

# Note from the Bailli Délégué



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Dear Members of la Chaîne in Canada

It goes without saying that the Grand Chapitre du Canada in Vancouver was extraordinary. Thanks to Stephen Tredwell, Ann Collette and their team completed an extraordinary task on very short notice. My thanks to all involved. I am sure all those who attended were delighted to be in Vancouver and join their fellow Chaîne members at this annual event.

Thanks also to Officier Maître Hotelier Michael Pye, General Manager of The Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and his team for an wonderful evening on Saturday. The gala dinner was, as usual, a surprise. The service team served our guests very professionally throughout the evening, and received accolades from all. The culinary team under Chef Ballendine served an excellent gala dinner; beautifully presented local ingredients in perfect portions. A special thank you to Alan Ferris, Director of Creative Services, for his extraordinary lead in taking care of our event from start to finish, including the beautiful dining room design.

It was my pleasure to officiate at the Bailliage de la Nouvelle Ecosse Chapitre on November 12 in Halifax. Thank you to Josie Richard and her team for introducing 12 new members, half of which were professional hospitality members. This was a true accomplishment. Dinner at The Prince George Hotel was an amazing gala, both from the culinary team and the service team. Thank you to Director of Operations Craig Norton, Maître Restaurateur, for hosting such a remarkable event.

It was my honour at the Nova Scotia dinner to welcome their new Bailli, Ian James, and to say thank you to Josie Richard for 19 years of extraordinary work building her Bailliage, along with her husband Remy Richard, Charge de Missions Honoraire. A presentation was made on behalf of the Bailliage du Canada, and a separate presentation from all the members in Halifax. Thank you for everything you have done for the Chaîne in Halifax, and in Canada.

On behalf of the Conseil National, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful winter, and a festive holiday season. I look forward to seeing many of you in Ottawa next year for our Grand Chapitre celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada.

Vive la Chaîne!