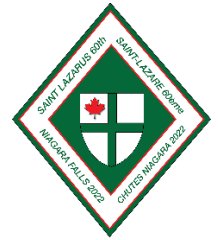




CHAPTER GENERAL Niagara Falls, Ontario May 12-15, 2022



**“Recalling the Past, Embracing the Future”
60TH Anniversary of the Order in Canada**

Message from our Grand Prior:

Dear Confrères and Consoeurs,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to our long-awaited Chapter General in Niagara Falls, Ontario. We will gather from Thursday, May 12 to Sunday, May 15 being mindful of public health restrictions but prayerful that our meetings will be both blessed and a blessing. Under current guidelines proof of vaccination is required and we believe that by May we will be able to welcome a significant number of registrants to our venue and the places of worship chosen for the event.

This Chapter General has been designed to meet and make, as well as maintain and renew, friendships, foster our ecumenical spirituality and discuss many of the issues that face us as we grow into the world as it now exists. There will be many opportunities to share our past and plan for our future. As this is our 60th anniversary, the format of our gathering will focus more on a celebration of our membership and our accomplishments. The Order in Canada will be formally commissioning its new processional cross, the new commandery flags and celebrating 60 years of service in this country. While many of the business meetings will be held during this time, the AGM will be held in mid-June so that all members regardless of their ability to travel will be able to take part.

The members of the Western Ontario planning team have worked hard to manage costs and cope with the many changes brought about by COVID. Thanks to a very generous donation from a Western Ontario Commandery member, you will be pleased to know that they have managed to keep the registration fees at 2020 levels and that Marriot Fallsview Hotel and Spa will be the host hotel as planned.

I look forward to seeing you as we worship, learn, celebrate our postulants & new members, recognize the achievements of many of our members and enjoy the company of others.

Jane Anema
Grand Prior



“I invite you to The Grand Prior’s Reception that will officially kick-start the Chapter General on Thursday, May 12th at 4:00PM in the Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa.”



Message from the host Commander:

I, along with the entire Western Ontario Commandery, am excited to welcome you to beautiful Niagara Falls to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada! Join us and enjoy the natural spectacle of Niagara Falls, referred to by many as an 8th Natural Wonder of the World!

Our host hotel, the Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa, offers incredible rooms with views overlooking the falls. If you can, join us for the Thursday evening outing at Peller Estates where your palette will be delighted with food and wine in the Barrel Cellar. Plan to arrive a few days early or spend a couple extra days after to explore, at your own pace, all that the Niagara Region has to offer. A warm welcome awaits you in Niagara Falls!



Scott Saunders
Commander, Western Ontario

Chapter General 2022 Registration:

Attached, please find a fillable **PDF Registration Form**. The form should be downloaded first and then it can be filled out.

Additional downloadable Registration Forms will be available on the Order's website: <https://www.stlazarus.ca>

or contact Registrar, Kim Griffiths by email: receiver.westernontst.lazarus@gmail.com

2020 Registration:

For those who registered in 2020 and chose to defer their registration fee, please reach out via email with any questions to the Registrar: receiver.westernontst.lazarus@gmail.com

Proof of Vaccination:

Currently in Ontario, you are considered fully vaccinated with any two of the following approved vaccines. The accepted 2 dose vaccines are Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria, COVISHIELD), Sinopharm, Sinovac (CoronaVac, PiCoVacc), or Covaxin, and the accepted 1 dose vaccine is Janssen/Johnson & Johnson. Travelers that have received a combination of 2 accepted vaccines are considered fully vaccinated. Travelers must have received their last dose at least 14 days before departure. It is highly recommended to obtain a third booster dose, as this may be a requirement for gatherings in Ontario in the near future. A booster dose also makes good sense, as the Omicron variant is highly contagious and many with only two vaccine doses are coming down with COVID infection as their immunity wanes.

You will be required to provide proof of vaccination and photo identification upon registration and checking into the hotel as well as at Peller Estates for the optional dinner.



Hotel Accommodation:



The Marriott Fallsview Hotel and Spa has reserved a select number of rooms for us at a special rate of \$155 CAN (City-view) or \$175 CAN (Falls-view). Please book your rooms ASAP to guarantee the room of your choice. The same room rate applies for 3 days before and after (depending on availability), in case you want to extend your stay to enjoy all that the Niagara Region has to offer.

Use this link to book your room for the Chapter General reduced rate -
Click: [Book your group rate for Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem](#)

Wine and Dine in the Barrel Cellar of Peller Estates Winery:



Thursday evening, following the Grand Prior's Reception in the hotel, carry on the festivities by joining us at Peller Estates Winery for an optional dinner out! Here, you'll indulge in the magic of Chef Parsons' seasonally inspired three-course menu of locally

grown culinary delights, perfectly paired with their finest wines.



An event not to be missed! Executive coach buses provided for all signed up.



In future newsletters you will receive information on the educational sessions planned and a detailed schedule of events, as well as information on some of the things you can see and do in the Niagara Region.

I hope to see and greet many of our Confrères and Consoeurs in Niagara Falls this year.

Atavis et Armis!

Robert Boyko
Chair, Planning Committee

