

FUNDY BITS

HOUSE OF FUNDY NEWS BRIEFS

Acadia Commandery, Order of Saint Lazarus, Canada



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House of Fundy is a localized group of members and Friends of the Order as part of the **Acadia Commandery**, which in turn, is part of the **Order of Saint Lazarus in Canada**. The House of Fundy serves the area of Nova Scotia's Bay of Fundy

coastline. Further details on some of the items in this publication will be or had been expanded in the **Acadia Commandery Newsletter**.

Sème des mots: The COVID-19 pandemic was nothing short of a significant show stopper for most intentions and initiatives for the past 18 months having made its world debut in early 2019 and which continues its impact on society today well into the end of 2021. However, aside from rather limited activities locally over this period, there had been some rays of light this year with respect to initiatives with the Atalanta Hospice Society. Its mission is to establish a residential style hospice called "Fundy Hospice" on the acreage donated by the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre, located in Cornwallis Park. This edition of the Fundy Bits will recap those activities that had occurred over the past 18 months, most of which occurred in 2021 and hopefully, we'll see things opening up in 2022!

Apr 25: In the heat of the pandemic, it became clear that things have changed, and may not return to "normal" for quite some time. The creative minds of Mike and Kathryn Kayo (Friends of the Order) came up with the idea of an online raffle, effectively, an online 50/50 Fundraiser for the hospice project. Clearly, this sort of thing is independent of a pandemic as there are no restrictions to participating in this online raffle! The first raffle had concluded on May 25, 2021 having raised \$1,040. One-half of the sales goes to the winning ticket holder, and the rest (less expenses and charges amounting to approx. 25%) goes to the Atalanta Hospice Society. The raffle is scheduled monthly and admittedly, there are slow months, and good months. We invite everyone to participate in this online raffle located at <https://www2.rafflebox.ca/raffle/atalantahospice>

Sep 15-19: This year's unique fundraiser was the Knight Ride as part of the kickoff to raise capital and awareness through the Quest for Fundy Hospice fundraising initiative. The Commander of Acadia Commandery, David along with his horse Nya, both dressed in the accoutrements of a 12th century Order of Saint Lazarus knight rode 250km (50km/day).



The five days offered glorious weather, and the ride had attracted much media attention which included Saltwire, CBC, CTV and Global News. By all accounts, this Knight Ride was successful in both objectives and managed to raise approx. \$25,000! This project could not have been possible without the help from volunteers, many of them being Friends of the Order.

Nov 13: The Acadia Commandery held its AGM virtually through zoom once again. The proposed fundraising and formal dinner "Emerald Gala" scheduled to follow the AGM was once again deferred to 2022. Save the date on **October 1, 2022** for the planned Acadia Commandery luncheon, followed by the AGM and followed by the Emerald Gala fundraising dinner and auction. It will be time to celebrate once again having people attend the AGM and dinner as we suspect that people are getting a little "tired" of zooming all the time!

Nov 20: The Acadia Commandery portal has been overhauled. See <https://acadia.stlazarus.ca> We invite you to visit it.

Stay safe and best wishes for Christmas!