

Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights Hospitaller® London Commandery



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Knighly News



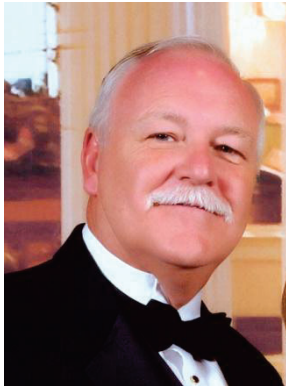
Commander's Message: Happy New Year! I wish all of you good health and prosperity as we embark on a new year.

This newsletter is a chance to share our events and the good work that we do as an Order to help people who are less fortunate than us. I want to thank Brian McLean for taking on this endeavour to keep up a long standing tradition.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Service and Dinner in Chatham on Sat April 20, 2024.

Yours in Christ and St. John,

DCdr Beth Dykeman DH



Editors News: Another year has come to an end and what better way to start a new year than with a Knighly News edition. This edition covers the last year, and upcoming events for 2024.

With Covid on the backburner, we are finally back to pre-covid activities. We had our AGM in April which included a presentation by Penny Stull of the Loads of Love Humanitarian Aid and Mission Society. A Meet & Greet was held in Windsor and Chatham in order to meet the new London Commander. We have also produced a new Pilgrim Shell Pamphlet and a HOSJ Insignia Catalogue of items for purchase. We are now on Facebook, look for HOSJ London and ask to join.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new members: Capt Ron Bodnar, MH, Ms Margaret Durocher, MH, and Capt Joe McNulty, MH.

Christmas at home was again held at the Ansell Armoury in Chatham, with plenty of food and good conversation.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed photos for this edition. I hope you enjoy this edition. And may we all have a Happier New Year.

In Christ and St. John

Brian

Grand Prior's Message:

Happy New Year!

Fellow Hospitallers, greetings to you!

We stand at the cusp of this new year with hopes of fresh starts, new promises and resolutions. We talk about changes with the intent on becoming better people and we can take solace in knowing that we do not face the future alone. It is my hope that, whatever lies before us in 2024, we know that God is with us. I pray that we become more generous, more aware and more informed about the communities we live in and that we have grateful hearts. Peace be with you!

A prayer for the new year from Southward Cathedral, London, U.K.:

God of new beginnings,
Of hope and deliverance,
Dawn us with fresh opportunities,
Equip us for new tasks,
Fill us with eager longing,
Thrill us with fresh starts,
That with the pas behind us
We may look to all that lies ahead
With faith in Jesus,
Hope in you
And love for all.
Amen

Yours in Christ and St. John

HE Bailiff Glenna Swing, DH

AGM and Dinner





Meet & Greet Chatham

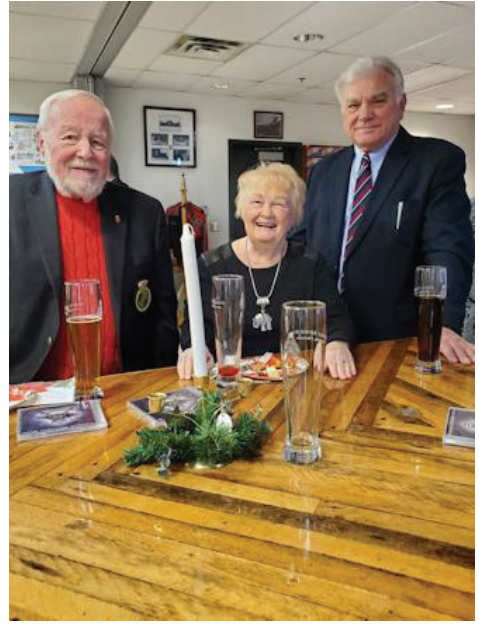


Meet & Greet Windsor



Christmas at Home held at the Chatham Armoury







Last Post

We mourn the following members who passed over the last year:



KCdr Keith Roden, KH

A resident of London, Keith passed away on Friday, May 12, 2023 at the age of 87 years. Keith served as District Fire Chief in London and served 5 years in the RCN and 27 years in the RCNR. Keith was a member of the London Commandery since 1992.



Dame Norma J West, DH

Norma Jean West, a resident of Chatham, passed away peacefully at the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance, on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at the age of 94. Norma had been a member of the London Commandery since 1990. For many years, Norma graciously produced the London Commandery Knightly News, keeping our members informed of everything going on in the Commandery. Norma will be greatly missed

Colette Woolley

Colette Woolley, wife of Chev. Alan Woolley, KH, passed away on June 20, 2023 at the Niagara Hospice in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Hospitaller Work

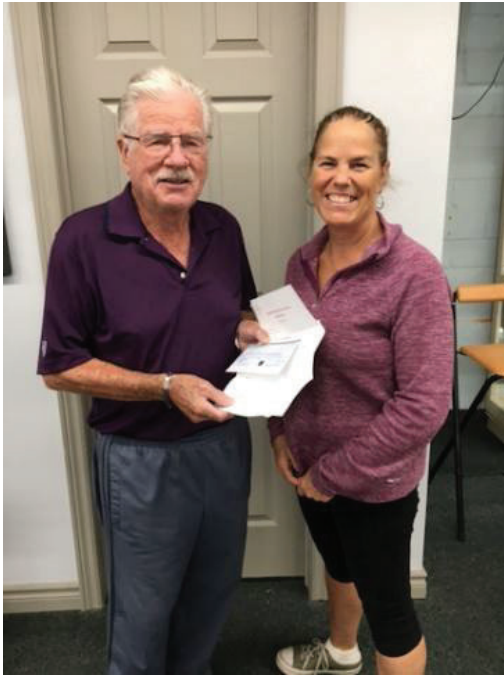
The following is the list of dispersement funds for the London Commandery for 2023:

1. Loads of Love – Donation for Ukraine made in Chatham Ontario
2. Praise Fellowship Church – Donation for their Soup Kitchen made in Chatham Ontario
3. Chatham Hospice Foundation – Donation made in the memory of Norma West in Chatham Ontario
4. Youth for Christ – Donation made in St. Thomas
5. Parkinson Society of South Western Ontario – made in London Ontario
6. LUSO Community Services – Donation made in London Ontario
7. Investing in Children – Donation made in London Ontario
8. PHSS Foundation – Donation made in London Ontario
9. Huron House Boys Home – Donation made in Sarnia Ontario
10. Women's Interval Home of Sarnia & Lambton Inc. – Donation made in Sarnia Ontario
11. Elgin Residential Hospice (Hospice of Elgin) – Donation made in St. Thomas
12. St. Thomas Inn Out of the Cold - Donation made in St. Thomas
13. Feeding Windsor (Street Angels Program) – Donation made in Windsor Ontario

14. Journey Home Hospice Windsor – Donation made in Windsor Ontario

15. Hiatus House – Donation made in Windsor Ontario

16. Chatham Outreach for Hunger – proceeds from Christmas at Home Chatham Ontario



Garry Mardling presenting cheque to Penny Stull of Loads of Love



Garry Mardling presenting cheque to Praise Fellowship Church



Garry Mardling presenting cheque to Chatham Hospice in memory of Norma West



Gloria Charlton presenting cheque to Kyle Rolph of Youth for Christ



Gloria Charlton presenting cheque to Elisabete Rodrigues of LUSO Community Services



Murray Faulkner presenting cheque to Brian Dunn of PHSS



Rachael Curtis, John Vanthournout presenting cheque to Stephanie Ferrari and Rodger Fordham of Street Angels



Matthew Beasley presenting cheque to Maggie Durocher of Windsor Hiatus House

Mark Your Calendar

HOSJ London Service and Dinner Saturday April 20, 2024 in Chatham
Montreal Investiture October 18, 19 2024

Hamilton Christmas Cocktail Party

Rachael Curtis and John Vanthournout attended the Hamilton Christmas Cocktail party in Hamilton. They had catered appetizers, a 50/50 draw and a silent auction.

