

Monarchy Matters

September, 2018

**South Saskatchewan Branch
Monarchist League of Canada**

**General Meeting and Program
Friday, October 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm.
Guide Hall – 1530 Broadway Ave,
Regina**

**Program – A few short presentations
honouring the Centenary of the
Armistice ending World War I.**

Social time and Refreshments

**All interested people are welcome.
Plan to come. Bring your friends.**

Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors for the South Saskatchewan Branch met on September 7. Those at the meeting discussed a number of ideas relating to the work of the Monarchist League in this area. Plans were made for the October meeting and program, with the yet date to be determined. The board members were quite interested in anything that could be done with other groups supporting the Monarchy. They also received a report on the activities at Government House.

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Queen's Birthday Luncheon

The annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon for 2018 celebrating the 92nd birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II took place on Saturday, May 12, at the Travelodge, South Albert Street in Regina. The guest of honour was the new Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, His Honour, W. Thomas Molloy.

Scott Hazelwood, Chairman of the South Saskatchewan Branch, was the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed all who had come and introduced the members of the Board of the Saskatchewan Branch. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hazelwood noted that we were gathered to honour our longest reigning monarch. He recalled the dedication to service that the then Princess Elizabeth made when she was twenty-one years of age, a pledge she has fulfilled over her long reign. Finally he noted that 2018 was the 65th Anniversary of our Queen's Coronation. The Rev. Theodore Giese gave the blessing and Judy Parsons gave the Loyal Toast. Valerie Cade, who has served as the organizer for the Queen's Birthday Luncheon, made presentations to the Lieutenant Governor and the guest speaker.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Gaye Beechy, UE, Past President of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Saskatchewan. In her remarks, Mrs. Beechy spoke of the loyalty to

the crown of the Loyalists. They had not supported the American Revolution, but felt the colonies should remain loyal to the crown. They were virtually forced to leave the new U.S.A. and became the first political refugees. While a number of Loyalists went to England or English colonies outside North America, a large number of them came to Canada. The majority of these went to the Maritimes. They wanted to have their own settlements. Their numbers led to the formation of New Brunswick as a separate colony. While the majority of the Loyalists settled in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, a number of them settled in Upper and Lower Canada.

Mrs. Beechy told the story of her own Loyalist family and the hardships they endured. This story showed the difficulties the Loyalists faced as they re-established themselves and rebuilt their lives. Many of them lived in refugee camps the first winter. In time they received recognition and land entitlements. The formal recognition came in 1789 and they could use the initials UE after their names.

The Loyalists greatly influenced life in Canada. They participated in the War of 1812. They also worked to establish the idea of participatory democracy that was loyal to the Crown.

The United Empire Association works to preserve the history of the Loyalists. Mrs. Beechy invited Monarchist League members to share in United Empire Loyalist Day on June 19 as a monument to the Loyalists is unveiled. She also presented the information pamphlet about the Saskatchewan Branch of the United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada.

Scott Hazelwood thanked Mrs. Beechy for her presentation. He also thanked the Travelodge for the meal and all who had

participated in the program. Finally, he thanked all who had come to the luncheon.

Government House Programs and Events for the Fall and Winter

Greetings to fellow Monarchists. You are invited to check out the various events and programs taking place at Government House this Fall and Winter. Among the special events will be an exhibit of a Rideau Hall portrait of our Queen. The date of this is yet to be announced. The portrait will be on display until the Spring of 2019.

On October 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. there will be a Halloween Edition of, If These Walls Could Talk. Characters from Government House past will come to life and tell their stories. On October 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. there will be the Halloween Program event.

On December 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. there will be the Old Fashion Victorian Christmas celebration. There will be horse drawn waggon rides and carolers. Victorian Christmas tree decorations will be the featured craft. Christmas decorations will be up starting November 17 along with the Christmas tours during regular business hours.

Throughout the fall and winter people can visit Government House Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can get more information about Government House and its programs on the new website at www.governmenthousesask.ca

Government House will be closed November 13-16 for Christmas decorating and January 7 – 11 for undecorating and maintenance.

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