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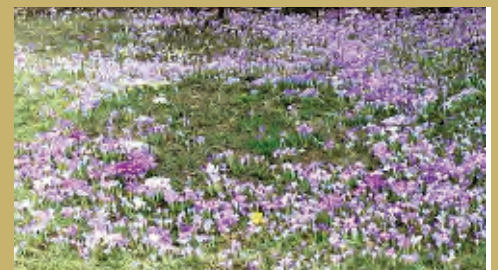
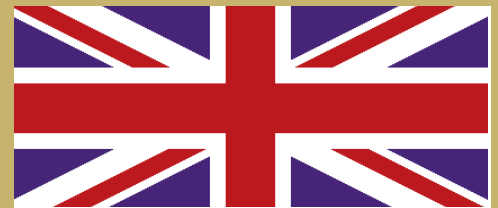
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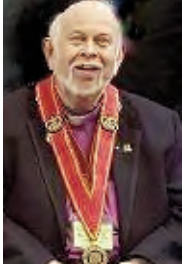
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Christmas & Seasons Greetings
for a safe and Happy 2021
to all our Orange Family
Members
The Officers & Members of
Prince Arthur
LOL 1331 Guelph



MW Sister Annie Boyle in PEI sent this to show how well the flowers are growing in her back yard.
Thank you Annie



Chaplain's Corner

Every once in a while, I receive a letter from someone who wants to send along a thought or two to me. I wanted to pass a couple of them to you.

This first one came from a Baptist minister in Mississippi where I was preaching. He reminded me....

“Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, A heart that forgives the worst - A mind that forgets the bad - And a soul that never loses faith in God”.

This second one is worthy of taking note of. I found it while I was going through old boxes of Orange lodge papers that had been laying around for years. I came across an “Application for Admission” to Duke of York LOL # 303 and on the back of it was a Statement of Purpose.

It read as follows..... *Formed by Brethren who realized that Salvation is in Christ alone through His blood and that there was a need to spread this message to the Brethren of the Institution, we are convinced of the continued need to show that the only way to heaven is not through any church, any preacher, creed or ceremony, any Institution or ritual, but simply through trusting Jesus Christ and his finished work on the cross.*

This is an important time of the year when we should be thinking about what Christ did for us all on the cross.

Let us think about what happened to Jesus when He was sent to Pilate for judgement. In the end Barabbas was released to the crowd and Jesus was scourged and delivered to be crucified. Now we see Jesus crucified

And all the mocking which happened before His death.

Luke 23:39 The Penitent Thief “and one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on Him, saying, if You be Christ save yourself and us but the other, answering rebuked Him, saying do not you

fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation?”

And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds but this Man has done nothing amiss and he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom and Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, today shall you be with Me in Paradise”.

It is important to take note that no reference is made to the fact that the Thief was going to Paradise without ever having been baptized. This is a contradiction to the fact that many have stated baptism is necessary to enter Heaven.

Something to remember..... Have you ever considered what a privilege it is to live in the era after the cross? We as believers have instant access to God through His Son Jesus Christ. We don't need to follow any religious rites before coming to Him in prayer. Wherever we are, at home, at work or even driving our car we can call on Him for forgiveness and help.

In the Old Testament, the law prescribed exactly who could approach the Lord and how it was done. When Jesus Christ died on Calvary's cross, the curtain in front of the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom as God opened a new and living way to approach Him: through the blood of His son. When we trust in Christ and His sacrifice on our behalf, He cleanses us from all sins and invites us to draw near to Him.

The way to the heavenly Father is open, but are we drawing near to Him? Even those of us who have trusted the Lord for salvation may not be taking advantage of this invitation to come even closer. In James 4:8 the author makes a promise every believer should claim: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

*MW Bro. Daniel MacDonald
Grand Chaplain of Canada*



IN MEMORIAM

RW Sister Sandra Toll

LOBA 389 OE
Oct. 10th. 2020.. 50 yrs. service
PG Auditor LOBA Ont. E.

RW Sister Dorothy Kyle

LOBA 222/305 OE
Oct. 3rd. 2020. 50yrs. service
PG Auditor LOBA Ont. E..

RW Bro./Sir Kt. Alden Fielding.

LOL 512 - RBP 135 OE
July 4th. 2020 65yrs. service.
PG Auditor GOL Ont. E
PCM Lanark County
PM LOL 512

RW BRO./Sir Kt. Stuart Irving.

LOL 1227/143 - OYB 65/ - RBP 509
May 14th. 2020. 70 yrs. service
PGL Ont. E.
PCM Rideau St. Lawrence
PDM Edwardsburg Dist.
PM LOL 1227/143
PP RBP 509.

Wor. Bro. Sir Kt. James Tripp

LOL 552 - RBP 1132/696 OE.
July 31st. 2020 54 yrs. service

Wor. Bro. Preston Harris.

LOL 917/151 OE
May 3rd. 2020. 50 yrs. service.
PM LOL 917

RW Bro. Lloyd Wylie.

LOL 1 - OYB 315/65 OE
Jan. 3rd. 2021. 70 yrs. service.
PGL Officer OE/OYB

Bro. Lawrence Harris.

LOL 47 NL
March 13th. 2021

Bro. Alexander C. MacLeod

LOL 269 OW
April 2021

Bro. John Brady

LOL 3127 - RBP 509 OE
May 17th. 2021

Wor. Bro. Gerald Tallman

PM & Hon. Member
Rideau Belle OYB 65 Groveton. OE
May 3rd. 2021 67 yrs service.
Bro. Tallman who was a strong supporter of the LOL, a successful businessman and community leader, was also Chairman of the Kemptville Hospital \$5 million expansion fundraising campaign, started the campaign with a \$500,000 donation from his family. The Kemptville Hospital named the emergency wing

The Tallman Family Emergency Department.

MW Sister Lois L. Brownlee.

LOBA 389 Osgoode OE
March 12th. 2021 72 yrs. service
PG Mistress Canada 1990 - 91
PPG Mistress OE 1975 - 76
PM LOBA 389

MW Sis & MW Bro. Brownlee

The Husband & Wife team of Eldon and Lois Brownlee had the rare distinction of being the Grand Master and Grand Mistress of the LOL and LOBA of Canada at the same time. this is the first time that this has taken place in the Orange Association in Canada

MW Bro. Eldon

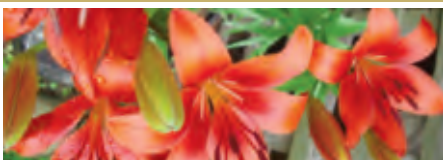
held the following offices
Loyal Orange Young Brittons.
County Master Grenville 1954
Pr. Gr. Master 1955 - 56
Gr Master LOYBA Canada 1960
Loyal Orange Association
County Master Carlton 1965
Gr Master Ont. E 1981-82
Gr. Master Canada 1987-91
Imperial Grand Master
of the World 1988-91
Royal Black Institution of BA
Honorary Deputy Gr. Master.

MW Sis. Lois

Joined Osgoode LOBA 389 14-12-49
Prov Gr. Mistress Ont E 1975-76
Gr. Mistress Canada 1990-91
Their travels took them to many places, including the Tercentenary celebrations in Belfast NI 1990.

Seen below is some of the Regalia associated with the various offices they held, which are now in the care of family members who are justifiably proud of the long and loyal commitment of their parents to the Canadian Orange Association and the Orange World

*Thanks to MW Bro Jim Pyke,
GOLC Historian for making
this article possible.*





Grand Masters Message

Our Canadian History

It is with great sorrow that we, the members of the Orange Lodge of Canada, watch the desecration and removal of monuments erected to our forefathers. The lack of support for the history of this nation from our current government is distressing. There is no doubt in our minds that the removal of the indigenous children of Canada and their forced education in residential schools was appallingly wrong

From the opening of the first school in 1876 with the creation of the Indian act followed by the amendment to the act making attendance compulsory in 1894, to the final closing of all federally funded schools in 1996, the people of Canada will have to bear the shame of permitting these institutions to exist.

All Canadians must accept their part in this travesty, for the one hundred and twenty years that these schools existed. Consecutive elected governments who enforced the removal of children from their parents and culture in an attempt to assimilate them as a people did nothing, nowhere did we hear any objections to the operation of these institutions by the citizens of Canada through those years. And although we now publicly recognize the wrongs committed over all those years, we must acknowledge that it was not just the government's decision, it was we, the people of this nation, who condoned this shameful act.

The focusing of the destruction, desecration and removal of the monuments commemorating the achievements of our forefathers is merely an attempt to change history, and to brand an individual for doing the will of the people. It

will gain nothing other than alienating our children from the history of Canada. If we are to remove monuments reflecting the achievements of previous governments of those one hundred and fifteen years then we must remove them all.

Each successive Prime Minister and his cabinet are equally guilty. Are we not to recognize the achievements of Wilfred Laurier, Mackenzie King or Lester Pearson a Nobel laureate because of their lack of action regarding the residential schools?

Sir John A. MacDonald was one of the founding fathers of confederation uniting the provinces and creating this Dominion of Canada. He was, as well, instrumental in the building of the rail lines from coast to coast along with many other numerous achievements.

The Orange Order in Canada vehemently oppose these acts of domestic terrorism carried out by individuals. We expect the local authorities to respond and criminally charge all perpetrators of these acts of desecration of our historical monuments.

Our children need to be educated in all facets of our history, so they may learn of our good achievements as well as the bad errors made by the people of this great nation. Destroying historical statues is not educating our children, it is teaching them a total lack of respect for the individuals who held or will hold public office.

We the Orange Lodge of Canada are asking the citizens of Canada to stand up and protest against these vile acts of terrorism. Give a voice to the protecting of our historical past so the people of Canada can learn

and become more understanding of this great nation. We can try to right the wrongs of our past but we must never forget and must learn from our mistakes.

*Sincerely & Fraternaly
MW Bro. Donald Wilson
Grand Master*

Celebrating 100 Years

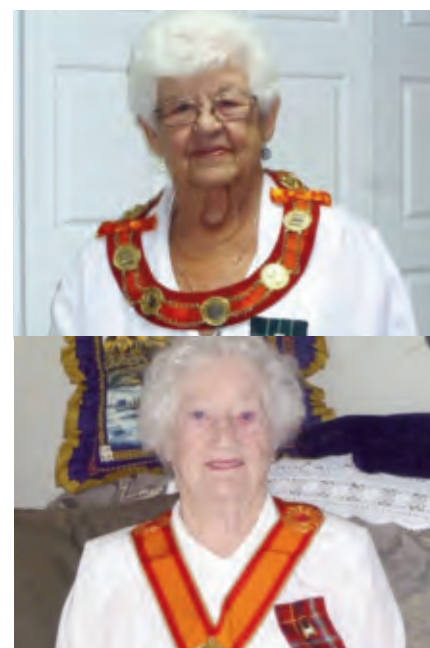


Pictured front center

Wor. Bro. William Jeffrey who is celebrating his 100th. birthday. He was born in Stratford Jan. 31st. 1921. He farmed in the Stratford area all of his life and is pictured here with his Brethren from his Lodge LOL 313 Harmony in Stratford Ont. West

**SENTINEL SAYS
CONGRATULATIONS**

50 Year Pins Presented



Shown above receiving their 50 yr. service pins are, top to bottom. RW Sis. Dorothy Morrissey GM N.B. Wor. Sis. Josie Vickers both of Boyne LOBA 858 N.B.

LOYAL TRUE BLUE & ORANGE HOME CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



Above left picture of the LTB & Orange Home taken from a Banner entitled "The Loyal True Blue & Orange Home" Circa 1923 and, on the right as it is today

Since 1921, the Loyal True Blue & Orange Home has been committed to an active partnership with students, parents, staff and community programs

The Home was originally incorporated as an orphanage, providing a home for hundreds of children over many years. In the early 1980's, the Ministry of Community and Social Services closed all orphanages and made the change to using foster homes rather than orphanages. The Board of Directors, in keeping with their dedication to children, opened a childcare centre.

Our Dedication

The Home's board of directors, keeping to their dedication to children, established a small child care centre. Today we still operate the same centre, open Monday through Friday. We are a non-profit charitable organization, known for our outstanding work and dedication to serving the needs of families. We continue to grow and expand our work to help the community and its changing needs.

Loyal True Blue & Orange Home (since 1921) Mission Statement

The Loyal True Blue & Orange Home's goal is to operate a community based children's facility that addresses the physical, social & emotional needs of all children with multiple learning levels and abilities.

We are committed to an active partnership with students, parents, staff and community programs.

We were looking forward to a big 100th year celebration in August, however covid -19 has put the celebration off until it is safe for us to get together.

We wish you, your family and Lodges all the best, stay safe and healthy.

Check out our web site and click on the link to the virtual video.

www.loyaltrueblueorangeflexiblechildcare.ca

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Grand Chaplain Ont. East

As the Provincial Grand Chaplain of Ontario East, I have had very little work to do in the past few years, so I thought I might take the time to say a few words during these troubled times. Masks and social distancing, lockdowns and shutdowns, businesses and services closing, as well as not being able to get together with family and friends has taken its toll on many of us.

While we cannot control our situation, we can control how we react to it. We must continue with our lives and our first priority is to make sure we are in good and proper shape, physically, mentally and spiritually, in order to protect and take care of ourselves and our loved ones. Always remember that the human mind is always drawn to bad news and disaster as a basic human nature instinct for survival, and the media knows how to use that fact to its advantage.

Many of us may feel anxiety, or helplessness or even depression these days and the best remedy for that is to maintain your connections with your family, your friends and your Savior. As Orangemen, you are your brothers` (and sisters) keeper, so make sure they are well and let them know if you are also.

The phone is a wonderful tool to keep in touch, and, for those with computer skills, you can enjoy a toast to Her Majesty, from the comfort of your living room, with your brothers on a zoom meeting, (but remember to wear pants).

The Orange Family has always been a benevolent organization, so let us be generous and charitable with our time and energy to help each other, beginning with our closest brothers and working our way outwards.

And don't forget our elder brethren, locked up in their expensive rooms, unable to get out. The future is beginning to look brighter with new vaccines available and warm weather approaching, but in the mean time, eat your veggies and get plenty of sunshine (vitamin D) to build up your immune system, and keep in touch with each other for mutual support

God Bless, God Save the Queen.

R.W. Bro. John Arksey



Members of Cupids Prince of Wales LOL 26 NL gather to organize their Summer fundraiser to be drawn on Labour Day 2021. For tickets contact debbienoseworthy67@gmail.com



MW Bro John Crane PGM Canada & MW Bro. Ralph Roberts PGC Canada enjoy a yarn and a coffee at the Bay Roberts NL Tim Hortons

70 Year Certificate & Pin Presentation



MW Bro Gordon Morgan center member of Hopewell LOL 50 NL is presented with his 70 yr. cert. & pin at Prince of Orange LOL 23 NL. He is currently Gr. Lect. in LOL & GBC NL - Gr. Lect. RBI in Canada noted in attendance

L - R RW Bro's B. Penny GM NL - D. Smith WM Prince of Orange LOL 23

What Is In A Name?

By: Rt. Wor. Bro. Michael Thomas. Who holds a BA in History from York University (Toronto)_

The name of orange lodges is of great importance to the order and the membership in identifying their location, or their history or their principles. A lodge might be called after King William or reference the faith. Whatever the lodge is called it conveys a message both within that lodge and without about who they are and what they believe.

A lodge name that many frequently interpret wrongly in its meaning is that of LOL No. 998 in Niagara Falls (still active). They are called "Noble Thirteen". Many have automatically associated it's name with the 1688-89 siege of Londonderry and that it is in reference to the thirteen apprentice boys who closed the gates. However, you would be very wrong. It's very much a Canadian name and references the 13 MPs who stood on their principles and voted against their parties, on March 29th, 1889 regarding Quebec's 1888 Jesuit Estates' Act.

After the last Jesuit Priest in Canada died, the Jesuits' estates and lands were taken by the British authorities in London. In 1833 these lands were turned over to the government of Lower Canada (Quebec). The Jesuit Order than re-established itself in the Dominion in 1841. In 1871, under permission given from Rome, the Jesuit Order sought to claim monetary funds from those previous lands they owned and were now in possession of the Province of Quebec. The Jesuits' attempts were opposed however by the Roman Catholic Archbishop, Elzear-Alexandre Taschereau. The Bishops, since 1834, had been attempting unsuccessfully to be given the funds for their use. The Archbishop felt the funds should be divided among the various parishes. He greatly was opposed to the Jesuits who were desirous on building a new university in Montreal. These two sides stalemated and the Premier of Quebec, Honore Mercier, sought intervention in the matter by Pope Leo XIII. The Pope acted as the arbitrator and his decision was the agreement that was passed as law unanimously in the Quebec Legislature in July 1888. The Act made the following: that, the Jesuits be given \$160,000 and relinquish any further claims; that \$140, 000 to Laval University; and that \$100, 000 be given to selected Roman Catholic parishes. Also, that \$60, 000 be designated for Protestant schools of higher education.

Upset and anger developed in Canada, especially in the Province of Ontario, over the distribution of public funds to the Jesuit Order. But also, just as upsetting, was that the Pope had intervened in the internal affairs of Canadian civil administration. This angered several MPs in the federal parliament in Ottawa. A motion was put forward against Quebec's Jesuits Estates' Act and called on the Governor General to overturn the Provincial Legislature's decision. MP William E. O'Brien's objections in his motion were:

Since public money is being given to a religious origination in conflict with the principle of separation of Church and State. All religions must be treated equally in law.

The act gave recognition to and acceptance of the interference of a foreign authority/body (in person of Pope Leo XIII) to interfere and cause direction in the domestic affairs and the conduct of the civil and administration of law in Canada. Making the law under control of the Pope.

The Jesuits reputation and how they have been thrown out of many countries over their secret and political-religious nature. How they are "intolerant and mischievous intermeddling with the function of civil government, is fraught with danger to the civil and religious liberties of the people of Canada."

The motion saw many days of debate in the Commons, having been seconded by fellow Conservative MP Dalton McCarthy. Support was not found among the Commons however the bill did see 13 MPs deny their party lines and vote together on principle defying their parties. These MPs would come to be known as the "Noble Thirteen". Their vote demonstrated the high quality of character these MPs possessed.

The Noble Thirteen were MPs John Augustus Barron (Victoria North – Ontario), John William Bell (Addington – Ontario), John Charlton (Norfolk North – Ontario), George Ralph Richardson Cockburn (Toronto Centre – Ontario), Frederick Charles Denison (Toronto West – Ontario), Peter Macdonald (Huron East – Ontario), Dalton McCarthy (Simcoe North – Ontario), Alexander McNeill (Bruce North – Ontario), William E. O'Brien (Muskoka and Parry Sound – Ontario), Julius Scriver (Huntingdon – Quebec), James Sutherland (Oxford North – Ontario), Richard Tyrwhitt (Simcoe South – Ontario), and Nathaniel Clarke Wallace (MP for York West – Ontario and would later become Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America). All in all, 9 Conservative MPs and 4 Liberal MPs,

Let us never forget these men, the **Noble Thirteen** who were true to their principles and to the cause of Equal Rights for all Special Priviledges for None



Far right, Banner of LOL 998 Niagara Falls named in honour of the "Noble Thirteen"
Coin struck in 1889 commemorating the "Noble Thirteen" whose names appear on the coin



The Royal Black Institution in Canada
 The Grand Black Chapter of British America Member of
 The Imperial Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth



Grand Masters Message

Sir Knights, Brothers and sisters across Canada:

I again bring you greetings from the Grand Black Chapter of British America.

This past year has been a challenge with Covid-19. With the virus hanging in there so far this year, it means we must continue to follow Public health guidelines. It has meant that many annual meetings were cancelled or held virtually. Many of us have travelled less to meetings if there was a meeting.

We must continue to communicate with our members. A phone call, an email, Facebook etc. are all ways of connecting with each other. Our Imperial Grand Black Chapter is encouraging us all to use the social media to its full advantage. Your Grand Black Chapter has already had a Zoom meeting with Imperial GBC and we feel it was a successful first meeting.

Let us try at our local level to have meetings by a conference call or by Zoom or other virtual means. You might be surprised by how well it goes, and it keeps our members involved without driving to a meeting hall.

Our order is based on scripture and is applied to daily living. Let us commit to promote and grow our order. Start that conversation now.

Remember: Think Positive, Communicate, Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, until we meet again.

Yours in the Bonds of Christian Knighthood

M.W. Sir Knight Edgar Carman

Grand Master Royal Black Institution in Canada

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Grand Chaplain's Corner

Sir Knights,

And the Covid-19 pandemic continues and although vaccines are available and are being administered, there does not appear to be an end in the foreseeable future. To say these are challenging times would be a gross understatement. We are being asked to do things that for many are beyond our comfort zones.

As in the past, governments have been forced to enact laws to protect its citizens. Often these laws are met with complaints and protests. On Jan 1, 1976, the government of the day said thou shall wear seatbelts, and there was much protesting and complaints throughout the land. In 2010, the government said Thou shalt not smoke in public spaces, and the smokers of the population complained and protested. To date there have been 3.34million deaths worldwide, and just under 25 thousand deaths in Canada as a result of the pandemic and in 2021 as a result of these staggering numbers the governments in an effort to protect their citizens have said thou shall follow our guidelines such as wear a mask, wash your hand frequently and restrict your interaction with others. We are being asked to limit our gathering to help reduce the spread of this virus and there is great complaining, protests and court challenges throughout the land. In a lot of cases, the loudest protests and court challenges are coming from religious groups, it seems it is more important to fill churches without regard for the health of those in attendance instead of following the government health guidelines.

While I do understand, the desire to gather is strong, now is not the time. Nowhere in the scriptures does it say that we have to gather in large numbers in a building to worship God. What the Bible does say however in Matthew 18:20, "for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" ..

...So, gather if you must, but do so in small numbers, under a beautiful tree, by a lake, river, pond or ocean, in an open field or just in your backyard or dwelling. Give thanks to God that you and those you love and cherish are alive and well and pray for those who may not be. In Matthew 7:12, Jesus said "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do on to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets". Therefore remember, it does not matter how many Sundays you sit in church. God sees what you do, what is in your heart and how you treat and respect other people. And in the end, that is all that really matters.

May God bless each and every one of you and your families. Stay safe, be careful, and hold fast, Canada. My thoughts and prayers are with you all, we are all in this together and together we will win.

Yours in the bonds of Christian Knighthood,
Donald C. Smith Grand Chaplin

Grand Registrar's Message

As COVID-19 continues its swath of desolation across our country and continues to inflict its misery throughout our organization, let us remember the good times, and let's all do our part to defeat it.

Correspondence and communication to the office of the Grand Registrar was busier in 2020 than any other year of my being in the office of the Grand Registrar. Indications are that 2021 will be just as busy. Most communication is in the form of electronic digital documents utilizing word processing tools and email.

During 2020 and 2021 our organization has on several occasions utilized virtual meetings and telecom conference calls. The use of these technologies has enabled the Grand Chapter Executive to hold Executive Meetings more frequently as needed. The technology allowed for prompter dealings with Grand Chapter business, questions from Provincial Chapters, and/or members, and the faster dissemination of information to preceptories and the general membership. All done at no cost to our Grand Chapter.

In early May 2021 your Grand Black Chapter Executive took part in a Virtual Zoom meeting with the Sovereign Imperial Grand Master and other Imperial representatives. This session was well received and acknowledged as a productive means to continue future meetings.

Over the coming months, the Grand Black Chapter Executive along with the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada Executive and the Grand Orange Lodge of the L.O.B.A. intend to start discussions on joint initiative opportunities to grow our membership.

Annual Returns

The office of the Grand Registrar is still required to produce reports and provide information to our reporting authorities. Thanks to Provincial Chapters and/or isolated preceptories who have submitted their 2020 Annual Returns for the year ending December 31st 2020. Those who have not submitted their Annual Returns then please do so.

Ralph Ford Grand Registrar



Grand Treasure's Message

The Executive Committee of The Royal Black Institution in Canada met on Thursday May 13th 2021 and approved an operating budget for 2021. The approved budget for 2021 is based on the finance report approved budget for 2018.

I am very pleased to report that we can hold the line on spending this year due to there being no sessional expenses, Grand Master's travel expense, or expense for executive meetings as we meet by telephone conference call, or by virtual meetings.

The executive also agreed that in an effort to help during the Covid-19 situation again this year, to waive 75% of Capitation Taxes for all Provincial Chapters under our jurisdiction. Hopefully this reduction will be passed on to Private Preceptories.

Clyde Crane Grand Treasurer

Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West

Provincial Grand Registrars Message

Dear Sir Knights:

The Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West held their 144th Convocation on Saturday March 27th, 2021 virtually. At the gathering MW Sir Knight Michael Thomas of Toronto was elevated to be the 75th Provincial Grand Master.

Along with MW Sir Knight Thomas, the following officers were elected and installed: Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Brian Thompson; Associate Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sam Ferguson; Provincial Grand Chaplain, Dan MacDonald; Provincial Grand Registrar, John Thomas; Provincial Grand Treasurer, David Griffin; Provincial Grand Lecturer, Jimmy Stewart; Provincial Grand Marshal, Robert Shoebottom; Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, Brian Farhall; Provincial Grand Persulvant, Art Taylor.

Fraternally

R.W. Sir Knight John Thomas – Grand Registrar Provincial Grand Black Chapter, Ont. West



Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Newfoundland & Labrador

Provincial Grand Registrars Message

Dear Sir Knights:

With Covid-19 still on our doorstep our hands are tied on activities we would ordinarily be having in our private Preceptories. 2021 Provincial Grand Sessions in May had to be cancelled once again, new members unable to complete their Degrees and members who have passed away we were unable to give them our Christian Brother & Sir Knight burial. All of these things and more have affected our organization in this pandemic but we remain hopeful that 2022 will bring back a normal we were used to.

The Executive of the Grand Black Chapter of NL have had several meetings, all by Teleconference, which certainly was a save on our expenses. Covid-19 seems to dominate all Executive meetings because of the strain we know it has brought upon our Private Preceptories. We will certainly keep all members informed of any new developments that may arise.

My wish to all is to stay safe and please God we will return to normal once more.

Fraternally Yours,

R.W. Sir Knight Malcolm Lynch – Grand Registrar Provincial Grand Black Chapter, NL

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April 9th. 2021



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
Buckingham Palace. London



Your Majesty.

I write to you with a sad and heavy heart, to express to you, and all members of the Royal family, the sincere condolences of all members of the Orange Association of Canada, on the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Phillip Duke of Edinburgh April 9th. 2021.

These heartfelt thoughts and feelings are tendered to you by the Women of the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, and the Men and youth of the Loyal Orange Association as well as the Orange Young Britons, all of Canada.

We take great heart in the accomplishments of H.R.H. Prince Phillip, and we celebrate the long and well lived life, over which Canada and the Commonwealth must be justifiably proud of.

It is also my great privilege to tender to Your Majesty, the unswerving Love and Loyalty of ALL members of our Association in Canada, which include the L.O.L. – L.O.B.A. – and O.Y.B.

We Pray for God's healing Spirit to be with you and all members of the Royal Family at this most difficult time, as we mourn and also celebrate a life which now rests in Faith and Peace.

For the Grand Master & Sovereign M.W. Bro. Donald Wilson
Executive Officers, & Members across the Dominion of Canada

I am, and remain

Your humble and Loyal servant

J.D. Chalmers. Grand Secretary
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

