



**AN INTRODUCTION TO**  
**ECCLESIASTICAL ORDER OF St. ALLAN KARDEC™**  
**(Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec™ Foundation)**  
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Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec™ is registered with Government of Alberta as a Branch Society of The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta under Section 27 of The Societies Act of Alberta and also incorporated as a not-for-profit Foundation under The Companies Act of Alberta.

**A Legitimate Ecclesiastical Order and Fons Honorum**

Under both modern and traditional international practices regarding legitimate ecclesiastical orders, the **Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec™** fulfils the requirements of an ecclesiastical order of merit.

In order to be a legitimate ecclesiastical order of merit it is necessary for the sponsor Church to be:

- a recognized religious denomination.
- governed by a recognized authorized authority to act as a Fons Honorum (Fountain / Source of Honour).

The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta was granted full recognition as a religious denomination on December 2, 1976 by the Government of Alberta (as Church A145) with an Authorized Authority (currently His Most Eminent Highness, the Grand Patriarch, Prince of the Faith) and with the legal right to appoint clergy and to solemnize marriage (under the provisions of The Marriage Act of Alberta). The Church has, therefore, been an officially-recognized religious denomination for over 40 years.

## **Nova Scotia Archbishopric**

Since August 23, 2011, the Church has also had a provincial branch society in the Province of Nova Scotia, incorporated as The National Spiritist Church™, Archdiocese of Nova Scotia (Registration Number 3257167).

## **Unique and Historical Achievements**

The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta:

- Ordained the first Native Spirituality Elder in North American history.
- Ordained the first Correctional Services Native Spirituality Elder in North American history.
- Obtained the first Medical Malpractice Insurance for Herbalists and also for Traditional Aboriginal Medicine People in North American history.

## **Letters of Commendation**

The National Spiritist Church™ has been issued letters of commendation from:

- The Hon. Ralph Klein, Premier of the Province of Alberta.
- The Hon. Jack Layton, Federal NDP Leader.
- The Rt. Hon. Paul Martin, Prime Minister of Canada.

## **National Spiritist Church™ Clergy**

Our Clergy are:

- Licensed by **Department of Vital Statistics**, Government of Alberta and are authorized to perform legal marriages.
- Licensed by **Department of Justice**, Government of Alberta and are Commissioners for Oaths In and For the Province of Alberta
- Registered with **Covenant Health Services** as Community Clergy with Free Hospital Parking and Use of Hospital Chapels.
- Security-Cleared by CPIC (criminal record check) from **Edmonton Police Service**.



## **Examples of Traditional and Modern Ecclesiastical Orders of other Churches**

### **Examples of Ancient Ecclesiastical Orders**

1. **The Chivalric Order of the Holy Cross** – the Greek Melkite Patriarch Maximos V acting in the rôle of Fons Honorum.
2. **The Order of Saint Stephen** – the Cardinal König of Vienna acting in the rôle of Fons Honorum.
3. **The Order of Saint Andrew** – the Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras acting in the rôle of Fons Honorum.
4. **The Order of Saint Augustine** – the Archbishop of Canterbury acting in the rôle of Fons Honorum.

### **Examples of Modern Ecclesiastical Orders**

5. **Order of St. Apostle Andrew the First-Called** (the highest Order of the Russian Church; awarded to the Heads of the Autocephalous [i.e. independent] Orthodox Churches only). Single-class award, established in 1988.
6. **Order of St. Alexis, the Metropolitan of Moscow**. Established in 2004 on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Patriarch Alexis II and dedicated to his patron Saint.
7. **Order of St. Reverend Martyr John, Archbishop of Riga**. This Order was founded by the Metropolitan of Riga and All Latvia under the Metropolitan's decree of May 27, 2006.

There are many orders of chivalry, knighthood or merit in the world. Some of them are completely secular, such as the [Légion d'honneur](#) of France while others are completely religious and tied to a specific church.

The ecclesiastical orders of the Eastern Churches (the Orthodox Churches and the Eastern Churches in union with Rome) constitute a firmly established phenomenon and their existence is widely accepted; yet they are neither State nor House Orders and are not secular but ecclesiastical.

# **ECCLESIASTICAL ORDER OF St. ALLAN KARDEC™**



*St. Allan Kardec*

## **RANKS**

### **SOVEREIGN GRAND PRIORY OF CANADA**

#### **OFFICERS OF SOVEREIGN GRAND PRIORY**

- Sovereign Grand Chancellor
- Sovereign Grand Treasurer
- Sovereign Grand Secretary
- Sovereign Grand Constable
- Sovereign Grand Marshal
- Sovereign Grand Chaplain
- Plus Twelve (12) Members of Grand Council

#### **Ecclesiastical & Civilian Ranks**

- Prince Grand Master (*who must also be Grand Patriarch of N.S.C.A. and Authorized Authority with Vital Statistics*)
- Knight Grand Cross | GC.EOSAK
- Dame Grand Cross | GC.EOSAK
- Knight Commander | K.EOSAK
- Dame Commander | D.EOSAK
- Knight | K.EOSAK
- Dame | D.EOSAK
- Commander | C.EOSAK
- Officer | O.EOSAK
- Member | M.EOSAK

#### **Ranks of EOSAK Clergy**

- Ecclesiastic Grand Cross | GC.EOSAK
- Ecclesiastic Commander | CCh.EOSAK
- Chaplain of Jurisdiction | JCh.EOSAK
- Chaplain | Ch.EOSAK
- Assistant Chaplain | ACh.EOSAK



Coronet of a Vidame

### **Noble Society of Vidames, N.S.C.A.**

The Church also has legal and traditional authority in its capacity as a government-recognized religious denomination, to appoint worthy persons to the ancient nobility titles of Vidame and Vidamesse.

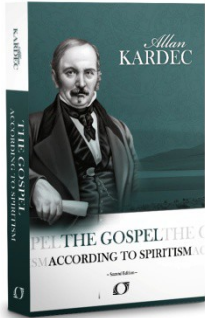
(As clearly stated by: *Page 498 of the juridical study by **Claude François Menéstrier** entitled: The Diverse Kinds of Nobility (translated from the original French work entitled: Les Diverses Espèces de Noblesse).*

The Noble Society of Vidames, N.S.C.A. is legally registered as a Branch Society of The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta under Section 27 of The Societies Act of Alberta.

**Vidame** was originally a feudal title in France, a term descended from mediaeval Latin “vicedominus.”

Like the position of *Avoué*, the *Vidame* was originally a secular official chosen by the bishop of the diocese to perform functions on behalf of the church's earthly interest that were religiously inappropriate; this especially included actions in the service of justice, and to act as protector.

The vice-dominus was at the outset an ecclesiastical official, who acted as the bishop's lieutenant or vicar.



## Sovereign Grand Priory

“Without Charity There Is No Salvation”

Chapter XV – The Gospel According to Spiritism



## Proclamation

We, the **Sovereign Grand Master** and **Patriarch** of **The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta**, a religious denomination having full governmental and international legal recognition, by decision of this date, has conferred upon

**Sir \_\_\_\_\_, K.EOSAK**

the Dignity of **Knight** of the **Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec** in Canada with all the Rights, Privileges and Honours in Deed of which we have delivered these Presents under the Seal of the Office of the Grand Patriarch, Prince of the Faith.

Given at the See of the **Sovereign Grand Master** and **Patriarch** this \_\_\_\_ Day of December, Anno Domini 20\_\_ in the City of Edmonton in the Province of Alberta in the Dominion of Canada.

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**Sovereign Grand Master**  
**Prince of the Faith**

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**Chancellor**



## Internet Haters and so-called Order Assassins

Since the advent of the world-wide web (the internet) there have been ongoing attacks on legitimate present-day orders of knighthood (such as Order of St. Lazarus – see their website at: <http://www.stlazarus.ca>).

Such accusations of fraud are usually from people who are, themselves, frauds and scams. (you can read such an attack on Order of St. Lazarus at:

<http://www.papalscams.com/notoriousgroups.html>). The Order of St. Lazarus (including the Grand Priory of Canada) raises millions of dollars for charity and is one of the oldest orders of knighthood in the world.

Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec™ has also been attacked in the past on a couple of websites one such website being:

<http://www.baronage.co.uk/2002b/faqs-04.html> in which it is wrongfully stated that: “the Ecclesiastical Order of St Allan Kardec” .....would not be recognised as an order of chivalry by any responsible government.”

The simple fact is that Government of Alberta **(which is a legitimate and responsible government)** has granted full recognition to The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta as a religious denomination and full incorporation to Ecclesiastical Order of St. Allan Kardec™ both as a Church Society under Section 27 of The Societies Act of Alberta and under the not-for-profit The Companies Act of Alberta as a not-for-profit Foundation.

In the opinion of The National Spiritist Church™ of Alberta the website (<http://www.baronage.co.uk>) is presenting convoluted logic and falsehood for their own purposes.