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Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
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Co-Chairman
MacKenzie presents the
LG with his League pin

Accession Day Events a Great Success

The NB Branch kicked off Jubilee year with an immensely successful line-up of events in early February—echoing the success of Jubilee events held to mark the beginning of this months-long celebration across the nation and the world.

A record number of members turned out for our annual Accession Day Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on February 4th. Following an enjoyable meal, an update on upcoming activities and a special presentation were given by Co-Chairman MacKenzie. The presentation, featuring a collection of period newspaper clippings, focused on the reaction of New Brunswick's newspapers to the death of King George

and the accession of the Queen in February 1952.

The major event of the weekend took place at Christ Church Cathedral at 4:30pm on February 5th, when over 200 people gathered for a special Choral Evensong in Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Co-Chairman MacKenzie and Bev Harrison, League member and MLA (Hampton Kings), read the lessons, and His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of NB, was the guest speaker. Following the service, which was beautifully conducted by the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Dean of the Cathedral, and the Cathedral Choir, the League catered a reception in the narthex.

Members of the execu-

tive seized the opportunity to make an official presentation of the League's new lapel pin to both our Honourary Patron, the Lieutenant Governor, and his wife, Mrs. Nicholas.

The next morning, several League members and others gathered for the raising of the Queen's Canadian Standard in front of the Legislative Assembly at 7:45am, and for the raising of the Diamond Jubilee banner in front of Fredericton City Hall at 10:30am. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor was present for both raisings, and Mayor Brad Woodside attended the latter ceremony. We are confident that our events have already made the Jubilee more noticeable.



First Prize in the 2012
NB Branch Raffle

Fundraiser to be launched in April

Last year, the Branch Chairman issued a special appeal to all members, asking for donations, to which many generously responded. This year, however, the Branch will take a different approach towards fundraising for its activities. In April, members will be receiving one or more

books of raffle tickets. For those who prefer not to sell tickets, you may simply return them to our address so that they can be sold by other members. You can buy the book(s) yourself or sell them to family and friends. All monies will go towards supporting to initiatives of the Branch dur-

ing what is going to be a busy and expensive year.

The draw will take place at our Annual General Meeting in October 2012. The prizes are: (1st) a replica of the maple leaf brooch worn by Kate during the 2011 Royal Tour; (2nd) Set of Jubilee coins and stamps; and (3rd) \$50.00 cash.

CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE!

Special events to mark Jubilee Year

- May 27th:** *Royal Party at the Plaza.* A family-oriented day of food and royal-themed activities at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fredericton. Watch for details. Registration is necessary. Sponsored by FredKid and Canada Post.
- July 1st:** *Official Opening of the Royal Tours of New Brunswick* exhibition at the Fredericton Region Museum. Open to Public. Exhibit will later travel the province.
- September:** *Diamond Jubilee Dinner.* Formal evening affair. Details to be announced.

Fun for everyone at 'Royal Party at the Plaza'

The League will be hosting another major Jubilee celebration in May 2012, but this one will be unlike anything we have hosted before. On 27th May, the Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the site of our "Royal Party at the Plaza" event, a day filled with family-friendly activities for all ages. There will be stations throughout the main ballroom where kids

and can colour, write letters to the Queen, dress up like royalty, have their pictures taken, create crowns and fascinators, and much, much more. There will be a tasty 'afternoon tea' with something to suit all tastes. We also hope to find a volunteer willing to dress up like Her Majesty to circulate among the children and bring her regal greetings to all present.



The event will be supported in part by the generous aid of Canada Post (which will be supplying prizes) and FredKid, a capital region not-for-profit which facilitates family-friendly events (which will supply expertise and volunteers). There will be no cost to participants, although pre-registration is recommended. The event is funded by Canadian Heritage.



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REMINDER: 2012 NEW MEMBER RATES

As a special incentive to encourage new members to join the Branch, the executive has approved a plan to lower the costs for **NEW** individual and family memberships. The special rates are \$25 and \$45, respectively (vs. \$35 and \$65) - but these **NEW** members must sign up through this Branch—via our website or the regular post—rather than through HQ.

All new fees stay in NB for the duration of 2012!



More Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums

- Your Co-Chairman, Barry MacKenzie, will represent the League at a special Jubilee event being organized in Co-dys, NB, on May 26th. The event will feature a variety of activities and will also mark the 100th anniversary of the construction of the local covered bridge (on which many of the celebrations will be held!).

- Canada Post has been releasing, on a monthly basis, a beautiful series of stamps to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee. Be sure to use Jubilee postage for your letters this year so Canada Post knows how much we appreciate it!

- The next article in a series of on the Scottish roots of the Royal Family, focusing on George IV's 1822 tour of Scotland, appears in the April issue of the NB Scottish Journal.

- If you are set to receive one of 60,000 medals to com-



George IV in full highland regalia at the time of his 1822 Scottish Tour

memorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, let us know!

- Don't forget: if you have a middle school-aged student in your family, they are eligible for the Heritage Fair Program. The Branch is sponsoring a special Diamond Jubilee Award for the best monarchy-related project in each district. Encourage students to participate and to complete a project on a topic related to the monarchy—we can recommend resources.

- Please take note of the enclosed notice of a special general meeting of the Branch to take place at Government House on April 14th from 1pm to 3pm.