



The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial
Order of Saint Joachim

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The Annual Canadian Investiture
Celebrating the Order's 269th Anniversary

Friday, May 24th – Saturday, May 25th, 2024
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The itinerary for this year's Investiture weekend follows:



Now is the time to plan and to reserve your attendance for the 2024 Investiture weekend of the 'Order of Saint Joachim', this year taking place in Toronto, Ontario – celebrating our 269th Anniversary.

Our optional Friday night May 24th 'Meet and Greet' Cocktail Reception and Dinner will occur at the distinguished 'National Club' (founded in 1874).

Saturday morning will be a Private Tour of the Hockey Hall of Fame, provided by our very own Chevalier Matthew Douglas KJ who used to work as a guest service associate during his high school and university years.

Naturally, the focal point of the weekend will be the 'Investiture', this year celebrated at 'Saint Andrews United Church'. The Grand Master's Gala Investiture Dinner will be at the 'Royal Canadian Military Institute' for 6:30pm.

All the information you need to plan your weekend is available in this package. However, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact:

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Commander of the Canadian Commandery

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Note: Registration/RSVP form follows as a separate document.

Friday Evening, May 24, 2024

'Meet and Greet & Dinner'

Reception 5:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

The National Club



303 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario Canada

The National Club maintains its historic clubhouse at 303 Bay Street, composed of three large principal dining rooms, eleven private meeting rooms and three lounges. A new rooftop patio and enclosure was opened in early 2014. The red brick, four-storey Georgian building has undergone several periods of extensive internal renovation in its history to maintain both the cosmetic and mechanical aspects of the facilities. In 2014, the Club received the "Club of the Year Award" from the Canadian Society of Club Managers. The Grand Master of the Order of Saint Joachim, H.E. Stephen Lautens GCJ, is a past president of the club.

The National Club has a significant collection of Canadian art and a wine cellar with approximately 40,000 bottles. Stained glass windows in the Main Dining Room depicting the arms of Canada and the provinces were created by the Toronto Company of Pringle & London, which worked with Tiffany & Co. and also installed many of the Toronto church and cathedral stained glass windows in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The National Club is connected to the Toronto PATH system of concourses and underground tunnels through an unmarked door leading to the lower level of the Scotia Plaza. The National Club is affiliated with approximately 250 other private clubs in Canada and around the world, providing its members with reciprocal dining and accommodation privileges.

Dress code for this Pre-Investiture Dinner is 'Business Formal' – Suit or Blazer and Tie – Women appropriate to men.

Cost: \$130.00 P/P

Saturday Morning May 25, 2024

Tour of the Hockey Hall of Fame

Arrive 9:45 AM



30 Yonge Street, Toronto, Ontario Canada

The Hockey Hall of Fame is a must-visit destination for anyone looking to understand Canada's official national winter sport. Located at the corner of Yonge and Front Streets, the Hockey Hall of Fame is housed in the historic Bank of Montreal building, seamlessly blending tradition with the modern allure of the game. The Hall's extensive exhibits showcase an impressive collection of memorabilia, including jerseys worn by legendary players, historic hockey sticks, and even the Stanley Cup – the most sought-after trophy in professional hockey. Interactive displays engage visitors of all ages, allowing them to test their skills in a virtual shootout or immerse themselves in the excitement of a championship game.

Chevalier Matthew Douglas worked at the Hockey Hall of Fame as a guest service associate during his high school and university years and will lead attendees on a guided tour and hopefully will be able to open a few doors that are normally closed to the public.

Our group will meet at the east end of the underground food court in Brookfield Place where the two criss-cross escalators meet in a “V”. Attendees can take Toronto's underground walkway (PATH) from King subway station or Union Station and follow the signage to Brookfield Place. Alternatively, attendees can walk to 10 Front Street West and take the escalators down to the Concourse Level.

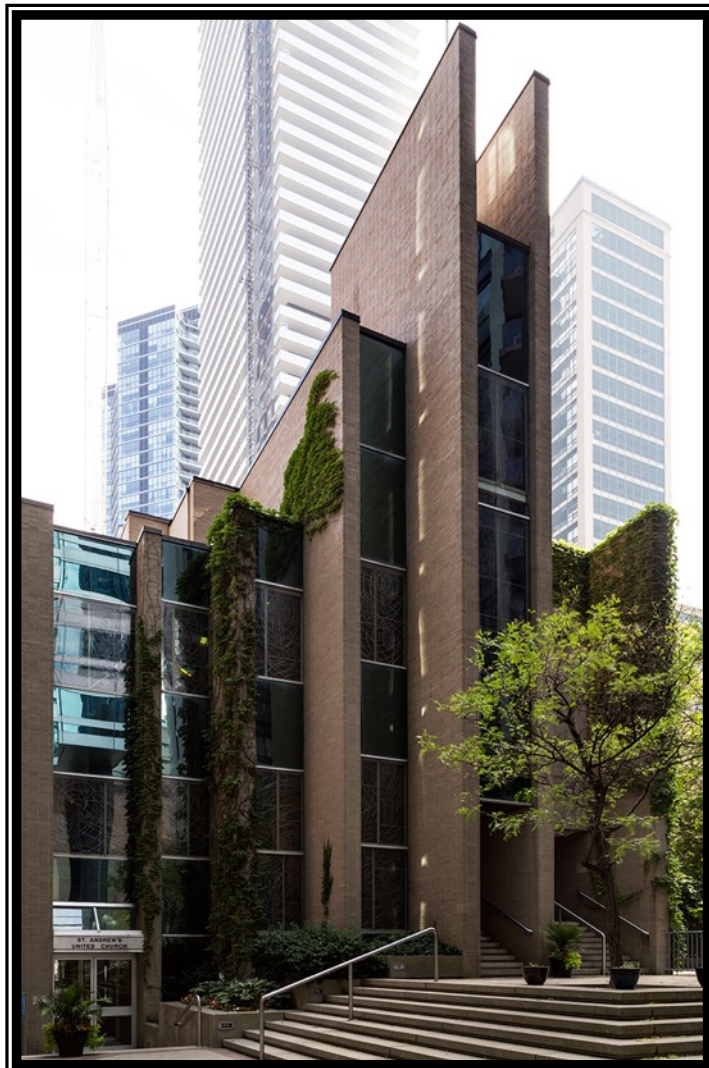
Dress code for the Tour is Casual

Cost: \$16.00 P/P

Saturday Afternoon May 25, 2024

Investiture Ceremony - arrive 3:30 PM for a 4:00 PM Commencement

Saint Andrews United Church



117 Bloor Street East (near Church Street)

[Enter at side doors – street level – to the left of the main stairs]

The Canadian Investiture venue will be held at the Grand Master's family's 'home church' in downtown Toronto - Saint Andrews United Church on Bloor Street East. It was founded in 1840. A new church was built on the original site in 1983. For those not familiar with the United Church, it is Canada's largest Protestant denomination, and the most progressive, being dedicated to social justice and the social gospel. A community of faith and justice where all ages, orientations, races, creeds and backgrounds are welcome.



Dress code for the Investiture service will be Formal: Saint Joachim Uniform, Tuxedo, Mess Dress, Highland Dress or Dark Suit, Women appropriate to Men. Orders, Decorations, and Medals

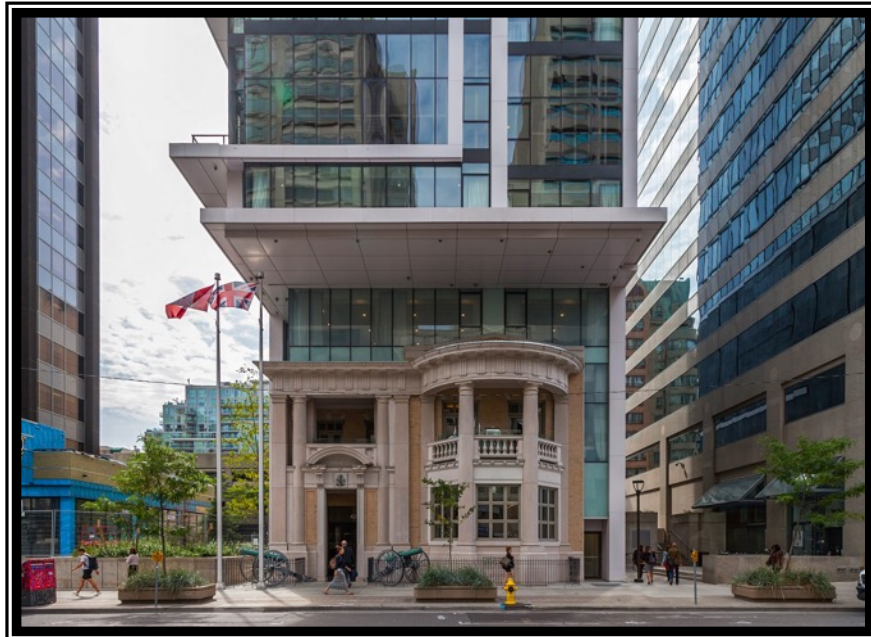
Saturday Evening May 25, 2024

Grand Master's Gala Investiture Dinner

Cocktails 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:30 PM

RCMI

The Royal Canadian Military Institute



**426 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

The Royal Canadian Military Institute had its origin on January 30, 1890, in a small meeting of Militia Officers in 'Rossin House'. On February 12, the Canadian Military Institute was formed. The name was changed in 1946 to the "Canadian Officers' Club and Institute". The distinguished prefix "Royal" was granted by His Majesty King George V1 on the 23rd of June 1948, and the present title "The Royal Canadian Military Institute" was adopted at that time. In 2014, after a four-year redevelopment period, the Institute reoccupied its historic location in the heart of downtown Toronto.

Cost \$150.00 P/P for pre-dinner Cocktails, a Formal Dinner w/ Wine and Toasting Port, all-inclusive.



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Downtown Hotels

Use Tripadvisor or AirB&B if you wish to book accommodations

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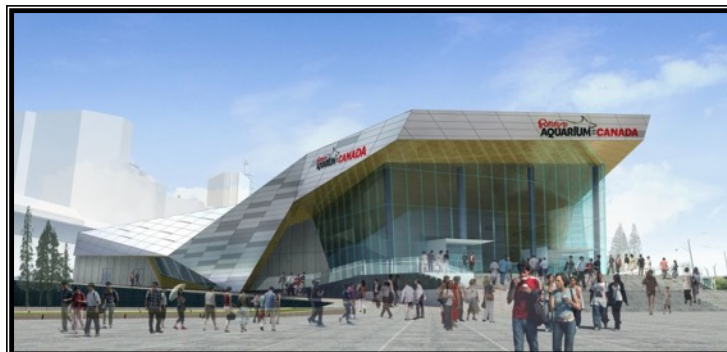
TORONTO'S TOP ATTRACTIONS

THE CN TOWER



The CN Tower was declared one of the modern Seven Wonders of the World by the American Society of Civil Engineers and belongs to the World Federation of Great Towers.

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada



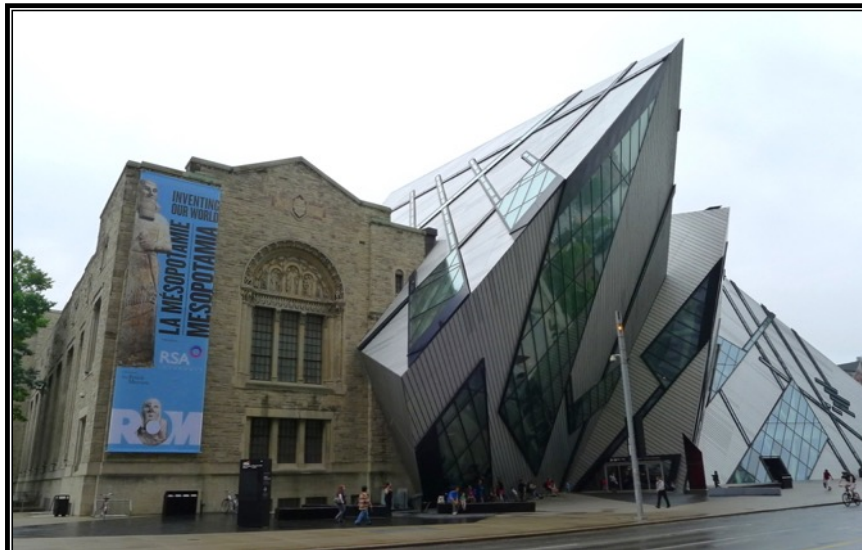
The aquarium features several aquatic exhibits including a walk-through tank. The aquarium has 5.7 million litres (1.5 million gallons) of marine and freshwater habitats from across the world. The exhibits hold 13,500 exotic sea and freshwater specimens from more than 450 species.

OLD FORT YORK



Built in 1793, Fort York National Historic Site is the birthplace of urban Toronto. It is best known as the location where the 'Battle of York' came to its violent climax in 1813 during the War of 1812. The Fort served as the city's primary harbour defence between the 1790s and the 1880s, and was the home of a military garrison until the 1930s.

THE ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM, ROM



The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is among the world's leading museums of natural history and world cultures. In combining a universal museum of cultures with that of natural history, the ROM offers an unusual breadth of experience to our audiences from around the world. We realize more acutely now that nature and humanity are intertwined, and the ROM offers many examples in its collections and programs of these fundamental relationships.

THE ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO, AGO



Its collection includes more than 80,000 works spanning the first century to the present day. The gallery has 45,000 square metres (480,000 sq ft) of physical space, making it one of the largest galleries in North America.

ROUNDHOUSE PARK AND THE TORONTO RAILWAY MUSEUM



In the heart of Toronto, a very popular attraction that is definitely worth taking some time to explore is Roundhouse Park, home to the John Street Roundhouse. Designated as a 'National Historic Site' of Canada, the Roundhouse was built between 1929 and 1931. It houses the Toronto Railway Museum, a brewery and a home-furnishing store. The park stands on 17 acres of prime city land situated just south of the base of the CN Tower.

'PLUS'

The Saint Lawrence Market

http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/about_us

Steam Whistle Brewery

<http://steamwhistle.ca/>

The Distillery District

<http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com/>

The Royal Conservatory of Music

<https://www.rcmusic.ca/>

Roy Thomson Hall

<http://www.roythomson.com/>

Aga Khan Museum

<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/>

Ed Mirvish Theatre

<http://www.mirvish.com/theatres/edmirvistheatre>

Bata Shoe Museum

<http://www.batashoemuseum.ca/>

Black Creek Pioneer Village

<http://www.blackcreek.ca/>

Ontario Science Centre

<https://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/>

Gardiner Museum

<http://www.gardinermuseum.on.ca/>

Nathan Phillips Square

<http://www.toronto.com/things-to-do/nathan-phillips-square/>

Queen's Park

<http://www.ontla.on.ca/lao/en/coming-to-queens-park/>

Museum of Inuit Art

<http://miamuseum.ca/>

Textile Museum of Canada

<http://www.textilemuseum.ca/home>

The Toronto Zoo

<http://www.torontozoo.com/>

Osgoode Hall

<http://www.osgoodehall.com/>

Venue Map

