



The Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller

Vancouver Commandery



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Letter from Commander Robert Trowbridge

I trust you and your families are enjoying this marvellous run of spectacular west coast summer! The June 13th Investiture is in our rear view mirror now and everyone seems to concur the occasion was a memorable and well-organized milestone for our Commandery.



Congratulations, again, and welcome to every Dame and Knight who has joined our ranks to contribute to our good works; likewise, kudos to the numerous recipients of well-earned promotions. Thanks go to all who had a hand in planning and executing on every detail of the Investiture weekend, particularly Dame Drinda Scott, DCSJ and Chev. Dick Earchy, KCG.

The Events & Social Committee is at it again, currently planning the “Hoedown for the Hospice”, a fundraiser benefiting St. John Hospice, being hosted at the home of new Dame, Anne Rowland and her husband, Craig on Saturday, September 12th. Space is limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. See page 10 for more details.

Our Membership Committee is now under the capable stewardship of Dame Karen Baker-MacGrotty, DCSG. I know Karen is resolved to make this a record year for growth as we continue to build the Order’s flagship Commandery. I ask that each Knight and Dame commit to Karen to introduce at least one suitable Aspirant over the next eight months for consideration by her committee.

Finally, congratulations and thanks go to our chief, Past Commander Poul Hansen who performed his leadership role with distinction; thankfully Poul and Judith will be close at hand following his promotion to the rank of Prior of Western Canada. I look forward to continue working with Poul to be certain his vision becomes reality.

Yours in St. John,
Robert Trowbridge KCSJ
Commander

The 2009 Investiture

On June 13th, the ceremony of Investiture took place in Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Vancouver with H.E. Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ officiating together with two Vancouver Commandery Chaplains, The Very Reverend Peter Elliott, KJSJ and The Reverend Dr. Chevalier Nicholas Parker, KGSJ.

Lead by the Crucifer, Dame Karen Baker-McGrotty, DCSG the procession came up from the Crypt at 5:00 pm, singing “Onward, Christian Soldiers” assisted by the Cathedral Choir. Before the investiture of the Aspirants, several promotions of Members of the Vancouver & Victoria Commanderies were promulgated.

Dame of Grace

- Dame Marilyn April Davidson
- Dame The Reverend Pamela June Orman
- Dame Dewey Patricia Parker
- Dame Kathleen Ann Scalzo

Knight of Grace

- Chevalier David Esworthy
- Chevalier Kevin Mahon
- Chevalier Charles Stephen Rogers
- Chevalier Charles Wesley van der Lee

Dame Commander of Grace

- Dame Deedrie Dawn Ballard
- Dame Susan Dickson
- Dame Karen Baker-MacGrotty
- Dame Gail Mackay

Knight Commander of Grace

- Chevalier David B. Adams
- Chevalier Terrance W. Farmer
- Chevalier Iain R.V. Mackay

Dame of Justice

- Dame Margaret Anne Wood

Knight of Justice

- Chevalier William H. Clarke
- Commander Robert B. Mackay
- Chevalier Richard Mulcaster
- Commander Robert Trowbridge

Escorted by the Marshal, Chev. Richard Earchy, KSG, the Aspirants were then brought before the Lt. Grand Master who inducted them individually into the Order assisted by the Sword Bearer, H.E. Bailiff Paul Beckmann, GCSJ.

It was a colourful ceremony with beautiful singing by the Cathedral Choir, directed by Mr. Rupert Lang.

Robert Trowbridge KCSJ
Commander



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The 2009 Investiture



H.E. Bailiff Glen McLaughlin gave the Allocation



Promotion of the Knights of Justice



*Investiture of Commander Robert Trowbridge as
Commander of Vancouver Commandery*



Investiture of Prior Poul Hansen as Prior of Western Canada



Knights and Dames following the Investiture



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The Aspirants take their vows

H.E. Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe and the new Knights and Dames of the Vancouver Commandery



We were honoured to have Members of the Victoria Commandery, including Commander Robert B. MacKay participate in the Investiture



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The 2009 Gala Dinner

Immediately following the Investiture, Members proceeded to the Vancouver Club for a reception and the annual Gala Dinner. The weather was spectacular for the reception, encouraging numerous Members and their guests outdoors to enjoy the warmth. The camaraderie was warm as well, after another successful Investiture.

Chevalier Peter Hebb, KGSJ acted as Toast Master for the evening. Commander Robert Trowbridge, KCSJ, H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff Glen McLaughlin, GCSJ, MMSJ and H.E. Lt. Grand Master, David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ each offered their welcome to the gathering of more than 150 Members and guests.

Officers of the Order were recognized including the guests from other Commanderies, which, in addition to Grand Prior McLaughlin, included the Commander of Victoria B.C., Robert B. MacKay, KCSJ.

Commander Robert Trowbridge offered a toast to the President of the United States and Grand Prior McLaughlin responded with a toast to the Queen of Canada.

Commander Robert Trowbridge presented Prior Poul Hansen with a large (and heavy) ship's wheel and ship's bell in recognition of his exceptional stewardship of the Vancouver Commandery over his term as Commander.

Silent and live auctions raised funds for Vancouver Commandery's charitable objective to support and advocate for hospice palliative care services in British Columbia.

Darla and Company provided live entertainment throughout dinner and well into the evening, as Members and guests enthusiastically took to the dance floor.

The Gala Dinner capped another successful afternoon and evening for newly inducted Members, longstanding Members and all guests.

Our sincere thanks go to Dame Drinda Scott, DCSJ and her committee for organizing another highly successful Gala Dinner.

Robert Trowbridge KCSJ
Commander



New Commander Robert Trowbridge explaining the mystical art of gazing into the future to Past Commander Poul Hansen



"This should get Judith in from the garden for dinner!"



Past Commander accepts the gift of an engraved ship's wheel representing his capable steering of the Commandery during his term



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The 2009 Gala Dinner *(continued)*



Aspirants' Reception hosts Chev. Dan and Noriko Tidball enjoy chatting with Judith Trowbridge



Dames Barbara Stewart, Phyllis Grady and enjoy the Vancouver Club's conservatory during the reception



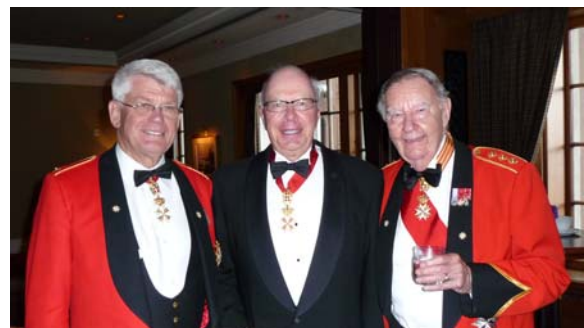
Chev. Richard and [name] Prokopanko



H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff Glen McLaughlin and Prior Poul Hansen share a laugh



Chev. [name] and H.E. Bailiff Al Wagner



Chev. and H.E. Prior Bailiff Regent Arthur A. Knight



The 2009 Gala Dinner *(continued)*



*H.E. Lieutenant Grand Master David Rolfe
and Dame Margaret Rolfe*



*Chev. Dick Earthy and Anne Earthy are all smiles
following his successful inaugural role as Marshall*



New Knight Les Lyall and new Dame Brenda Lyall



*Dame Lynda-May O'Brien looks likes she's keeping a
secret from husband Mr. [name]*



Chev. Dr. Peter Fry and guests



New Dame Barbara Stewart and husband, Mr. Bob Stewart



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Meet Your New Knights and Dames

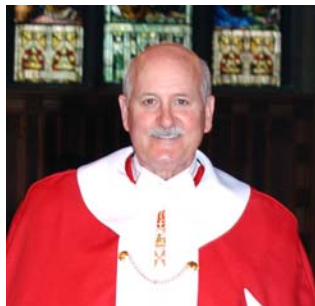
The 2009 Investiture witnessed the introduction of 11 new Knights and Dames to the Vancouver Commandery. The following is a brief bio for each Aspirant. for the information of all Members.



Barbara Joan Barry, M.B.A., M.Ed., B.Ed., has a wide range of experience from government, regulatory institutions, public and private corporations as well as community, non-profit and international organizations. Her career has spanned working for a B.C. Premier, a Canadian Prime Minister, a Wall Street financial firm, a Fortune 500 energy company as well as numerous well-known international companies via her consulting firm. In addition to a number of fraternal affiliations (Alpha Phi Women's Fraternity, Order of Eastern Star, International Order of Jobs Daughters), Barbara has assumed leadership roles with the Dallas United Way and Social Venture Partners Downtown Eastside Women's Centre Project in Vancouver. Barbara resides in West Vancouver with her husband, Ray Castelli, CEO of Weatherhaven, and their 5-year old son, Barry.



Barry Cooper, Ph.D., F.R.S.C., has been a university professor for nearly 40 years, the last 28 of which at the University of Calgary. Prior to UofC, Barry taught at Bishop's, McGill and York Universities. Winner of a Killam Research Fellowship, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a Senior Fellow at The Fraser Institute, and a Fellow at the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies. He has written, edited, or translated 30 books, most of which are in political philosophy. While Barry modestly suggests that they are of very little interest save to a few similarly focused scholars, a number, on Canadian politics, have managed to reach a wider audience. Most notable among them is *Deconfederation: Canada without Quebec*. He is married to Denise Guichon, writer, editor, and public affairs consultant. Daughter Meghan is a student at Naropa University in Boulder and son Brendan is a landscaper in Calgary.



David G. Hunt, MD is a native of Vancouver. He started his service work early, as school President of Prince of Wales, then practiced emergency medicine, co-founding the BC Advanced Life Support Paramedic program and the air evacuation program for the BC Ambulance Service. For the last 20 years, he has practiced full time as a pain specialist. Currently, he consults at St. Paul's Hospital Pain Centre, provides medical/legal opinions and is a frequent speaker, teacher and author of numerous medical articles. He participated for many years as a volunteer in church commissions and pastoral outreach programs. David is married to lawyer, Carole Kerfoot.



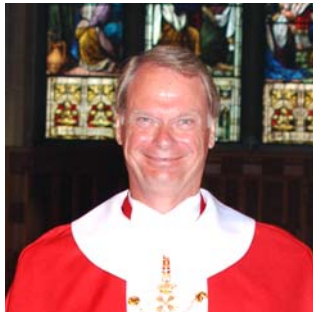
Brenda J. Lyall, homemaker, proud mother of two, wife, sister, and daughter. Born and raised in Vancouver, she has lived and worked in Vancouver and around BC in several capacities - such as general store owner and post-mistress in a rural community, a real estate salesperson, and a senior litigation secretary. While in Toronto with her husband, Les Lyall, for the past six years, Brenda volunteered her time to Salvation Army programmes. Since returning to Vancouver this past year, Brenda has enjoyed being near her family again, as well as being a dog-walker extraordinaire to her two Shelties, namely Tina and Turner. She is looking forward to volunteering in our hospice.



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Les K. Lyall, MBA, began his professional career in the banking industry while raising his four children. Since 1987, Les has been the President and CEO of several high technology businesses and managed venture capital funds across Canada. He was President of the National Retail Venture Capital Association during 2005-2008 and Advisor to the BCIT Venture Project. Believing that a balanced life is realized by committing to community wellbeing, Les served The Neurological Centre (Children's Centre for Ability) as President between 1993 and 2001 and as Director, BC Neurological Foundation for seven years. Frequently a guest speaker and lecturer on Venture Capital, strategic planning and corporate organizational effectiveness, Les has also participated on an economic advisory committee for the Federal Minister of Finance.



Dennis J. Magrega, Ph.D., R.Psych, has worked in psychology for 40 years. For the last 22 years, he has worked in disability and specializes in vocational and psychological assessment. In addition to a busy professional life, he has managed to create various projects and events that have benefited the community, both local and abroad, through volunteer activities. It is estimated that his projects have probably raised in the vicinity of \$1,000,000 through various means. He is married to Christine, herself a busy professional in the field of speech-language pathology, and they live together with their two cats, Nick and Nora in a cosy townhouse in the southeast part of Vancouver.



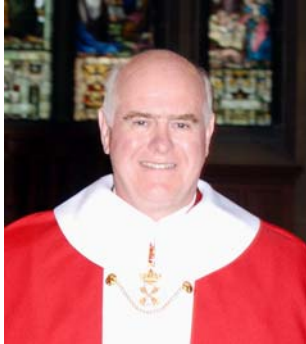
Louis E. Rivers (The Venerable) – Lou has been a minister in the Anglican Church of Canada for the past thirty-seven years. He is the Senior Archdeacon of the Diocese of New Westminster and presently is the Rector of St. Christopher's Church in West Vancouver. He is a "Paul Harris Fellow" of Rotary and is involved in many aspects of community life. Lou is married to Georgina and they have two adult children and four grandchildren. He is an amateur musician and entertainer at many community events.



Anne Rowland, B.Ed. - Born in Vancouver, Anne attended Crofton House School and then graduated from UBC. She has been married for 25 years to Craig Rowland and is mother to three sons. Anne has been an active volunteer and recognizes the importance of giving back to the community. She founded the Kids Helping Kids Foundation in 2002 with the goal of encouraging philanthropy in youth. Actively involved with her husband in the residential development business, Anne has acted as bookkeeper and interior design coordinator. She owns and operates an equestrian facility and currently is a Board member of the Arts Club Theatre. Hobbies include golf, tennis, cooking and gardening. Anne is the daughter of Chevalier Alan F. Wolrige, KGSJ.



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Ross Sharp, M.B.Ch.B., M.Sc., F.A.C.S. is privileged to have been inspired by a long family heritage of service to and advocacy for the disadvantaged. As a surgeon at St. Paul's Hospital he has had a particular concern for patients with illnesses resulting in social isolation and prejudice. His innovations in investigation, treatment and medical device design have helped to improve patient and healthcare worker safety. His advocacy to WHO, governments and non-governmental organisations have coincided with changes in international legislation and policies. Ross has founded professional associations, long-term studies of HIV epidemiology and a medical device company. As an educator at Edinburgh University and UBC, he is grateful to have learned so much from so many.



Barbara B. Stewart is a long time active volunteer member of several charitable organizations in Vancouver, most notably Variety, the Children's Charity since 1972. She has held positions of leadership both locally and internationally and currently sits on the President's Council of Variety International. For the past 19 years she has chaired Variety's Gold Heart campaign at the national level. As well she is a Director on the boards of the B.C. Paraplegic Foundation, the Mainstream Association for Proactive Community Living, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, and is Chair of the Vancouver Tap Dance Society. Barbara is married to Bob, a former Vancouver Police Chief, has raised six children and is very proud of her fifteen grandchildren.



David Thomas, LL.B is a lawyer who specializes in helping select international clients from around the world. He has a long record of community volunteerism, including Big Brothers, coaching basketball, chairing West Vancouver's Recreation Commission and several years as a Warden at St. Francis-in-the-Wood Anglican Church. David has been very involved in politics at all levels and once ran for Parliament in West Vancouver. He met his wife, Joanne, in law school and together they have a son and twin girls. David's latest venture is a public company, Montreux Capital, which will merge with an Indian bio-medical company later this year to bring advanced medical therapies to developing nations.



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Events for Your Calendar

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

“Hoedown for the Hospice”

Home of Dame Anne and Mr. Craig Rowland
7126 Carrington Street, Vancouver

DECEMBER 4, 2009 at 12:00 noon

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Royal Vancouver Yacht Club, Vancouver

APRIL 22, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

AGM's of the Commandery & the Foundation
Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club, Vancouver

JUNE 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Investiture of 2010 Aspirants and Promotions
Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver

JUNE 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Reception and Gala Dinner
Vancouver Club, Vancouver

Other Events

SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Commandery of Washington, D.C. – Investiture Service
Washington D.C.

OCTOBER 10, 2009

Grand Prior of Europe – Investiture Service
Finnart St. Paul's Church, Glasgow, United Kingdom

NOVEMBER 7, 2009

Commandery of The Palm Beaches – Investiture Service
The Palm Beaches, FL

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

2010 Sovereign Council Meeting
Budapest, Hungary

Please let us know of any events that Commandery Members may be interested in attending. Contact Gail Dunn at admin@sosjvancouver.org.

Hoedown for the Hospice

Mark Saturday, September 12th in your calendar!

Dame Anne and Mr. Craig Rowland have graciously offered their Southlands home to the Vancouver Commandery for the “Hoedown for the Hospice”, a fundraiser benefiting St. John Hospice.

The theme is Western and is guaranteed to bring out the cowboy or cowgirl in everyone attending. A formal invitation will arrive in your mailbox shortly.

Tickets are \$125pp and there is a maximum of 125 tickets, so be sure to RSVP immediately upon receiving your formal invitation so you aren't disappointed. In order to ensure Members have first crack at tickets, a limit of 2 tickets per OSJ Member will be imposed until August 8th. After that date, additional tickets can be purchased, subject to availability.

Come out and have a great time supporting a great cause!

Publication Schedule

The newsletter is published four times per year, coinciding with major events in the Commandery calendar:

Winter – Jan/Feb (post Christmas Lunch)

Spring – May (post AGM)

Summer – Jul/Aug (post Investiture & Gala)

Autumn – Oct/Nov (gearing up for the New Year)

The Editor welcomes your comments and suggestions for content. Contributions that pertain to the Commandery or the Order are also welcome.

Please submit your contribution or suggestions to Gail Dunn at admin@sosjvancouver.org.

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