

Monarchy

Matters

March, 2019

**South Saskatchewan Branch
Monarchist League of Canada**

Annual General Meeting

**Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Guide Hall – 1530 Broadway Ave.
Regina**

Social Time and Refreshments

**All interested people are welcome.
Plan to come. Bring your friends.
Find out what the Monarchist League
Is doing. Share your ideas.**

Any matters for the annual meeting can
be given to Scott Hazelwood.
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**Queen's Birthday Luncheon
Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 12:00 noon
Travelodge South Hotel, Carlton Rm.
South Albert, Regina, SK.
Tickets - \$30.00
Speaker – Lt. Gov. The Hon. Tom
Molloy
Watch for further details**

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Program of the South Saskatchewan Branch

The South Saskatchewan Branch of the Monarchist League held a program marking the Centenary of the end of World War I on October 5, 2018 at the Guide Hall in Regina. Three members of the branch gave short presentations relating to the centenary.

Bruce Farrer spoke about the recruitment during World War I and how soldiers were enlisting even though they were not of age, speaking of two in particular. The mood in Canada was that soldiers were needed for King and Country to serve the Empire. Frank McIntosh was 17 when he joined, but told the recruitment officer he was 26. No one asked for a birth certificate because the need was so great. On the other end of the spectrum was Alfred Whiting who was 49 in 1914, but told the recruitment officer he was 39.

Keith Inches talked about the importance of Canadians voting as an inherited right that we received as a result of those who gave their lives for the freedom of the Empire. We need to remember that those, and all of those up to and including today, are still fighting for those same freedoms. He reminded us that voting in an election is as important to upholding the rights and freedoms of this country as the soldier fighting on the field of battle.

Scott Hazelwood gave a brief talk about how Remembrance Day came to be. King George V called for all of the British Empire to pause for two minutes of silence on November 11, 1919 to remember those killed in the Great War. This came at a time when Canada's Members of Parliament were looking for a way for Canadians to honour the sacrifices of 60,000 Canadians killed. The first Armistice Day took place at Buckingham Palace on November 11, 1919.

After the three speakers there was two minutes of silence in remembrance of the First World War. The program concluded with the famous lines from Laurence Binyon's "For the Fallen." *They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*

Royalty Notes

The "Fab Four"

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex have been dubbed the, "Fab Four" even before the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. It was sensed that the four had a close relationship as family and worked well together.

A good example of this is together they are patrons of the Royal Foundation of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. The Royal Foundation was legally established by the Princes in September, 2009 and became fully included after their marriages. The programmes or initiatives of the foundation include, Heads Together, the Invictus Games, and United for Wildlife.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, Prince Harry, and Meghan Markle, who had been included as a patron of the Royal Foundation even before her marriage, appeared together at a forum for a panel discussion on the foundation hosted by BBC presenter, Tina Daheley. One thing that clearly came across was the shared camaraderie of the four patrons of the Royal Foundation. Working for the Royal Foundation will show a meeting of hearts and minds shown in many other ways by the, "Fab Four."

70th Birthday of Prince Charles

Charles, Prince of Wales, celebrated his 70th birthday in November, 2018. He is now the Prince of Wales the longest of any previous princes of Wales. There were various events marking Prince Charles's birthday. One of these was a Garden Party which he hosted at Buckingham Palace. This was to recognize the various charities and foundations and military foundations with which Prince Charles is involved. He is president or patron of over 420 charities. Among them he patron of the Regina Symphony. Attendance at this event was the first engagement of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex after their marriage. Prince Harry gave a heartfelt tribute to his father, noting his many contributions and the inspiration he has been to his sons.

Later in the year Prince Charles had birthday portraits taken on the grounds of Clarence House. It was the first time Prince Charles had been photographed with his whole family which include his two sons and their wives, three grandchildren, and his wife, the Duchess of Cornwall. Prince Charles clearly is devoted to his family and enjoys being a grandfather.

The Emperor of Japan's abdication

Emperor Akihito of Japan will be abdicating on April 30 of this year at his own request. He wished to relinquish his position of Emperor because age and health were affecting his ability to carry out his duties. Akihito became Emperor of Japan in 1989 upon the death of his father, Emperor Hirohito.

The Emperor Akihito will be succeeded by his older son, the Crown Prince Naruhito, on May 1. The prince is now 58 years old. This will mark a new imperial era, the name of which will be made public on April 1.

Crown Prince Naruhito and Crown Princess Masako, who was a career diplomat, only have one daughter. Since the succession in Japan must be through the sons, Naruhito's heir will be his younger brother who after a number of years of marriage did have a son. For a time the fact that both of Akihito's sons only had daughters, there was great concern in the highly conservative court that Japan could be faced with a dynastic crisis. Thus the birth of a son to Akihito's younger son was greeted with joy and relief.

There now is concern about how well Crown Princess will be able to handle her duties as Empress. Masako has had to deal with health problems due to stress for a number of years and has found life as a member of the Japanese Royal Family very difficult. In more recent years she has shown signs of recovery and has made more public appearances. The Crown Prince has expressed hope for her continued recovery and the wish that she build on what she can do gradually.

The various laws of succession among countries and royal families and the changes of these laws have shown great differences.

Japan only has succession through the sons. On the other hand, Canada, like the other countries of which Elizabeth is queen and the other monarchies of western Europe now have a strict birth order succession. This means, for example, Princess Charlotte comes before Prince Louis in the order of succession.

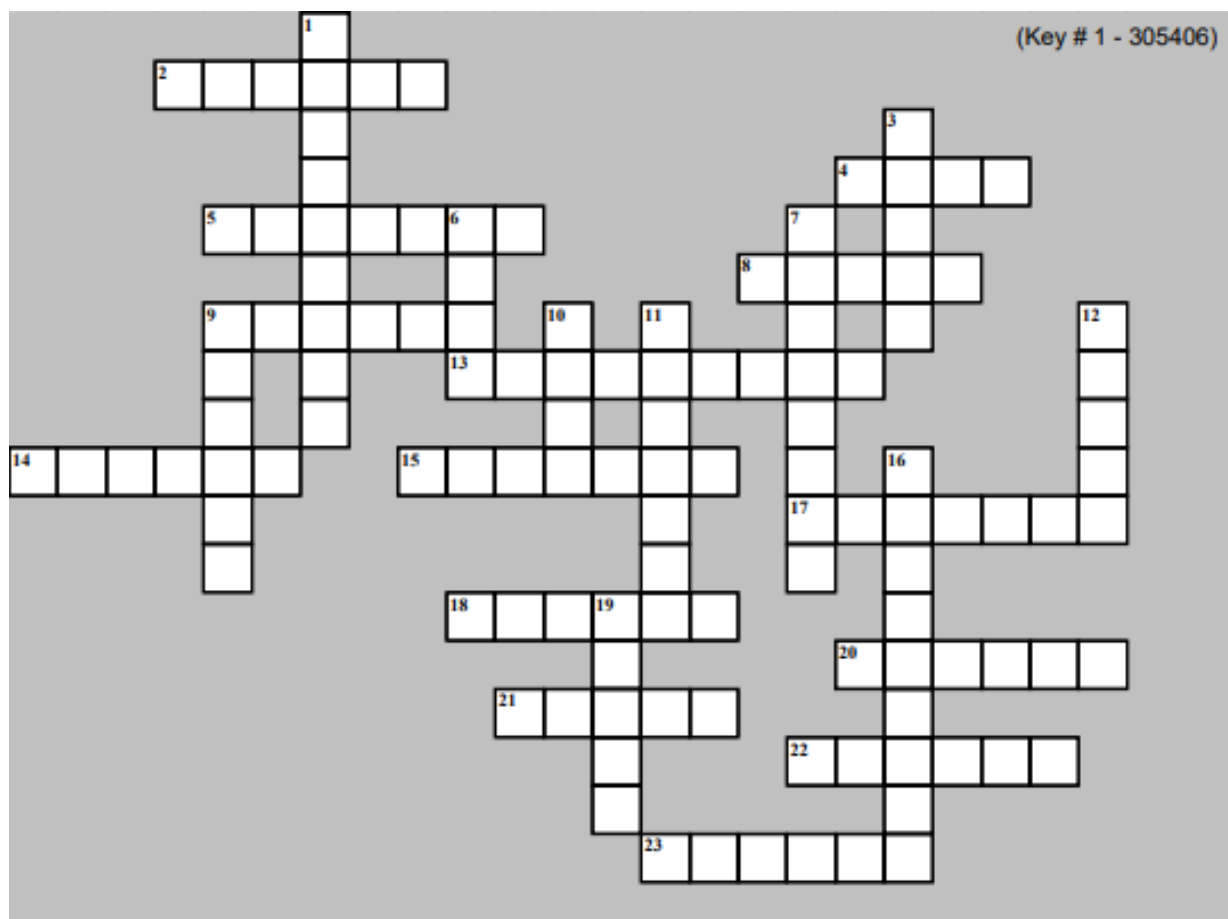
In the past various countries have followed only sons inheriting the throne of their country. This was a very serious problem for Russia since the one son of Nicholas II had haemophilia. The Kingdom of Hanover also followed this law, which meant that when Victoria became Queen in accordance with the laws of succession of Britain, the Duke of Cumberland became the King of Hanover since that kingdom did not allow daughters to inherit the throne. In much earlier times, many monarchies really did not have any laws of succession which often led to considerable palace politics in determining the next ruler. A discussion on the laws of succession would make an interesting program for the Monarchist League.

Members of the Queen's Family

Sophie	Charlotte
William	Andrew
Autumn	Anne
Edward	Mike
Elizabeth	Camilla
Eugenie	Harry
Meghan	Beatrice
Sarah	Catherine
Louise	Louis
Zara	James
Peter	
Charles	
George	
Philip	

To identify, see the crossword puzzle.

THE FAMILY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, QUEEN OF CANADA



Across

2. Countess of Wessex

4. Mrs. Tindall

5. Duke of Cambridge

8. Mr. Phillips

9. Mrs. Phillips

13. Her Majesty the Queen

14. Earl of Wessex

15. 2nd Princess of York

17. Prince of Wales

18. Duchess of Sussex

20. 1st Prince of Cambridge

21. Duchess of York

22. Duke of Edinburgh

23. Lady Windsor

Down

1. Princess of Cambridge

3. Viscount Severn

6. Princess Royal

7. 1st Princess of York

9. Duke of York

10. Mr. Tindall

11. Duchess of Cornwall

12. 2nd Prince of Cambridge

16. Duchess of Cambridge

19. Duke of Sussex

