



Monarchy Matters

NEWSLETTER

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The Chairman's Message

The month of May promises to be one which will go down in the history of our Province because of the visit of Her Majesty The Queen and HRH Prince Philip to help us celebrate the Centennial of Saskatchewan. It is about seventeen and a half years since their October 1987 visit. It is conceivable that they may not be able to visit this part of Canada in the future, so we all have a wonderful opportunity to greet our sovereign with strong affection during her visit. 17-20 May will come all too fast and the royal itinerary will provide a number of opportunities to see Her Majesty. The Provincial Welcome will be on **Wednesday, 18 May** at the legislature during which the statue of The Queen on her favourite horse *Burmese* will be unveiled by her. Another event will be the official opening of the extension to Government House on the morning of Saturday, 20 May prior to the departure of the royal couple to Alberta for their centennial celebrations. Our Branch of the Monarchist League will receive further details about reserved places for the official welcome and that will be shared amongst members.

April witnessed the marriage of Prince Charles and Mrs. Camilla Parker-Bowles. Many of us would have watched the event on the TV programmes but we can wish them both happiness in the years which lie before them, conscious that some may have had misgivings. Let us keep them in our prayers that they may continue to be guided by the hand of Almighty God.

Every year the Branch celebrates the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen who was 79 on 21 April. This year's Luncheon will also celebrate the Centennial of Saskatchewan as a Province. There is a special mention of the event in this Newsletter but we are seeking to have 100 people attend in honour of the Centennial so please feel free to invite a relative or a friend to join with you. Contrary to some information circulating Her Majesty will not be at the Luncheon.

This edition of the Newsletter introduces the new masthead recently created by Pat Wagner, and we now have a branch website created by Scott Hazelwood to both of whom we express grateful thanks. In addition we have new headed notepaper and a leaflet describing the branch and its purpose. All of these initiatives are part of our vision for the future of the Branch as it now serves only the southern areas of our Province. We would enjoy having your reflections on these changes as you experience them.

On a personal note I was honoured with the presentation of the Centennial Medal by Her Honour The Lt. Governor at a recent ceremony in Regina. It was given in recognition of my role within the Monarchist League and my work with the Queen's Golden Jubilee Statue and what is known as the Saskatchewan Remembers Committee. In a wider sense it honours the whole organisation which you and I are proud members of.

As part of our membership let us continue to seek out prospective members amongst our family and friends as that will help to ensure the future of the League in this part of our province. **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**

David F. Nicholas

