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Order of Saint Joachim

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The Annual Canadian Investiture
Celebrating the Order's 271st Anniversary

Friday May 1 - Saturday May 2, 2026
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

The itinerary for this year's Investiture weekend follows:



The Canadian Commandery invites you to the 2026 Order of Saint Joachim Investiture Weekend in Toronto, Ontario, marking our Order's 271st Anniversary.

Join us for an optional Meet and Greet Cocktail Reception and Dinner on Friday, May 1st, at the National Club. On Saturday morning, Chevalier Derwin Mak, KCJ will lead a walking tour of Toronto's Chinatown, concluding with dim sum at Dim Sum King Restaurant.

The weekend's main event—the Investiture—will be held at Saint Andrews United Church, followed by the Grand Master's Gala Investiture Dinner at the Royal Canadian Military Institute at 6:00 pm.

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

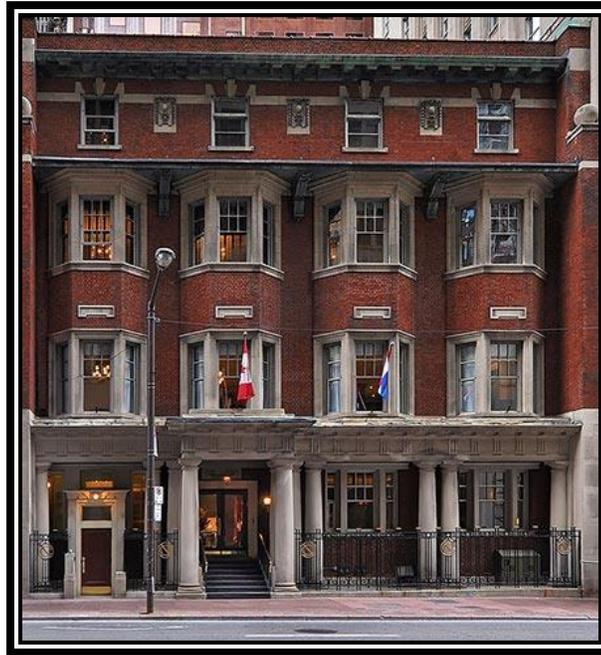
Friday Evening, May 1, 2026

'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 St. 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: \$135.00 P/P

Saturday Morning May 2, 2026

Walking Tour of Toronto's Chinatown

Please assemble in front of the Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrew Street

Start 10:30 am

Dress code for the Tour is Casual

Chevalier Derwin Mak, KCJ will conduct a guided tour of Toronto's Chinatown. As a long-standing Toronto resident, Chevalier Mak possesses extensive knowledge of Chinatown and its cultural significance. Participants will learn about the history and notable landmarks, including traditional herbal shops, wall murals, and other sites of interest. The tour commences in the historic Jewish district, reflecting the multicultural heritage of Chinatown residents—such as Jews, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Koreans—whose contributions have shaped the neighbourhood. Throughout the tour, participants will observe visible signs of these diverse communities, complemented by Chevalier Mak's personal recollections of the area's evolution.

Saturday Morning May 2, 2026

Dim Sum

Dim Sum King Seafood Restaurant, 421 Dundas Street West, 3rd Floor

11:30 am

Dress code for Dim Sum is Casual



Dim sum is a wonderful way to end a tour of Toronto's Chinatown. The Dim Sum King is noted for its dim sum offerings plus a full Chinese menu.

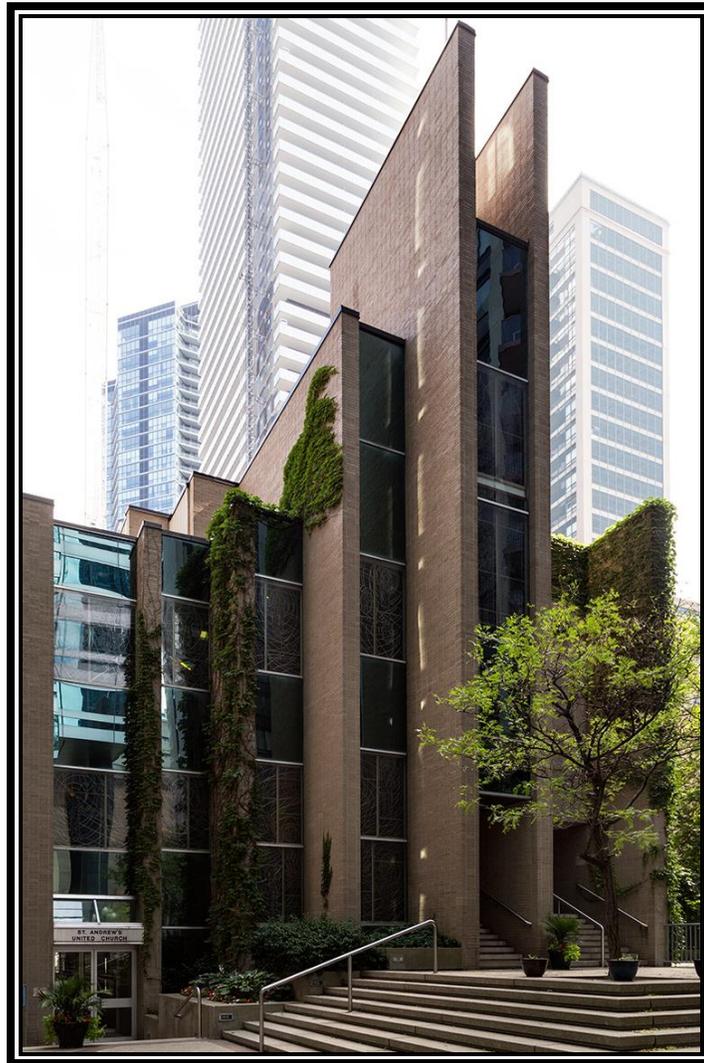
Please note that dim sum is usually served family style, which means that the cost will be whatever the table has ordered divided by the persons at the table.

Cost on your own

Saturday Afternoon May 2, 2026

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.



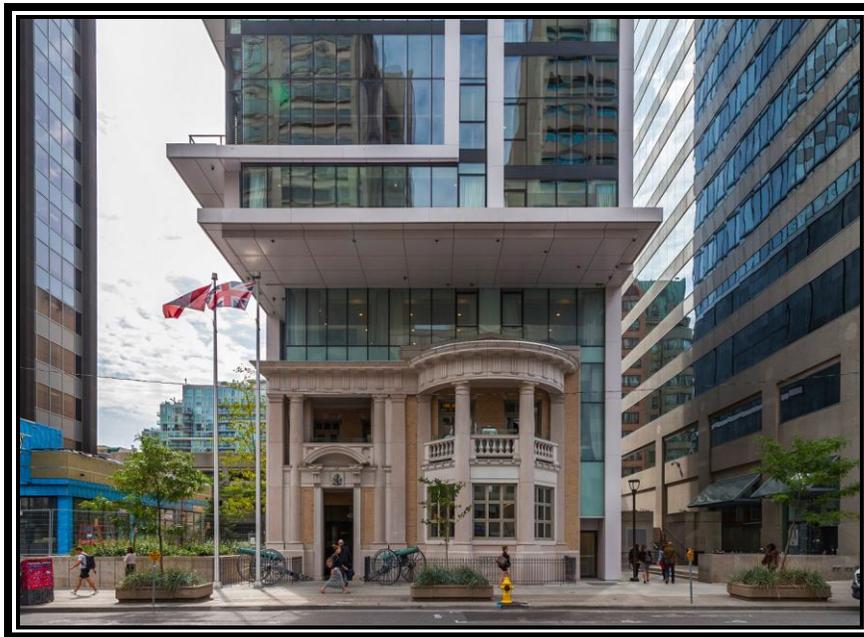
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Saturday Evening May 2, 2026

Grand Master's Gala Investiture Dinner
Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 7:00 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 King George VI 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 \$140.00 P/P for pre-dinner cash bar and a Formal Dinner w/ Wine and Toasting Port.



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ACCOMMODATIONS

We've secured a block of rooms at *The Chelsea Hotel*, Toronto's largest hotel, for \$279 per night plus tax. See the link below:

<https://reservation.brilliantbylangham.com/?adult=2&arrive=2026-05-01&chain=10316&child=0&config=brilliant¤cy=CAD&depart=2026-05-03&hotel=59052&level=hotel&locale=en-US&group=AUS050126&rooms=1&theme=brilliant>

You may also call the hotel directly, toll free 1-800-CHELSEA (243-5732) or 416-595-1975. These individuals must identify themselves as part of The Order of Saint Joachim Room Block and call prior to the cut-off date, which is 30 days prior, to take advantage of the discounted group rate.

For other downtown hotels

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

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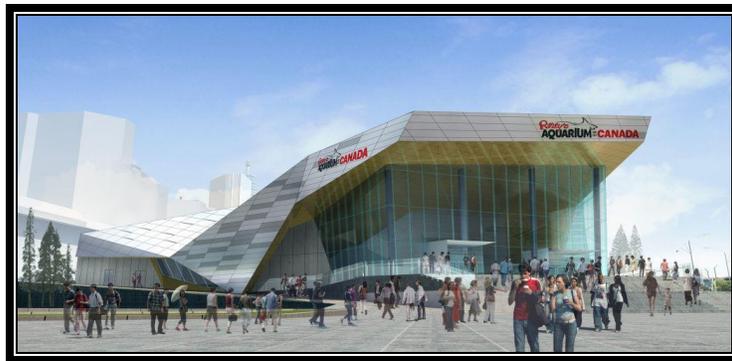
TORONTO'S TOP ATTRACTIONS

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/>

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/>