

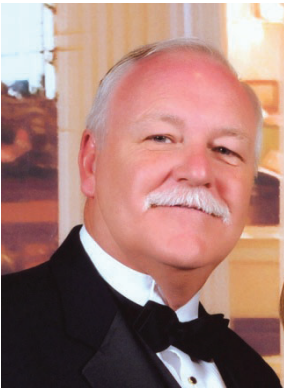
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# **Knightly News**

**Special Edition 2024**

## **Montreal Investiture Weekend**



**Editors News:** This is a Special Edition of the Knightly News that will cover the Montreal Vigil, Meet & Greet, and Ceremony of Investiture. I decided to print this edition so I could share more pictures of the functions we held.

Those that were unable to attend, missed a great weekend. We had beautiful weather and all the functions were within walking distance of our Hotel. The Friday night Vigil and Meet and Greet were held at the Forget House. The Ceremony of Investiture on Saturday was held at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new Companions: Ronald Bodnar, Paulette Beasley, Elizabeth Bainbridge, Craig Mackenzie-Haines, David Woodman, Tracy Millward and Joe McNulty. Congratulations to Matthew Beasley who was promoted to Knight and Belinda Arsenault who was promoted to Dame.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed photos for this edition. I hope you enjoy it.

In Christ and St. John

Brian

## **Louis-Joseph Forget House**

The Forget House was built in 1884 for Louis-Joseph Forget and his wife Maria Raymond Forget. The three-storey cut stone house with a false mansard roof was renovated and added on to in 1902. In 1927, the house was sold by the estate of Maria Raymond Forget, the widow of Senator Forget to the United Services Club. The private club, modified and extended the house a number of times until 1994 when the club ceased operations. The house had been bought by the Macdonald Stewart Foundation in 1975 and embarked on a major restoration project of the interior which was completed in 1999. The exterior of the house, most notably its imposing entry stair – was restored in 2006 and the coach house renovated in 2009.

The Louis-Joseph Forget House was recognised as a historic monument by the Quebec government in 1974.

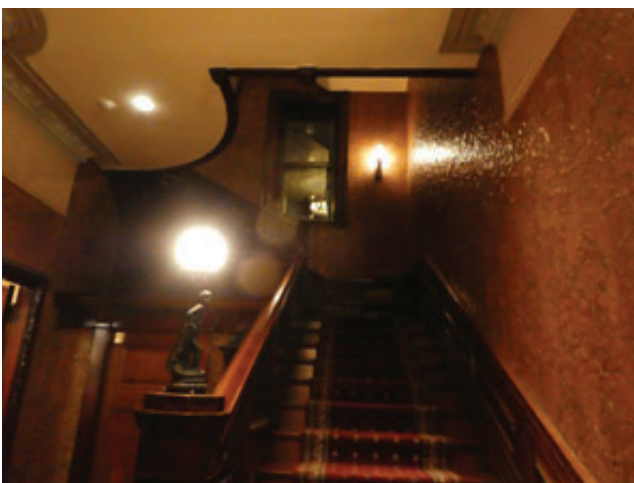


Louis-Joseph Forget, was a broker and financier who was elected president of the Montreal Stock Exchange in 1895. He was president of the Montreal Street Railway from 1892-and was the first francophone to be elected to the Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific Railway. He was appointed to the Senate in 1896.

Forget House is one of the very rare Square Mile houses whose interior reflects the way of life of the inhabitants of the Square Mile. The most public rooms, the salon, the study and the dining room were closest.

Under the guidance of architects Fournier Gersovitz Moss, work started in 1996 to restore the ground floor to its residential layout and finishes. The basement was renovated to house the administration of the Foundation's decorative arts collection and not-for-profit organisations, including the St. Andrew's Society. The second and third floor were renovated as offices.

This work was completed in 1999. The exterior was restored, including the Maxwell- designed railing at the entry stairway in 2006 and the coach house masonry entirely redone in 2009.





## The Vigil at The Forget House



## Promotions and Awards

**HE Bailiff George Hope KH and HE Bailiff Sheila DeJaegher DH** received the Sovereign Council Medal  
**DCdr Beth Dykeman DH** received the Grand Prior Medal  
**Bailiff Allan Halfper KH** was promoted to Bailiff

## Friday Night Meet & Greet



## Ceremony of Investiture







Elizabeth Bainbridge to Companion



Paulette Beasley to Companion



Craig Mackenzie-Haines to Companion



Ronald Bodnar to Companion



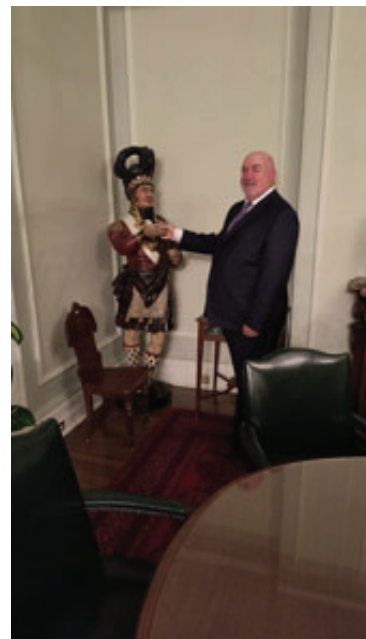
David Woodman to Companion



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Matthew Beasley to Knight  
and he wants to run the Order!



Craig finally finds a friend  
who will listen



