

Subject: Report on the Investiture in Oslo  
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Dear all,

OSMTH Commandery of the Kingdom of Norway was officially established, and Maj Leif Feiring was installed as the Commander in Holmenkollen Chapel in Oslo Saturday from 1700 hrs. under the firm leadership of NATO GP Col Richard Flahavan.

10 postulants were dubbed in OSMTH, 4 postulants were dubbed in NATO International Commandery of Saint Olav, Maj Feiring was promoted to Commander in OSMTH, and Gen Sir Garry Johnson of UK received the Breast Star as a Grand Officer, in the NATO Commandery. One postulant in OSMTH and one in NATO Commandery were absent due to serious illness of close family. They will both be followed un in a simplified ceremony when ready.

The Investiture chapel is 110 years old in timber Stave Church style, surrounded by the forest and plentiful of snow in the Holmenkollen Hill abt 400 meters above sea level. The guests were asked to participate in the ceremonial functions, and Capt Howard Sartori of USA was Grand Sword Bearer, Cmdr Jukka Tarjanne of Finland was NATO Flag Bearer, Maj Dr Marcel de Piciotto took care of Order Flag Bearer, Grand Protector and Grand Chancellor. Group Capt Peter Harris of NATO UK supported in the role of Designated Knight, and I covered Chief of Protocol and Grand Marshall.

Dean of Oslo Col Olav Dag Hauge was "borrowed" from The Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus and Rev Pertti Ruotsala of OSMTH Finland shared the clerical part in an excellent way.

We were fortunate also to "borrow" the organ player from St Laxarus. The after following Banquet at the Michelet residence completed a splendid Investiture and the OSMTH Norwegian Commandery is now in operation.

Please all receive the warmest thanks from the Commander Maj Feiring and myself for all the support we have received prior to the Investiture. We will also thank you for the greetings received by mail and phone, and greetings and gifts delivered at the dinner from the Grand Commander and the Pories and Grand Pories of UK, NATO UK, Germany, Austria and Finland . We will also thank you guests who willingly served so spledidly in the ceremony.

The very best from,

Major Leif Feiring  
Commander,  
OSMTH Commandery of the Kingdom of Norway

Fredrik S. Michelet  
Commander OSMTH Grand Marshall  
Deputy Grand Preceptor La Rochelle