



The Equestrian, Secular and Chapterial
Order of Saint Joachim

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The Annual Canadian Investiture

Celebrating the Order's 270th Anniversary

Friday May 2nd - Saturday May 3rd, 2025
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The itinerary for this year's Investiture weekend follows:



Now is the time to plan and to reserve your attendance for the 2025 Investiture weekend of the 'Order of Saint Joachim', this year taking place in Canada's beautiful capital city, Ottawa, Ontario. It will be a milestone celebration, marking the 270th Anniversary of our Illustrious Order.

Ottawa is situated between Toronto and Montreal and just north of the eastern United States. Ottawa's metropolitan area stretches across the Ottawa River to Gatineau, Québec. So, it is easy to visit two provinces in one destination. Around every corner on both the Ontario and Québec sides of the Ottawa River you will find unique, safe and walkable neighbourhoods. While the diverse culinary scene in Ottawa includes everything from food trucks to fine dining as well as various craft breweries, distilleries and wineries.

Ottawa is also home to nine of Canada's national museums so you can immerse yourself in Canadian history, art, war, aviation, science and more. Ottawa is also the seat of Canada's Parliament and as part of this year's Investiture Weekend we have arranged a private tour of the Senate of Canada Building.

There are many reasons to come and see Ottawa and we hope to see you at our Investiture Weekend – May 2 and 3, 2025!

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

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

Friday Evening, May 2, 2025

'Lamb Roast'

6:30PM - 10:00PM



Investitures are always a celebratory occasion and this year we have a unique event to open the weekend. A prominent member of the Order has invited attendees to a lamb roast at his home. Enjoy a casual evening of delicious food and fellowship. The event will commence at 6:30 pm with the lamb being served at approximately 7:30 (timing dependent upon wind conditions.)

Location details will be provided to individuals who register for this event.

Dress code for this Pre-Investiture Dinner is 'Smart-Casual'.

Cost: \$110 P/P

Saturday Morning May 3, 2025

Private Tour to the Senate of Canada Building

10:30 am



Location: Senate of Canada Building, 2 Rideau Street

The Centre Block of Canada's Parliament Buildings is currently undergoing a multi-year restoration project. During this period, both the House of Commons and the Senate of Canada are occupying temporary quarters. The Senate of Canada is currently sitting in what was originally Ottawa's central train station. Extensive renovations have given this historic structure a new lease on life. The Office of the **Usher of the Black Rod** has graciously arranged for us to have a private tour of the Senate of Canada Building. Because the Building is a secure site participants of the tour must undergo airport style security screening. Also, you will require government issued identification. Accordingly, to participate you must be present by 10 am.

For security reasons you need to arrive no later than 10 am

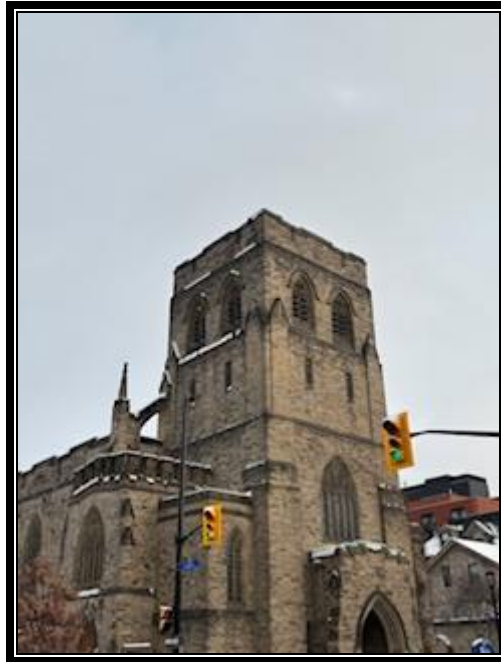
Dress code for the Tour is Casual

Cost: FREE

Saturday Afternoon May 3, 2025

Investiture at Knox Presbyterian Church

Arrive at 4 PM for a 4:30 PM start.



Location: 120 Lisgar Street (at Elgin Street)

The beautiful Knox Presbyterian Church is the site of this year's Investiture Ceremony. Of note the Regimental and King's Colours of the 207th (Ottawa-Carleton) Battalion were "laid up" at Knox. They now rest in the sanctuary of the church in a display case dedicated to the memory of those members of the regiment who died while part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the First World War.



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 3, 2025

Grand Master's Gala Investiture Dinner

Drinks 6:30 PM, Dinner 7:30 PM

Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess



**Location: Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess
4 Queen Elizabeth Drive**

(Entrance is on the side of the building closest to the Cartier Square Drill Hall)

The Rideau Canal Junior Ranks Mess is part of the Cartier Square Drill Hall complex which is located on the bank of the Rideau Canal just south of Laurier Avenue. (The Mess is located a short distance from Knox). A historic establishment, the mess retains a functional role and serves as both a social and dining club. Messes in the Canadian Armed Forces are the core of a unit, station, base, or ship's social life, and as such play an important role in facilitating cohesion and esprit-de-corps.

Cost \$150 P/P for pre-dinner Drinks, a Formal Dinner w/ Wine and Toasting Port, all-inclusive.



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

Downtown Hotels

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

OTTAWA'S TOP ATTRACTIONS

With world-class museums and galleries, exceptional dining options and nightly hot spots vibrating with energy, Ottawa's urban scene is very much beautiful and alive.

THE PARLIAMENT OF CANADA & RIDEAU CANAL



Spend a few moments exploring the buildings and grounds of Parliament Hill, where you'll see impressive architectural features or take a tour of the building.



A 126-mile UNESCO World Heritage Site surrounded by exceptional natural beauty and historical sites; it also becomes the world's largest skating rink when the canal freezes.

BYWARD MARKET



The ByWard Square has everything you're looking for, from unique boutiques and vibrant nightclubs to 'Beavertails' to satisfy your sweet tooth.

NATIONAL GALLERY OF CANADA



Marvel at the world's most comprehensive collection of Canadian Art. Expand your love for art with exhibits featuring abstract paintings, photography, sculptures, Italian art, nomads and even baseball stadiums.

THE CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM



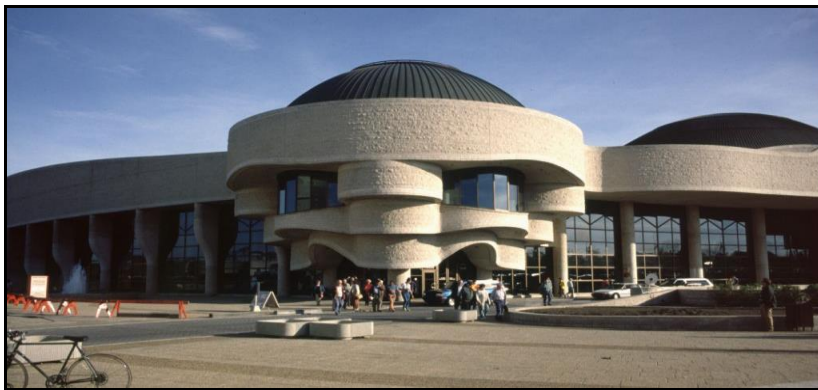
The Museum's dramatic architecture is a showcase for its vast collection (some 13,000 pieces) and its extensive artifact collection, including military vehicles and artillery. The vast permanent exhibition highlights key events and defining moments in Canadian military history.

NOTRE DAME BASILICA



Ottawa's oldest standing and largest church invites you to step inside and explore its exquisite stained-glass windows, hundreds of statues of different religious figures, the Sanctuary and the Lateral altars.

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY



Get the complete story on human history at the most popular and most visited museum in Canada. Situated in Gatineau, Québec it presents the events, people and objects that have shaped Canada. Step back in time with the Museum's four permanent exhibition galleries: the Grand Hall, the First Peoples Hall, the Canada Hall and Face to Face.

CASINO DU LAC LEAMY



A short drive from Canada's Capital City, try your luck at Quebec's fabulous Casino Lac Leamy. With 1,900 slot machines, 64 gaming tables and an incredible variety of spectacular shows and events, the excitement never stops!

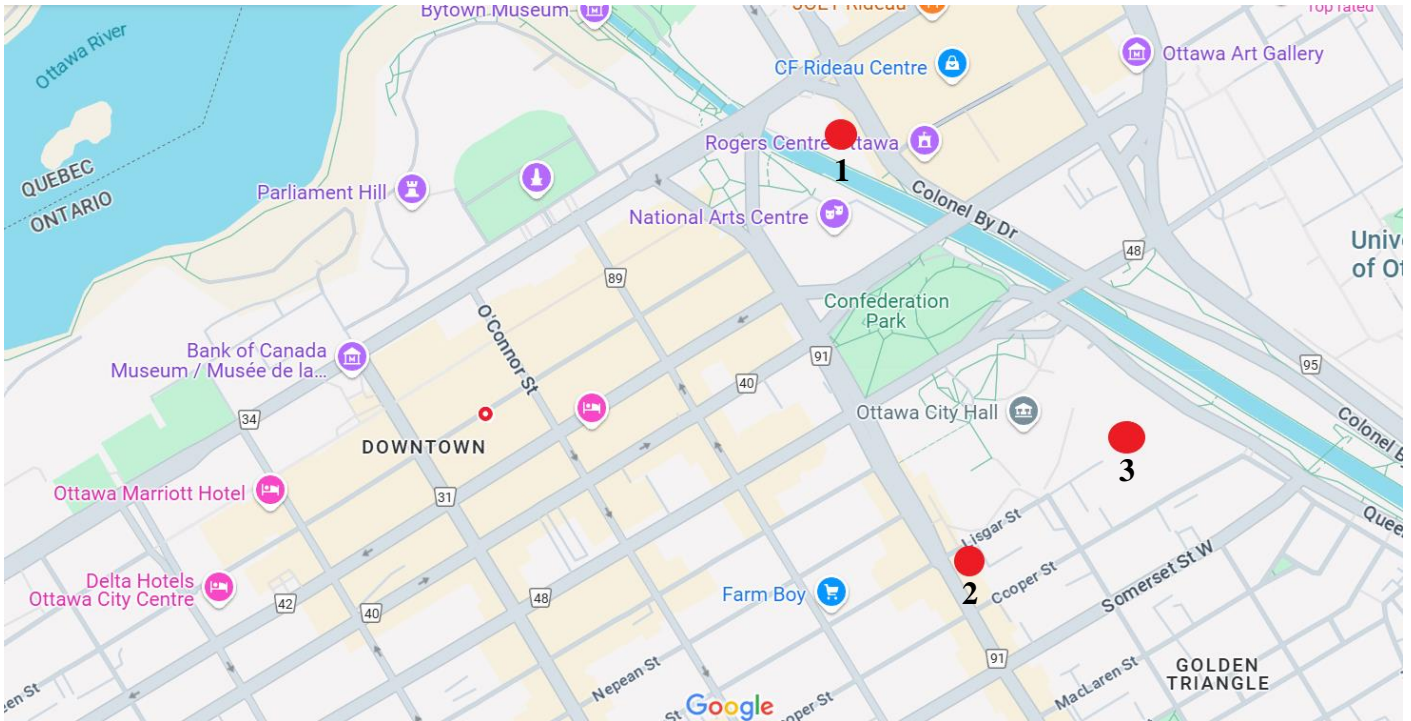
Plus, places such as:

- *National War Memorial and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*
- *The Royal Canadian Mint*
- *The Supreme Court of Canada*
- *Diefenbunker - Canada's Cold War Museum*
- *Canada Aviation and Space Museum*
- *The National Arts Centre*
- *Bytown Museum*
- *Laurier House*
- *Library and Archives Canada*

To find out more about visiting Ottawa consult: ottawatourism.ca/en



Venue Map



- 1 – Senate of Canada Building
- 2 – Knox Church
- 3 – NDHQ Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess