



ACADIA NEWSLETTER



GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACADIA COMMANDERY

2007 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

These events were held on Saturday, October 20th, in the Slemon Park Hotel and Conference Centre, located 3 miles west of Summerside, on Highway #2. The AGM took place at 2:00 pm in the Confederation Room, with the Formal Dinner in the Heritage Room (7:00 for 7:30pm). There was a Sunday Church Service and Parade (with mantles) and Brunch was served. A warm welcome awaited all who attended.



2007 CHAPTER-GENERAL

This very successful gathering was attended by the new Grand Master of the Order, His Highness Don Francisco de Borbon y Escasany, GCLJ, Duke of Seville, and saw the installation of the new Grand Prior of Canada, H. E. Me. Georges N. Parent, GCLJ, GOMLJ, LL.L. The Acadia delegation consisted of Chev. Brian Newbold, GCLJ, GOMLJ, D.Sc., Mrs. Katharine Robinson, CLJ, Rev. David Staples, JChLJ, MMLJ, Chev. Kent Sweeney, KCLJ, CMLJ, and Hon. Kenneth Mackay, QC, KCLJ, GOMLJ, whose charming daughters Victoria and Meredith also attended. A highlight was the joint meeting of the Ecumenical and Medical Commissions, during which a very moving Leprosy Mission of Canada video on the current leprosy situation in Africa was shown. An appeal was made for funds to assist in the eradication of the disease and Commandery members were urged to respond generously.

HONOURS TO COMMANDERY MEMBERS

Chev. Edmond Landry, CM, KCLJ, CMLJ was honoured by the New Brunswick village of Grande Anse, where he served as first Mayor for 20 years. At a moving public Soiree, he was made an Honorary Citizen and it was announced that the next new street in the village will bear his name.

Chev. Brian Newbold, GCLJ, GOMLJ, D.Sc. received The Keiller MacKay Award of the Grand Priory of Canada during the 2007 Chapter-General. The citation reads "For dedication to research and writing the history of the Order in Canada". Congratulations to both !

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY FOLLOW-UP

On June 11th, 2007 Brian and Evelyn Newbold journeyed to Lambton, Quebec to visit with our Centenarian Dame Marion MacLeod, DCLJ, who was found to be in good spirits. They presented her with a very much appreciated basket of flowers bearing the inscription "From the Acadia Commandery, Order of Saint Lazarus, with very best wishes". Earlier in the year she received a congratulatory letter from the Grand Prior H.E. HCol Robert Vandewater, GCLJ, GOMLJ.

COMMANDERY HISTORY

On the Feast of St. Lazarus, December 17th, 1977, the Acadia Commandery held a Quilt raffle with the Hon. Mrs. Robichaud, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, officiating at the drawing. Close to \$500 was raised for charitable purposes.

Confraternally,

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