

# The Sentinel



**For Unto  
Us  
A Child Is  
Born,  
A King,  
The King  
of Glory**



*He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.. He worked in a carpenter shop and was an itinerant preacher.. He never wrote a book.. He never held an office.. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness..*

*Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race.. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of those on earth as much as that*

**One Solitary Life**

### The Sentinel

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Loyal True Blue & Orange Home, we wish each and every one Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.  
**Shelly Hebert. Administrator**



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IN YOUR WILL!**

## GRAND MASTERS MESSAGE

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born King. Yes, Brothers and Sisters the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is upon us again. Let us give thanks for the year 2023 As it soon comes to completion, and we reflect on all of our family, fraternal brothers, sisters and friends who passed this year, let us keep their memory alive as they look down from heaven and smiling as we celebrate this holy season.

Since I wrote my last message the Grand Lodge of Canada executive has been very busy, with our new acting Secretary Reverend Brother Robert Short working tirelessly on several projects. Mainly the proceedings of the 2022 sessions in Fredericton NB. which I am happy to say are completed and will be posted on our website and as well, printed and distributed to every primary lodge. He continues to ask that all secretaries of all levels of the L.O.L. give him the proper mailing and email addresses. This is very important if you wish to receive the correspondence from GOLC.

I have revised the Constitution and Laws with reference to His Majesty King Charles III and the changes in the rules voted on in Fredericton last year. They will be going to print by the beginning of January and then be available. Though as with everything else the price will have to reflect the new costs of printing. R.W. Brother Mark Alexander is chairing the

committee on the ritual editing, as you will realize this is a very large undertaking, this will not happen overnight. The proclamation for the one hundred and eighty second sessions to be held in Calgary Alberta has been distributed to all provincial secretaries and you will find it printed in this edition of the Sentinel.

In my last fall message in the Sentinel, I indicated I would be laying a wreath at our national cenotaph in Ottawa. I am proud to say this was done with the help of my granddaughter, we braved the



crowds and elements to perform this duty. It was certainly worth all the effort to witness this solemn ceremony

and reflect on the brave men and women who laid down their lives for our country.

This year was especially important to me as my grandson was just finishing his basic training for the Canadian Armed Forces. He was awarded at his graduation ceremony top ranking in his group for marksmanship. I am very proud to say he is now part of the Royal Canadian Air Force. This young man is a member of the Loyal Orange Young Britain's #318 in Shawville Quebec and Loyal Orange Lodge #151 in Richmond Ontario.

As many of you are aware GOLC

is investigating the option of<sup>3</sup> divesting ourselves of the ownership of the Orange Benefit Fund (OBF). Due to the complexity of this endeavor, there has been very little for the committee struck to report back to the membership on the progress. A six-hundred-page proposal was delivered to the Department of Finance, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) to be reviewed. There is no timeline where we can expect a decision from the government, this is in the hands of the bureaucrats.

To conclude, may all my Brothers and Sisters have a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing as many as I can at the provincial sessions in 2024

*God Bless  
Fraternally Don Wilson  
Grand Master & Sovereign  
Grand Orange Lodge Canada*



**"The Advent Promise**

*And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."* Isaiah 9:6

One time I was doing some Christmas shopping and the cheerful clerk who was checking me in said something I think is so true, "It's a very busy time, but you know one of the nicest things about Christmas is the looking forward to it." a time of expectation, and the fulfilment of a wonderful promise.

Centuries ago, when the prophet Isaiah wrote these words contained in our quotation; I don't suppose he ever imagined that thousands of years later his words would be on our lips as we begin to celebrate the birthday of the One, he described so aptly.

God had promised to his chosen people, through the prophets, that he would send a Messiah when the time was ready. A tiny baby, born in a crude stable stall - God's only son. As we read the gospels, we note there were many who received him, and many who rejected him, and there are still those who do both.

We all enjoy the feasting and gift-giving at Christmas, but "Take Christ out of Christmas, and what remains is bleak and cold, no matter how much outward glitter there is surrounding the festival."

When we prepare for an event to celebrate the birthday of a loved one, we do not prepare for our own enjoyment. We take into consideration that one person and we intend to do everything we can.

Yet how many of us give any thought to the one whose birthday we will be celebrating at this holy season, when we are frantically rushing here and there to make sure everything is done to bring us

an enjoyable holiday of festivity.

Today's title is "The Advent Promise, and it refers to God's covenant with his people and his promise of a Messiah. That promise was gloriously fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. The promises He made have been claimed by many as they have taken their stand upon them and have proven they never fail.

One such person whom God used in a most wonderful way was John Bunyan. Born an ordinary person, fully committed to God, living a life that Jesus taught, filled with an unquenchable zeal to preach the good news. During this time, he spent several years in prison which in those days were horrible places. During this period of suffering, he wrote "Pilgrim's Progress." This book has followed the Bible from land to land as the singing bird follows the dawn.

Advent is a time of joyous promises, expectation, and preparation. As we go through this season, we ought to prepare our hearts to receive again the 'holy Child of Bethlehem.' There is no doubt that humanity is seeking after something to bring a greater fulfilment to life. George Buttrick, a noted theologian, wrote - "The world does not satisfy us, least of all in cash and pleasure. Cash, makes us metallic, pleasure leaves us empty, finding no meaning to it all."

If we take time from our hurrying, and stop to meditate, to renew and refresh our lives, the coming of the Christ Child will once again take on a richer, newer meaning than ever before.

It is when our hearts are receptive, that this holy guest enters. He brings to us life abundant and sets our feet on paths we never knew existed,

**THE ADVENT CANDLE  
IN YOUR HEART**

*Light a candle in your heart as comes once more Advent.  
Let it shine with radiant light Its golden glow be sent.*

*To light and warm those in distress, of whatsoever kind,  
Then the Christ Child will come to you, and you will surely find.*

*He enters, where a welcome waits, he will not force his way,  
He'll bring a singing happiness, his joy with you will stay.*

*For when the Christmas lights are dimmed, its outward tinsel gone,  
You'll find that candle in your heart will still keep shining on!*

**Ralph C. Roberts**

Past Grand Chaplain Canada



*This message of Advent is reprinted from the Christmas Sentinel of 2011*

**Merry Christmas Bro. Ralph**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Wor. Bro. Beverly Cluff**

Passed January 15th. 2023

Faithful Member of

LOL 27 QC

LOYBA 318 QC

Always & Forever



**Always Remembered  
Never Forgotten**



# Christmas Greetings



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all Canadian Brothers & Sisters  
**MW Bro. Don Wilson**  
Grand Master and Sovereign  
Grand Orange Lodge  
of Canada

Wishing you Joy and Happiness  
this Christmas Season  
**MW Bro. R. Heatherington**  
Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada.

Wishing a Blessed Christmas and a  
Happy and Safe New Year! from the  
Executive Officers & members of the  
Prov. GOL Western Canada.  
**RW Rev. Bro. Robert Short**  
Prov. Grand Master

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
**MW Bro. Adrian Cotter**  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

Wishing all a Merry & Blessed  
Christmas, and Happy New Year  
**MW Bro W. Johnston.**  
P.G.M. Canada  
Medecine Hat Alberta.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to the Orange Family in Canada  
**MW Bro. G. Budden** P.G.M. Canada

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all Sisters & Brethren  
**MW Bro. David Griffin**  
P.G.M. Canada

Christmas Blessings and may 2024  
bring good health and prosperity  
to all Brothers & Sisters  
**MW Sister Judy Barnes**  
Past Grand. Mistress of Canad

Wishing all our Brothers & Sisters  
a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New year  
The Officers & Members  
LOBA

Grand Orange Lodge of Canada  
**Linda Erwin Gr. Mistress**  
**Audry Conway DGM**  
**Brenda Lowery JDGM**  
**Myra Knight GS**  
**Ealanor Vincent GT**

Merry Christmas to all  
Orange Lodge Members & Families  
in Canada and continued success  
in the New Year  
**RW Bro. Daniel Grasse Gr. Sec.**  
P.G.O.L. New Brunswick

Wishing all members of the Orange  
family A Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year on behalf of the Officers  
and Members  
of Prince of Orange LOL 23  
Kelligrews NL  
**RW Bro Donald C. Smith W.M.**  
The Grand Orange Lodge of NL to all  
members of the Orange family, may  
the peace and joy of Christmas  
and the blessings of the season  
remain with you and yours  
in the New Year  
**Bro. Donald C. Smith G.Master**  
**Bro. Harold Dawe D.G.M.**  
**Bro. Karl Snow J.D.G.M.**  
**Bro. Clyde Crane G. Sec.**  
**Bro. Bruce Penney G. Treas.**

Wishing all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
**RW Bro. Sid Hatcher.**  
**Past GM Nova Scotia**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all members in the Orange Order  
from the Officers & Members of the  
Grand Orange Lodge of Quebec  
**RW Bro. James Allan. Gr. Master**

Merry Christmas to all  
*1 Timothy 1-15*  
**MW Sir Kt. Michael Thomas.**  
Gr. Master GBC Ont. West

Wishing all members of the  
Orange Family a  
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
on behalf of the Officers & Members  
of the P.G.O.L LOBA Ontario  
**MW Sis. Myra Knight**  
Prov. Gr. Mistress

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all members in the Orange Order  
the Officers & Members of  
No Surrender  
**Apprentice Boys of Derry**  
**Ottawa ON Branch**

Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year  
To all members of the  
Grand Orange Lodge Canada  
**The Board, Management and staff**  
Of The Orange Benefit Fund

May your heart and home be filled  
with all the joys the season brings.  
Merry Christmas  
and a wonderful New Year  
The Officers & Members of  
Prince Arthur LOL 1331 Guelph

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
to all  
The Officers & Members LOL 313  
**Wor. Bro. Ethan Cully WM**

Wishing all a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
County Lodge of Alberta  
**Wor. Bro. Ron Murphy C.M**

May you experience the light of  
laughter, the warmth of love, and the  
joy of gratitude this holiday season  
Merry Christmas Officers & Members  
John Coburn Memorial LOL 3287



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



Sir Knights, may your Christmas be filled with joy & happiness this season.

Merry Christmas from our house to yours

*On behalf of myself and all Sir Knights across Canada, I would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year for 2024*

**MW Sir Knight Bruce Penney**

Grand Master Royal Black Institution in Canada  
Tel. 1-709-579-8261 - Email <bruce.penney@hotmail.com

**From the Office of the Grand Registrar**



**Sir Knights**

The 2023 Christmas season is upon us and the New Year is fast approaching. As we reflect back on 2023 and all the struggles and challenges it brought, let us remember that while it may be difficult to accept and understand, the Lord works in Mysterious ways and that we need to believe in him and continue his path forward.

As we each celebrate the joys associated with Christmas, let us not forget that Christmas is the time of year to recognize the birth of Christ, the assembly of families and friends to celebrate Love, Hope, and Joyfulness. Christmas is the time to reach out giving love to all.

On behalf of the Executive of the Grand Black Chapter, its officers and all Royal Black Sir Knights in Canada, we would like to wish all; a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed Healthy, Happy, and Prosperous New Year. May you feel God's presence in the candles, that softly spread their glow at Christmas, and may you experience the wonder of His abiding love, as he guides you, through each day of the coming year.

**M.W. Sir Knight Ralph Ford - Grand Registrar**

M.W. Sir Kt. Bruce Penney Grand master - M.W. Sir Kt. Edgar Carman Imm. Past Grand master  
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**2024 SESSIONS PROCLAMATION ROYAL BLACK INSTITUTION**



Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel 2620 - 32 Ave NE Calgary AB T1Y 6B8  
Rooms \$139 + HST per night. Held under Group ID (ORANGE LODGE)  
arr. June 9th. dep. June 13th.



Cut off for this price is Thursday May 16th. 2024

**Those wishing to arrive sooner, or depart later will receive the same quoted room rate**

**TEL. 1-403-291-0107 - 1-888-861-8331**

Sessions will open 9am Monday June 10th. Continuing at 9am Tuesday June 11th. 2024

**Registration available Sunday June 9th. Monday 10th. Tuesday 11th. Prior to Chapter opening Reg. Fee \$20.00**

**VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE**

See rule 11 subject to other provisions and by Rules 16 & 20

Those having the Red Cross Degree and proper requisite are invited to attend.

All Petitions & Appeals, Notices of Motion, Applications for Hon. Dep. GM, Hon. Memb. etc. must be on official letterhead, and separate letters for each where applicable should be addressed under seal, to the Grand Registrar no later than May 31st. 2024 (Note), forms for Hon. Dep. GM's are sent to Prov. Grand Registrars.

Grand Chapter Officers must wear appropriate Dress; others should adhere to the Dress code.

Grand Chapter Officers who find it impossible to attend the sessions, are requested to send their Officers Regalia to the Grand Registrar no later than March 31st. 2024, or, with the permission of the Grand Registrar, send it with a responsible Sir Knight to the sessions

**PLEASE ADHERE STRICTLY TO THIS REQUEST**

A ceremonial rehearsal for the Grand Chapter will take place Sunday evening or Monday morning prior to opening.

**Bruce Penney Grand Master**

**Ralph Ford Grand Registrar**

**GRAND ORANGE LODGE CANADA 2024 SESSIONS PROCLAMATION**

**Sessions will take place JUNE 9th. -13th. at**

Sheraton Cavalier Calgary Hotel 2620 - 32 Ave NE Calgary AB T1Y 6B8

Rooms \$139 + HST per night. Held under Group ID (ORANGE LODGE) arr. June 9th. dep. June 13th.

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Divine Service of Praise will take place in the Hotel Sunday June 9th. at 7.30pm, Regalia to be worn

Banquety will be held in the Hotel Tuesday June 11th. 6.30pm social time & cash bar, Dinner 700pm.

**Sessions will open with due ceremony Wed. June 12th. 9 - 1, continuing Thurs. June 13th. 9 - 5 2024**

**LOL Pre-registration available at 2024 Provincial meetings, and prior to Sessions opening Reg. Fee is \$20.00**

All members of the Grand Lodge shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree and be in good standing in a Primary Lodge.

**PROPER CREDENTIALS**

Brethren who intend to register as Proxies, Special Delegates, or others as referred to in Rule #6 must have the proper credentials and or letters signed and with the Seal of the lodge being represented, Failure to comply will disqualify the Delegate from voting in this capacity.

**ENTITLED TO VOTE**

Please refer to rule #6 Const. & Laws as to who is entitled to vote.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Members of the following Boards or Committees will be advised as to the following meetings.

Grand Lodge Executive - Constitution & Laws - Ritual Editing - Canadian Council



**Don Wilson Grand Master & Sovereign**

**Rev. Robert Short Grand Secretary for Sessions**

**LADIES ORANGE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION**

**M.W. GRAND LODGE CANADA 2024 SESSIONS PROCLAMATION**

**Will take place June 3rd. - 6th. 2024**

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Additional person \$35.26 per night

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Reservations are under Ladies Orange Benevolent Association.

Reservations to be made directly with Cartier Place Suits Hotel no later than April 15th. 2024

Payment by valid credit card only

Upon arrival at the Hotel, proceed to check-in before parking so you can pick up the pass for parking

**REGISTRATION**

Registration will be on Monday June 3rd. 2024 7.00pm followed by Social in the Penthouse Suite.

**SESSIONS WILL CONVENE**

Tuesday June 4th. at 9.00am. continuing Wednesday June 5th. at 9.00am.



**MW Sister Linda Erwin Grand Mistress**

**MW Sister Myra Knight Grand Secretary**

In the previous issue of the Sentinel, a celebration by the Loyal True Blue & Orange Home of 100 years of service to the Richmond Hill Ont. community was included. In the next few issues we will be serializing a concise history of the Home. This history was compiled by Nicole Mair, a university student studying history and the research of that subject, and retained by the Home for the Summer of 2023

## The Loyal True Blue and Orange Home

### Why start an Orphanage?

The history of the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home starts in the late 1880s, nearly thirty-five years before the official opening of the building as it stands today. Back then Canadian orphanages were a predominately Roman Catholic institution. In 1889, the Loyal True-Blue Association began to express concerns that the many protestant orphans of Ontario were being raised in these Catholic institutions and thus were not receiving an appropriate education. Under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Hilton, a noteworthy member of the Lady Verner True Blue Lodge in Toronto, an Orphanage Board was formed in 1890 in order to deal with the welfare of these Protestant orphans. In one such noted case of 1891,



Mrs. Hilton discovered a boy of Protestant parentage being brought up at the Sunnyside Roman Catholic Orphanage. Once the news was out, Mrs. Hilton and the other members of the Loyal True-Blue Association worked to relocate the Protestant boy, and a number of other Protestant children, from the Catholic home and into a more appropriate Protestant-run institution. It was this concern for the welfare of Protestant orphans in Ontario that eventually led the Loyal True-Blue Association to pursue the idea of building and operating their very own orphanage. The purpose of the orphanage was to provide these orphaned Protestant children with a Christian upbringing that resembled a normal family life as closely as possible. In 1898, a site was finally located in Picton, Ontario and purchased for \$4,500, and the existing building converted to an orphanage. It officially opened on August 23, 1899, and the first seventeen children were admitted.

### A Series of Special Meetings:

It soon became clear that Picton orphanage building for one reason or another was no longer an adequate space as it currently stood. While it is unclear the exact reason, it was likely due a matter of overcrowding. It



Picnic Day at the Picton Home

has been suggested that there was influx of children in need of homes due to the close of the First World War as well as a severe flu epidemic. On February 28th, 1918, Mr. G.F. Price, a member of the Orphanage Board, presented a plan for a proposed extension of the Picton Home, the probable cost of which would be approximately \$18,000. Unfortunately, it was later determined this expense estimation was a little bit short of the mark. The cost of adding an addition to the old Picton Orphanage to accommodate the increasing need for space was extremely high. It was estimated later on in 1918 that it would cost \$21,090 to merely convert the attic into an

additional living space. Furthermore, a small extension or renovated space was only a short-term solution to a potentially long-term problem. If the money was spent on the Picton orphanage, the building would eventually need to be completely replaced at the cost of another \$80,000. The building was old, having already existed some years prior to the Loyal True Blue Association's appropriation of it. On April 30, 1918 a special meeting of the board of directors for the Orphanage was called at the County Orange Hall in Toronto. It was at this meeting that the idea of a new building for the orphanage was proposed. It was also at this meeting that it was decided that the new home would "be known as the Loyal True Blue and Orange Home in memory of the brethren who gave their lives for King and Country".....**to be continued in the Spring issue**



### Remembering The Fallen



MW Bro. G. Budden, President of Provincial Command of the Royal Canadian Legion of Newfoundland and Labrador, laying a wreath at Gallipoli Turkey, in memory of those Newfoundlanders who paid the Supreme sacrifice in World War 1. With the cooperation of the Canadian government, the Newfoundland and Labrador Government, and The Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Royal Canadian Legion, we have established a Caribou Monument to honor those Newfoundlanders who fell in that foreign land during World War 1. We also have monuments in France , Belgium, and now Turkey. This is the last of five monuments erected to honour Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who gave their lives in service to their sovereign and country, the other caribou monuments being located in France and Belgium.

*They shall grow not old  
as we that are left grow old,  
Age shall not weary them  
nor the years condemn,  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning.  
We will Remember Them.  
We Will Remember Them.*



MW Bro. Don Wilson Grand Master of Canada, laid a wreath at the National Cenotaph in Ottawa Nov. 11th in memory of all members who gave their lives for our freedoms



Remembrance Day was observed at Toronto's cenotaph in front of the Old City Hall. One of the wreaths being laid was on behalf of Thiepval Memorial LOL No. 1916 (a lodge of limited purpose under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland) by Rt. Wor. Bro. Michael Thomas. Thiepval Memorial LOL No. 1916 was established in 1996 as a limited purpose lodge under the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. The lodge is dedicated to preserving the memory of fallen brethren worldwide in World Wars and other conflicts.

The service concluded with the Royal Anthem, God save the King and the march off of the parade.

### HERO FIREFIGHTER

On behalf of our officers and members and the officers of the GOL-NL, I would like to give a big shoutout and extend congratulations to Bro. & SK Henry Norman Jerrett of Cavendish, Trinity Bay, who on August 24, 2023 will receive the Order of St. John at a ceremony at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. Johns at 2:00 pm in recognition of his effort on July 13, 2021 when he put his training as a volunteer firefighter to great use and saved an elderly lady who was choking in a restaurant by performing the Heimlich manoeuvre. Again, congratulations and best wishes, Bro. Henry on this well-deserved recognition. You are a credit to the volunteer firefighters everywhere and as well a long-time member of the orange order. Great. Job. I salute you. It is also to be noted that he is the son of RW.Bro. Gavin Jerrett, (Deceased) Past GM of the GOL-NL  
**RW DON SMITH G.M. GOL NL/LAB**



**NEW LODGE OPENS IN SK. July 2023  
Diefenbaker Memorial L.O.L. 1748**



Last weekend members of the Loyal Orange Association met in Saskatoon to open a new lodge. Diefenbaker Memorial Loyal Orange Lodge #1748 was opened for the first time with 20 members in attendance. This lodge will meet in Prince Albert. John Wojcik, the Worshipful Master of the new lodge explained that planning began over the last year because there were several individuals interested. "There's a couple of members that live in the surrounding communities, but didn't have a lodge locally. They have their memberships in other provinces. So, working together we kind of came together," he said. Wojcik explained that there are members from the Lloydminster area and a Cree member from La Ronge recently joined. This member is thought to be the first Indigenous member in recent memory. Along with Wojcik there is another member from Prince Albert. All of these members came together to open the lodge for Prince Albert. They hope the Prince Albert Lodge will be a feeder point to reinvigorate the Orange Lodge in the area. "With the local connection to Prince Albert, we thought it fitting to honour the memory of Bro. Diefenbaker by naming the lodge after him and doing justice to a great man and great prime minister," Wojcik said.



**Diefenbaker Mem. LOL 1748 election.**  
l - r K. Fuchs. DM - H. MacKenzie. Mar.  
B. Naismith.-J. Wojcik. WM - J. Fairman. Lec  
K. Carpendale. Chap. *not pictured*  
B. Galloway Tr. - N Clayton. Rec. Sec..



**Diefenbaker Memorial LOL 1748 Events**

Above & right - wreath laying at the gravesite of The Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker Past Prime Minister of Canada and Member of the Loyal Orange Association.  
Right center - Church Parade July 9th. 2023

**SENTINEL SAYS**

**"This Lodge means Business"**



### NEWDALE LOL 1533 MB INITIATES NEW MEMBERS



The lodge at Newdale, Manitoba (LOL 1533) continues to grow and advance. Two new members were initiated over the two days of September 22nd and 23rd at their hall in rural southern Manitoba. On Friday September 22nd the lodge, with assistance by MW Bro. Rick Hetherington and Rt. Wor. Bro. Michael Thomas, brought into membership Bro. Dwayne Blackbird. Bro. Blackbird is currently the Chief of Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation. Taking part as well included Rt. Wor. Bro. Billy Nysmith (Grand Treasurer of Western Canada) of Airdrie, Alberta and RW Bro. Jim Fairman (Past Gr. Master of Saskatchewan)

### 50 Year Presentation



RW Bro. Jim Fairman is presented with his 50 yr. pin by the Gr. Master & Sovereign MW Bro. Don Wilson

### NEWDALE LOL 1533 CONFERS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP



At the meeting the brethren of Newdale LOL 1533 bestowed honorary member on MW Bro. Rick Heatherington and Rt. Wor. Bro. Michael Thomas for their assistance and help over the past year.

### GOLDEN WEST LOL 2311 WINNIPEG MB



Winnipeg's Golden West LOL No. 2311 opened September 23rd in Newdale, Manitoba. The oldest lodge in Manitoba (founded in 1912) held their election and installation of officers. Conducted by MW Bro. Rick Hetherington (DGM of Canada) a new skate of officers has taken charge. These new officers are enthused to revitalize the lodge and Orangeism in the Winnipeg/Portage la Prairie area of Manitoba.

The new officers are:

- WM: Wor. Bro. Nigel Kerr DM: Chap: MW Bro. Terry McCurry
- Sec: Rt. Wor. Bro. James Gorman Tres: Bro. Aaron Canning
- Mar: MW Bro. Sean Allen Lec: Wor. Bro. Jack Cox
- Deputy Lec: Wor. Bro. Scott McCurry
- Tyler: Rt. Wor. Bro. Jeff Suski



**ORANGE LODGE BOOTH AT METCALFE FAIR**



Lodges in Ont. East arranged for an Orange Booth to be on display at the annual Metcalfe fair early in Oct. 2022. It was an indoor booth, with a pop-up tent. We have a display on the back table, with pictures, Banners and other display items on the side tables, people have an opportunity to come into the booth to look at items, mostly historical. This allows us to talk to people. Instead of them just walking by. We handed out a picture of King William at the Boyne, with a brief description of the Battle of the Boyne, for kids to colour and send back in, with a chance to win a cash prize. That went over really well. We feel the display was a success, and had one application to join filled out and we made several very good contacts with other potential members. Thank You to Ryan Campbell, Dylan Oberlander, John Arksey for their help  
*submitted by RW Bro. Mark Alexander*

**EDWARDSBURG UNION LOL 143 HOSTS "BROTHERHOOD MEETING"**



On Oct. 15th. Brethren from lodges in Eastern Ont. gathered for a Brotherhood meeting. Among those in attendance were members of LOL 143 and LOL 46. This was a great success, and are planning to repeat this in the future and was enjoyed by all in attendance and was followed by fellowship and refreshments.

**CENTREVILLE LOL 756 HOSTS UNITED EMPIRE DEDICATIONS**

Pictures of the United Empire Loyalist Association dedication day held at Centreville, Ontario. They dedicated 3 grave sites in the Centreville United Church Cemetery and the Milligan Cemetery next door. Both cemeteries are just east of the Centreville Orange Lodge. The cannon was fired 3 times in memory of the three War of 1812 Veterans being dedicated. After the cemetery ceremonies, a reception and open house at the Centreville Orange Hall, hosted by the members of LOL 756.



### CENTREVILLE LOL HOSTS R.B.P. Ont. EAST SERVICE



We have a new member this year at Centreville Orange Lodge. He was initiated on July 26. He is a second-year officer cadet at Royal Military College in Kingston. We had a Divine Service on Reformation Sunday and he piped in our group of 15 members representing the Royal Black Knights, the Orangemen and Ladies Orange into St. John's Presbyterian Church, Middle Road, Kingston. The Service was organized by the R.B.P of Ont. East.

### MORRISBURG lol 3127 PRESENTS VOLUNTEER AWARDS

We held our Annual Volunteer Awards ceremony on Saturday, at St. James Anglican Church to honour the many volunteers who share their precious time to help others. We place a Remembrance Day ad and wreath annually and also give out two, \$250.00 bursaries to the Seaway Valley High School every year to help students' costs. The people in the photo are from left to right, W.Master. Yves Brisboise, who presented the certificates W.Bro. John Arksey, who introduced the recipients, who are L - R Jim Fourney, a baker who has given 42 years - , Bob Blackadder, a retired teacher who has given 49 years, both coaching High School students basketball. Brenda Bradley - Ella Helene Thompson long time volunteers in various fields of service - W.Brother Percy Markel, a long time member who introduced the ladies.



### Members and friends gathered at the Greely Legion Hall to in July for the Glorious 12th.

A luncheon and Divine Church Service conducted by Rev George Wallingford with Irish music after by Robin Averil. Thank-you to the organizing committee of Brothers Clint Haggard, Devin Snyder and James Hawkes of LOL 126



## SMITHS FALLS LODGES DONATE \$2000



At the annual dinner meeting in Nov. 2023 of LOL 88, OYB 120, and LOBA Star of the East all of Smiths Falls Ont. E. there were several donations given out to the following recipients

Perth Smiths Falls Hospital Foundation received \$1000 from LOL 88 and \$500 from LOBA 584 to

help with the \$6.1 million fund raising drive towards a new MRI machine. Margot Hallam chair of the Foundation informed that the first patient would be seen in Nov, 2023.. Westminster Presbyterian Church received two donations of \$100 from LOL 88 and OYB 120. RW Bro. Calvin Yeo Grand Master of the G.O.L. Ont. East, received a \$100 donation towards his charitable project, the Testicular Cancer Society.. A bursary of \$200 was given to a recent S.F.D.C.I. graduate to help further her education in Veterinary studies.

A challenge was issued to all other Fraternal organizations to match or beat the donation to the Perth and Smiths Falls Hospital Foundation MRI fund..

Top L - R RW Bro. C. Yeo Pr.G.M.- Margot Hallam Perth Smiths Falls Hosp. Sis. E. White WM LOBA 584 - Bro. W. Bradley LOL 88



Top & bottom. MRI presentations  
Left. Presentation to Bro. C. Yeo.  
Center. Present. to Westminster  
Presbyterian Church.  
A total of \$2000 was donated by the  
LOL and LOBA of Smiths Falls.

**SENTINEL SAYS**  
**Amazing Benevolence !**  
**"CONGRATULATIONS"**



## LOL 432 ALLENDALE SUPPORTS A.E.D. PRESENTATION BY Bro. G. CHANDLER W.M.



Wor. Bro. Gary Chandler Master of Allendale LOL 432 presents an "AED" (Automated External Defibrillator) to Sarah Lynne Maloney of "Malones" pub & restaurant in Barrie Ont. Bro. Chaldler who is fully trained in their use, has donated a number of "AED's" to groups in the surrounding area. L - R B. Robinson - D. Lameers - J. Mowforth - J. Bell LOL 432 Sec. - C. Dicks - A. Lang - M. Carlisle Simcoe C. M. D. Scanlan D. Master LOL 432.

Opposite Top Alex Nutall Mayor of Barrie, and Doug Shipley MP for Oro Medonte present Bro. Chandler with certificates of appreciation for his ongoing donations of these machines which can save lives when needed

**SENTINEL SAYS. ANOTHER AMAZING ACT OF KINDNESS**

**PRINCE OF WALES LOL 26 CUPIDS NL  
DONATES AND CELEBRATES**

**\$10,000 DONATED BY LOL 26  
SENTINEL SAYS "CONGRATULATIONS"**



**I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM  
AS HE WENT OUT OF  
SIGHT,  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
AND TO ALL A  
GOODNIGHT."**

Prince Of Wales LOL 26 Cupids NL held their annual charity night on October 19th, 2023. Above 2nd. on right Bro. P. Noseworthy WM LOL 26 and 2nd. on left J. Gosse Wor. Precep. RBP 923 made the following presentations.

Above. to the King Family for Ronald McDonald Hous.

Above left. To Howard Smith for Mazol Temple Shriners Burn Unit.

Left. To Prov. Gr. Master Donald Smith for Daffodil Place



On Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, Prince of Wales LOL no. 26, Cupids, NL, held it's Christmas dinner with spouses. Event was held in the Lodge room which was decked out for a beautiful dinner by candle light.

Bro. Roy Dawe brought greetings on behalf of Provincial GM Bro. Don Smith, Past Prov. GM Bro Ralph Roberts and on behalf of M. W. GM and Sovereign Bro Don Wilson.

Wor Preceptor Sir KT Jeff Gosse and Wor Master Bro Paul Noseworthy extended thank you to all members for their work during the year and past master Bro. Harold Akerman reported on the successes of Bay Wheels 2023 Car Show and the plans already made for the coming new year. Christine Osmond, wife of Dep. Master Bro. Craig Osmond, spoke on behalf of all our spouses and extended sincere thanks from all the ladies.

## WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

Amidst the hustle and bustle of today's frantic world, it is unfortunate that the spiritual sanctity of Christmas tends to get lost in the commercial aspects of the season. Indeed, it is difficult to ignore the commercialism, when so much effort is geared towards the marketing and associated festivities, by those who see Christmas as nothing more than an opportunity to increase their profit margin.

### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

It must also be said that the commercial and festive aspects of Christmas have a positive effect, jobs are created that help drive our economy, people are also brought closer to their families and friends.

We also see the benevolence of some parts of our society, as they try to help those in need, the hungry, the homeless, and the helpless, to whom the spirit of Christmas has a completely different meaning

### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

As members of the Loyal Orange Association our Faith teaches us that Christmas is one of the most important events in the Christian calendar. It heralds a new beginning, a time for reflection, a time perhaps to re-examine the direction our lives and our Lodges are taking, a time to pause and consider what the birth of Jesus means to us, to our Faith and our Lodges

### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

The Christmas message has an important meaning for us in today's world. Indeed as the years have come and gone it seems that the message is being heard by many different peoples.

That message for those that hear it still has the power to make a pause in war, to create peace, and to bring out the benevolence that is apparent at this time of year

### WHAT DOES CHRISTMAS MEAN TO YOU ?

As a Christian people living in a world some 2000 years removed from that first Christmas, it is important that we continue to listen to the basic truths, which are contained in the powerful messages of Christmas and Easter. We must try to maintain the elements of our Faith and trust in them

What Christmas means to you as a member of our Association, or as an individual is for you to consider and decide. Our prayer is that the meaning of what took place in that stable in Bethlehem will forever touch our lives, and remain with us.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY SAFE NEW YEAR  
FROM THE SENTINEL**

*John Chalmers*

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