



Monarchy Matters

NEWSLETTER

South Saskatchewan Branch

Monarchist League of Canada

JANUARY, 2008

Chairman's Message

For the past 11 years I have enjoyed preparing this part of our Branch Newsletter but this is my last Message as a step down as Chairman this month at our Annual Meeting on *January 25*.

Margaret and I have had many enjoyable and memorable events during my term of office and we will always be grateful that the South Saskatchewan Branch, and its predecessors, have enabled us to participate in them on your behalf. Branch special events have always had priority but we have also had invitations to royal visits, visits of two Governors General, and other occasions. They will remain in our memories in the coming years.

I am pleased to say that we have a good group of people who will form your new Board of Directors. As the process of nomination continues please feel free to let me know of members you believe would be prepared to serve on our new Board. Make sure that you have their consent to be nominated and then contact me **ASAP** with their names.

This year's Annual Meeting will once again be held at St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall, corner of Montague Street and 15th Avenue, Regina, on Friday, January 25th. I do encourage all members to attend if possible and enjoy not only hearing of the past year's reports but also enjoy meeting other Branch members, perhaps for the first time. The meeting starts at **7:00pm** to allow those who travel some distance to get home in good time. We aim to finish by 9:30pm.

The coming year's Branch Programmes will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. Suffice it to say that we are so fortunate to have available to us good speakers both outside the Branch and within our membership. I encourage you to note the 2008 dates on your calendars now so that they can be a priority when they arrive. Most of us are busy with other organizations, too, but I hope that the Monarchist League will be part of your prioritizing this coming year.

In conclusion I want to thank all who have been supportive of my term of office. I am most grateful to the Board members and to others who have helped us behind the scenes. I will continue on the new Board as Past Chairman and in that capacity look forward to giving the new Chairman my full support and experience.

May this New Year of 2008 be a time of personal happiness and satisfaction as individuals, as a nation, and as persons who have a real affection for Her Majesty The Queen and all members of the Royal Family.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Most sincerely,

Branch Chairman

NEWS AND NOTES

**South Saskatchewan Branch
Monarchist League of
Canada**

Annual Meeting

Friday, January 25, 2008

7:00 p.m.

**St. Mary's Anglican Church,
Regina**

*Video and Social Time
after the business meeting*

*Make plans to come
Bring a friend
All who are interested
are welcome*

Nominations:

Nominations for the branch board are welcome. The present chairman and treasurer stated they do not want to let their names stand, so nominations for these offices are especially needed. Also there is a need for a Membership Convener. Nominations can be sent to: Derek Nicholls at: telephone-949-8690; email-dereknicholls@sasktel.net.

Programmes for 2008

Friday, March 14

7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Anglican Church,
Regina**

**Speaker – Mr. Patrick Shaw
Sergeant-at-Arms, Legislative
Assembly of Saskatchewan.**

Saturday, May 17

12:00 noon

**Hotel Saskatchewan
Annual Queen's Birthday
Luncheon**

Friday, October 17

7:30 p.m.

**St. Mary's Anglican Church,
Regina**

**Royalty and the Arts
Speaker-Jeannette Mynett**

*All interested people are welcome
to come to these meetings. You
are encouraged to invite others
and to bring a friend, whether they
are members of the Monarchist
League or not.*

Branch Directory

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Levee at Government House

The annual New Year's Day Levee at Government House was hosted by Their Honours Lt. Governor Dr. Gordon Barnhart and Mrs. Naomi Barnhart on Tuesday, January 1, 2008. Many hundreds attended both the morning times of 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and in the afternoon from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The Levee gave members of the general public and invited guests to greet Her Majesty the Queen's representatives in Saskatchewan. The reception which followed the personal greetings to Their Honours was held in the beautifully decorated Ballroom, and interested persons were given a tour of historic Government House by the official guides.

Personal Notes

Condolences go to the families of Rawdon Bieber, Patricia Logan, and Rose Ullrich who have died since the last Newsletter.

We welcome the following new members: Pastor Ted Giese (Regina), Mr. Jason Dearborn (Regina), Dr. Richard Hordern (Regina), Melvin and Joan Sanftleben (Regina), and Stephane Gagne (Regina).

We extend good wishes to members who have moved to other parts of Canada, these being Laurel Gillis, Elizabeth Lund, Judge David Orr, and Amber Parillo.

Please remember to renew your membership when it comes due. Do you know anyone who might be interested? Invite them to a meeting or give them a newsletter. Extras are available

South Saskatchewan Branch Celebrates Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip

The South Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League sponsored a celebration of the Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip on Sunday, November 18, 2007. The celebration included a festive Evensong at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Regina which was open to everyone, and a dinner at Government House hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor for invited guests. Dr. Gordon Barnhart also attended the special church service of thanksgiving.

The Rev. Canon William J. Lourens, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, officiated at the service and welcomed all who came. The Scripture lessons were read by the Lieutenant Governor and by Bruce Farrer, Vice-Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch. Mr. Conway Crozier-Smith was the organist.

The Rev. Derek Nicholls, Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch, preached the sermon. In the sermon he reminded the congregation what the Archbishop of Canterbury had said at the wedding sixty years ago, that the wedding service, taken from the Book of Common Prayer, was the same being used by any other couple being married that day. The royal marriage was a cause of celebration for a nation just recovering from World War II. It was both a family event and a very public wedding and a great symbol. The marriage has endured through all manner of circumstances in which the Queen has faithfully served the people. Prince Philip has always supported his wife in

all her undertakings, and she has greatly appreciated his counsel and support. The Royal Couple have set an example of service through their faith since both are people of faith. The Queen and Prince Philip are keeping their own celebration low-key, after which they will have a brief second honeymoon at Malta. Their celebration will focus on a service of thanksgiving to God for sixty years of marriage in which they have combined duty and family life.

One interesting part of the celebration was the display of royal memorabilia which Margaret Nicholls assembled. People coming to the service had the opportunity to view it in the church narthex.

Following the festive Evensong, those attending the dinner proceeded to Government House (through victory celebrations of the Saskatchewan Rough Riders) for the special dinner. Heather Salloum was the Master of Ceremonies, Joyce Johnson was the pianist for the Royal Salute and the singing of the anthems, Canon William Lourens gave the grace, and Mr. Robin Mowat, Chairman of the North Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League gave the Loyal Toast. The anniversary cake was cut by the Lieutenant-Governor, Derek Nichols, and Robin Mowat.

Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, welcomed the guests to the dinner, expressing his pleasure at being able to host the event. Not much time had passed since the Queen dedicated the new wing of Government House. Dr. Barnhart recalled his audience with the Queen in her private quarters with twenty minutes of a warm conversation with a person of

great insight and decided views on various issues. Soon afterwards he had hosted Princess Ann who had noted the warm relations between the Royal Family and Saskatchewan. The Queen and Prince Philip have dedicated their lives to public service. This dinner celebrates their partnership and service. Prince Philip has been greatly involved with youth through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Dr. Barnhart noted the many royal connections and symbols and the fact that the Crown represents all Canadians. He noted how well the system works and that the Crown is the center piece of our system. Dr. Barnhart gave regrets from Mrs. Barnhart who was unable to come, and extended greetings from the Queen of Canada.

Derek Nicholls gave the Toast to the Royal Couple. He commented on the celebrations of the day and the celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary, and reviewed the history of the South Saskatchewan Branch. All the Lieutenant-Governors have been patrons of the branch, which support has been greatly appreciated. Derek Nicholls paid tribute also to the help and support of Government House and the Office of Protocol. He also mentioned various royal events. Derek Nicholls spoke of his meeting most of the Royal Family who had come to Saskatchewan, and in 2005 actually met and spoke briefly with the Queen. These he said were humbling experiences. Derek Nicholls said he would be writing the Queen about this celebration. They are the only reigning couple that have been married 60 years. That they have had such a long and good marriage says something of their relationship, even with a full schedule. He concluded by thanking Dr. Barnhart for the evening.

Royal Quirks and Quarks

Notes of talk given by
Bruce Farrer
October 19, 2007

Did you know these things about some of our kings and queens?

Henry VIII was good looking, athletic, spoke a number of languages, musical, intelligent, and quite aware of all he could do. He was quite pleased when he was told the French King had "spare legs". He responded, "Look at my thighs. Also, I have a good calf."

Edward VI was intelligent, well educated, and spoke Latin, Greek, and likely French besides English. However he was sickly and died of T.B. when he was young. When he was in his last illness Edward was given medicine which made him bloated, black, and smell.

Mary I, as the older daughter of Henry VIII, was variously engaged before she actually got married. She was first "married" to the Dauphin of France when she was two years old. That marriage was annulled four years later. Mary then was engaged to Charles V of Spain, and ended up marrying his son, Philip II of Spain. Mary wanted badly to get pregnant, which was perhaps why she had false pregnancies, one of which lasted 16 to 18 months.

Elizabeth I had an insecure childhood, sometimes declared a bastard, and sometimes declared legitimate. She survived smallpox, but had to cover scars with much makeup. She also used a red wig. She died supported in a chair by many cushions.

James I was called the wisest fool in Christendom. When his mother, Queen Mary, was pregnant with him, her lover was killed in her presence. A year later his father, Lord Darnley, was killed, likely with his mother's involvement. James probably with homosexual.

Charles I had not expected to be king until his older brother died as a teenager. He was very short and had a problem with stuttering the solution to which was to put stones in his mouth. He wore two shirts for his execution because it was cold, and he did not want to shiver.

Charles II escaped the Puritan soldiers by hiding in a tree for many hours. He had no surviving children by his wife, Queen Catherine, but had sixteen illegitimate children with seven mistresses. He had hoped to get the Duke of Monmouth legitimized, but failed in this. His brother James finally was declared his successor.

James II was not popular, being Roman Catholic and intolerant. His first wife, Anne, died of cancer. His second wife, Mary of Modena, had several miscarriages before bearing a healthy son. James was forced from the throne and escaped to France in a small boat, dropping the Great Seal in the English Channel.

Mary II was married to her first cousin, William of Orange. They had no surviving children. William could be unpleasant to Mary and had mistresses. She died of smallpox.

William III was an only child and was sickly. He continued to reign after Mary's death and was killed in a riding accident.

Anne I was short, fat, near-sighted, gouty, and shy. Her coronation, to which she was carried, lasted five hours. Her husband, George of Denmark was dull and the butt of many jokes at court. Anne and George had 18 children, but only 5 were actually born alive, and only one survived infancy, reaching 11 years of age. Anne died after bleeding, enemas, and the like.

George I was also King of Hanover. He had no regard for England and never spoke English. George hated his son and his wife who he had divorced and imprisoned when he found she was having an affair. He brought his two favorite mistresses with him from Hanover. One was fat and huge (the elephant), and the other was tall and bony (the hop pole). George died in Hanover after a series of strokes.

George II loved his wife, Caroline, and his many mistresses but hated his son. Caroline really made most decisions. "You may strut, dapper George, but 'twill all be in vain, because we know tis Caroline, and not you that reign." George declared to Caroline when she was dying that he would never marry again and only have mistresses. He spoke English poorly, loved music, and spent much time in Hanover. His son died before him.

George III married Charlotte shortly after he became king. The marriage was happy, and the couple had 15 children. George was reluctant to let his daughters marry. There was a time when he had no legitimate grandchildren. George had simple tastes, loved being "Farmer George" and disliked London so much that he generally rode to Windsor at the end of his work day. He had three major

attacks of insanity, most likely caused by porphyria.

George IV also did not get along with his parents in true Hanoverian fashion. He had few abilities as king, but was an active patron of the arts, acquired many paintings, and made Buckingham Palace the residence of Monarchs. He first married Maria, a Roman Catholic, secretly, but the marriage was disallowed. He agreed to his second marriage because of the promise to pay his debts. This wife was a cousin, Caroline of Brunswick. The marriage was a disaster. He got through the wedding by getting drunk. George and Caroline only had one night together, but they did have a daughter, Charlotte, as a result. Caroline was uncouth and unwashed, while George was fastidious in his habits. His effort to divorce his wife failed, but he succeeded in excluding her from the coronation. She died three weeks later.

William IV lived for a long time with his mistress, Mrs. Jordan, with whom he had 10 children, all called Fitzclarence. He was married the same day as his brother Edward in a race to provide a legitimate heir. He and his wife, Adelaide, had two daughters, both of whom died in infancy. William had started a naval career when he was 13 years old, and thus formed some uncouth ways. He only knew for three years that he would be king after George IV since his niece, Charlotte, died in childbirth after 50 hours of labor, and his older brother, Frederick, died before their father, leaving no children. William signed the Great Reform Bill. He also signed hundreds of documents George IV never bothered to sign, so dipped his hand in hot wax to relieve the pain.