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Time flies, we are now in the middle of summer and here in Oregon, at the present time, the air is very unhealthy as we have fires burning from Northern California throughout Southern Oregon. At least 17 fires are burning within a 30 miles radius of where my home. So far, we are fine and hopefully things will improve within the next month. The only problem is the sun is an UFO.

Since the last newsletter, I have travelled somewhat for the Knights Templar and my clan.

Last March, I was in Southern California and met with Cheryl, Sally, Robin and Kimi and John and Nellie. It is always wonderful to meet with friends who go a long way back. I wish I had more time to meet more as I have so many friends in Southern California whom I miss.

At the end of April, I travelled to Springfield, Missouri, for the convent and investiture of the Priory of St. Columba. It was a pleasure to renew friendships such as Michael and Christopher Morrison as the last time I met them was in Scotland in 2009. During the convent, three postulants were invested, Doug and Robin Childs (Florida) and Mary Casper (New York). It is very important that we work with these new members keeping them focused with our charity endeavors.

The Commandery of St. Cuthbert which encompasses Central/Northern California and Oregon, held their formal Commandery meeting in my area, Jacksonville, Oregon. This is such a special Commandery within the Priory of Robert the Bruce. A postulant, Thomas Simpson, and his wife Holly were in attendance and Tom will be invested to full membership this coming September in Southern California.

Even though it is not Templar business, I attended Grandfather Mountain Games, North Carolina, last week, and met with Beth Gay-Freemont and Jim Walters. I also met with Butch McMillan who asked me to send him a formal package as he is extremely interested in becoming a member. Butch met Neil and Connall a few weeks ago in Maine and discussed the Order extensively with them.

We are hoping for the two Priorities to conduct a combined convent in two or three years in perhaps Las Vegas. Both official Boards will work on the details to bring this to futurism.

On a more sober note, we lost two very important members of the Order over the last few months. James Valgean and C. Robert Ferguson. Jim loved the Order and felt it was home away from home and it was such a pleasure knowing him. Bob was our legal councilor and was a member of the Order for many years and a special friend and both Connall and myself. Both Deborah and Peggy are in our thoughts and prayers. We will miss them very much.

Sincerely Patricia

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Chev. Robert Ryder, KCTJ, BMTJ



After a decade of publishing *The Victor*, Chev. Robert Ryder has decided the time has come to step aside. Over his tenure as Newsletter Editor, Robert's hard work added a touch of elegance and class to our newsletter.

Robert was very active with the Priory of St. Columba, serving as the Priory Secretary, as well as the Commandery of the Bon Accord.

Robert, while serving his country in the armed forces, spent two tours of duty in Vietnam.

His departure will be sorely missed and we wish Robert and his wife, Dame Catherine, the very best of God's blessings.

Flowers of the Forest

Chev. C. Robert Ferguson, GOTJ, BMTJ



Cleve Robert Ferguson passed away Wednesday June 6, 2018 at Saddleback Memorial Hospital at Laguna Hills California. Mr. Ferguson was the son of Frank and Ruth Ferguson of Los Angeles. Robert Ferguson was invested into the Supreme Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of the Scots, in 1998. He was a Knight Commander, member of the Order's Privy Council, and earned special recognition as the Priory's Advocate. He was also an active member of the Clan Ferguson Society of North America, and was a Regional Vice President.

Mr. Ferguson (BOB) was an Adjunct professor of Astronomy at the University of La Verne, California. Bob also taught telescope optics at the University of California Los Angeles and at Irvine. He was a co-founder and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Wilson Institute which oversees the operation of the Mount Wilson Observatories.

Bob was an attorney at law and practiced in the fields of complex business and land use litigation. He was a graduate of University of Southern California with an A.B. in Economics and a Juris Doctor. He also studied European economics and literature at the University of Vienna, Austria. Between 1994 and 2002, he taught Evidence and Civil Procedure at the University of La Verne's College of Law.

He was married to the former Peggy Burke of Statesboro, Georgia. Bob had two children, Shari and Timothy Ferguson

Flowers of the Forest Continued
Chev. James Paul Valgean III, KTJ



James Paul Valgean III passed away on April 10th, 2018, at the age of 62.

Born in Yonkers, New York, James moved to California during his days in the United States Air Force. After his honorable discharge, he eventually settled permanently in Southern California making a career in the energy auditing business.

In recent years, enjoying semi-retirement, he started a honey and avocado oil business and was a favorite at local farmers markets.

He had many interests, ranging from football, BBQ, fine dining, music and dancing. He had a passion for serving the community, and was always willing to help regardless of the duties. One of his trademark phrases was, "I'm happy to be of service".

His volunteer activities included supporting the Scottish Knights Templar, various church events and the San Juan Capistrano Fiesta Association. In 2018, he took the top spot in the 60th Annual Swallows Day Parade, acting as

both Parade and Mercado Street Faire Chairman, and provided expert leadership culminating in one of the most successful and well received seasons on record.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; mother Joan, brother Craig, sister Karen, nieces Megan, Erin and Rachael, and nephews Doug and John.



Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take nothing that you have received, only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. ~Saint Francis of Assisi

The Commandery of The Bon Accord



On April 28th, the Priory of St. Columba held a Convent/ Investiture at St. John's Episcopal Church in Springfield. Looking back on this event from the perspective of the Commandery of the Bon Accord, I feel it was a very successful event.

The weekend began with a reception at the home of Chev. Mark and Dame Adele O'Dell. It was well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Saturday afternoon, the Convent/ Investiture was held. Again, it was well attended with several guests joining us. In addition to the Prior investing Dame Mary Casper, Chevalier Douglas Childs and Dame Elaine Childs; the Grand Bailiff, Dame Patricia Tennyson Bell, GCTJ < GMTJ also elevated Chevalier Christopher Morrison and Chevalier James Gallion to Knight Commander. Dame Adele O'Dell was also awarded the Silver Medal at the event.

The Commandery held its annual summer get together on Saturday August 4th, at the home of Chev. Dan and Dame Anita Philbrick in Cassville. The charity was collecting school supplies and backpacks for kids in need.

Our final event of the year will be a formal dining in to be held in October.

James R. Gallion, KCTJ, BMTJ
Commander - The Commandery of The Bon Accord

The Preceptory of Rosslyn

After relocating from Texas to North Carolina, and with permission of the Grand Bailiff, I sent out a mailing at the end of June to those Knights and Dames living in the southeast and mid-Atlantic states with the intention to re-establish the Preceptory of Rosslyn for those in that region.

To centralize a meeting place, and in conjunction with a Scottish Highland Game, I have chosen the Central Florida Highland Games, in Winter Springs, Florida, 15 miles north of Orlando, Florida, that will hold their event Saturday, January 19th, and Sunday, January 20th, 2019. Therefore, a general meeting would tentatively be held in the evening of Saturday, January 19th. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion for reviving the Preceptory of Rosslyn, decide on future meeting location(s), and discussing various works of charity or fundraisers for the benefit of the Grand Bailiwick.

I have received a favorable response from 8 Knights and Dames and tentative responses from 2 Knights.

This, being in the initial planning stage, we are looking to the future.

Chev. G. Allen Cummings, KCTJ
Preceptor, Preceptory of Rosslyn

The Commandery of St. Cuthbert



On May 19th, 2018 St. Cuthbert's held its Commandery Meeting in Jacksonville, OR at St. Andrew Anglican Church, there were 20 people from our Commandery present along with Postulant Tom Simpson and his wife Holly. I am happy to announce that Tom is scheduled to be invested September 8th, 2018 at 11:00 AM on Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim 310 West Broadway Anaheim, CA 90805.

The Commandery of St. Cuthbert would like to thank H.E. Dame Patrician Bell, GCTJ, GMTJ, our Grand Bailiff, and Dame Cheryl Cook, DCTJ our Prior for taking time to attend our meeting and keeping us informed about what is going on in the Grand Prior of the Scots and the Priory of Robert the Bruce.

During our meeting I was happy to announce the many charities that our members donate time and money to, and this exemplifies what it means to be a Scottish Knight Templar and helping those that are in need.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that during our Commandery Meeting we had one of our members, Chev. Mark Nelson, KTJ inducted into the Garde Ecosse and H.E. Connell Bell, GCTJ, GMTJ who is our American Legatee for the Grand Bailiwick of the Scots administered the oath. I am also happy to announce that Dame Donna Hunter was elevated to Dame Commander, at this year's Commandery Meeting and this was a well-earned honor on her part as she does so much for those around her and all she has done for St. Cuthbert's.

After all of our business was concluded and we closed our Commandery Meeting we met for our Officers Mess at a local establishment where we had a wonderful meal and we were able to talk amongst ourselves in true Templar fashion. We were able to raise \$1,200.00 from our Silent Auction. This year's donations will go to the California members of our Order. I would like to thank everyone who donated and gave generously to the Silent Auction and many thanks to all of you who participated in the Commandery Service



- Chev. Gary Herbold, GOTJ – Chaplain
- Chev. Joseph Blaylock, KTJ – Sword Bearer
- Chev. Joseph Bigelow, KCTJ – Standard Bearer
- Dame Cora Peterson, DTJ – Marshall
- Chev. Rick Novosad, KTJ - Sentinel



Sincerely Yours,
Chev. Mark A. Peterson, KCTJ
Commander, St Cuthbert

St. Chattan Preceptory

This spring, the St. Chattan Preceptory found an opportunity to help an exceptional part of the Scottish community. The Skye Highland Dancers, located in Central New York has been growing in the last few years. Their members are accomplished in Highland dancing, performing in traditional Highland dress.

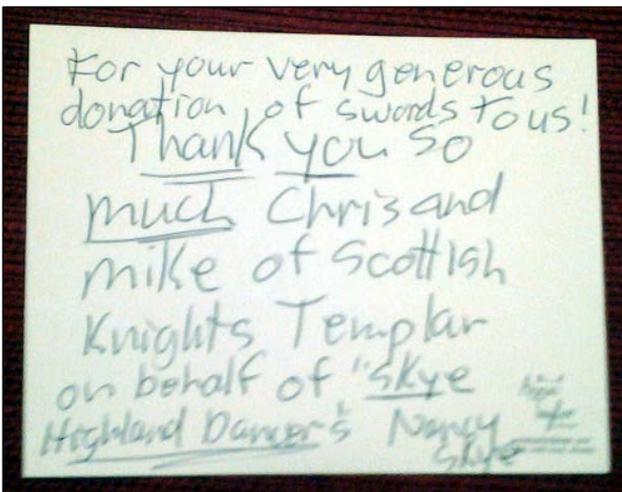


Our fellow knight, Chev. Michael S. Morrison happened to be in communication with its founder, Nancy Skye, when he learned of an issue they were faced with. The troupe had greater ambitions to expand their performances and perform more highland sword dances. However, the swords they had were few and in poor condition. Nancy was seeking additional swords but only found some which were not cost effective on their modest budget.

Chev. Michael S. Morrison took the time to research and found swords being sold on-line of good quality which matched their needs and were a good price. The swords also happened to have a red cross similar to that of our Templar order. The issue was brought to the attention of the St. Chattan Preceptory. Our members (Dame Denise Bell, Chev. Theodore Graybill, Dame

Anne MacPherson, Chev. John Charles MacPherson, Chev. Christopher Morrison, Chev. Michael S. Morrison, Chev. Robert Sandy and Chev. Chad Smith) were quick to take action, as well as our postulate at the time, Mary Raye Casper. Everyone was enthused at the opportunity to aid this worth charity.

Together we purchased four swords and a nice bag to carry them in. We acted swiftly in order to have them available before their upcoming spring performances. On April 7th, Chev. Christopher Morrison and Chev. Michael S. Morrison officially presented them to the full school of dancers and were received with warm gratitude and a performance.



On April 13th, we attended a concert held at the Syracuse On Center Carrier Theater, which hosted an evening of various dance troupes from the area. The Skye Highland Dancers took the stage to the soft swell of flutes, the steady beat of the drum and the bold skirl of the bagpipes in a scene reflective of the 1954 play, Brigadoon. They looked great in their colorful tartan and shining new swords. Each dancer moved in step with remarkable skill, demonstrating how dedicated they were in the art of Highland dancing.

I'm glad to say that the St. Chattan Preceptory can very easily take pride in our small part in helping the Skye Highland Dancers with their contribution to the Scottish culture. This dance group has expressed their great appreciation of us and the values presented by the Knights Templar.

Chev. Chris Morrison, KCTJ
Preceptor, St. Chattan Preceptory

Pot Roast of Lamb Meatballs and caramelized onions, parsnips and curly kale.

By John Quigley - scotland.org/recipes



Ingredients

- 1 thick slice of white bread, crusts removed
- 4 tbsp. milk
- 1.25 lbs. lean minced lamb
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 6 grindings of black pepper
- 3 large chunky cut parsnips
- 2 tbsp. sunflower oil
- 2 large onions, finely sliced
- 1oz plain flour
- 15fl oz. hot beef stock
- 1 tbsp. tomato purée
- 1/3 cup of curly kale

Serve with broccoli and new potatoes.

Serves 3-4

Preparation Method

Pre heat oven 200°C.

Pour the milk into a shallow bowl and add the bread. Leave to soak for about 45 seconds. Put lamb mince, soaked bread, diced onion, salt and pepper in food processor and blend till smooth and incorporated or do by hand.

Shape the mixture into balls size of a walnut- add 2 tbsp. oil to the casserole pan, and then fry the meatballs in batches until browned all over, remove from pan and keep warm, add sliced onions to same pan and fry over medium heat for 45-50 seconds till nicely caramelized.

Sprinkle the flour into the pan and stir well into the onions. Slowly add the hot stock and tomato purée, stirring constantly and bring to a boil, add meatballs, parsnips, cover and put in oven for 30 min.

Remove from oven and over low heat stir in kale and simmer for about 1 minute.

Divide evenly and serve with broccoli and new potatoes.



Cock-a-Leekie (Chicken and Leek) Soup



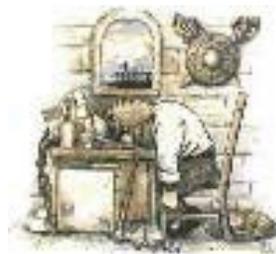
Ready in 1 hour

Ingredients:

1. 2 1/2 lbs chicken thighs with skin.
 2. 6 cups water.
 3. 1 medium carrot, sliced.
 4. 1 stalk celery, sliced.
 5. 1/2 cup barley.
 6. 2 teaspoons chicken bouillon.
 7. 2 teaspoons salt.
 8. 1/4 teaspoon pepper.
 9. 1 bay leaf.
 10. 1 1/2 cups leeks, with tops (sliced and cleaned very well).
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Directions:

- Heat all ingredients except leeks to boiling in large stockpot or Dutch oven.
- Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 minutes.
- Add leeks.
- Bring back to a boil; reduce heat.
- Remove chicken from broth and cool slightly; remove chicken from bones and skin.
- Skim fat from both and remove bay leaf.
- Cut chicken into 1 inch pieces and return to broth.
- Cover and simmer 15 minutes.
- Serves 7





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