### NEWSLETTER

South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

May, 2008

#### **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

As the new Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch I have had the privilege of meeting many of the Regina area League members, and through this newsletter I can greet all our members. I hope within the next few months there will be very few if any members I will not have met personally. There were a few other changes in the members of the Board of Directors as well. We were pleased to welcome back former members, Blake Rintoul and John Morris, and to add a long time member who has worked behind the scenes, Margaret Morrey. As well, a new member, Jason Dearborn, has joined the Board. While I have belonged to the Monarchist League for many years, I have not been active in the South Saskatchewan Branch for very long, so I appreciate in particular the dedicated work of our valuable and efficient long time board members: Isabel Bailey, Scott Hazelwood, Derek Nichols, Jeannette and Raymond Mynett and Mildred Morrison. We have decided to continue with the same number of general meetings but have changed the Board meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month previous to the general meetings, and also the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in June.

It was an honour to have an opportunity to meet in February with our patron, the Hon, Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan. His support of our work has always been evident, most recently in the celebration of the Wedding Anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Phillip. As Chairman, I have received a number of invitations from His Honour to attend various functions, and I hope that on some of these occasions other local members would be able to represent me, as I am often out of the province.

Our members should also be aware that even before I became the Branch Chairman, Robert Finch and John Aimers had been in contact with me, and I feel confident that we will benefit to a greater degree from the more frequent communication between the Dominion Office and our selves.

I hope to see many of you at the Queen's Birthday Luncheon.

Bruce Farrer
Branch Chairman

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

#### Queen's Birthday Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, 2008, 12:00 noon

Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina

Special Guest – Heather Salloum
Private Secretary to
Lieutenant-Governor

Plan to come - Bring a friend

Tickets - \$22.50 a person Deadline for tickets – **May 14** (6:00 pm)

No tickets will be sold after the deadline.

Tickets can be obtained from:

Miss Isabel Bailey 207 – 2050 College Ave. Regina, SK, S4P 4M3. Tel: 306-586-8975

Mr. Blake Rintoul
#7-2104 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. Regina, SK. S4P 0X6
Tel: 306-525-0204
Email: brintoul@sasktel,net
Tickets ordered from Blake will be held
for you at the door.

Make cheques out to South Saskatchewan Branch, M. L. C.

If several are coming together, special seating arrangements can be made.

Please plan to arrive early if several people wish to sit together.

It is anticipated that a special raffle item will be available in the form of a special royal coin.

#### **Other Coming Events**

## General Meeting of the South Saskatchewan Branch

Friday, October 17, 2008, 7:30 pm. St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina

Royalty and the Arts

Do you know that members of royal families were active patrons of the arts and some of them were writers, artists, composers and musicians in their own right. Come and see what Royalty has contributed to the arts.

## Next Meeting of the Board of the South Saskatchewan Branch

The next meeting of the Board of the South Saskatchewan will take place on Friday, June 27, at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Regina, starting at 7:00 pm.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or items of business for the board, you can give it to a board member.

#### Annual Meeting of the South Saskatchewan Branch Monarchist League of Canada

The annual general meeting of the South Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League took place on Friday, January 25, 2008, at St. Mary' Anglican Church in Regina. The meeting considered reports of the officers, named the officers and other board members, and officially thanked Derek and Margaret Nicholls for their years of service. Derek Nicholls had served as Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch for eleven years and was retiring from that position. After the business meeting those present viewed a video on the life of the Queen from the late 1930's to 1952, focusing on the events leading to her marriage with Prince Philip and the first years of their marriage. The evening concluded with the serving of dessert and a social time.

# Board of Directors – South Saskatchewan Branch, Monarchist League of Canada

Chairman – Bruce Farrer
Secretary – Raymond Mynett
Treasurer – Blake Rintoul
Past-Chairman – Derek Nicholls
Directors – Isabel Bailey
Jason Dearborn
Scott Hazelwood
(Community Relations
Website)
Margaret Morrey
John Morris
Mildred Morrison
Jeannette Mynett
(Newsletter)

#### Some Matters Relating to Finances

The financial report for 2007 showed the following:

Income: \$3,069.91 Expenses: \$2,882.89 Balance: \$1,511.91

The primary sources of income were donations, receipts at the door, and profit from the garage sale in the summer.

The primary expenses were the newsletter, and expenses relating to the general meetings.

While the South Saskatchewan Branch's finances are in a good condition now, the branch would benefit from having a regular way of raising money for its work. Any ideas would be welcome. Thanks to all who have done things to help raise money for the branch.

Please note the next fund-raising activity:

#### Garage Sale

July 17 – 3:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. July 18 – 11:00 am. To 3:00 pm.

#### Home of Derek and Margaret Nicholls 5336 Dewdney Avenue, Regina

If you have items to contribute to the garage sale or can help in any way, please contact Derek and Margaret Nicholls at their home address, by telephone at 949-8690, or by email at dereknicholls@sasktel.net.



#### The Monarchist League of Canada/La Ligue Monarchiste du Canada

#### Greetings from the Dominion Chairman

January 25, 2008

I would like to offer my greetings to members and friends of the South Saskatchewan Branch.

We can all look forward to some exciting challenges and opportunities in 2008. Here are some of the goals we will be aiming towards:

- Increasing League membership and revenue;
- Expanding our Education programme;
- Revamping the League's Website;
- Improving communication; and
- Commissioning a new survey on the cost of the Canadian Crown.

In the coming months, we will be seeking input from the membership with regards to the League's Strategic Plan. This Plan will provide us with a tool – for all of us – to help us achieve our goals and fulfill our mission over the next three years.

While I cannot be with you today physically, I am certainly with you in spirit. I also look forward to hopefully visiting with you later this year.

I would like to thank Derek Nicholls for his contribution and dedication to the Branch, to the League, and to the Crown. And, I want to thank all of you for your continued support and hard work.

Yours in Loyalty,

Robert Finch, Dominion Chairman

#### Sergeant-at-Arms

Notes of the talk given by
Mr. Patrick Shaw
Sergeant-at-Arms
Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan
At the General Meeting on March 14

The position of Sergeant-at-Arms started in the reign of Edward I who in 1279 formed a bodyguard of twenty sergeants-at-arms primarily to protect the royal family and to escort traitors to London. The number of sergeants-atarms later was increased to thirty. During the time of the Lancastrian kings, one of them was appointed to attend the Parliament and its speaker with specific to keep order responsibilities Parliament and to regulate those entering its sessions. The first Sergeant-at-Arms that attended Parliament were involved with the running of Parliament in general since for a time there was no separate House of Commons.

By the Fifteenth Century the House of Commons had acquired a Speaker and a Clerk. The House decided to petition for the regular appointment of a Sergeant-at-Arms to look after the non-procedural aspects of its life and work. The first reference to a ceremonial role in the House of Commons for the Sergeant-at-Arms was a reference to his carrying the Mace of the House of Commons before the Speaker of the House. The Sergeant-at-Arms at times also was used by the monarch for duties that were not connected with the Parliament.

Today the work of the Sergeant-at-Arms relates entirely to the House of Commons, or in Saskatchewan to the

Legislative Assembly. There are some ceremonial duties. He carries the Mace before the Speaker, the mace being the symbol of the authority of the Speaker. The Mace is displayed during sessions of the Legislative Assembly, removed when the assembly is functioning in committee. The Sergeantat-Arms is responsible for the care of the Mace. Mr. Shaw gave permission to have the Mace refurbished; the results were excellent. Since his office now is has permanent. Mr. Shaw had opportunities to meet with members of the Royal Family.

An increasingly important role of the Sergeant-at-Arms now is the overseeing the security of the Legislative Assembly. This requires assessing risks and threats and taking measures to eliminate them. However it is not possible to eliminate all risks. At the present steps are being taken to improve security of the Legislative Building. Mr. Shaw made mention of the plans of the Australian Parliament, commenting that, "it is a funny world, and it is getting worse."

## Answers to the Quiz at the meeting on March 14

A quiz was given for people to answer for fun (and for learning). Answers to some of the questions on the quiz are:

- 1. The Monarchist League dates to 1970.
- 2. Victoria, Regina, Charlottetown, and Fredericton are named for members of the Royal Family
- 4. Prince Edward's new baby's name is James Alexander
- 5. George V came to Canada twice before he became king.
- 7. Lieutenant.-Governor Barnhart came from Saltcoats.

## NOTES ABOUT THE ROYALS

## Prince Charles Shows Benefits of Good Accounting for the Environment

The Prince of Wales has launched new proposals to help organizations measure and report the social and environmental costs of their actions. The Prince's "Accounting for Sustainability" project has been looking at practical ways of helping both public and private organizations to "embed and report" on their sustainability.

The project has now come forward with two tools to help in this task. The first is a website to provide guidance and examples of good practice for companies to make decisions on sustainability. The second is a "reporting framework" which proposes a new way for a company to report its sustainability more clearly, concisely and comparably.

The Prince launched the findings of the project at a St. James's Palace seminar in front of Chancellor Alistair Darling and business leaders.

In a speech His Royal Highness told the audience that a recent poll suggested 85 per cent of people believe we cannot afford to neglect the environment. He noted many people believe good environmental practices should be the highest priority for business. The challenge is translating this concern into concrete action.

#### The Queen becomes Our Oldest Monarch

Queen Elizabeth II has now become the oldest monarch in British and Canadian history. The historic significance was not lost on the Royal Family, but there was no fanfare at Buckingham Palace. Instead the Queen spent the day at Windsor Castle with the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen is the third longest-reigning monarch in British history, overtaking Henry III in March, 2008. However, it will not be until 2012 before she overtakes George III who reigned for 59 years from 1760 to 1820. Queen Victoria remains the longest serving monarch, ruling over the British Empire for almost 64 years. If she is still on the throne on September 9, 2015, the Queen will take her place.

The Queen's long reign is filled with historical precedents. In 2007 she became the first monarch to celebrate her diamond wedding anniversary. She is also the first to have a prime minister born during her reign. Her Majesty is the second longest-serving head of state in the world after King Bhumibol of Thailand, and her reign has seen eleven prime ministers, starting with Sir Winston Churchill.

#### Princess Balyani of Thailand Dies Aged 84

Princess Galyani, sister of King Bhumibol, died on January 2, 2008 of cancer at the age of eighty-four. She had been ill for several months. A mourning period of one-hundred days begain from the day of her death.

Princess Galyani was given the title, Krom Luang Naradhivas Rajanagarindra by King Bhumibol on May 6, 1995. She is the only female member of the royal family to have been given this title. It was given in recognition for the great support Princess Galyani gave the king.

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