



# *Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem*

## *Canada Atlantic Lieutenancy*

### Annual Report 2015

The lieutenancy of Atlantic Canada has had a year dedicated to increasing the opportunities for the members to come together for worship and fellowship to pray for peace.



On March 16, Dame Trudy Comeau, DCHS presented pilgrim shells to Dame Kerry Daley, DHS and Dame Angela Gerard, DHS at a mass presided by Fr. James Mallon, KCHS at Saint Benedict Church, Halifax. Following the mass, members were able to speak with parishioners of St Benedict's Parish and tell them more about the Order.

During Lent, members were invited to attend the Lenten Mission given by Archbishop Mancini, KGOHS at St Benedict's Church. Members enjoyed a very inspiring and uplifting message of hope from the Bishop for the Lenten season.

In June, Dame Trudy had the privilege of travelling to New York City with her husband, Sir Michel, to attend the Lieutenants of North America Meetings. H E Cardinal O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order and HE Governor General Agostino Boremeo, KGCHS from Rome, updated the Lieutenants on the current issues and projects of the Order.



This year the Investiture/AGM weekend was moved to June to better accommodate many schedules. Prof. Tom McKiernan, KGCHS, President of the Holy Land Commission and member of the Grand Magisterium joined us for the celebrations. We were very pleased to welcome Fr. Michael

Grace and Dr. William Sweet into the Order. Sir Tom was able to tell the members and their guests about the Order's projects that are underway in the Holy Land and relate to us the importance of the support provided for these projects.

In August, members gathered to attend the noon mass at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica on August 15<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the Feast day of the Assumption of Our Lady.

In September, the Lieutenancy was invited to participate in the screening of the National Geographic film, 'Jerusalem', brought into a Halifax cinema by Bob Sime, travel consultant and pilgrimage organizer, in cooperation with Fr. James Mallon, KCHS. The film depicted life in Jerusalem from the view points of three young women: one Christian, one Jewish and one of the Muslim faith. The film was insightful and the message portrayed the complexity of life in that turbulent part of the world. At the conclusion of the film, the audience was invited to St. Benedict's Church to celebrate mass and then attend a reception hosted by our Lieutenancy. It was a very pleasant afternoon which increased the awareness of our Order among members of the Catholic community.

On Oct 26, on the Feast of Our Lady, members were invited to attend mass at St Agnes Church with Fr. Paul Morris, KHS presiding. Following the mass, a presentation on the Order and what it



does to support Christians in the Holy land, was made to the members of the confirmation class, their parents and other interested parishioners of St Agnes Church. Following the presentation, Fr. Morris, KHS hosted a lunch and meeting of members in his residence.

At the end of November, members attended *Eventide* from 7-8 pm at St Paul's Church, Herring Cove. Following the evening prayers, Fr. Paul Morris, KHS gave a history of the Order and also explained the mission of the Order for those present who were not members. Fr. Morris then gave a beautiful and thought provoking Advent Reflection.

This year saw the passing of three of our members, Sir Duncan MacIntyre, KCHS, Sir Phillip Flinn, KHS and Sir Kenneth Graham, KC\*HS. Members were honoured to be present for the funeral masses of Sir Phil and Sir Ken. Our prayers and condolences were expressed to all of the families of our deceased knights.

I wish to thank the Council and members for their support over the past year and look forward to continued growth in the lieutenancy as we follow our Mission together as disciples of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Trudy Comeau, DCHS