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Fellow Dames and Knights

Unveiling of Afghanistan Memorial

On October 10th, The Order of St. George was proud to be among the honoured guests at the unveiling of the Afghanistan Memorial at Trenton, Ontario. The memorial is to honour and remember the Canadians who paid the ultimate price during the conflict and all funds for the memorial have been privately raised.

The unveiling was covered by the major Canadian media and a television report broadcast on the CTV National News contained a comment from our Chief Herald. The news report can be seen at:

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/memorial-for-canadian-soldiers-killed-in-afghanistan-unveiled-1.1033008>

More information about the unveiling and the part that The Order of St. George played in the creation of the Memorial will be covered in the next edition of the Knightly Herald.

Ottawa Mess Dinner

By Chevalier C.W. (Gus) Este, KStG

First of all a hearty thank you to all of the Chevaliers Dames and guests who attended the Ottawa Commandery Dinner on November 19, 2012. We had planned for 60 guests to attend and were very pleased that 62 were present. The Dinner was held in celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

The Head Table comprised the Grand Master Chevalier, Gareth Green, KGCSStG, Guest Speaker Kevin S. MacLeod, C.V.O., C.D., Vice Patron Chevalier Lewis MacKenzie, KGCSStG, Deputy Grand Master Chevalier Gerry Nudds, KGCSStG, Chevalier Karl McLean, BGen, KGCSStG, Ottawa Commander Chevalier Ernie Hughes, KStG, and PMC, Chevalier C.W.(Gus) Este, KStG.

Other Officers present were the Grand Chancellor, Chevalier Joseph H. Varner, KGCSStG, Treasurer, Chevalier Amerigo Sordi, KGCSStG and the Toronto Commander, Chevalier George Charbol, KStG.

Following a sumptuous meal of Prime Rib Roast of Beef au jus, with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings, the guests were treated to a very interesting speech by the Guest Speaker, Kevin MacLeod who spoke about his experiences and duties as

Usher of the Black Rod, in the Senate of Canada and his subsequent appointment as Canadian Secretary to the Queen.

The dinner concluded following and update on the Priory by the Grand Master. Everyone appeared to have enjoyed this classy evening.



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Nunavut Fund Raising Dinner

Below are excerpts from a Media Release sent by the Order following a great Fund Raising Dinner in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

On the evening of December 4, 2012, at the Discovery Lodge Hotel in Iqaluit, the members of the Order in Iqaluit held a fundraising dinner in support of the Cadet Program of Nunavut. The evening was a spectacular success, raising \$13,068.69 for the Cadet Program.

The Grand Master of the Order, The Chevalier Gareth Green, CD, KGCSG, today wrote to Chevalier Greg Cayen, KStG, offering his congratulations on behalf of himself and the Order. In his note, The Grand Master said “many congratulations to Chevalier Clarence Synard, KStG and yourself in organizing last night's fund raiser. I know that you were expecting to raise in the region of \$6000.00, so the final result of over \$13,000.00 must have been the cherry on the cake for you.”

In discussing the money raised during the evening, Chevalier Greg Cayen, KStG, said: “The funds raised will be donated to the Foundation of the Order of St. George and will be earmarked for the Cadet Program of Nunavut. In 2013, Cadet groups throughout Nunavut will prepare proposals to the Foundation for funding of various Cadet Initiatives throughout Nunavut. Over the years, the Nunavut Cadet program has produced great Inuit Leaders.”

The Grand Master, Gareth Green, also telephoned Captain Adam Chubbs, Commanding Officer of the 795 Air Cadets “I called Captain Chubbs to congratulate him, his officers, other staff and the Cadets of 795 Squadron for their excellent work and support that they offer to Iqaluit. The service that these young people, who are members of the squadron, dedicate themselves to, cannot be hailed enough,” continued the Grand Master.

“What makes this fundraising achievement so remarkable is that the members who organized this event are the first three members of the Order in Nunavut. Elizabeth Cayen, Greg Cayen and Clarence Synard, are all new members of the Order having travelled to Toronto for our Investiture Service in the magnificent St. Paul's Anglican church on October 13th of this year” said The Grand Master.

Congratulations to Elizabeth, Greg and Clarence on this spectacular achievement.



Captain Adam Chubbs, 795 Air Cadets CO, addresses the dinner.



Clarence Synard and Captain Chubbs

The Season of Giving

Congratulations to Chevalier Major (Ret'd) Paul Henry, KStG. On November 5, Paul gave his 100th blood donation to Canadian Blood Services in Sudbury, Ontario. Giving the gift of life takes only a little time and there is always a need. Well done Paul.

If there are other members who have reached similar milestones, please let us know.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

We are pleased to congratulate the following members who have received the QDJM.

Dave Cole, KStG, Charles Jansen, KStG, Peter Milsom, KStG, Ken Ross, KStG and Harky Smith, KStG.

Field Knight, Bill Humphries FKStG

Annual Contribution (Dues)

By now, all members will have received their notice that the Annual Contribution to the Order is payable.

This year, the total annual contribution of \$150.00 will be used for the administration of our ever growing Order. When possible, members are additionally asked to contribute to the Foundation in order to assist with our charitable activities, especially those on behalf of the military and their families. A Canadian tax receipt is provided for such contributions.

Your Annual Contribution is due by January 31, 2013 and can be paid by cheque sent directly to the Grand Treasurer, or by going on line to the members section of the Website and using a credit card or PayPal. Instructions on how to login to the members section can be seen the June issue of the Chronica, which is available on the Website.

Pictures of 2012 Investiture Now on Website

Pictures from the 2012 Investiture in Toronto are now available on the Website. While the pictures on the site are watermarked, clear images in a variety of sizes and finishes are available at very reasonable prices. Please check back as more pictures will be added to the gallery in the near future.

While on the site, you will also see pictures from the Grand Master's Annual White Tie Dinner for our Grand Cross members and members of the Governing Council. In the tradition that has been established, members attending the dinner personally cover all costs so that no funds are used from either the Order or the Foundation.

We Remember

The Order of St. George has lost another great warrior. Mr. Welsford Daniels, FKStG, WWII, age 92, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Daniel G. Clapin, ACFRE, Managing Director of The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Foundation conveyed the following in a message to the Order. "He and his family were so proud of the honour bestowed upon him by The Order of St. George this last fall. Through The Order of St. George you mark so profoundly these warriors of days gone by. As a Field Knight your message to him and others, says, "we shall not forget" we here at the Perley Rideau are so very proud to be associated with The Order of St. George. Thank you for all that you do, "lest we forget"."

For more about the life of Welsford Daniels, see

<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/news/veteran+remembered+great+Canadian/7750762/story.html>

Tis the Season

2012 has been a great year for the Order of St. George. On March 3, 2003, the Canadian Priory of the Order was consecrated in Christ Church, Niagara Falls, Ontario. Over the 9 years since, our Grand Master, Gareth Green, supported at first by only a few members, has worked tirelessly to organize and build the Order. The roots that were planted by the few are now, as we approach the 10th Anniversary of the Order bearing the fruit of quickly increasing membership and enthusiasm.

Please enjoy this festive time of year with your friends and family and as we ring in the New Year on January 1, 2013, look forward to a very special 10th Anniversary Year for the Order of St. George.

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