

THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA LIGUE MONARCHISTE DU CANADA

SASKATCHEWAN BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY, 2004

The Chairman's Letter

As we reflect on the closing of 2003 the Branch can express pleasure that it has been a good year for us. We have been fortunate to share some interesting programmes, and to have participated in the visit of HRH The Earl of Wessex. The Dinner with Her Honour the Lt.Governor in mid-October was well attended and I wish to express thanks to all who were present.

My regret continues with the fact that we still need to hold an event in Saskatoon where our northern members can come together. I envisage one meeting a year, preceded by a lunch or a supper. The purpose will be to let members meet and get to know each other. It is not intended to form a separate group there at this time as past experence indicates practical problems. However, it could lead us to establish a cell group in Saskatoon and the surrounding area. I will be writing to many of you in January to offer a suggested date and venue for such a gathering. If you have thoughts to offer please contact me at my home address (included in the heading of this Newsletter).

Your Board of Directors met in October and fashioned the programme for the coming year. That outline will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. The programme includes an opportunity for a full day bus trip to Assiniboia in cooperation with the Royal Society of St. George (Regina Branch). Both organisations have an overlap of members which makes such an event attractive and practical.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Branch has been set for *Friday*, 23 January, 2004 at St.Mary's Anglican Church, Montague Street & 15th Avenue, Regina. The meeting takes place at 7.00pm, to allow members from outside of Regina time to get home early. This year here will be at least 3 vacancies on the Board caused by retirement of members who have served for many years. This means that we are actively seeking nominations for new Board members. To facilitate that process I ask that names be submitted to me ASAP so that the process can be well in hand by the date of the meeting. The Board meets three times a year on the same dates as the regular meetings so it will not demand lots of time from those who serve. The fellowship we share at our meetings helps us maintain the work of the League in our province.

Each edition of this Newsletter (3 times year) finds copies being returned because of various reasons. One of the significant reasons is when members have moved and there is no forwarding address. It would be very helpful if you could let the editors know if you have moved so that we can maintain our mailings to you as members. We are also anxious that members renew their memberships as the national policy is that after two years of unpaid renewals a person's name can be removed from membership of the League. During recent months copies have been returned from the addresses of the following members who have died – Dorothy Goodale (Regina), Hilda Bigelow (Regina), Ada Bird (Regina), George Corin (Saskatoon). We extend our condolences to their families. If you have information about members who have died please let me know so that a message of condolence can be sent to their families.

This Newsletter will reach you in January so I take the opportunity of wishing you all a Happy New Year. May we all strive to uphold the role of Her Majesty the Queen as Queen of Canada, and the important contribution of constitutional monarchy as a foundation for the democracy we so richly enjoy in our country. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Sincerely,

Chairman, Saskatchewan Branch

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UPDATE ON THE GOLDEN JUBILEE STATUE OF THE QUEEN

At the recent meeting of the Provincial Jubilee Statue Committee, on which I represent the Monarchist League, we were brought up to date on the project and its status. 15 maquettes of the statue have been made and all but two have been allocated to donors who have contributed \$10,000 or more. One of the maquettes was presented to Her Majesty the Queen who was graciously pleased to accept it. Donors will receive their maquettes at a presentation being arranged at Government House in early February. The main statue is well under way and it is anticipated that it will be completed by June of this year. Donations, large and small, are being solicited from across the Province to enable the remaining \$60,000 to be raised by public subscription. So far the Monarchist League, both within Saskatchewan and across Canada, has donated \$7,544.61 and for that the Jubilee Statue Committee is most grateful. If you have already made a donation, but could still give a further gift, that would be appreciated. If you have yet to make a donation it is not too late. Donations of \$10 and over receive a tax receipt, and \$25 and over receive a receipt and a certificate signed by Her Honour The Lieutenant Governor. Donations should be sent to The South Saskatchewan Community Foundation, 2-2700 Montague Street, REGINA, Sk., S4S 0J9. PLEASE INDICATE THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE as our donations are being tracked for us, and mark on your cheque "Queen's Statue Project". If you belong to other organisations perhaps they, too, would like to make a donation.

D.F.Nicholls

Christmas Greetings from the Dominion Chairman

I wish to send to the members of the Monarchist League my very best wishes at this special time of celebration. This comes with thanks for your loyalty and support during these busy and exciting recent years, and every good wish for the holiday and 2004 – may God bless us, every one!

John Aimers, Dominion Chairman, The Monarchist League of Canada

NEWS AND NOTES

Annual Meeting

Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League

Friday, January 23, 2004

7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina

Business meeting followed by a Video on Visit of Prince Edward to Saskatchewan and Pot-luck pie dessert social.

Make plans to come and bring a friend

Please note:

Needed-nominations for the Provincial Board of Directors

Three members of the Board are retiring after many years of service. Also, there continues to be a need to fill the office of Vice-Chairman. You are urged to see who might fill these positions. Nominations are to be given to the Chairman, The Rev. D. Nicholls (telephone: 306-949-8690) as soon as possible. Please do your best to help the branch in this matter.

Programs for 2004

Friday, March 19
Governors General of Canada
Speaker: Mr. Trevor Powell
(Provincial Archivist)
St. Mary's Anglican Church,
Regina
7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 23
Annual Banquet of the
Royal Society of St. George
Royal United Services Institute,
Regina
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15
Annual Queen's Birthday
Luncheon
Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina
12:00 Noon

Saturday, June 19
Bus trip to Assiniboia
Joining with the Royal Society of
St. George

Friday, October 15
Talk on Government HousePast, Present, and Future.

From the Board of Directors Of the Saskatchewan Branch

The Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League held a meeting on October 17, 2003. The Board meets about four times a year and generally has its meetings at noon of days when there is an evening program of the branch. Some of the things that were done at this meeting were to plan the annual meeting and the programs for 2004. As usual there was discussion on matters relating to the work of the Monarchist League in Saskatchewan.

Executive members and other offices on the Board of Directors.

As you think about nominations for the Board of Directors, it might help you to know the present board members and their positions. These are:

Chairman – The Rev. Derek Nicholls Vice-Chairman – Nominations needed Recording Secretary – Raymond Mynett Treasurer – Alison Fraser is retiring;

Isabel Bailey is letting her name stand

Corresponding Secretary-Alison Watson
Community Relations – Pat Wagner
Membership & Development

John Morris

Newsletter Editor – Jeannette Mynett Raymond Mynett

Other members – Mary Salway Keith Knox Peggy Leach

You can nominations for the various offices and/or for members at large. Three members will not be continuing and there is one vacancy. Please give

the matter serious thought and serious action.

Membership

Are you moving? Please let the board know your new address.

Please remember to renew your national membership when it becomes due. If you are not sure whether or not you need to renew your membership at this time, you can contact John Morris (694-4129) to check on this.

Do you know someone who might be interested in the Monarchist League? See if you can encourage him or her to join the league. You can give your friend a copy of the branch newsletter. Contact the editor for extra copies. You can give your friend a trial membership in the league. For information on trial memberships, contact Derek Nicholls (949-8690) or John Morris.

From the Internet

The Monarchist League of Canada has a page on the internet. This site includes various items of information and places for reasoned comments. See, http://www.monarchist.ca

Did you know about the International Monarchist League? It has published a Monarchy Directory which lists almost 200 monarchist organizations, charities, and retailers in a number of countries. Website is-http://www.monarchy.net.

DINNER WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF SASKATCHEWAN

The Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League hosted a dinner with Her Honour The Hon. Dr. Lynda M. Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on Friday, October 17, 2003, at the Royal United services Institute in Regina.

The dinner was preceded by a social time during which the Lieutenant Governor mixed with those who came to the dinner. People also had an opportunity to view a display and take some items of literature.

After the vice-regal salute and the singing of O Canada, the Chairman of the Saskatchewan Branch, The Rev. Derek Nicholls, introduced the head table and other guests. Margaret Nicholls gave the Prayer of Blessing. During the buffet dinner, Jean Tweeton gave the Loyal Toast.

After the dinner Derek Nicholls made several announcements. He reminded those at the dinner that they could still donate towards the equestrian statue of the Queen. He also announced the annual meeting of the branch on January 23, 2004 and a new definitive stamp of the Queen to be issued in 2004.

It also was announced that John Morris was to donate fifty roses that the Saskatchewan Branch could sell to raise money.

Her Honour, the Hon. Dr. Lynda Haverstock started her remarks by thanking the Saskatchewan Branch for the opportunity to come to the dinner. She mentioned that she had been to 750 events in two and a half years, all of which had been rewarding. She had to

plan well in advance in deciding which invitations to accept, but she found she had to be flexible since not all groups were as well organized as was the Saskatchewan Branch.

In one way, her term had been defined by various world events. These included the Golden Jubilee of the Queen, the 100th birthday celebration of the Queen Mother, her death and the death of Princess Margaret, and by such events as September 11, BSE, and SARS. On the other hand, there had been many other events during her term, which have enriched her life. Her Honour noted that she sees people and organizations at their best and can give recognition to worthy people.

Dr. Haverstock talked about some of her experiences as Lieutenant Governor. Her meetings with members of the Royal were among the Family most memorable. The Prince of Wales was in Saskatchewan in 2001. He is very knowledgeable, has real opinions, and is committed to causes in which he is involved. Prince Edward, who was in Saskatchewan in 2003, is involved in promoting the arts and wants to make a contribution to the world. A true highlight for Her Honour was her private audience with the Queen.

Dr. Haverstock talked about some of her travels, some of the people she had met and the places she had visited which varied from inner-city projects to such isolated places as the Athabasca Sand Dunes. She included a number of human interest stories with her remarks.

Her Honour noted that Canada has much to share, much to offer, and much to learn. She spoke of some of the things she wanted to do. She wants the people of Saskatchewan to know and celebrate what their province is. We need to see how fortunate we are and

need to see how fortunate we are and that we have much to give. In order to do this, we need to see what are the values we can contribute and that all of us can do something for the betterment of the world. Her Honour was especially concerned that our youth understand our traditions and how they define us. Too often we deprive our youth of our heritage, she noted, so she aimed to speak to students when she visited schools. We need to speak of our symbols and why they are important.

Dr. Haverstock concluded her remarks by bringing greetings on behalf of our Queen. Also, she noted that service is the rent we pay for our space.

Derek Nicholls thanked the Lieutenant Governor for coming and speaking at the dinner. He presented her with a gift and conveyed greetings to her husband. The evening concluded with the singing of, God Save the Queen.

Friday, March 19, 2004

Meeting and Program on Governors General of Canada Speaker: Mr. Trevor Powell Provincial Archivist St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina, at 7:30 p.m.

We encourage members to send items for the newsletter. It is an important way for all of us to share news and information. Please send any items for the next newsletter to Box 1981, Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, S0H 0B0 by April 2, 2004.

SOME ROYAL NEWS

Prince William and Prince Henry have become the center of increasing attention. Prince William, who is completing his university studies in St. Andrews, Scotland, has turned twenty-one years of age. Prince Henry has finished his time at Eton and is spending at least part of his gap year in Australia. He has expressed an interest in a military career.

The daughter of the Earl and Countess of Wessex, who was delivered by emergency cesarean section in November, has been named Louise Alice Elizabeth. She will have the status of the daughter of a duke and is styled, Lady Louise Mountbatten-Windsor.

The Queen will launch the newest ocean liner for the Cunard Line, the Queen Mary 2 on January 8. This ship will be the largest ocean liner on the seas. The Royal Family has had a long link with Cunard, and both Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, launched noted ships of the line.

The Oueen has expressed concerns about the impact of the proposed new European constitution. Prime Minister Blair has said the constitution will not affect the Oueen's status as head of state Buckingham Palace is of Britain. reported to be seeking legal advice relating to some provisions of the new constitution and is especially concerned about how article 10 would affect the Queen's authority as guardian of the British Constitution. This in any event would not affect the Queen's position as the Canadian Head of State, but we need to be aware of developments.