

**Hamilton Commandery**

Ask and you shall receive. I asked if there was something I might be able to assist with and now you have me as editor or whatever trying to keep all informed of our past achievements and future activities and endeavours. Much has happened since the last newsletter I could find. The big one was Covid shutting everything down. We survived much of this but now older, wiser, and a few more gray hairs keeps us all cautious with our health. Although we were not fully active, we did manage to keep things together. Well 2022 saw the start of in person activities. We did well and now in 2023, moving forward to meet our goals.

**Grand Prior's Message**

Greetings Fellow Hospitallers

Congratulations to the Hamilton Commandery for creating this Newsletter! Communication is the key to every successful relationship, not matter what form that relationship takes.

Our Commanderies are the beating heart of Hospitaller Order of St. John and our members are the hands and feet of this Order. As we head towards the season of darker days and colder weather please remember to give generously to all the causes that are near and dear to you. Spread your light so that others may see your good works!

Yours in Christ and St. John

HE Bailiff Glenna Swing, DH

**Hamilton Commander's Message**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Commandery

Special thanks to LCdr. Robert DeWolfe, CH for initiating our Commandery newsletter. As we move towards the holiday seasons, please remember those in need and our initiatives to help clothe and feed them. I look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas Cocktail Party and Silent Auction and please remember this is where a large part of our donations is generated.

Yours in Christ and St. John

KCmdr Allan Blackborow, KH

## Your Dollars at Work



Hamilton Food Share donation of \$2660.00 Dec. 2022

Hamilton Food Share received our donation in time to assist with the end of the year rush on their services to the Hamilton and surrounding communities.

## Spring Dinner at the Burlington Golf and Country Club

Our Spring Dinner in June at the Burlington Golf and Country Club was a great night for all in attendance. If you missed this wonderful evening, I have information that we will be back in 2024. This is not an event to miss. Wonderful conversations, great food and company should not be missed. There was a bit of rain while we had dinner but this ended and cooled the patio for after dinner gatherings and socializing.







## The Summer Social

The Summer Social was on and again the early rain did not deter our group from having a great time and raising a few dollars for our charities. We welcomed Gary Hatton as a Jurat into the Order. Gary and his wonderful wife Jane were delighted by our generosity as they won several of the draw prizes. We are not sure who were the big winners at the horse races but many of us made generous donations. A walk in Gage Park is always enjoyable. There was plenty of refreshments and great fellowship for the afternoon. Our thanks goes out to Anne Haberl Baxter and her husband for hosting this event once again.







## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mark your Calendars for the following events:

### **Christmas Social and Silent Auction:**

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. RHLI Officer's Mess 1900 until ??

Fare: \$ 25.00

Please consider a donation for the Auction. Please email Lynda with your donated item and a price for a tax receipt. Lynda Murdoch-Furchner email: [lmfcga@gmail.com](mailto:lmfcga@gmail.com)

Being new at this your comments and criticisms are welcomed but they may be ignored. Should you wish to provide pictures or articles for future newsletters please send them to me at [r.dewolfe2023@outlook.com](mailto:r.dewolfe2023@outlook.com)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Spring Dinner at Burlington Golf & Country Club Friday May 31, 2024

Investiture in Montreal 18 & 19 October 2024

Robert (Bob) DeWolfe CD,CET,CH