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NEWSLETTER South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Annual Meeting has elected me for a further year as your Branch Chairman and I will have then served for ten years in that position. I promise to continue to advance our purpose as a Branch. The Board of Directors has now begun to establish a Recruitment/Nominations Committee to seek out members who would serve as Chairman and other positions for 2007/2008. If you are approached I hope that you would give them a positive response.

This year marks the 80th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen. I am delighted to inform you of two events which will mark this occasion in Southern Saskatchewan.

- A Service of Festal Evensong at St.Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Regina, on Sunday, 23 April at 4:30pm. I hope you will mark this on your calendars and plan to attend along with relatives and friends.
- 2. Annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon at The Hotel Saskatchewan at 12 Noon on Saturday, May 20th. Tickets are \$21 from Isabel Bailey (306-586-8975). Seating limited to 70 persons. Please invite relatives and friends to join us as we celebrate Her Majesty's 80th Birthday. A Guest Speaker has been invited for this event.

Once again this year John Morris (Moose Jaw) is organising a fund-raising project through the sale of maple syrup produced in the Kamsack area of our province. Please see the special advert for this in this newsletter. This promises to be a most successful venture on the part of John and the Branch. It needs your full support!

The long awaited branch brochure is now available and will be on view at the Queen's Birthday Luncheon. If YOU can use copies before then please let me know and we will send them to you.

The continuing hopes of our Board of Directors is for growth of membership and I now invite you to seek out a relative or a friend who you think would be interested in joining our Branch. Membership Applications can be sent to them if you let us know their names and addresses.

I take this opportunity to wish you all greetings for the Easter Season. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Derek F.Nicholls ranch Chairman

NEWS AND NOTES

A special service of

Festal Evensong

To Celebrate the 80th Birthday of Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II

Sunday, April 23, 2006

At St. Paul's Anglican

Cathedral, Regina

At 4:30 p.m.

Make plans now to attend-bring your friends.

It is our understanding that Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan will be attending the service on April 23.

Memorabilia Of the Queen's 80th Birthday

Majesty Magazine is producing two items to commemorate the Queen's 80th Birthday.

The April issue will include a retrospective supplement of the Queen's life to mark the 80th birthday.

The magazine will publish in April, *The Queen's 80 Glorious Years.* This book will look at many aspects of the queen's life. The cost in Canada is \$26.99.

Visit the *Majesty* online shop at <u>www.majestymagazine.com</u> or a copy of the magazine for further information

Congratulations to

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

On the Occasion of her

80th Birthday

May she have many more glorious years.

From the South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

Annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, 2006 At 12:00 Noon The Hotel Saskatchewan Regina

Guest Speaker: Leith Knight, Moose Jaw Royal Reflections

Tickets are \$21.00 each. Contact: Isabel Bailey, Regina at 586-8975 By May 17.

Tell others and invite your friends.

Join us as we celebrate the Queen's 80th Birthday

BOARD OF DIRECTORS -SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH FOR 2006

The following people were elected as officers and members of the board of the South Saskatchewan Branch at the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2006. Some of them were named to particular positions at the next board meeting on March 17.

- The Rev. Derek Nicholls Chairman
- Bruce Farrer Vice-Chairman
- Raymond Mynett Secretary
- Isabel Bailey Treasurer
- Scott Hazelwood Web master and Community Relations
- Jeannette Mynett Editor of Newsletter with Raymond Mynett
- Margaret Nicholls
- John Morris Membership and Fund raising.

Mildred Morrison continues to be in charge of Meeting Notification.

From the Annual Meeting, January 27 and Directors' Meeting, March 17

The Branch Chairman, Derek Nicholls reported:

The highlight of 2005 was the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to Saskatchewan as part of the Centennial of the province. Another highlight was the Queen's Birthday luncheon which was attended by 95 people, including a number of people who are not members of the Monarchist League. Average attendance

at regular meetings has been around twenty people. Can this be increased?

Financial

The annual financial report showed receipts for 2005 of \$2,931.00, and expenses of \$2463.90. The receipts included a one-time donation from the dominion office.

There will be some added expenses. These include an increase of donations to St. Mary's Anglican Church for the use of the hall, the up-front payment for the maple syrup to be sold to raise funds for the branch, and the purchasing of new brochures for the branch.

Membership

Membership in the South Saskatchewan Branch now is about 114 members and has remained fairly constant.

Members are reminded to renew their membership when they receive their notice that it is due. Please contact a member of the Board if you have not renewed your membership for several years so you can get your membership renewed.

Website

The South Saskatchewan Branch has a new website. It is easier to work with the new website. The website now is at:

www.southsaskmonarchist.ca

You can consult the website for the latest information about the branch.

The North Saskatchewan Branch also has a website at: www.monarchist-nsb.ca. About four other branches have their own websites.

Future Meetings

Please remember the Branch meeting on October 13. Also, watch for information on any special events. **Fund-Raising Projects**

The Saskatchewan Branch is selling small jugs of Saskatchewan-produced maple syrup. Each jug costs \$7.00 each and is non-perishable unless the jug is opened. Proceeds will support the local branch. Please use the form which is included with the newsletter to order your maple syrup, or contact John Morris at 694-4192 or jhmorris@sasktel.net. Your order can be picked up at the Queen's Birthday luncheon.

Also, winter hardy roses will be sold again this year and can be ordered using the form with this newsletter. The roses cost \$7.00 each with profits going to the South Saskatchewan Branch.

Personnel Notes

Sympathy is extended to The Very Rev. Waldemar J. Kuchta on the death of his father in Poland.

Sympathy is also extended to the families of Ernie Winter and Muriel David, members who died recently.

Did You Know:

As our Queen approaches her 80th birthday we look back on her busy life. "On a tour of the Commonwealth at the end of her Coronation year (1953) the young queen traveled 43,618 miles, made 102 speeches and listened to 276 more, heard the National Anthem sung at 508 events, was curtsied to 6,770 times and shook hands with 13,213 people. The itinerary is exhausting to read, and yet, more than fifty years later, she still fulfills an extensive diary of official engagements that would quickly tire someone half her age. On a tour of the United Kingdom to mark her Golden Jubilee in 2002, the Queen went to 20 towns and cities over 38 days and that

year circumnavigated the globe on overseas visits. No Monarch has ever traveled so widely."

Thanks to Keith Inches for sending this item from *This England* by Paul James.

Please note the publication of a report by *Canadian Monarchist News* which shows that Canada's Constitutional Monarchy only cost \$1.54 per Canadian for 2005.

A Statement re; The Dominion Chairman

There have been a few enquiries from branch members about the status of our Dominion Chairman, Mr. John Aimers. The Board of Directors wishes to share the following information. In early February John was named in a classaction lawsuit filed in the Quebec Superior Court. The item was on CTV News on February 3 and subsequently in the National Post and The Globe and Mail editions of February 4. Because John was named in the media, in connection with this legal action, as Chairman of the Monarchist League of Canada, he has decided to voluntarily suspend his activities as Dominion Chairman for the time being. leadership of the League is currently in the hands of a group of Vice-Chairmen appointed last October. Recently they sent all members the Annual Financial Appeal Letter outlining the needs of the League for 2006. Your Board of Directors wishes to emphasize that the allegations made against Mr. Aimers have not yet been tested in court and are therefore unproven. We ask you to prayerfully support John at this time. Further information will be shared later.