

EOHSJ Canada Atlantic 2015

The lieutenancy of Atlantic Canada was blessed with several opportunities for the members to come together for worship and fellowship to pray for peace and to explore our spiritual lives.

One of the highlights of our year was in April when the lieutenancy sponsored a public



lecture by Sir Michael Higgins, KCHS entitled "Thomas Merton: A Spiritual Guide for Our Perplexing Times". This was part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of world-renowned monk and spiritual writer, Thomas Merton. Award-winning author, broadcaster and Merton scholar, Dr Higgins, offered an engaging exploration of the contemporary relevance of Merton's life and witness that was an inspiration to

an audience of nearly 100 guests.



The Canada Atlantic Lieutenancy was pleased to bestow promotions on Father Paul Morris, KCHS, Sir Anthony Metlej, KCHS and Dame Sabah Metlej, DCHS at our Annual Meeting weekend at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax, Nova Scotia on June 14. Archbishop

Anthony Mancicni, Grand Prior of the Lieutenancy officiated. The annual weekend began with Evening Prayer at St Agnes Church followed by a presentation on the Order by Sir John Puinno, KGOHS, representing the Grand Magisterium. This was open to the public as was a lecture by Dr David Deane, Ph D, Catholic theologian, who gave an inspiring address to the members of the Order and guests. He related how the Order of the Holy Sepulchre is an example for all Christians to follow as we embrace and profess the message of God's love

throughout the world in a true sense of fraternity with one another. We were very pleased to have Sir John Puinno, KGOHS, from Washington , DC, with us for the weekend. He delivered the keynote address at the Annual Banquet where he explained how the complexity of the geo-political realities impact the lives of those living in the Holy Land and the importance of the role of the Order in this area.

In October, members of the lieutenancy were pleased to attend Archbishop Mancini's Annual Gala Dinner. They enjoyed an evening of fellowship and were inspired by the evening's speaker, Most Rev Martin Currie.



In solidarity with members of the Order in all parts of the world, knights and dames of our Lieutenancy came together for mass at St.Benedict's Church with Fr. James Mallon, KCHS on the Feast of Our Lady, October 25. Mass

was followed by lunch and a meeting.

The Lieutenancy was saddened by the death of Fr Francis Morely, KCHS on Nov 16 at the age of 96. Members in the Cape Breton area attended the funeral mass and condolences were sent to his family and particularly to his brother, fellow knight, Fr Fred Morley, KCHS.

In December, during Advent, a wine and cheese event was held at the home of Dame Trudy and Sir Michel to provide an opportunity for fellowship for our members. We look forward to continuing to gather on a regular basis and to continue creating awareness about the Order and its mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Comeau, DCHS