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Our New Honourary Patron: See Inside for Details

Message From Your Co-Chairmen

As it is known to do, time marches on, and we now find ourselves almost at Eastertime once again. The Branch has been busy behind the scenes working on a number of projects and initiatives.

We were grateful that so many of you made an effort to attend our Accession Day Brunch at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in February.

In this issue of *News for Monarchists*, you will find updates on some major recent royal news stories, as well as an invitation to our upcoming Spring General Meeting. We are also pleased to be able to announce here for the first time that Her Honour, The Lieutenant Governor, has agreed to be our Honourary Patron.

You will find details inside about the Graydon and Beth Nicholas Essay Contest which we have just launched.

You all know that the arrival of a little brother or sister for Prince George is imminent. We are working with the Children's Dept. at the Fredericton Public Library on a special Royal Baby-themed children's activity! Watch for details.

I should like to remind you that the executive is actively seeking out committed volunteers who would like to take up positions on the executive committee. Please consider putting your name forward.

Yours in common loyalty,
Mat & Barry

Maple Monarchy in the News



Her Majesty
The Queen

Since our last newsletter, the Canadian Monarchy has been very much in the news. Firstly, there was the rather tedious legal case about the Oath of Citizenship which has been a drain on the public purse for, these many years.

For those unfamiliar with this case, a short summary should suffice. The debate has its roots with the late Charles Roach, a civil rights lawyer and committed republican, who challenged the requirement to pledge allegiance to the monarch to obtain citizenship.

Roach was joined in this fight in 2007 by a curious trio: Michael McAteer, an Irish immigrant; Dror Bar-Natan, an Israeli math professor; and Jamaican-born Simone Topey, a Rastafarian who re-

gards the Queen as the "head of Babylon". The group filed a suit with the Ontario Superior Court, and the case was eventually dismissed. Undaunted, the group re-launched the suit in 2012, only to have it again dismissed. In 2014, it was taken to the Ontario Court of Appeal, which upheld the Superior Court's ruling. The only recourse left to this committed trio (Roach died in 2012) was the Supreme Court, which, in its wisdom, refused to hear any further appeal in February 2015.

In that same vein, the Supreme Court also dismissed (with costs) the case of one Bryan Teskey, who brought a case to the Supreme Court over the Succession to the Throne Act, 2013. Teskey, a Roman Catholic, believes that the Act does not go far enough towards equality. The Act specifically re-

moves the barrier against anyone in the line of succession marrying a Catholic, but does not allow for a non-Protestant to ascend the throne, which Tesket argued violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Act in question, which was passed in 2013 in collaboration with Commonwealth governments across the globe, came into effect on March 26th of this year. It removes the impediment to Roman Catholics as well as male primogeniture, which means that females and males have equal rights to the Succession. Although this aspect of the Act is less known, it also replaces the Royal Marriages Act, 1772, which required all descendants of George II to obtain the Sovereign's permission to marry.



Crest of the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick

Lieutenant Governor Grants Honourary Patronage

Just this week, the Branch received correspondence from Government House which contained the welcome and exciting news that Her Honour, The Lieutenant Governor, has been pleased to grant the New Brunswick of the Monarchist League her Honourary Patronage.

Her Honour's predeces-

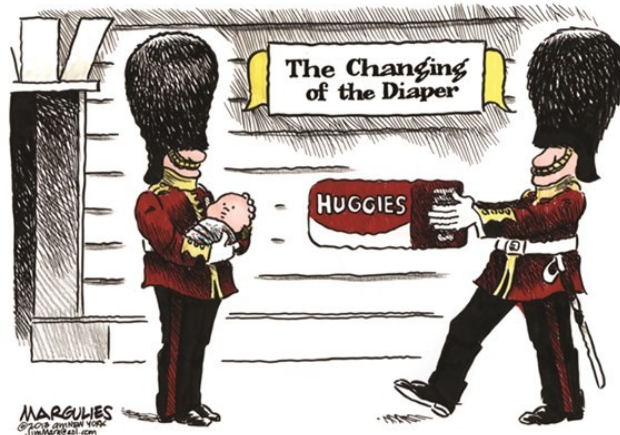
sor, Hon. Graydon Nicholas, was the first Vice-Regal to grant honourary patronage to the Branch in 2011.

The League is not the only New Brunswick organization of which Her Honour is Honourary Patron. She also serves in this capacity with the Fredericton Community Foundation

as well as the Heritage Fairs, among others groups, organizations and events.

The Branch hopes that it will soon have an opportunity to meet with Her Honour to discuss how we might work together over the course of her five year term to increase the visibility of the Monarchy in New Brunswick.

Please join us for our Spring General Meeting



Knights of Columbus Hall

170 Regent Street, Fredericton

25 April 2015 @ 2:00PM

CELEBRATE THE ROYAL BABY!

RSVP to 454-9589 or chairman@monarchistnb.ca by 22nd April

Spring General Meeting to Celebrate Royal Baby

By the time we gather for our annual Spring General Meeting on April 25th, the world will very likely have already welcomed, with open arms, the second child of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. This little brother or sister (betting companies are predicting a girl, named Alice!) for Prince George were surely bring great joy to his/her royal parents and many others.

To mark this wonderful event, the Branch is inviting you to attend our spring meeting and bring with you a gift of any value which would benefit a baby of either gender who will not enjoy the privilege of life as a member of the royal family. These offerings will be donated to a local charity in the League's name as our gift in honour of the birth of this little Prince of Princess.



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Monarchy: The Canadian Way!

The League is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2015. It was founded in Ottawa in 1970. Watch for details in our July newsletter of how we will mark this special milestone.



Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums

There is still time to order one of the collector's items which we advertised in our last newsletter. Details are as follows:

PRINT AND STAMPS (framed): Members, \$100, Non-Members, \$120. **PRINT ONLY** (framed): Members, \$70, Non-Members, \$85.

Call today to order yours!

The **Graydon and Beth Nicholas Essay Contest** has been launched and will run until May 1st. Entries will be accepted from students in Grades 9-12 in Anglophone North School District. The prize will be \$150 for the best essay on a topic related to the monarchy in Canada and will be

presented on or near Victoria Day. Contact us for more details.

Those who attended the Accession Day Brunch will be interested to learn that Harold Wright's movement to stop the expansion of the New Brunswick Museum facility into Riverview Memorial Park (the province's memorial to its sons who fought in the South African War) has been successful.

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Many of you will be aware that the League is celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2015. Since 1970 we have been the source of intelligent comment on the importance of the Crown in Canada.

More significantly, 9 September 2015 marks the date on which Her Majesty will become the longest reigning Sovereign in the history of our Commonwealth of Nations.

The Branch has every intention of marking these two special milestone with a memorable event. More details will be available soon so be sure to watch your inboxes/mailboxes for more details.

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