



**Alberta Council**  
12304 - 118 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5L 5G8  
Ph: (780) 452-6161  
Fax: (780) 452-2835  
www.stjohn.ab.ca

**For immediate release**

## **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Presents the Order of St. John Insignia**

**Edmonton, May 24, 2005** - On Victoria Day, Monday, May 23rd, The Queen presented Lieutenant Governor Norman L. Kwong with The Order of St. John Knight of Justice insignia in a private ceremony.

Her Majesty is Sovereign Head of The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John worldwide and Monday's presentation represented His Honour's investiture into the Order. St. John Ambulance in Canada is part of the international Order of St. John which is active throughout the Commonwealth.

The Knight of Justice is the highest grade conferred by the Priory of Canada upon a member and was given to His Honour as a sign of respect for the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lieutenant Governor will be installed as Vice-Prior of the Order of St. John for the province and will preside over the Provincial Investiture Ceremony held June 18 in Edmonton at the newly named Royal Alberta Museum. The annual Investiture recognizes the outstanding contributions of citizens throughout Alberta for their service to their communities.

"We welcome His Honour to one of the oldest humanitarian organizations in the world - one that dates back more than 900 years," said Brock Cairns, Chair of the St. John Ambulance, Alberta Council Board. "And we are proud that St. John Ambulance has provided volunteer First Aid service and First Aid training to Albertans since 1897."

- more -

The Order of St. John is one of five Canadian National Orders administered on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and was established in 1888 by Queen Victoria. (The other four National Orders are The Order of Canada, The Order of Military Merit, The Order of Merit of the Police Forces, and The Royal Victorian Order.) Her Honour, the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, is the Prior and Chief Officer of the Order of St. John of Canada.

The St. John Ambulance mission is to enable Canadians to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service.

- 30 -

For more information please contact:

David Hook  
Chief Executive Officer,  
St. John Ambulance  
Alberta Council  
Tel (780) 452-6163 ext 8231  
Fax: (780) 451-1701  
Cell: (780) 920-1074  
David.Hook@stjohn.ab.ca