

The Order of  St. Lazarus
— Thunder Bay —

December 1st, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Lazarus:

The Grand Priory of Canada will meet in Thunder Bay from Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 May, 2018 for its annual Chapter General. The members, companions and friends of the Thunder Bay Commandery are organizing "**Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay**". The host hotel will be the Valhalla Inn where the rate for a renovated two queen bed guestroom will be \$125 per night, Suites are also available. The Valhalla Inn reservation code for our group is 180522LAZA.

The Vigil will be held in a local church on Friday afternoon followed by a visit to Fort William Historical Park for a quick tour and a Voyageur Feast. The Investiture will be held at another local church on Saturday morning with the Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon. This arrangement allows postulants who have become members prior to the AGM to take part as full participants of the Order. The Grand Prior's Reception and Ball will be held Saturday evening in the Valhalla Inn. We will have an ecumenical church service in the hotel on Sunday morning with our own clergy and a Fare-Thee-Well breakfast to see all of our friends on their way.

The registration fee for Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay is \$525 + HST. If you register before 15 March 2018 the fee is reduced to \$500 + HST. The registration forms will be on our web site shortly and e-mailed to you from the Chancery with the Notice of AGM.

There are many members and guests of the Grand Priory who need to be in attendance on Thursday 24 May for meetings of various committees. Anyone in Thunder Bay on that Thursday, for meetings or just visiting, will be free to arrange their own dinner plans that night. However, Thunder Bay Commandery has arranged an optional dinner-out at the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment and Garrison Officers Mess for those interested.

Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay will not include a separate programme for spouses and guests since everyone has their own particular interests in what they would like to see and do while visiting the head of the Great Lakes. However, Thunder Bay Commandery will be delighted to offer you our services as your personal concierge to put you in contact with whatever it is you would like to experience: a personal tour of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine; the Bora Laskin School of Law; Fort William Historical Park; a round of golf at the PGA Tour Canada's Whitewater Golf Club; a visit to a pick-your-own amethyst mine, or; sail tour in the Thunder Bay harbour. If there is something you want to do or see and cannot find it, call your concierge and we can likely make it happen. "Come early and stay late" to **Chapter General 2018 – Rendezvous Thunder Bay**.



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