



THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA LA LIGUE MONARCHISTE DU CANADA

South Saskatchewan Branch

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Chairman's Message

The end of 2004 brings us to the beginning of Saskatchewan's Centennial Year in 2005 and the many forms of celebration being planned across the Province in large and small communities. The growth of our Province from the days of the early pioneers and settlers has evolved into a part of Canada which has contributed much to our national profile through the years. Throughout our history we have been undergirded by the role of constitutional government and a deep respect for the monarchy. This will become more visible when Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip come to Saskatchewan in May 2005 to help us celebrate our Centennial Year.

Three significant events, amongst many, will mark the Centennial. First there is the new addition to historic Government House which is due to be completed by the end of December 2004. The Lt. Governor will hold her Annual Levee in the new addition on 1 January 2005. Second is the equestrian statue of The Queen seated on her favourite horse Burmese (Saskatchewan born and raised), to be unveiled by Her Majesty during her visit to Regina. Third is the creation of a special Centennial Medal to recognise the contribution of many people in the Province through the years. In each of these events members of the Monarchist League will be able to participate and show their support for the Province which we love as its citizens.

For our Branch of the Monarchist League we begin 2005 with the **Annual Meeting on Friday, 28th January** at St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina, beginning at 7.00pm. The Nominations Committee has actively solicited a new Executive and Board of Directors to guide the Branch in 2005/2006. I have indicated my willingness to continue one more year as Branch Chairman but feel that after completing 9 years it is time for someone new to take the helm. Part of my reasons for continuing for the year is the impending royal visit and the completion of the equestrian statue project.

I am pleased to say that we have developed another series of good programmes for 2005 which are featured elsewhere in this Newsletter. Also we are embarking on the creation of a new *Branch Website* which will give us a new profile in the Province and across Canada. In May we are planning for **100 people** to share the Annual Queen's Birthday/Centennial Luncheon. I hope that we will all mark Saturday 21 May with a circle on our calendars and plan to attend. Family and friends are a source of numbers, too.

As this edition of the Newsletter will appear over Christmastide and New Year I wish you all a very happy Christmas and an encouraging New Year. **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**



Branch Chairman

