



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



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Aspirant's Breakfast, June 17, 2006

Bright and early, fourteen Aspirants came for breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to be introduced to the Executive of the Commandery, the local and visiting Bailiffs and other Officers of the Order.

The incoming Commander, Chevalier Poul Hansen, KCJSJ extended a welcome to the Aspirants, who included Barbara Blake from the St. Joseph Commandery. After Grace was said by The Reverend Dr. Chevalier Nicholas Parker, KSJ, the Commander introduced each of the thirteen Vancouver Aspirants and H.E. Prior Bailiff William Peacock, GCSJ introduced Barbara Blake.

The background of the thirteen Vancouver Aspirants is shown elsewhere



Head Table



Dame Dewey Parker, DSJ & H.E. Bailiff, Gerald McGavin, CM, GCSJ



H.E. Bailiff Wm. Peacock, GCSJ introducing Barbara Blake

Investiture, June 17, 2006

The ceremony of Investiture took place in Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Vancouver with H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ officiating together with two Vancouver Commandery Chaplains The Venerable Dr. Chevalier Dennis Popple, KGSJ and The Reverend Dr. Chevalier Nicholas Parker, KSJ. Chevalier R.L. (Dick) Richards, KJSJ was the Marshal, a position he had only been introduced to a few weeks earlier.

The procession came up from the Crypt at 5:00 pm, lead by the Crucifer, Dame Elizabeth Raines, DCSJ singing "Onwards, Christian Soldiers" assisted by the Cathedral Choir. Before the investiture of the Aspirants, several Members were given promotions and Chevalier Poul Hansen and Chevalier John Walton were invested as Commanders of the Vancouver and Victoria Commanderies, respectively. Escorted by the Marshal, the Aspirants were brought before the H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ who inducted them individually into the Order assisted by the Sword Bearer, Judge Paul Beckmann, KCJSJ.

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





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Officers of the Order



Newly invested Dames and Knights



Investiture of Commanders John Walton & Poul Hansen

Gala Dinner, June 17, 2006

Once again, the Gala Dinner was ably organized by Dame Drinda Scott, DCSJ. First, there was a reception on the ground floor of the Vancouver Club following which the Knights and Dames deposited their robes and proceeded to the Ball Room.

Including guests, the attendance was 140. Chevalier Peter Hebb, KGSJ acted as the Toast Master. Welcomes speeches were made by Commander Poul Hansen, KCJSJ, H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ and Prior of Western Canada, H.E. Prior John Dustan, KCJSJ. The Reverend Chevalier Thomas Dowling, KGSJ of San Francisco said Grace. A jazz duo entertained during the dinner

Officers of the Order were recognized including the guests from other Commanderies viz. Prior of Western U.S.A. H.E. Bailiff William Peacock, GCSJ, Commander of Washington D.C. Suzanne Turner, DCSJ and Commander of Victoria B.C. John Walton, KGSJ.

Commander Poul Hansen, KCJSJ offered a toast to the President of the United States and H.E. Prior William Peacock, GCSJ responded with a toast to the Queen of Canada.

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

It was truly a successful afternoon and evening, not only for the newly inducted Members, but also for the Members, guests and visitors from other Commanderies.



Rev. Chev. Thomas Dowling, KGSJ
&
Rev. Dr. Nicholas Parker, KGSJ



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**Dame Elizabeth Raines, DCSJ
&
H.E. Conventional Bailiff Grand Marshal Al Wagner, GCSI, MMSJ**



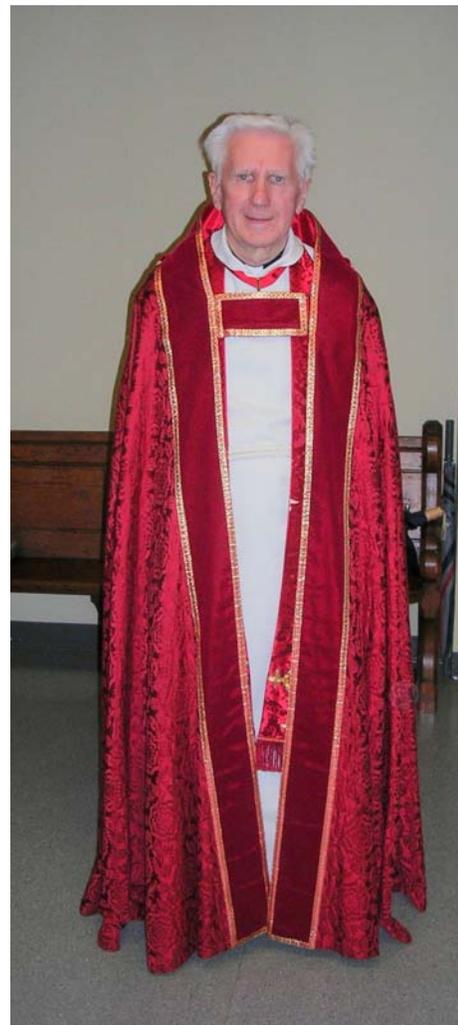
**Chev. Robin Elliott, KGSJ,
H.E. Bailiff Gerald McGavin, CM, GCSJ,
Dame Elizabeth Raines, DCSJ
&
Chev. Kenneth Mahon, KJSJ**



**Chev. Geoffrey Alston, KJSC,
Commander Poul Hansen
&
Chev. Dr. Henry Litherland, KJSJ, MMSJ**



**Chev. Michael Shields, KCJSJ,
H.E. Prior Bailiff Arthur Knight, GCSJ
&
Judge Paul Beckmann, KCJSJ**



Chev. The Venerable Dr. Dennis Popple, KGSJ



Aspirants inducted into the Vancouver Commandery, June 17, 2006

Tom Chambers: By profession, Tom is a Chartered Accountant, having served as a Partner in senior management roles with Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP. Additionally, he has been active on a number of committees of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. Throughout his career, he has contributed to his community, being a trustee or director of a number of not-for-profit societies, including The National Ballet of Canada, the BC Cancer Foundation, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and the Institute of Corporate Directors. Tom is married to Joanne, and has two children.

Ron DuMouchelle: Since 2003, Ron has been the President and CEO of the Vancouver General Hospital/UBC Hospital Foundation. Prior to this, he was the President and CEO of the United Way of The Lower Mainland, the President and CEO of The Vancouver Symphony, and the Director of Development at UBC. Ron has found time to share his knowledge in fund development with other organizations, including the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, Holy Family Hospital Foundation, the Conference Board of Canada, the Pacific Salmon Endowment Fund Society, and the Canadian Council for Advancement of Education. Ron is married to Jo, and has two children.

David Esworthy: Dave's successful business career was as President of Hastings Brass Foundry in Vancouver. He has been a very involved community supporter, working with organizations such as Los Angeles/Vancouver Sister City Society, Vancouver General Hospital Board, Vancouver-Richmond Health Board, the BC Transplant Society Board, and the Justice Institute of British Columbia Foundation. Additionally, Dave has been active in the Canadian and international equestrian world, and has served as the Chair of The Canadian Equestrian Federation. David is married to Patricia, and they have one son.

Bob Fairweather: After graduating from university, Bob joined the Trade Commissioner Service of the Department of Trade and Commerce, and spent several years in this service in Canada, The Philippines, Puerto Rico, Japan, Korea. On leaving the Trade Commissioner Service, Bob joined one of Canada's leading investment firms, and returned to Vancouver in 1991 as Director of Investment Banking. Later, Bob joined a financial advisory firm, and in 2002, he became the President of The International Financial Centre in Vancouver. Bob is active in the community, having been a Director of Powerex, Director of UBS Bank, Chair of Canuck Place Foundation, Chair of The Vancouver Board of Trade, and Board member of The Vancouver Foundation and The Canadian-Japan Society. Bob is married to Kazue, and they have two children.

Brian Kenning: Brian has over 30 years of senior business experience, primarily in the natural resource, manufacturing, real estate, and merchant banking sectors, including the last almost 20 years with BC Pacific Capital and its predecessor, a Vancouver-based merchant bank affiliated with Brascan Corporation. In 2005, Brian retired and he now sits on the boards of a number of corporations, including MacDonald Dettwiler, BC Railway, Hot House Growers Income Fund, and Royal Oak Ventures. Brian also finds time to serve on the Boards of St. George's School, Brentwood College School, The Vancouver Museum, The BC Business Council, and the BC Cancer Foundation, where he currently is Chair. Brian is married to Jill, and they have two children.

Dewey Parker: Dewey is a long-time community volunteer, who, in addition to focusing on her family, has been active with a number of organizations such as Children's Hospital, The Junior League, Meals on Wheels, the UBC Botanical Garden and the Garden Club of Vancouver, where she directed a fundraising campaign for the Canuck Place Meditation Garden. Additionally, Dewey has been a member of the Government House Foundation Board and has had a long-time commitment to the St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation, where she was the fundraising Co-Chair. Dewey is married to Jonathan, and they have three children.

Dr. John Rayson: John is a medical doctor who practiced for most of his professional life in Cranbrook, BC. He took a leading role at the Cranbrook Hospital and the BC Medical Association. In 1994, John was appointed President of MDS Metro Laboratory Services of Vancouver BC, and he became the CEO and Executive Vice Chair in 2001. John has been an active member of several charitable and youth organizations. He was an advisor to the Board and Co-Chair of the successful campaign to raise funds for the St. James Cottage Hospice Project to build a 10-bed hospice in Vancouver. In 2004, John was appointed to the Foundation Board of the BC Institute of Technology. John is married to Vivian, and they have three children.

Christopher Richardson: Chris is a Chartered Accountant, who concentrates his professional interest on charitable not-for-profit organizations. He consults on gift-planning, compliance and related not-for-profit matters. He was a founding member of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners. For service to both his profession and his community, Chris was awarded a Fellowship designation by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC. He has served as a Reserve Constable with the Vancouver Police Force since 1973, and was an elected Commissioner of the Vancouver Parks Board. Currently, he's involved with the Mount Pleasant Community Association, Contributing to Lives of Inner-City Kids, Leadership Vancouver, and The Vancouver Crime Prevention Society. Chris is married to Alison, and they have two sons.



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Stephen Rogers: Stephen's professional career was as a pilot with both the RCAF and Air Canada, where he worked for 36 years. He retired in 2002. He has had two professions, the other one has been politics. He was first elected as a Member of the BC Legislature in 1975, and served with distinction until 1991; during this time, Stephen held a number of cabinet positions, including Deputy Speaker and Speaker, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Health, Minister of Intergovernmental Relations, Deputy House Leader, and Minister of Transportation and Highways. Stephen is married to Val, and has four children.

Kathleen Scalzo: Kathy is an organizational development consultant, specializing in strategic planning, organizational development, change and transition planning, and facilitation and education. She has worked with organizations such as the BC Paraplegic Society, Global Securities, Girl Guides of Canada, and the YWCA. She is a noted national speaker on cancer rehabilitation and is a clinical instructor at University of BC's School of Rehabilitation Sciences. Kathy has been a Board member of several not-for-profit organizations, including the BC Rehabilitation Society, HOPE House Cancer Society, the Boys and Girls Club, the Centre for Faith and Healing, and the BC Society of Occupational Therapists. She is married to Dr. Colin Leech-Porter and they have two children

Charles Van der Lee: Chuck has been in the retail industry 30 years. In 1990, he joined Rogers Video and in 1992 was appointed Chief Operating Officer and President. Additionally, he has been active on several boards, including the International Video Software Dealers Association and the Retail Council of Canada, where he is the immediate Past Chair. Chuck also has been a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, serving as its Vancouver Chair in 2003, and of the Advisory Board of the Ryerson School of Retail Management. He is active in The Peace Arch Hospital in White Rock, where he lives. Chuck is married to Debra, and they have two children.

Wynn Woodward: Wynn has been active in the community for many years, most notably with St. Vincent's Hospital Foundation, which deals mainly with geriatric and palliative care issues. Her involvement here started as a volunteer, when she set up and operated the Gift Store. In 1993, she was asked to join the Board of the Foundation, and except for a one-year break, she has been on the Board ever since. Currently, Wynn chairs the Donor Recognition committee and sits on the Marketing Committee. She also sits on the Board of Endeavour. Wynn joins her brother, John, and her sister, Robyn, who are also Members of the Vancouver Commandery.

Faye Wightman: Faye is a Registered Nurse by training, receiving her professional training at The Royal Columbian Hospital and University of BC. She worked at the Vancouver General Hospital as a clinical nursing instructor, and then moved into foundation work at BC's Children's Hospital, ultimately becoming the President and CEO of the Foundation. In 2003, Faye was recruited by The University of Victoria as its Vice President External Relations, and in 2005, she joined The Vancouver Foundation as its President. Faye has brought up three children and still made time to give back to her community, being involved in organizations such as KCTS Advisory Board, The Coalition for Health Research, The Simon Fraser University Mentoring Program, The Canadian Red Cross, and The United Way of The Lower Mainland.



The Aspirants taking their Vows

Dates to Remember

2007

April 26	5:30pm	Vancouver Commandery Annual General Meeting
April 28	5:00pm	Victoria Commandery Investiture & Dinner
May 26	5:00pm	Vancouver Commandery Investiture & Dinner



Hospitaller's Committee

The Committee's greatest focus is on assisting the Vancouver Hospice Society ("VHS") in building a palliative care home for 6 – 12 residents in their late stage of life. The Commandery's executive has decided that we are now ready to be of material assistance organizationally and in fund-raising to make a real difference in getting one new residence going. When we have succeeded at our first, we will then look at what and where else we can make an impact.

The contact group of VHS and OSJ members met in June and will meet in August, chaired by the Order. Real progress is being made.

- Dame Grace Gordon-Collins has volunteered to help as their architectural advisor and is familiarizing herself with current practice.
- Chev. Ken Mahon and Peter Hebb have been exploring possible free or very low cost land sites as that is the absolute priority. We expect that with land we will be able to raise funds. To paraphrase Churchill "this is not the end of the beginning but the beginning of the beginning" but it is the first substantive step in what has to be done.

The size is expected to be 6 residents rising to 12 plus facilities for out patient services. Homes greater than 12 become increasingly institutional which defeats the purpose of allowing people to die in as home like setting as possible. The economics per resident of these 6-12 bed facilities are also very favourable vis a vis acute care hospitals.

VHS has been successful in making its HOB clothing thrift store profitable and in securing help so they can put on a care-givers course particularly aimed at families providing palliative care. We have provided a small donation here as well. There have also been several fundraisers. These funds will not finance a new home but they do provide essential evidence that VHS can raise and manage funds in addition to their record of providing home palliative carer services.

Other Hospitaller Committee activities include the annual reviewing and granting of awards to individual hospices for special projects. This year the grants were all to Vancouver Island homes which we are trying to remedy in the future. The awards were:

Campbell River Hospice Society	
One day at a time booklet	\$1,950
Comox Valley Hospice	
Support Program for care givers	\$1,850
Nanaimo Community Hospice Society	
Spiritual Support Program	\$2,000
Pacific Rim Hospice	
Grief Support Program	\$1,000
Saanich Peninsula Hospital Palliative Care	
Bereavement	\$2,000

These awards were given by the Hospitaller at the annual B C Hospice Palliative Care conference.

The arrangements for annual core support of the BCHPCA were finalized for 2007, 2008 and 2009 at the current annual \$35,000 upon satisfactory review by the Committee of their annual budget.

Chevalier Ian Reid, KSJ
Hospitaller

Palliative Care Volunteer Committee

The Palliative Care Volunteer Committee met on June 27, 2006 at my home for a luncheon and meeting to welcome new members Judith Hansen and Dame Wendy Cowan. Judith Hansen brings expertise in palliative care as she is a former Chair of the Board at Canuck Place Children's Hospice and Dame Wendy Cowan is a retired nurse with years of medical knowledge and experience. Together with Dames Grace Gordon-Collins, Hilary Oswald and Elizabeth Raines, we are looking forward to fulfilling the committee's mandate: 1) To encourage and facilitate members to volunteer with palliative care provider organizations in roles appropriate to their needs. 2) To carry out activities and research necessary to support the volunteers in their commitment. The committee's goal is to have 10% of the Vancouver Commandery members educated in palliative care and/or direct support by the end of year 2007.

In keeping with the committee's goal, two representatives of the Membership committee Chev. Peter Hebb, Chev. Dick Earthy and myself held a meeting with the new members, ten of whom were able to attend the meeting, on June 28, 2006. (In the fall, there will be another meeting for members who could not attend) We outlined to the new members opportunities for service within the Vancouver Commandery and opportunities for service in palliative care positions in the community. We were able to provide pertinent information about the structure of the Order and what is required to continue our commitment to service. We were also able to educate members on palliative care norms and practices. The meeting was very successful. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm, interest and experience these new members bring. The evening afforded another opportunity to build community and to get to know one another.

The Palliative Care Volunteer Committee realizes not everyone is suited to support the terminally ill directly. However, we believe that information is power and we are hoping that many of you (at least 10%) will take the volunteer training offered by the various hospice/palliative care organizations throughout the Lower Mainland. You may decide to become a member of a Hospice Board, provide direct support, participate in fundraising or serve in another capacity. Whatever service you give enhances the quality of life for our fellow citizens facing the ultimate challenge-when life is ending.

In addition, the Vancouver Commandery is committed to researching and supporting the goal of a freestanding hospice on the Westside of Vancouver together with our partners The Vancouver Hospice Society. As Members, providing correct and consistent information for the public is essential if we are to encourage others to catch the vision for this hospice project. Therefore, please join us in meeting our goal to educate you on palliative care and to participate within your community. The Palliative Care Volunteer Committee is here to support you, provide information and to do whatever we can to ensure success.

Dame Susan Dickson, DSJ
Chair: Palliative Care Volunteer Committee
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