



The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem  
 Grand Priory in Canada  
 Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter General  
 Held Saturday May 27, 2017 Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville, Ontario

<b>CG01-17</b>	<p><u>Call to Order –</u>          The Grand Prior took the chair and called the meeting to order at 13:36 pm.          The Prayer of the Order was delivered by the Chaplain General.          The Chancellor reported that the notice of meeting had been sent to the membership and that a quorum present. The meeting was therefore to be considered properly constituted.</p>
<b>CG 02-17</b>	An agenda had been circulated just prior to the meeting. A number of amendments were proposed in relation to the order of the proceedings.
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>It was moved by Chev. A Duncanson and seconded by Chev. De Schutter that the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED</b>
	The Chancellor asked for a conflict of interest declaration. None were declared by any members present.
<b>CG 03-17</b>	<p><u>Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Chapter General</u>          The minutes for the previous meeting had been delivered to the members present at the start of the meeting. It was noted that members should have a chance to review these and financial statements well in advance of any meeting and that all members should receive these. This led to a further discussion on the time line for minutes to be received.</p>
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>It was moved by Chev. D Connelly and seconded by Chev R. McLean that the minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Chapter General be circulated to the membership. CARRIED</b>
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>It was moved by Chev. D Connelly and seconded by Chev R. McLean that the minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> Chapter General be circulated to the membership within 30 days of the meeting. CARRIED</b>
<b>CG 04-17</b>	<p><u>Welcome to Members and Special Guests</u>          The Grand Prior invited H E Chev K Moritsugu, Grand Prior of America, to address the gathering. Chev Moritsugu thanked the Grand Prior for his welcome and brought greetings from the Grand Priory of America. He extended an invitation to the US Grand Priorial Council meeting in Pasadena in September of 2017. He also encouraged participation in a pilgrimage to Kalaupapa to be held in May of 2018.</p>

<b>CG05-17</b>	<p><u>Moment of Silence for Deceased Members</u> The Chaplain General led the assemblage in a moment of silence.</p>
<b>CG 06-17</b>	<p><u>Business Arising</u> 1. Report of the CG Revisioning committee The Secretary General brought the membership up to date on the work of this committee and brought a number of recommendations to the membership for their consideration. These included the separation of the AGM from the Chapter General, the use of proxy or electoral college voting and the rotational use of regional investitures. A lengthy debate on the various recommendations ensued. A motion was brought by Chev Connelly to accept and implement the report as presented. This found a seconder in Dame Maroosis. Further debate ensued in during which the proposer and seconder agreed to split the recommendations into three motions so that the members present could debate each. Further debate on each recommendation ensued.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Chev Connelly and seconded by Dame Maroosis that the AGM be separated from the Chapter General CARRIED with 3 abstentions noted.</b></p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Chev. Connelly and seconded by Dame Maroosis that the use of proxy or electoral college voting be implemented. CARRIED.</b> A further poll of the members present was undertaken during which the two options were explained and debated. The membership was asked to indicate their preference by show of hands. In a counted vote the use of proxies was authorized.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Chev Connelly and seconded by Dame Maroosis that the process of regional investitures be implemented as recommended by the committee. CARRIED with 3 abstentions noted.</b></p>
	<p>The Secretary General thanked the committee for their work and the membership for their deliberation. It was noted that the recommendations would require modifications to the bylaws and that implementation would therefore occur following the 2018 Chapter General.</p> <p>2. Report on the Future Thinking Workshop Chev McLean reported on the work done the previous day by the membership with regards the future of the organization in Canada. A number of very strong themes or recommendations had emerged. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a clear vision and purpose</li> <li>• Have a high profile ambassador or patron</li> <li>• Embrace technology</li> <li>• Use the guiding principle of Ecumenism to take Palliative Care to the care of all people</li> <li>• Leverage A Care Giver’s Guide</li> <li>• Partner with other organizations to leverage and expand knowledge and awareness of OSLJ</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not discriminate</li> <li>• Change the Deomgraphic engage a younger membership</li> </ul> <p>There was discussion amongst those present on the next steps and how the recommendations made in the report would be delivered on. The Grand Prior indicated that a member of the Executive would be tasked to create a team and undertake the necessary work to go forward with the recommendations and new branding as required. The work is to be reported on at the 2018 Chapter General by the working group.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Chev Connelly and seconded by Dame Maroosis that the recommendations of the membership as a go forward plan be implemented at or prior to the Chapter General 2018</b>  <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Subsequent to the motion, a number of members volunteered to be part of the project.</p>
<b>CG 07-17</b>	<p><u>Report of the Nominating Committee</u>  The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chev. R. Dumbrille, read the report of the committee. The committee consisting of the Committee Chair, the Prior, the Vice Chancellor Commaderies and Chev. Fred Martin as a representative of the Senate, had met in February to review the nominations for the positions of Prior and Chancellor. There were no written nominations for the position of Prior and so the committee recommended a second term for Chev. Labbe. The position of Chancellor had two nominations and the committee recommended Chev. Hope to the membership. At the conclusion of the report, the recommended candidate for the position of Chancellor advised that he had previously withdrawn via email to the Chancery office and the chair of the committee.  The chair of the committee called for nominations from the floor.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Chev. Mejier and seconded by Chev. Boyko that Chev. Robert Clarke’s name be placed in nomination for the position of Prior.</b>  Chev. Clarke agreed to serve should he be elected. The Chair of the committee noted that an election for this positon would take place with both candidates being allowed to speak to the membership prior to the vote being taken.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<p><b>It was moved by Dame Leahey and seconded by Chev. Saunders that Dame Jane Anema continue as Chancellor.</b>  Dame Anema agreed to serve. As there were no other candidates Dame Anema was declared elected.</p>
	<p>Chev A. Lumsden was appointed to oversee the election process.  Both candidates for Prior briefly addressed the membership. The Marshall and several assistants handed out ballots which were then collected and counted during a brief recess.</p>
<b>CG 08-17</b>	<u>Grand Prior’s Report</u>

	The Grand Prior reported briefly on the various successes of the past year and encouraged the membership in their efforts.
<b>CG09-17</b>	<p><u>Financial Report</u>  VC Finance Chev J De Schutter spoke at length regarding the Order’s finances. He had received the final audited statements just the day before and apologized for these not being sent out in advance of the meeting or available to those present. It was noted that these would be circulated by email from Chancery as soon as possible.</p> <p>Chev De Schutter made reference to a number of items that affected both the audit and financial bottom line. He noted in particular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The continued pressure to balance the budget with a decline in membership.</li> <li>b) A large number of adjusting entries required during the audit</li> <li>c) The loss of revenue created by resignations and transfers to sustaining status</li> <li>d) Late payment of oblations on the part of many members. This created discussion on the follow up required and by whom. Chev Duncanson acknowledged that numerous attempts had been made in many instances and that the deadline for payment in each year was acknowledged to be Chapter General.</li> </ul> <p>Chev De Schutter acknowledged the hard work of the Investment committee in stewarding those funds that have been entrusted to the Order for current and future work. The return for 2016 was slightly over 22% on a portfolio of approximately 1.5 million.</p> <p>Chev De Schutter concluded by stating that the overall financial picture for the Order was a regular point of discussion at the Executive meetings and that while number of administrative costs had been reduced there would need to be continued examination of each task performed within the Office.</p>
<b>CG 10-17</b>	<u>Appointment of Auditors</u>
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>It was moved by Chev. De Schutter and seconded by Dame Hale that the firm of Kelly Huibers McNeely be appointed as auditors for the coming year. CARRIED</b>
<b>CG 11-17</b>	<p><u>Election Results</u>  Chev Alan Lumsden announced the results of the ballot taken for the position of Prior. Eighty (80) ballots were cast with one abstention. The majority of the votes had been cast in favour of Chev. Robert Clarke.</p>
<b>Motion:</b>	<b>It was moved by Chev Lumsden and seconded by Chev Dumbrille that the ballots be destroyed. CARRIED</b>
<b>CG12-17</b>	<u>Report of Ecumenical Commission</u>

	<p>Chev Scott Saunders highlighted the work that had been undertaken during the past year. He informed the membership of his decision to step away from the role of Chair so as to focus more on the work of his Commandery and growth in membership. He advised that he had worked to find a suitable replacement so that the work of the commission could continue unimpeded and announced that Council had appointed Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton to the role effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. 2017.</p>
<b>CG 13-17</b>	<p><u>Hospitaller's Report</u>  Chev Robert Boyko, reported on the work of the Hospitallers across the country and the progress of the HCSP programme. He reminded the membership that he would be transitioning into the role of Deputy Hospitaller and that Dr. Mark Thibert would be moving into the role of chair for the commission at the conclusion of the meeting.</p>
<b>CG 14-17</b>	<p><u>Membership Statistics</u>  The Secretary/Registrar General, Chev. Duncanson reported on the current status of the membership and commented on the various recruitment efforts underway. He noted that the average age of the membership remains stable at approximately 66 years.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding unpaid oblations, Chev Duncanson indicated that the commanders, the office and he had made a number of contacts with delinquent members. He further noted that the final date for payment prior to expulsion for non-payment would be the conclusion of Chapter General.</p>
<b>CG15-17</b>	<p><u>Commandery Reports</u>  In the absence of the VC Commanderies there was no formal report. The Chancellor noted that Quebec and Western Ontario had new commanders in the person of Chev Denis Rioux and Chev Fred Tufnell respectively. They received the congratulations of the membership.</p>
<b>CG16- 17</b>	<p><u>Awards</u>  Prior Claude Labbe announced the winners of the Matheson and Thunder Bay Trophies.  The Matheson Trophy is given annually to the Commandery with the greatest percentage increase in Membership. Acadia Commander, Dame Dennice Leahey received the trophy.  The Thunder Bay Trophy is given for the greatest percentage of membership in attendance combined with the distance travelled.  Chev John Neill Vice Commander received the trophy on behalf of British Columbia</p>
<b>CG 17-17</b>	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Marshal briefly addressed the assembly and made note that new members for the Legion of Marshals would be welcomed.</li> </ol>

	<p>2. The Custodian of Insignia reminded the membership of the new dress regulations and the medal protocol implemented at the International level. He indicated that the Grand Priory in Canada would be transitioning in the coming years.</p>
<b>CG18-17</b>	<p><u>Adjournment</u> There being no other business, the Grand Prior adjourned the meeting at 3:35 pm</p>