

Calgary Commandery



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Message from the Commander;

Cher Confreres et Conseours

Most of you would have had the opportunity to have read my recent letter to you. Although it is still early days, I have had little or no feedback. Our members are the means through which we as an Order can accomplish our objectives. I have also had the opportunity to immerse myself in the Calgary Commandery records and formed a preliminary opinion on the history, and the structure of the Order and all the constating documents. I believe we have a lot to do and we will need the help of all members. Ideas are often as helpful as donations. I am looking for ideas, which will broaden our audience and from which help us expand our membership all of which will permit us to accomplish our objectives; direction first then effectiveness.

Your new executive is largely taken from the newer members. The Vice-Commander is Glynis Grigg and the new Receiver (Treasurer) is Julien DeSchutter. Palliative Care has been assumed by Judith Mockridge and Hospitaller functions will be guided by Barbara Hongisto. David Ingoe and David Hongisto will care for communications and Casinos respectively. Finally Gail Fraser and Fiona McLean will be Secretary and Registrar respectively. I believe that we have a good blend of the old and the new. We will be meeting soon as suggested in my letter and preparing for the Chapters General in Quebec in May.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and restorative Easter.

Britton O. Mockridge MSM, OLJ
Commander

Slate of Officers – 2010 - 2011

Commander	Britton O. Mockridge MSM,OLJ
Vice-Commander	Glynis Grigg CLJ
Secretary	Gail Fraser OLJ
Registrar	Fiona McLean CD, OLJ, MMLJ
Receiver	Julien DeSchutter OLJ
Hospitaller	Barbara Hongisto CLJ
Palliative Care	Judith Mockridge OLJ
Communications	David Ingoe KLJ, MMLJ
Chaplain	Stewart Miller ChLJ
Casino	David Hongisto KLJ, MMLJ



Social Event

Afternoon Tea

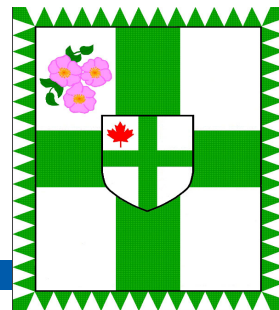
Members & guests

Sunday April 11th, 2010

2 PM to 4 PM

RSVP Glynis Grigg (403) 242-7439
78 Aspen Ridge Way SW.

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Message from the Past Commander;

Cher Confreres et Conseours

2009 was a most successful year! Having the Chapter General here in Calgary was a daunting but most rewarding event.

It was because of the dedication and hard work of 4 key people, David Hongisto, David Ingoe, Glynis Grigg, and Julien De Shutter, that the event was so well run! The Hartry Bear programme, spearheaded by Katush Mortimer-Rae, got underway with money from the casino and money raised from donations for the bears. We continue to supply bears to our local hospices.

We also had our first recipient of our ecumenical bursary, Sarah Gallant. We met her at a Chapter General luncheon. Our 2010 winner of the bursary is Tenzan Eaghll, whom we met at this AGM.

In 2009 we tried opening our executive meetings to the entire membership. Although attendance was not increased by a lot, perhaps we could continue to send invitations to all members.

In 2009, we had 5 postulants join the Order! We were pleased with that, to say the least! Since membership growth is important to our Order, we hope to encourage more individuals to become part of our group.

We also hope to get a website set up, under the tutelage of David Ingoe. He has done great work on our newsletters and on our local pamphlet. With our new executive, I know that the work of the Order will continue to grow, as we assist the hospices, continue our bursary, and expand our membership.

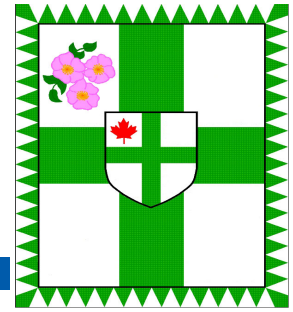
I'd like to thank all of you for supporting me as Commander and for making my experience a truly memorable one. I wish Brit all the best as Commander.

Barbara Hongisto CLJ



Hope Lutheran Church, the site of our 2010 AGM

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Palliative Care Report

February 7, 2010

Four years ago, as the then Commander, the executive of the Calgary Commandery agreed with my view of extending the area of our support for palliative care to include the greater Calgary area and Lethbridge. During this period we were able to expand our charitable efforts and to increase the important name recognition of this Commandery.

Throughout this time, we have been able to achieve our goals through the effective use of our Casino funds. The process of having the different institutions present a wish list of equipment or projects they were starting or expanding, gave the executive the flexibility to select those projects that fit with our mandates. The result is that this Commandery has donated over \$400,000 dollars over the past 10 years to be used by these institutions to achieve better care for their patients.

During one of our trips to Lethbridge, St Michaels Hospital shared with us a project that they were starting by giving teddy bears to palliative care patients at their facility. Through their help and permission we were able to expand that project to include all the palliative care centres in our area as we developed the Hartry Bear Program. At our Chapter General last may we introduced this program to the other Commanderies and resulted with Thunder Bay acquiring 50 bears.

As we continue to raise money through Casinos, opportunities exist to expand our support and influence with other palliative care trusts and centres. I would hope that the membership continue to support the endeavours of the executive to provide ongoing organizational development and progress.

Calgary Commandery Again Supports Hospice Calgary Programmes with \$20,000 Presentation

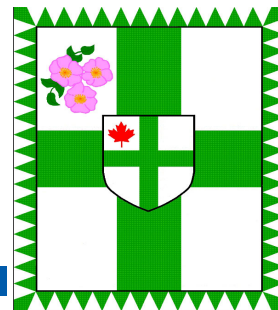


From left: Colleen Clark, Director of programming, Hospice Calgary; Judy Mockridge, Palliative Care contact; Barbara Hongisto, past Commander; Britton Mockridge, Commander; Sarah Walker, Executive Director, Hospice Calgary.

The Calgary commandery presented a cheque for \$20,000 dollars to Hospice Calgary at their programme centre on March 4, 2010.

After the presentation, we enjoyed coffee with treats and great conversation! We were able to better understand how their programmes help so many people deal with end of life circumstances.

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE CALGARY COMANDERY OF
THE ORDER OF ST. LAZARUS OF JERUSALEM
Held at
Hope Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 1:00 pm.**

In Attendance: Julien DeSchutter, Bruce Ferguson, Gail Fraser, Bob Gibson, Glynis Grigg, Gary Henderson, Barbara Hongisto, David Hongisto, David Ingoe, Barbara McKillop, Duncan McKillop, Stewart Miller, George Milne, Brit Mockridge, Judith Mockridge, Faye Morgan, Ian Morgan, Ken Shelley, Roy Smith.

Regrets: Sam Blakely, Rick Goebel, Amund Jonassen, Barbara Lacey, Roy Lindseth, Fiona McLean, Del Staveley, Sid Wallace, Priscilla Wilson.

Following church service and luncheon, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm by the Commander, Mrs. Barbara Hongisto. The Prayer of the Order was read by Pastor Stewart Miller. A quorum was declared and the meeting was duly constituted to carry out the business of the Commandery. Mrs. Hongisto acted as chairman and Mr. David Hongisto acted as secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Tenzan Eaghll, most recent recipient of the Saint Lazarus Bursary at U. of C., was welcomed to the meeting. He thanked the Order for the award and gave a brief outline of his study program.

Minutes of the February 15, 2009 meeting were circulated to those in attendance.

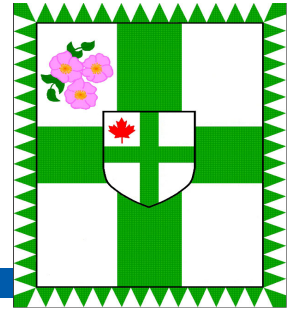
Moved by Julien DeSchutter and seconded by Brit Mockridge that minutes of the February 15, 2009 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented. Carried.

Membership Report – Membership holding steady in the low 30's. Calgary Commandery has one Postulant for 2010, Mr. Gary Henderson, who was introduced to those present.

Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2009 were circulated to the meeting. A financial recap of CG2009 accounts was distributed for information purposes. Copies of both are attached to these minutes.

Moved by David Hongisto and seconded by Brit Mockridge that the Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2009 be approved as presented. Carried.

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Ecumenical Report – The Bursary is now established and will require no immediate attention from the Commandery.

Palliative Care Report – was presented by Chev. David Ingoe. A copy is attached to these minutes. Moved by Roy Smith, seconded by Judith Mockridge, that the Palliative Care Report be received. Carried.

Proposals for Charitable Projects – Approval has been received from AGLC for a donation to Hospice Calgary Society in an amount of up to \$20,000.

Faye Morgan brought up the suggestion that we investigate the avenues open to the Commandery for supporting leprosy care, as this is the original purpose of the Order.

Ken Shelley advised the meeting that Agape Hospice would now be able to accept donations from groups such as the Order of Saint Lazarus, even though such donations originate from gaming funds.

Social Convenor Report – Glynis Grigg reported on social activities of the Commandery during the past year, including CG2009, the Christmas dinner and the opportunities for socializing at the casino function. She then announced a Social Tea to be held at her home on Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 2 to 5 pm providing an opportunity for members to visit and meet with prospective members, hospice representatives and our non-member casino volunteers.

Commander's Report - Mrs. Hongisto presented her Commander's Report for the past year. Topics covered were CG2009, the Hartry Bears program and the Saint Lazarus Bursary. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Casino Update - Next casino will be in the first quarter of 2011.

Ratification of Executive Business - Moved by Brit Mockridge and seconded by Glynis Grigg that the business carried out by the Executive for the preceeding year be ratified. Carried.

Election of Officers for 2010 – The proposed slate of officers for 2010 was circulated. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Moved by Duncan McKillop, seconded by Bob Gibson, that the proposed slate be accepted. Carried.

Mrs. Hongisto transferred the chain of office to Mr. Mockridge, who then gave a brief outline of his plan for the coming year.

On a motion from Julien DeSchutter, the meeting was terminated at 1:57 pm.

Commander

Secretary