THE BEGINNING

Realizing that Charity, Benevolence and Christian virtues are pre-eminent in the heart of every true and faithful Masonic Knight Companion of Constantinian tradition, a resolution was proposed at the 1994 Annual Assembly meeting, that the Masonic and Military Order of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders through the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada establish a Charitable Foundation.

"THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF CANADA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION"

Was legally incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act and presented with Letters Patent on October 11, 1995. On the same day, Revenue Canada granted the Charitable Foundation tax-exempt status under the Income Tax Act, so that every contributing donor would be entitled to an income tax receipt with all applicable tax benefits.

The chief purpose of our Foundation is to support with grants to medical research dedicated to finding cures for illnesses such as Arthritis afflicting our society.

"Arthritis in one form or another has been around for a long time. Some Egyptian mummies show unmistakable signs of osteoarthritis, as do the frozen remains of the Copper-Age man discovered in the Tyrolean Alps."

Our first Grant to the Arthritis Society was made in 1999 and every year since then. Our current 2026 Grant to the Society of **$75,000** brings our Foundation's total donations to **$500,300**.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

As the Arthritis Society of Canada has a register of all the various treatment and management modalities concerning arthritis, your Foundation partnered with them such that all our grants are only Brochure Archiveused to fund medical research.

The Arthritis Society has used our donations to fund research projects across Canada:

a. The role of the knee fat pad in the formation of osteoarthritis – Ontario
b. AI tools for detecting changes in traumatic bone lesions – Alberta
c. Guidelines for prevention of osteoarthritis post trauma – British Columbia
d. Green light therapy on joint pain – Nova Scotia
e. Psoriatic Arthritis Collaborative initiative – Ontario
f. Arthritic drugs and pregnancy health – British Columbia
g. Validating a novel target in the treatment of osteoarthritis pain - Quebec
h. Young Investigator Operating Grants for new graduates – Canada Wide

Our donations are currently being used to help fund research grants at Memorial University (NL); McGill & Laval (QC); Hospital for Sick Kids (ON); University of Manitoba (MB) University of Calgary (AB); University of British Columbia (BC).

Arthritis is the number one cause of disability in Canada, affecting 6 million Canadians. Arthritis is no longer strictly an infirmity of the elderly. Half of Canadians with arthritis are under the age of 65, meaning the disease heavily impacts people in their prime earning years. One in three are diagnosed before the age of 45. Arthritis costs the Canadian economy about $33 billion dollars annually in lost productivity and health care expenses.

I _____ hereby give written direction, as a donor, that the sum of _____ Dollars given by gift to THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF CANADA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (BN 88768 8356 RR 0001) be held for a period of not less than ten years.

Name: _____ ***Conclave No.***. _____

Address: _____ Phone (____) _____

City / Province: _____ **Postal Code** _____ **Email** _____

MAIL TO: DAVID G WALKER 5130 Elliott Sideroad, Midland ON L4R 4K3
or E-TRANSFER TO: **giccharitablefoundation@gmail.com**

YOUR GIFT WILL KEEP ON GIVING

Just by helping others with your donations to our Charitable Foundation you are eligible for tax savings as well as fulfilling your Masonic and Knightly acts of charity. You may donate in a variety of ways.

OUTRIGHT GIFT

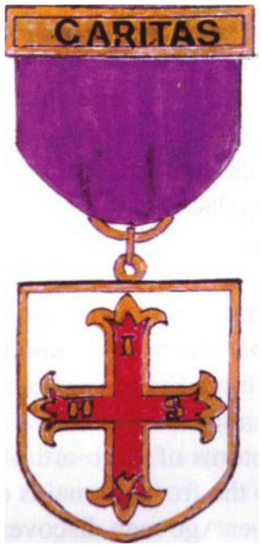
Gifting $250.00 either by lump sum or by accumulated installments by a Knight Companion, the Caritas Jewel will be awarded as a token of your contributions. Gifts may also be made by a Conclave or an individual in memory of a deceased Knight Companion, a friend, or a member of the family. A beautiful memorial card will be sent to the family of the deceased, in the name of the donor, acknowledging that a donation has been made to the Foundation in memory of their departed loved one.

A BEQUEST

Gifts can be set aside in your will designating our Charitable Foundation as beneficiary. This can be an RRSP, RRIF, an insurance policy or cash. Gifts of securities and properties may also be considered. A tax receipt issued to the estate can offset taxes on other income including capital gains.

THE CARITAS JEWEL

To commemorate the establishment of the Grand Imperial Conclave's Charitable Foundation and to recognize those who dispense charity in the giving spirit of true Christian Knighthood, a unique and handsome Charity Jewel has been created. This emblem is known as the "CARITAS JEWEL" and by statute may be worn at all Con-clave functions.



The Latin word "Caritas" reflects the motto of our Charitable Foundation: "Caritas Numquam Excidit" (Charity never Faileth). The Caritas Jewel is presented to a Knight Companion donating $250.00 to the Charitable Foundation, either by lump sum or by accumulated installments. A "Star" to add to the ribbon is awarded for each additional $250.00 and a "Crown" when accumulated donations reach $2000.00

THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF CANADA

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth. And now abideth faith, hope charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.