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Musings of our Supreme Grand Master

Greetings Brother Knights

I am honoured and humbled to be the Supreme Grand Master of this great venerable order of Christian Masonry, serving this Grand Jurisdiction on your behalf. I joined Freemasonry in Alberta in 1963 and will therefore be eligible for my Fifty Year Jewel in 2013. It has been a very active and fulfilling journey through the various ranks of many levels of Freemasonry to date, with no end in sight.

I am an R.C.M.P. veteran, a retired Director of Transportation Services for Strathcona County, where I make my home in Sherwood Park, and currently own and operate an Alcohol & Drug Testing business. My wife passed away in 1995 and I am currently engaged to marry Anita Anderson in the very near future. I have two children, Kevin and Lauren and two grandchildren Brandon and Nicole.

My Knights Templar journey began in 1995 in Edmonton, I served as Presiding Preceptor of Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 in 2006, elected to the Grand Executive of Sovereign Great Priory in 2007 and Deputy Grand Master in 2010. The balance of my Masonic career will be found in the Proceedings and on the Website.

My travels will continue within the four Western Provinces, extending into Eastern Canada in the Spring of 2013 with a goal to visit each Preceptory, either separately or in joint concert with others. I will also be available to attend important and/or historical functions across Canada upon request and where feasible. I look forward to making your acquaintances over the next two years, listening to your concerns, fresh ideas and ways and means of keeping our fraternity viable for the future, all of which will be carefully considered and responded to.

As communication is very important, I would encourage you to take advantage of these Dispatch-



es which are produced three times per year. They are an ideal means of communicating activities of general interest across Canada. You may submit your items to the Grand Chancellor who will edit and publish them if found to be of national interest.

Food for Thought

You are a volunteer in your Lodge, Chapter, Council or Preceptory until you are elected by the members as an officer. Now you have become the servant of the members and must strive to bring honour to your office and to yourself.

The RIBBON of the ORDER

QUESTION: In the ritual book, for the order consecration it mentions a ribbon to be displayed. Can you tell me about this ribbon and if there is one where can we obtain one?

ANSWER: Regulation **R6.6.1** states the **Jewel of a Presiding Preceptor** shall be the red patriarchal Cross, suspended from the ribbon of the Order, worn around the neck, red with white edges, 4.5 centimeters wide.

Researching the "Statutes" of Sovereign Great Priory, we find the 1885 Statutes contain the same wording in Statute 115. (the metric measure was not included.) The Sixth Annual Assembly of the National Great Priory of Canada, 1881, adopted this wording.

"These jewels to be suspended by the ribbon of the order: red with white edges 1¼ inches wide."

This wording has remained unchanged to this day. Of interest, we note, that when a survey of Preceptorries was conducted, last Spring, there were almost as many different ribbons being used today, as there are Preceptorries.

Knight Templar Swords



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Belt Slings \$20**

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**DEPUTY GRAND
MASTER**

Right Eminent

Knight

Willard G. Dionne

Knight

Commander

Of the Temple

Dear Brother Knights:

My sincere thanks for your confidence in electing me as your Deputy Grand Master. I am truly honored and consider it a privilege to serve you and our great Christian organization. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously and I pledge to carry out the duties of this high office to the best of my ability. With the guidance from The Great Captain of Our Salvation, and your support, I believe we can make a worthy contribution for the betterment of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada. I look forward to meeting most of you during my term in office. I express my appreciation to the Registrars for sending me the notices of the assemblies of their Preceptory, by e-mail or by postal mail. I always read these notices with attention and find it very useful for me to know better each Preceptory, its activities and officers.

I was born and raised in Edmundston, New Brunswick. I am married to Suzanne Asselin and we have two children, and five grandchildren. I am also an Ordained Minister of the International Council of Community Churches (I.C.C.C.). I studied at the University of Moncton (B.A.), the University of Ottawa (M.A.) and the Pastoral Institute of the I.C.C.C. (L.Th., Dr.Chr.).

Professionally, I have served for 37 years in the Federal Public Service, which includes such positions as Program Manager for the Treasury Board Secretariat, Policy Advisor for the Privy Council Office, several years as Chief Advisor for the Ethics Counsellor's Office and as the first Director of the Senate Ethics Office, a new entity of the Canadian Parliament created in 2005. I retired in April 2011 from the Federal Public Service and since do occasional consultancy work in political ethics as Special Advisor for parliamentarians and Canadian Parliament institutions. I am also Associate Pastor of the Ottawa-Gatineau Community Church, Ottawa, ON. In respect to the above, I am Vice-President and member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Chapter of the International Council of Community Churches Inc.; member of the Association of Professional Executives of the Public Service of Canada; and, member of the Ethics Practitioner's Association of Canada.

My Masonic career started in 1980 when I was initiated in Eddy Lodge # 41, GRQ, served as Worshipful Master (1993), was Deputy Grand Chaplain (2002) and District Deputy Grand Master (2007) of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. In capitulatory masonry, exalted in Coronation Chapter # 27, GRQ (1982) and served as First Principal (1992), was Grand Chaplain (1999 to 2003) and Grand Superintendent (2005) of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Quebec. My Knight Templar journey started when I was consecrated in Ottawa Preceptory # 32 in 1982, serving as its Presiding Preceptor (1998), was Grand Sword Bearer (2004), Provincial Grand Prior for the Kingston-Ottawa District # 4 (2008), Grand Chaplain (2010) and Grand Council Member (2011). In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, I was received and have been a 32nd degree member of the Valley of Ottawa since 1983. I am also a member and have served in several appendant Masonic organizations.

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August 16th to 18th, 2013

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