Appointments to Grand Chapter

March 30, 2024

Grand Chapter and the Grand Master are pleased to announce the following new appointments to Grand Chapter:

Vice Grand Chancellor
H.E. Dr. The Chevalier David A. Douglas GCJ, FSAScot

H.E. The Chevalier Douglas GCJ has previously served as The Order's Grand Capitular and as the Commander of Canada. He holds a research PhD degree in archaeology and has served as Regimental Liaison Officer and Band member with the Toronto Signals, He is a Freeman of the City of London (UK), and an officer with the 78th Fraser Highlanders. H.E. Dr. The Chevalier Douglas GCJ is an Honorary Colonel and Aid-de-Camp to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and a Major General, Knight of Honour and past Grand Prefect of Canada of the Corps St. Lazarus International (CSLI / Lazarus Union). He is an armiger with arms granted by the Canadian Heraldic Authority. In 2012 he was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and in 2017 was awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteerism. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries Scotland.

The Grand Master would also like to extend his gratitude to H.E. HCol Dr. the Chevalier Bryan Brulotte GCJ for his exceptional service as Vice Chancellor as he becomes the Order's Vice Grand Chancellor Emeritus.

Grand Military Knight
The Chevalier James Dickaty KJ, FdEng, GCGI, CEng, FIMechE, CMgr, FCMI

Chevalier Dickaty KJ, is a European Engineer, Chartered Engineer, Chartered Manager, and works in the UK Nuclear Industry as a senior engineering manager, commissioning new nuclear facilities. He is a retired Chief Petty Officer of the Royal Navy where he was a UK Royal Navy Submarine Veteran of 15 years' service. His charitable volunteer roles include: President of the Seascale Royal British Legion; working as a STEM Ambassador in local schools teaching children engineering; volunteering with the City of London's Worshipful Company of Engineers; sitting on the UK Commandery's St. Joachim Trust board; and with his wife Dame Perdita Dickaty DJ founded and co-chairs the Cumbria Ukraine Refugee Sponsor & Supporter Network

(CURSSON), where they facilitate support to Ukrainian refugees and their sponsors, as well as personally hosting 4 different Ukrainian families in their own home since May 2022.

He is a Fellow of both the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and the Chartered Management Institute, is a Freeman and Liveryman of the City of London, an Honorary Colonel and Aid-de-Camp to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and an armiger in his own right from the English College of Arms. In 2012 he was the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and UK Armed Forces Veteran Badge.

Grand Chapter and the Grand Master thank our previous Grand Military Knight, Capt. The Chevalier Steven Dieter KCJ, who has served in that role since 2015 and becomes the Order's Grand Military Knight Emeritus.

Grand Herald
Captain the Chevalier Jason Burgoin KCJ, CD, FSA Scot.

Captain the Chevalier Burgoin KCJ is the current president of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada and was honoured with the Society's Meritorious Service Award (MSA) in 2019. With a long and passionate interested in heraldry Captain the Chevalier Burgoin KCJ was elected 1st Vice President in 2019. In 2023, he was elected as the 27th President of the Society. He is also editor of Hogtown Heraldry, the newsletter of the Toronto Branch, and is international correspondent for the Society. He was sworn into the Canadian Armed Forces in 2001 and currently holds the rank of Captain. During his career he has had the opportunity to work in numerous roles in Windsor Ontario, ASU London, CFB Trenton, and is presently posted at CFB Borden at the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central) as the J5 Plans Officer (CTC). Captain the Chevalier Burgoin KCJ also serves as Commander of the Order's Gore-Niagara Sub-Commandery (Canada).

Grand Chapter and the Grand Master thank our previous Grand Herald, Capt. The Chevalier David Birtwistle KCJ, who retired last year after serving in the position since 2009.

Grand Registrar
The Chevalier Frank A. Blazich, Jr., KJ, PhD

Chevalier Blazich KJ is a curator of Military History at the National Museum of American History Smithsonian Institution. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and the National Curator and National Historian Emeritus of the Civil Air Patrol with the rank of colonel and recipient of five Distinguished Service Awards. He serves as the Secretary of the Air Force Historical Foundation and is on the board of directors for the National Museum of Civil Defense. Chevalier Blazich is currently also a Knight Grand Officer in the Order of Prince Danilo I of the House of Petrović-Njegoš. He is the author of numerous books and articles and received the 2022 Smithsonian Secretary's Research Prize awarded for recognizing and promoting excellence in scholarship across the institution.

Grand Chapter thanks Captain the Chevalier Arjeh van der Sluis KCJ, for his service as the Grand Registrar of the Order since 2009, and now becomes the Order's Grand Registrar Emeritus.

Grand Almoner
The Chevalier John Fisher KJ, MBA

Chevalier Fisher KJ is President & CEO of T. Harris Environmental Management Inc., which is a diverse group of engineering, scientific, technical and industrial hygiene professionals providing consulting services to a variety of industrial, commercial, and institutional clients since 1979.

Chevalier Fisher has served as Chair for the past two years of The Mary Centre, an organization that was formed to provide support to adults with developmental disabilities, and has served on its board for five years. In 1982 he was diagnosed with neurological disorder known as a mitochondrial myopathy, and has become active with an advocacy group called MitoCanada where he helps and advocates for others who are affected by this disorder. Chevalier Fisher is completing his second term on the board of the National Club in Toronto where he has chaired, co-chaired and sat on various committees. He has been a generous supporter of various charities, including the Order's Noble Hearts Foundation.

Chevalier Fisher takes over the position of Grand Almoner from H.E. The Chevalier Peter Mueller GCJ, who remains the Order's Coadjutor.

Grand Capitular
The Chevalier Anthony McVeigh KJ, MA, ACSI

Chevalier McVeigh KJ is a Senior Director at Shawbrook Bank, City of London, with an extensive background in banking and credit risk management. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment and has spent his entire career in the City. Amongst his academic credentials, Chevalier McVeigh holds a Postgraduate Diploma with distinction from Oxford University and has written two prize winning research theses on business topics. His charitable endeavours include supporting Pembroke College, Oxford, funding student scholarships and he also raises donations for a range of charities by competing in sponsored endurance events. He received his Freedom of the City of London in 2008 and is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers where he is active in their educational and mentoring initiatives. In the 1990's, Chevalier McVeigh served as a reservist in the British Army for five years with the Royal Signals.

The Grand Master would like to welcome the new members of Grand Chapter and sincerely thank those outgoing officers who have so generously and diligently served the Order over the years. The new appointments to Grand Chapter represent a wealth of talent and reflect the geographic diversity of the Order's membership, with new officers from the United Kingdom, United States and Canada. The appointments take effect immediately and the new officers will be formally installed at the earliest opportunity. The Order's website will be updated to include the above shortly.

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H.E. The Chevalier Stephen Lautens GCJ
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