jeweller's website for full details and ordering options.

https://www.mypersonaljewellery.co.uk/order-of-saint-joachim-silver-or-9ct-gold-signet-ring-from/

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Grand Almoner Promoted to Knight Grand Commander

In recognition of his energetic and ongoing efforts as our Grand Almoner in organizing and raising funds for The Order's charitable causes, the Grand Master announced the promotion of H.E. **The Chevalier Peter Mueller KCJ** to the rank of Knight Grand Commander.

The announcement was made at the January charity bourbon tasting organized by Chevalier Mueller, and he will be formally invested with the insignia of his new rank at the next in-person meeting of The Order.

Congratulations to our Grand Almoner.

Order Ties & Cufflinks Now Available

The Order has a new supply of silk ties and cufflinks available to members. The woven silk ties are $35 CDN + $5 postage. Cufflinks in gold metal are $35 CDN + $5 postage. Please contact your local commandery to order locally. If unavailable, please email Grand Chapter or visit the Order's website at: www.stjoachimorder.org/members-pages/marketplace/ (password "1755") for these and other items and replacement insignia available to members.

UPCOMING DATES

March 20, 2021: American Commandery Video Event

March 31, 2021: Oblations due (£50)

April 24, 2021: UK Zoom Event

June 26, 2021: International Grand Chapter Zoom Meeting

Oct. 16: Austria-Germany Investiture

Oct. 29-31: UK Commandery Investiture
King's Lynn, England

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