

News for Monarchists

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Executive Committee Seeking Volunteers

I can't believe the fall has come upon us so quickly. I am a big gardener and, as many of you can appreciate, it was not a summer for gardening. However, now that the fall is here it is time to get back to work. The executive had its first meeting on September 8th to kick off the season. We have laid out our work for the coming year. I am sorry to report that Ben Hicks, our Education coordinator, has stepped down. We also have an opening for our Secretary position, as Rebecca Jonah has moved on as well. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on October 30th and will be held at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery. During the meeting we will be appointing indi-

viduals to the executive. If you are interested in helping out for a year, please do not hesitate to contact me. We have a number of positions that must be filled as soon as possible. I will be re-offering as the chairman for another year, as will Barry MacKenzie, Freda Venness, and Bonnie Christian. Over the next few weeks we



Dan Taylor, Chairman

will be deciding on what project our Branch will be focusing on to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. We will also be finalizing our curriculum project for provincial schools. I am happy to report our membership has officially hit 100. This is quiet an accomplishment considering where we began in 2008. We have to give Barry credit for the increase in membership—he has focused much time on public relations and travelling around NB promoting the League. Lastly, I would like to encourage our members to get involved with the executive; there is plenty to do and, as the saying goes, “many hands make lighter work”. See you October 30th for our Annual General Meeting.

Recruit New Members & Win a Prize Package!

Membership in the Branch has grown significantly this year. The Royal Wedding and Royal Tour have returned to Crown to the pages of our NB newspapers and people across the province have sought out an intelligent voice in support of the institution—that's where we've come in! We thank all of you who have referred us to friends or who have joined us in recent

months. There is definitely strength in numbers! That being said, there is always room for growth, and that is why the Branch is launching a special membership drive to boost our numbers even further. We hope that you can help! For every member recruited, the recruiter will have his/her name entered into a draw for a special “Night Out for Two” prize pack-

age, to include 2 Empire Theatres passes for a movie, popcorn and drinks, as well as a gift certificate to East Side Mario's Restaurant—a value of over \$50! (Winners who do not live in an area serviced by these business may choose instead a one-year free membership with the League). Start recruiting today—call or email for membership applications.

2011 a Great Year for Monarchists



The Prime Minister throws another snowball at republicanism

It has been a great year to be a monarchist! Many thought in February that the proposed Royal Tour by the soon to be newlyweds, William and Kate, would be the Canadian royal highlight of the year. And for some, it was. The Royal Tour lived up to the same expectations as the Royal Wedding did just months before. It fulfilled its role in making the monarchy young and relatable. But as the year rolled another group of people seemed to be trying their hardest to ensure that the Crown was visible and relevant for all Canadians: the staff of the PMO. Neither the League or your humble editor have any official political allegiance, but Mr. Harper deserves a great deal of credit for a great many pro-monarchist initiatives. The two most recent have been much publicized: the return of the royal designations to the Air and Maritime Commands of the Canadian Forces; and an order to all Canadian Embassies and High Commissions to have portraits of their Sovereign hung prominently by September 15th. Wow — this PM means business! Some Canadians are criticizing these measures as some sort of attack on Canadian sovereignty, which of course is ludicrous. Whether all Canadians like it or not, our nation is a constitutional monarchy. The RCN and RCAF announcement was not an homage to a foreign Queen or a throwback to some colonial past—our current government sought to recognize the distinctiveness of the three branches of the Canadian Armed Forces by restoring their pre-1968 titles. We don't call things royal to make the Queen happy—we call them royal because it recognizes their commitment to excellence. The order for all Embassies and High Commissions to display portraits of their Sovereign in a public space is really a no-brainer. Elizabeth II is our Queen Regnant and thus the embodiment of the Canadian state. Whether or not she lives in the UK most of the year, she is the greatest of all Canadian symbols.



The official emblem of the Diamond Jubilee of HM The Queen of Canada

Diamond Jubilee will be commemorated nationwide

With the start of Jubilee year now just a few months away, plans are kicking into high gear across the country for celebrations to honour 60 years of dedication and commitment on the part of our Sovereign. Recently, the federal government announced a competition for funding through

what they are calling the Diamond Jubilee Community Celebrations initiative. Your NB Branch will be applying for funding for one or more special events and projects to be held/completed next year. The Branch is also making other plans for events in 2012, including (we hope!)

a special service of thanksgiving at Christ's Church Cathedral, followed by a luncheon at the Beaverbrook Hotel on February 6th. More info later. Consider making your own plans for local celebrations with Jubilee themes and let us know how we can help to make them a success!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND 'ROYAL TEA & TALK'

30 October 2011

Beaverbrook Art Gallery

Meet & Greet: 1PM-1:30PM; Meeting: 1:30PM-3PM;
Royal Tea & Talk: 3PM-5PM (open to public)

Cost (for Tea & Talk):
\$5/member, \$10/non-member

RSVP to 454-9589 or communications@monarchistnb.ca
(For more information, see below)

2011 AGM to include special "Royal Tea & Talk" Event

In conjunction with our 2011 Annual General Meeting, the NB Branch will be co-sponsoring a special public event at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery on October 30th. This "Royal Tea & Talk" will be the second in a series of three such events which will take place at the Gallery on September 25th, October 30th, and November 27th. They will include special guest speakers, tea, sandwiches, and sweets—all in the setting of the acclaimed Royal Portraits exhibition at NB's provincial gallery. The AGM (for which there is no cost to members) will take place in the Boardroom of the Gallery from 1pm to 3pm on October 30th. Members wishing to stick around for the "Royal Tea & Talk" (which will



feature a special presentation on Royal Tours to New Brunswick by UNB Doctoral Candidate—and your Editor—Barry MacKenzie) can purchase tickets for \$5 (price subsidized by the Branch). Save the Date! The Annual General Meeting is an important event to which all members are cordially invited—have a say in what we're doing or just learn more about us!



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Each of us can do our part to help the environment and the monarchist cause.



More Miscellaneous Monarchist Memorandums

- The Branch wishes to express its regret that two members of our executive will no longer be serving in that capacity. Our Recording Secretary, Miss Rebecca Jonah, will be attending College this year; and Mr. Benjamin Hicks, Education Officer, has also removed from the city to further his education. We thank both of these individuals for their faithful service to the League for the past year.

- In tribute to the Queen's upcoming Diamond Jubilee, a series of articles has been appearing in the NB Scottish Journal. Each piece focuses on

a different branch of the Queen's Scottish roots. This month's article looked at the Queen's descent from Robert II, King of Scots.
- On September 23rd, your Vice Chairman and his wife attended the annual district convention of the Queens



Robert II, King of Scots. Founder of the House of Stuart

County East Women's Institute in Codys, NB. One of our newest members was on the organizing committee and asked your VC to give a presentation to the ladies about our League, which was very well received. The lunch afterwards was superb, too! If any of you have a club or group of friends who you think would enjoy learning more about our organization, do not hesitate to ask, and one of our executive members would be more than happy to join you for a meeting.

- Please consider attending our AGM on October 30th; your input is very important to us!