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 Grand Executive Committee meeting held on September 19, 1994, 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. At the Annual Assembly held the following day, the proposed resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

The foundation, named:

"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 to the new 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.

OUR GOAL

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

The chief purpose of our particular branch of Masonic Charity is to gift funds to medical research and other organizations dedicated to finding cures for illnesses such as Arthritis and other debilitating diseases afflicting the aged of our society,
As the Arthritis Society of Canada not only has a register of all the various treatment and management modalities concerning arthritis but has been one of the biggest supporters into Arthritis research, the Charitable Foundation has partnered with the Arthritis Society such that all donations from the Charitable Foundation will be used to help fund medical research .
Today arthritis is the number one cause of long-term disability in North America. Over 55 million people suffer from arthritis and two hundred thousand of those are children. Arthritis costs the Canadian taxpayer about 18 billion dollars in missed work days, and today we find that that this disease affects 60 percent of the population under 60 years of age. It is no longer strictly an infirmity of the elderly.

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.

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