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

Summer 2010

2010 Vancouver Commandery Investiture

A very successful Investiture and Gala was held Saturday, June 19, 2010. More photos and stories inside this issue.

Letter from Commander Robert Trowbridge

The summer season is a wonderful time to relax, refresh and regenerate. I hope you all had an opportunity to renew ties with family and friends during the past few weeks. Once again, our June 19th Investiture and Gala provided an opportunity for our Commandery to show case the many talents of our members. The very well prepared and always dramatic ceremony was once again a truly impressive occasion. The seamless program was a result of exceptional planning and attention to detail by all involved and a thank-you goes out to Dame Drinda Scott, DJSJ, Dame Anne Rowland, Chev. Chuck van der Lee and Chev. Richard Earthy, KGSJ.

To those Knights and Dames who were the recipients of promotions this year, I commend you on your contributions to our Commandery and to all members, thanks for all you do throughout the year in the name of the Order.

Our Membership Committee presented a first class group of Aspirants and I know the talents and enthusiasm of the new members will bode well for the future of our organization as we continue our growth and set a standard for other Commanderies to follow. I encourage all new members to study the history of our organization and to attend our functions throughout the year as a means of meeting the many wonderful people who have come before you. To the Knights and Dames, I challenge you to seek out prospective members and present them to our Membership Chair, Dame Karen Baker-MacGrotty for consideration by her committee.

Internationally, nationally and locally, we are excited by the positive moves that are occurring. The upcoming meeting of the Sovereign Council in Budapest in September will herald a Reunification into one Order of the Orders that that have worked together within the Alliance since June 2000. Additional information on this important process is detailed later in the newsletter. Nationally we were pleased to see he rejuvenation of the Toronto Commandery; we commend them for their hard work and wish them all the best in the future. Locally we are pleased with the progress that has been made on our Hospice project and I offer my congratulations to the people that have brought that project so far.

We have had a busy year and, from the events listed on the horizon, the coming year looks to be challenging as well.

Yours in St. John,
Robert Trowbridge KJSJ
Commander

The 2010 Investiture

On June 19 the ceremony of Investiture took place in Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver with H. E. Lt Grand Master David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ officiating together with The Very Reverend Peter Elliott, KJSJ.

The procession entered the Cathedral singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" accompanied by the Cathedral Choir. Before the Investiture of the Aspirants, promotions of Members of the Vancouver, Victoria, and Toronto were promulgated.

Dame of Grace

Dame Alanna Therese Donahue

Dame Lynda-May K. O'Brien

Dame Dr. Robyn Patricia Woodward

Knight of Grace

Chevalier Dr. Gordon Keith Chambers

Chevalier Harold Edward Charters

Chevalier Dr. David Francis Hardwick

Chevalier Peter John Jennings

Chevalier Christopher John Kirkpatrick-Richardson

Chevalier Barry Scott

Chevalier William Daniel Tidball

Knight Commander of Grace

Chevalier Ron Dumouchelle

Chevalier Richard D. Earthy

Chevalier Peter M. Kains

Chevalier David J. R. Petitpierre

Chevalier Alan Frederick Wolrige

Knight of Justice

Chevalier Robin A. W. Elliott

Chevalier John W. Norton

Chevalier Ian Reid

Dame Commander of Justice

Dame Margaret Ann Rolfe

Knight Inducted as Commander, Toronto Commandery:

Chevalier John L. Rogers, KCSJ

Promotion of Knights Commander of Grace

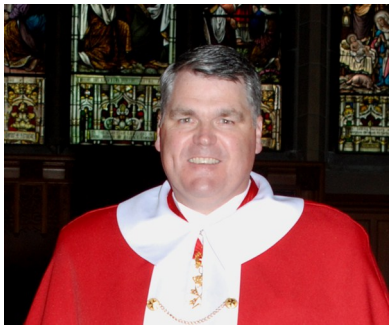
Dame Commander of Justice, Margaret Ann Rolfe and H. E. Lt Grand Master David Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ

Induction of Toronto Commander John L. Rogers,

Meet your new Knights and Dames

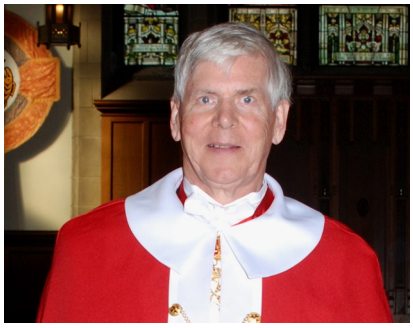
The following is a brief introduction for each Knight and Dame of the Vancouver Commandery for 2010

Matthew Shaun Casey, M.Sc.Pl., B.A.Hons., has spent his professional career as a real estate professional for the past 20 years in the fields of development, property management and urban planning. He has participated for many years as an active volunteer on various committees for his parish church and also on the parent/ teacher association for the elementary school, which his children attend. Actively involved in federal politics and real estate associations, Matthew and his wife Linda have lived in Vancouver for the last 18 years with their two children, Erin and Liam.



Gregory Edward D'Avignon, B.A. is husband to Anna, father of two, and active community leader with over 25 years of success in the business and political community within Canada. Greg is currently the President of Canada's National Brewers-Western Region. As a committed volunteer he has served Premiers and Prime Ministers and other candidates that are making a difference in society and has served his community as the Chair of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation BC /Yukon Chapter & Director on the National Board, the Special Olympics Sports Celebrities Festival, and the Western Canadian Pediatric Aids Society. He is also active in his community serving on local amateur sports boards and as a little league baseball, hockey and soccer coach.

Christopher Gaze, DFA, DLITT, is best known as Artistic Director of Vancouver's Bard on the Beach Shakespeare Festival. Christopher, his wife Jennifer and their five children moved to Vancouver in 1983 and in 1990 founded Bard on the Beach. Christopher's voice is heard regularly in cartoon series, commercials and on the radio. He also hosts Vancouver Symphony's popular Tea & Trumpets series and their annual Christmas concerts. His many honours include induction into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame, Canada's Meritorious Service Medal, Honorary Doctorates from UBC & SFU, the BC Community Achievement Award, the Gold Medallion from the Children's Theatre Foundation of America, and a Jessie Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Equus at The Playhouse.



Anthony John Hepworth, B.Sc. (Cape Town), DIC (London), Ph.D. (Calgary) Born in Yorkshire, England, his family emigrated to Rhodesia in 1951 and Tony arrived in Canada in the late '60s to do his Doctorate Degree in Civil Engineering. His first professional position was as a Senior Project Consultant conducting design work for one of the highest dams in the world in Columbia, a hydro electric power station in Thailand, the development of offshore drilling rigs for the Canadian Arctic, and the evaluation of alternative power generation options for developing countries. In 1980 he co-founded Pennyfarthing Development Corporation and is currently President & CEO. Tony served as a board member of York House School for six years as well as Chairing the Building Committee. He has served as Director of the Urban Development Institute. An avid golfer and fisherman and former heliskiier, Tony and his wife Linda take great pleasure in their two children, Allison and Geoffrey.

Wendy Allison King, MBA (Berkeley, Calif.), LLM (London, England), LLB (UBC), BA

Wendy, wife to Dr. Casey Manarey and mother of 3 children aged 1-3 years, is a lawyer called to the bars of both British Columbia and Washington State and is currently Senior Legal Counsel at Weyerhaeuser Company Limited. Active as a volunteer in the community for several not-for-profit, and charity boards Wendy currently serves as Corporate Director for Via Rail Ltd.; Director, Ballet BC; Director, The Endeavour for the Benefit of Arts, Sciences, and Health Society; Director, The Summit Foundation; and Director, The Highbury Foundation. Previously, she has served on several boards including, the U.B.C. Board of Governors, the Vancouver Club Board of Directors, The Pacific Club, and the U.B.C. Senate. Wendy is President of the B.C. Bar Association's Corporate Counsel Section and has served as an elected member of the B.C. Bar Association's Provincial Counsel. She is a Certified Corporate Director through the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Astrid Maria Levelt, MSc, (Maryland), BA (UBC) currently works as a consultant in public and private healthcare. She has extensive health administration experience in leading and managing healthcare initiatives which unite healthcare professionals around defined system needs. Astrid is the founder, former chair and director of Dress for Success Vancouver, a non-profit organization that promotes the economic independence of women by providing professional attire, a support network, and career development tools to assist women in work and in life. She is also a Board Director of Dress for Success Worldwide (New York). Astrid and husband, Rick Littler enjoy spending time at their home on Deering Island in Vancouver, and their second home in Prince George, BC.

John William Duncan Rose, B.A. (Economics) is President and CEO of Nuheat Industries Limited, a BC based Manufacturer/Exporter of electric radiant floor-warming systems. For the past 12 years, John has led Nuheat to achieve prestigious acknowledgment as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies, one of BC Best Places to Work, as well as a Cultural Diversity Award. John and his family recently sponsored one of his employees, Wesley Kosa, to return back to his native country of Sudan to oversee the building of a well for his village in Singo. The proceeds of the children's book currently being written on this initiative will be used to continue to support Wesley's village. John was the Rector's Warden at St. Christopher's Church. In keeping with John's philosophy of giving back to the community he joined the Board of Canuck Place Children's Hospice in September 2008 and is currently the 2010 Chairman of the Board. John is married to Susan and together they have three children, twins David and Michael age 21 and a daughter Elizabeth age 19.

C. Scott M. Shepherd, MBA, B.A.(Hons.), CITP is President and founding director of NORTHSTAR Trade Finance Inc., which promotes and supports small and medium sized exporters in Canada. Scott currently serves on a number of Canadian Boards. He is the Chair, BC Provincial Committee, Canadian Armed Forces Liaison Council; Governor, Dalhousie University; Honourary Consul of Uruguay for British Columbia and Alberta; National Arts Centre Foundation BC Strategy Council Member; Director and Chair of Audit Committee, Ridley Terminals, a Federal Crown Corporation appointed May 2008; Honourary President for British Columbia and Yukon St. John Ambulance Brigade. He has been the former Governor of BC Institute for Studies in International Trade and York House School, as well as a former Director of Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters; Richmond Hospital Foundation, MDS Aero Support Corporation; and Pender Financial Group Corp. Scott is married to Carolyn, a pharmacist and they have two children, Carter and Julia who are both at university .

Shirley Rose Edith Stocker has been one of Canada's preeminent talk radio producers and on-air broadcaster whose career over five decades has embraced radio and television programs in Ottawa and Vancouver. In 1998 she assumed the role of Executive Director of the CKNW Orphans' Fund. Shirley is also a founder & National Director of Crime stoppers. She is Chair, Governor General's, "Famous Five-Persons" annual awards Selection Committee; Director, BCAA's Traffic Safety Foundation; Member of the Inquiry Committee of the College of Chiropractors; and Member, Variety – The Children's Charity, & Show of Hearts Telethon. Shirley has received the YWCA Woman of Distinction - Communications, Vancouver; Community Service Award – Armenian Community – Richmond BC; Barker of the Year - Variety –The Children's Charity; "Broadcaster of the Year" British Columbia Association of Broadcasters; Crime Stoppers International "Crime Stopper of the Year". Widowed, Shirley is the proud mother of three children, four grandchildren & a great grandson.

2010 Investiture (Continued)

The Aspirants take their vows

The 2010 Vancouver and Toronto Aspirants with Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe

The 2010 Gala Dinner

Following the Investiture, Members proceeded to the Vancouver Club for a reception and the annual Gala Dinner. Spirits were high after the very successful Investiture ceremony and, judging by the buzz at the reception a great afternoon was had by all.

Chevalier Peter Hebb, KCSJ acted as the Toast Master for the evening and Commander Robert Trowbridge, KJSJ brought a welcome to the Members and Guests assembled in the elegant dining hall.

Officers of the Order were recognized including guests from other Commanderies who had made the journey to the beautiful West Coast city of Vancouver.

Prior Poul Hansen KCJSJ, offered a toast to the President of the United States and H.E. Grand Prior Bailiff McLaughlin, GCSJ, MMSJ, responded with a toast to the Queen .

A highlight of the evening was a presentation by Prior Poul Hansen to Commander John L. Rogers of the Toronto Commandery. In recognition of the establishment of the Toronto Commandery, the Toronto Commandery was presented with a framed program recognizing their formation.

A live auction and a very 'aggressive' silent auction raised funds for Vancouver Commandery's charitable objective to support and advocate for hospice palliative care services in British Columbia.

Darla and Company provided the entertainment for the evening and their lively music and brought Members out to the dance floor and provided an opportunity to wind down after a busy day.

Our sincere thanks goes out to Dame Anne Rowland DSJ and her committee for organizing another memorable Gala Dinner.

Robert Trowbridge KJSJ, Commander

Commander Robert Trowbridge welcomes Members and guests to the 2010 Gala.

Prior Poul Hansen presents a gift to Commander John Rogers

Chev. Peter Hebb congratulates our auctioneer Chev. Barry Scott

Chev. Ian Reid and wife Vivianne enjoy the reception.

Prior Poul Hansen and Dame Hillary Oswald share some old memories.

HE Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe shares the evening with Dame Margaret Rolfe and Dame Anne Wood

Chev. Dave Esworthy, Prior Patrick Oswald and new Dame Astrid Levelt; in an equine discussion no doubt!

Commander Robert Trowbridge and wife Judy Trowbridge relax with Chev. Alan Wolrige after a busy week-end.

Chev. Keith Chambers shares the evening with Chev. George Hungerford and Dame Jane Hungerford

Dame Lynda-May O'brien and spouse Terry welcome new Aspirant Wendy King and husband Dr. Casey Manarey

Chev. Dick Richards and wife Marilyn admire the wonderful meal with Chev. Michael Bentley; is that the second time through the line?

Chev. Ian Russell shows the Vancouver crowd how they 'cut a rug' in Toronto!

The First Toronto Investiture—2010

On April 10, 2010, the first Toronto Investiture was held in Toronto in the historic St. James Cathedral with two Toronto members officiating: Chev. Rev. Dr. Iain Nicol and Chev. The Very Rev. John van Nostrand Wright. The Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe knighted the new members: Lorraine McLachlan, Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas, Irene Taylor and Phil Wright in the presence of the Grand Prior of the Americas, HE Bailiff Glen McLaughlin who gave the Allocution. The proceedings were assisted by Prior Poul Hansen, Chev. Peter Hebb and Chev. Les Lyall, who all travelled here from Vancouver.

At the Vancouver Commandery's Investiture held on June 19, 2010, a tenth Toronto member, Ian Russell, was invested in the Order. This was the magic number for Toronto to become a full-fledged Commandery, so Chev. John Rogers was inducted as Commander at that time.

Being a new Commandery, Toronto is in the process of incorporating and registering as a charitable foundation.

Chev. Phil Wright, Dame Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas, the Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe, Dame Irene Taylor and Dame Lorraine McLachlan.

Impressions of the Toronto Investiture, April, 2010

My investiture into the SOSJ is one of the most memorable events in my life. When asked about the day, the word "drama" comes to mind, as I recall the vivid colours, inspirational music and emotion of the moment. When the Order was first proposed to me it raised more questions than it answered, and in doing so, it presented a path of spiritual reflection and focus on my life's work. I was pleased to have my eldest brother, John, leading the order of service and thankful to have had the support of the executive leadership who were visiting from Vancouver and the Bay area. My one regret is that I did not invite more family and friends to attend, as this was something rare and special.

Chev. Phil Wright

The History of the Toronto Commandery

In the early 90's, the Commandery which reported to the Vancouver Executive, decided to leave our Order and move to the Malta Order. This left a remnant of three Toronto members: Chev. Rev. Dr. Iain Nicol and Chev. the Very Rev. John Wright, and Chev. Jeff Jeffery.

In 2003 HE Bailiff Emeritus Arthur Knight undertook an attempt to rebuild the Commandery but, given the distance from Vancouver, it failed. In 2005 Chev. John Rogers relocated from Vancouver to Toronto and became the fourth member by transfer from Vancouver Commandery and was appointed as Acting Commander for Toronto.

In 2006 a fifth Toronto member, John Hunt, was recruited and joined the Order at an investiture in the Palm Beaches Commandery, Florida.

In May, 2009, HE Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe, Dame Margaret Rolfe and Prior Poul Hansen attended a meeting in Toronto where Acting Commander John Rogers introduced several potential members.

Impressions of SOSJ Investiture In Vancouver , June 2010

As someone with an interest and historical understanding of the chivalric military orders of the 10 Century—the Templars, Hospitallers (Knights of the Sovereign Order of St John) and Teutonic Knights— I had some awareness of the Sovereign Order of St John, and its history and mission to reach out with spiritual and physical comfort to the sick and the poor. The Investiture and related ceremonial events I had the privilege of participating in this past June in Vancouver nonetheless still caught me completely off-guard. The proceedings surrounding the Vancouver Investiture did justifiable credit to the historical antecedents of the Sovereign Order, and reinforced my decision to join this august body. More than that, it confirmed the unique characteristics of the Order to channel good for society through an organized and disciplined body, bound together in Christian faith and the traditions of its distinguished military and charitable past.

My investiture began somewhat inauspiciously with a wonderful welcoming reception on a glorious spring evening at the home of Dame Janet McDonald and Bruno Wall. There was certainly no pomp and circumstance, to be sure, and no reminders of a chivalric order, other than a few ties, lapel pins and the like, dotted among the guests. The reception, however, in its own way, set the tone for all that was to follow. It was an opportunity for the Aspirants to meet and chat with the men and women leading the Vancouver Commandery. This social event, wrapped in a tranquil setting, gave me, as well as my fellow Aspirants, a glimpse of the enthusiasm and dedication of the members to the Sovereign Order.

The more serious events began the following day with a breakfast session at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. The roundtable presentation and discussion was designed to introduce the Aspirants and take us through the rehearsal and Investiture ceremony later that day. One thing that stood out, and clearly a pride to the Vancouver Commandery, was the high caliber of the Aspirants, all accomplished in career and charitable pursuits. The introduction of the Aspirants and explanation of the day's events, confirmed once again the enthusiasm, dedication and hard work of the Commandery members. That observation perhaps had less impact on the Vancouver Aspirants with their exposure to Commandery and members in the previous year, but it certainly made a strong impression on me.

For a new member to the Sovereign Order, especially one who is part of the fledgling Toronto Commandery, the breakfast and all the events that day set the standard of what we in Toronto could and should become. How strange, I thought, that the strong, vibrant and committed contingent of the Sovereign Order in Canada was founded on the west coast of the country. It sets a high bar indeed for us Toronto members .

The Investiture ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral and following reception and dinner at the Vancouver Club --- the stirring hymnal anthem "Onward Christian Soldiers", Elgar's music and, of course, the knighting ceremony itself, delivered the pomp and circumstance, and displayed to the highest standard the historical traditions of the Order. Aside from its important charitable contribution to society, in exercising these historic traditions, as demonstrated by the Investiture, the Order preserves the etiquette, propriety and indeed chivalry essential to a civilized society and yet much of which has been swept away in the second half of the twentieth century. The Vancouver Investiture brought home to many of us that these traditions provide the framework for channeling our Christian faith and obligations to the poor and sick. These traditions set the Order apart from other worthy charitable organizations and, importantly, provide the binding that makes us so effective. The Vancouver Commandery recognizes the importance of holding fast to these traditions, and has burnished them to the highest standard.

Chev. Ian C. W. Russell

Chev. Ian Russell with Commander Chev. John Rogers

2010 Victoria Investiture –April 24th. 2010

In our beautiful Cathedral, illuminated by the April sun, the Victoria Commandery, under the direction of Terry Farmer, KCSJ, our Marshall, assembled to renew our vows, and invest eight remarkable new Members into the Order. They are:

Chev. Chuck Burnett, Dame Maria Dominelli, Chev. Dwane Ford, Chev. Brian Lamb, Chev Dan Parker, Chev. Ray Parks, Chev. Ian Powell, and Dame Barbara Housser.

H.E. Lieutenant Grand Master Bailiff David R.L.Rolfe, GCSJ, MMSJ confirmed Chev. Michael O'Connor as our new Commander, and Chev. O'Connor was also promoted to Knight Commander of Grace. Jane Butler McGregor, and Leslee Farrell were elevated to Dames of Grace, And James Zoellner was elevated to Knight of Grace. Dame Gail Mackay, DCSJ, received the Certificate of Merit

In a very touching part of the Investiture, Past Commander Robert B. Mackay was promoted posthumously to Knight Commander of Justice, and his warrant was received by his children Theresa Mackay and Rob Mackay.

At the conclusion of the lovely ceremony, we made our way to the splendid Union Club for cocktails and dinner. During the dinner, Commander O'Connor delivered a moving tribute to Past Commander Mackay. Following dinner, a live (and very lively) auction took place, the proceeds of which will be used for our charitable work in keeping with the mandate of helping the sick and poor.

Our thanks to our many friends in the Vancouver Commandery for their continuing support. Our thanks as well to Glen and Ellen McLaughlin from the San Francisco Commandery. It is always a pleasure to renew these friendships and share in the Celebration of Investiture.

Yours in St. John,
Dame Gail Mackay, DCSJ

Back row: Chev. Ray Parks; Chev. Dan Parker; Chev. Brian Lamb; Rev. Ian Powel

Front row: Chev. Chuck Burkett; Dame Barbara Housser; Chev. Dame Maria Dominlli;

Chev. Dwane Ford

Report on Unification

General Background Information - 2010 Meeting of the Sovereign Council

Budapest Hungary September 23-25 2010

The biennial meeting of the Sovereign Council of The Sovereign Orders of St. John of Jerusalem was held from September 23rd. to 25th. In Budapest Hungary. The Sovereign Council (SC) is the legislative body governing the laws of the Order, and meets every other year in different parts of the world where we have a Commandery.

This year will be a particularly noteworthy meeting of the SC with the Reunification into one Order of the Orders that have worked together within the Alliance since June 2000. Several splits occurred within the Sovereign Order after King Peter II signed his Constitution on March 19,1964. Bailiff Grand Commander Robert Q. Phillipps initiated a serious effort in 1998 to reunite elements of the Order into a single Order with greater reach, greater influence among Chivalric Orders, and greater impact in serving the sick and poor in Christ.

The process that began in 1998 will culminate with the signing of the Act of Union on Friday September 24th. 2010. Immediately afterwards, the Priors, The Grand Priors, and Grand Officers of the Sovereign Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem (OSJ) will be seated at the conference table as part of the Sovereign Council and the election of the new Grand (GM) will be held. The Investiture and Ceremony of Reunification will be held on Sunday September 26th in the Eastern Orthodox Church on the west side of the Danube River.

The meetings of the Sovereign Council are always interesting, fun and filled with memories of renewed friendship from Knights and dames from around the world. I am sure that those members attending for our Commandery will form some long lasting memories.

HE Lt. Grand Master David Rolfe, GCSJ,MMSJ

Hospice Update

We reported in April 2010 that UBC President Stephen Toope had asked us to choose a different location at UBC from the location we had been working on for some time. There were good reasons for this and we were able to choose from a list of six fine locations. After much discussion, a site on Stadium Road was chosen for its gentle slope to the south west providing a bright, sunny site. Our architects provided some conceptual ideas for 12,750 sq.ft. of Hospice space and a further 850 sq. ft. for UBC research and medical student training. This plan was to be presented to the UBC Board of Governors in June of 2010.

We decided not to embark on formal fundraising until we had all the final approvals. However in August of 2010 we were asked to meet with Coastal Health Authority to discuss some concerns from their end. The meeting was positive and it appears we will get the green light to proceed with our project. Our formal fundraising has resulted in $1,183,000 in cash and commitments so we are off to a great start to achieve our $ 4,000,000 goal

We are pleased to announce that Chevalier Jake Kerr, CM, OBC, KSJ and HE Bailliff Grand Marshall Gerald McGavin, CM, OBC, GCSJ have agreed to be Honorary Chairmen of the fundraising campaign. We are grateful for their knowledge , wisdom and expertise.

Chev. Kenneth Mahon, KCJSC

Celebrating the Life of Chevalier Geoffery Alston KJSJ

Geoffery was born on March 9th,1928 at Port of Spain. He attended boarding school in England and his secondary school at Lakefield College in Ontario. He entered the University of BC and graduated with a degree in Agriculture in 1952.

At UBC he met Doreen and they were married in 1952.They moved to North Vancouver where their children Michael, Carolyn and Donald were born.

In 1968 they moved to Langley B.C. where Brentbrook Farm became his pride and joy.

Geoff's career was in the lumber industry and took him around the world where he developed a keen appreciation for antique furnishings. Geoff became active in the Seaforth Patrons Group and was invested into the Sovereign Order of St. John in 1998.

Upcoming Events

October

Pallitive Care Education Overview
October 20, 2010 (Wednesday)
Time: 6:30-9:30PM
Where: Dame Susan Dickson's home
4687 Marguerite Street Vancouver, BC

December

Commandery Christmas Lunch
Thursday, December 9th
Vancouver Lawn & Tennis Club (note new location!) Noon

June 2011

Investiture and Gala
Saturday, June 18th 2011
Christ Church Cathedral

Celebrating the life of Commander Robert MacKay KCSJ

Bob passed away peacefully on April 10th, 2010. He is survived by his wife Gail, and children Theresa , (Nevin Pettyjohn), and Rob (Michelle Currie) and Grandchildren Bryn, Tess, Anna and Sophie.
Bob was born in Prince Albert on November 18,1939 and graduated from UBC in 1964 with a Degree in Marketing. He began his career with Imperial Tobacco in Montreal and later moved to Vancouver with Scott Paper.

He moved to Alberta and graduated from the University of Alberta with a Law Degree in 1976. He Finished his distinguished career in the role of Counsel as a partner with Gowling, Lafleur and Henderson.

After retirement he and Gail travelled extensively and Bob followed his love of the sea in his boat ,White Banner cruising the west coast of B.C.

Bob's community commitment resulted in him receiving numerous awards including nominations to the Order of Canada and the Order of B.C.

From the Editor

I trust you will find this edition of the newsletter both entertaining and informative. My thanks goes out to all who have helped put this issue together and most of all to those from the Vancouver, Victoria and Toronto Commanderies who submitted photos or written material.

We will get back on track with the quarterly issues in 2011 with our publication schedule as follows:

Winter – Jan/Feb (post Christmas lunch)

Spring– May (Post AGM)

Summer - Jul/Aug (post Investiture and Gala)

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

The Editor Welcomes your comments and suggestions for content. Please submit your contribution to Gail Dunn at : admin@sosjvancouver.org .

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