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THE KING OF CANADA

LE ROI DU CANADA



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CANADA'S PLANS FOR NATIONWIDE CELEBRATION OF THE NEW REIGN & CORONATION



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It might be filled “in due time” – see below.*

At press time, we know very little about the Government of Canada's plans for the Coronation! The infuriating rubric of celebrations being announced “in due time” suggests bungled priorities, in that the greatest way to build enthusiasm, throughout 2023 to be sure, is to direct folks' first thoughts to the lead-up to and excitement of the Coronation, tease programs that may indeed be commenced after the great date and make sure CH does what it is best at: distributes pins and booklets and all manner of cheerful yet educative materials to a thirsty public.

HERE'S WHAT WE DO KNOW

✓ ? Canada Post will be issuing a definitive first-class stamp bearing The King's image.

? There will be a promised OFFICIAL PORTRAIT OF THE KING? But when? For several years, the League has been distributing that of our late Queen, which we continue to do. Many purchasers express their frustration that there is no way to hang the equivalent for Charles III, probably wearing Canadian Decorations on the uniform of one of his Canadian Regiments. Why the delay?

HERE'S WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

Whether... or when... or why?

? Reports abound that elements within the PMO and Canadian Heraldic Authority, whether of its own volition or by government encouragement we are unsure, may be preparing for THE ROYAL CROWN BE REMOVED AS THE SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY IN CANADA (it appears



*Royal Canadian Mint
la Monnaie royale canadienne*

on everything passports and CF uniforms to various Honours and much more, often also including the Royal Cypher) and replaced by a Maple Leaf, a feather or some other symbol. What makes those responsible consider for one second that His Majesty would acquiesce to such an unnecessary and clearly republican diminution of the presence of the Crown with its instant and accurate identification of our polity which needs no “interpretation”?

? IS THE FORMULA BELOW, or something like it, to be legislated in a new *Royal Style & Titles Act* as a government Bill? When? Why has there been no public discussion? There is room for change beyond the name of our new Monarch, we agree – but any significant variances from the present formula should be based a broad consensus:

***CHARLES III, of Canada and
His other Realms & Territories,
King, Head of the Commonwealth,
Defender of Faith.***

? Will the Royal Canadian Mint shortly produce coins bearing The King's effigy? The mourning \$2 coin, together with the current new coins and a variety of collectors' coins as a tribute to The Queen are to be praised; but they are not a substitute for the unbroken practice of Canadian coins bearing the image of our Sovereign Head of the Nation.

? Will the Bank of Canada ensure that The King's image appears on a bank note, as should our Late Queen's? It is apparent that each bank note contains six places where such images might be placed; and there are five such banknotes = 30 opportunities, for which, one might think, our Monarchical identity and history could occupy at least TWO. 2/30, our never-failing calculator informs us, is 6.7% of the available areas...leaving plenty of room for other Canadians to be celebrated, be they space explorers, Indigenous women leaders, former Prime Ministers or artistic giants.

? Are the Heralds designing and CH preparing to distribute a Canadian Coronation symbol which will allow for a variety of uses such as the wildly popular Platinum Jubilee pins? And a Coronation Medal in the Canadian tradition, so that loyal provinces need not again step up to do what the feds refused for the Platinum Jubilee?

? Will CH stand up a program as it has done for Jubilees to provide modest funding for communities and groups to celebrate the Coronation?

? When will The King's Canadian Flag be approved and revealed?

? Why have the DETAILS OF CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE CORONATION, and perhaps even more important, A VIGOROUS



Royal Canadian Mint: Mourning coin for Elizabeth II needs to be complemented by current coinage depicting The King. Hommage à la reine Elizabeth II doit être complétée par la pièce actuelle représentant le Roi.

PROGRAM OF STATE CELEBRATIONS ACROSS CANADA, not yet been announced, let alone public input sought?

? Will the LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS be invited to attend, as they were in 1953 - they who so loyally represent the Monarch on a day-to-day basis?

? Will a NATIONAL HOLIDAY be proclaimed for Coronation Day (a Saturday, thus crying out for "a day of service" inspired by the Coronation itself which takes place early in the morning for Canadians)?

? Will VICTORIA DAY continue to be The Monarch's Official Birthday in Canada? And might FEBRUARY 6 be created as a NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE and called ELIZABETH DAY? If not, why not?



*Canadian Coronation Medal 1953
Médaille canadienne du couronnement 1953*

LES PLANS DU CANADA POUR LA CÉLÉBRATION NATIONALE DU NOUVEAU RÈGNE ET DU COURONNEMENT

À l'heure où nous mettons sous presse, nous savons très peu de choses sur les projets du gouvernement du Canada pour le couronnement ! La rubrique exaspérante des célébrations annoncées "en temps opportun" suggère des priorités mal définies, en ce sens que la meilleure façon de susciter l'enthousiasme, tout au long de l'année 2023, c'est de diriger les premières pensées des gens vers la période précédant le couronnement et l'excitation qu'il suscite, de faire allusion aux programmes qui pourraient effectivement être lancés après la grande date et de s'assurer que le CH fait ce qu'il sait faire de mieux : distribuer des épinglettes, des brochures et toutes sortes de documents joyeux et éducatifs à un public assoiffé d'apprendre.

VOICI CE QUE NOUS SAVONS

✓ ? Postes Canada émettra un timbre définitif de première classe à l'effigie du roi.

? Quand le gouvernement publiera-t-il le PORTRAIT OFFICIEL DU ROI qu'il a promis ? Depuis plusieurs années, la Ligue distribue celui de notre défunte Reine, et nous continuons à le faire. De nombreux acheteurs expri-



*Les Canadiens dans le cortège du couronnement 1953
Canadians marching in Coronation procession 1953*

ment leur frustration devant l'impossibilité d'accrocher l'équivalent de Charles III, portant probablement des décorations canadiennes sur l'uniforme de l'un de ses régiments canadiens. Pourquoi ce retard ?

VOICI CE QUE NOUS NE SAVONS PAS

Si... ou quand...
ou pourquoi ?

? Des rapports abondent selon lesquels des éléments au sein du cabinet du premier ministre et de l'Autorité héraldique du Canada, à l'instigation de laquelle nous ne sommes pas sûrs, préparent que LA COURONNE ROYALE SOIT ENLEVÉE EN TANT QUE SYMBOLE D'AUTORITÉ AU CANADA (elle figure sur tous les passeports, les uniformes des FC, les distinctions honorifiques et bien d'autres choses encore, y compris souvent le chiffre royal) et remplacée par une feuille d'érable, une plume ou un autre symbole. Qu'est-ce qui pousse les responsables à penser une seconde que Sa Majesté accepterait une diminution aussi inutile et clairement républicaine de la présence de la Couronne, qui identifie instantanément et précisément notre régime politique et qui n'a pas besoin d'être "interprétée" ?

? LA FORMULE CI-DESSOUS, ou quelque chose d'approchant, doit-elle être inscrite dans une nouvelle loi sur le style et les titres royaux sous la forme d'un projet de loi gouvernemental ? Quand ? Pourquoi n'y a-t-il pas eu de débat public ? Nous sommes d'accord pour dire qu'il est possible de changer autre chose que le nom de notre nouveau monarque, mais tout écart significatif par rapport à la formule actuelle devrait être fondé sur un large consensus :

**CHARLES III, du Canada et de ses autres royaumes et territoires,
Roi, Chef du Commonwealth,
Défenseur de la Foi.**



*Service d'action de grâces du jour du couronnement sur la Colline du Parlement
1953 Coronation Day Thanksgiving Service on Parliament Hill*

? La Monnaie royale canadienne produira-t-elle bientôt des pièces à l'effigie du roi ? La pièce de 2 \$ en signe de deuil, les nouvelles pièces actuelles et diverses pièces de collection en hommage à la Reine sont dignes d'éloges, mais elles ne remplacent pas la pratique ininterrompue des pièces canadiennes à l'effigie de notre souverain chef de la nation.

? La Banque du Canada veillera-t-elle à ce que l'image du Roi apparaisse sur un billet de banque, comme devrait le faire celle de notre défunte Reine ? À l'évidence, chaque billet de banque contient six endroits où de telles images pourraient être placées ; et il y a cinq billets de banque de ce type = 30 occasions, pour lesquelles, on pourrait penser que notre identité et notre histoire monarchiques pourraient en occuper au moins DEUX. Notre calculatrice infallible nous informe que 2/30 représentent 6,7 % des emplacements disponibles... ce qui laisse beaucoup de place pour célébrer d'autres Canadiens, qu'il s'agisse d'explorateurs de l'espace, de femmes leaders autochtones, d'anciens Premiers ministres ou de géants du monde artistique.

? Les hérauts sont-ils en train de concevoir et de préparer la distribution d'un symbole du couronnement canadien qui permettra une variété d'utilisations telles que les épinglettes du jubilé de platine très populaires ? Et une médaille du couronnement dans la tradition canadienne, afin que les provinces loyales n'aient pas à nouveau à entreprendre ce que les autorités fédérales refusent.

? La PC mettra-t-elle sur pied un programme, comme elle l'a fait pour les Jubilés, afin d'offrir un financement modeste aux communautés et aux groupes qui célèbrent le couronnement ?

? Quand le drapeau canadien du Roi sera-t-il approuvé et dévoilé ?

? Pourquoi les DÉTAILS DE

LA PARTICIPATION CANADIENNE AU COURONNEMENT et, ce qui est peut-être encore plus important, un PROGRAMME VIGOUREUX DE CÉLÉBRATIONS D'ÉTAT À TRAVERS LE CANADA, n'ont-ils pas encore été annoncés, et pourquoi le public n'a-t-il pas été invité à donner son avis ?

? Les LIEUTENANTS GOUVERNEURS seront-ils invités à participer, comme ils l'étaient en 1953 - eux qui, représentent si clairement le monarque au quotidien ?

? Une JOURNÉE NATIONALE sera-t-elle proclamée pour le jour du couronnement (un samedi, ce qui justifie une "journée de service" inspirée par le couronnement lui-même, qui a lieu tôt le matin pour les Canadiens) ?

? Le VICTORIA DAY continuera-t-il à être l'anniversaire officiel du monarque au Canada ? Le 6 février pourrait-il devenir une JOURNÉE DE SERVICE NATIONALE et être appelé JOURNÉE D'ÉLIZABETH ? Si ce n'est pas le cas, pourquoi ?

SIGN ON THE LINE... BECOME A CANADIAN CITIZEN

Proposal Trivializes Canadian Allegiance & Citizenship

We are all resigned to signing lengthy small-type documents when, say, applying for a credit card or a loan whose basic terms have been explained to us by a bank officer, perhaps scrawling our signature on a cheque (yes, the cheque is still out there!) or possibly signing a petition or a candidate's nomination papers or renting a car from Messrs Hertz, the contract of which runs to many pages, read by none. These are daily occurrences, and most of us think nothing of them. We get the loan, rent the car or pay our bill at the pub – and all is well. The quotidian ruck of life in 2023. Efficient, useful, devoid of much “meaning.”

So who was the *fool on the hill* (pace the Beatles) who thought (correction, did not think) for one second about words such as dignity, community, solemnity and nationality having somewhat – of just a tad, don't you know, more importance than most actions we take and enterprises on which we embark.

Surely, becoming a Canadian Citizen is just such a moment of import. It cannot be repeated, for for that matter, bought or sold. It bears no onerous conditions in 6-point type. It is not easy to obtain unless one is born here; and for many, as we all know in this cruel world, achieving it is a time of profound thanksgiving and celebration and gratitude. Just ask our new friends from Syria or Ukraine – or scores of other countries who do not enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace.

What most readers think of the suggestion that Citizenship Ceremonies, presided over by Citizenship Judges, should be made “optional” (which one knows would in time be the excuse for their entire abolition, just as the current proposal is an inheritor of necessary exceptions made during COVID) in favour of “signing up” can only be to ask “What's wrong with our ruling class,” the nabobs and little-bobs of Ottawa, in this case, who really have nothing better to “think” of that such a harebrained scheme.

It is insulting.

It insults, first and foremost, our new fellow Canadians, who have often spent a great deal of time, navigated the complex immigration process, set off into the unknown, uprooted all that was familiar even if deeply flawed or unsafe – and are so proud to become a part of the family



*Swearing Oath of Allegiance: a proud moment binding together all Canadians
Prêter serment d'allégeance: un moment de fierté qui unit tous les Canadiens*

of the Maple Kingdom. Perhaps you haven't attended a Citizenship Court. You should. There you would be struck and moved by the deep joy and the family and friends' celebrations as our new friends swear Allegiance and sing the National Anthem – surrounded by those who before had never met but now have something in common that transcends difference, unites folk and begins a new life, one continuing to strive and be worthy of what so many others, less fortunate, would consider to be a jackpot surpassing any lotto ticket sold cheap at your local convenience store, with no guarantee of ‘winning.’ Such acts done together mean much – witness the emotion we all felt when we stood in our homes and joined in the Royal Anthem at Elizabeth's funeral, or when we sing with 40,000 (or 40) others at a hockey game.

It insults us the citizenry, born or landed, by the government's proposers thinking Canadians have no soul – or at least, should feel content to confide our moments of jubilation to the hockey rink, our wedding day or a promotion at work. These employees are looking to simplify and rationalize everything, to remove the music of life and substitute the omnipotence of the modern state. God forbid a corporate act of becoming should be allowed to persist in our progressive times.

It insults His Majesty The King, to whom, as his predecessors, the Oath of Allegiance is sworn. Ah, it's the piece of

paper to be signed, yes, may indeed still state such Allegiance as a condition of citizenship, but now with all the ceremony and seriousness and delight of signing your income tax return, or accepting service of a subpoena.

In other words, it insults our intelligence, our nationhood, our polity – our people.

There might indeed be cases where an individual's health, distance of ceremony from work or other exigent circumstances would argue on compassionate grounds for what should be rare exceptions.

We should all let the Prime Minister and our MP know what we think of this new and nasty, narcissistic no-brainer of a “policy proposal.” Former citizenship and immigration minister Christopher Alexander has spoken out: “By abandoning a centuries-old feature of citizenship in Canada, this government is further undermining its own – at best – shaky commitment to safeguarding Canada's democratic institutions, ... & the rule of law,” Alexander tweeted on Monday evening.

You can also express your views at the website below; but know that in the end this will be a political decision with the blessing or turn-down by the Prime Minister.

**canadagazette.gc.ca/
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SIGNEZ SUR LA LIGNE... DEVENEZ UN CITOYEN CANADIEN

La proposition banalise l'allégeance et la citoyenneté canadiennes

Nous sommes tous résignés à signer de longs petits documents lorsque, par exemple, nous demandons une carte de crédit ou un prêt dont les conditions de base nous ont été expliquées par un agent bancaire, lorsque nous griffonnons peut-être notre signature sur un chèque (oui, le chèque existe toujours !) ou lorsque nous signons une pétition ou la déclaration de candidature d'un candidat, ou encore lorsque nous louons une voiture auprès de M. Hertz, dont le contrat compte de nombreuses pages, lues par personne. Ce sont des événements quotidiens, et la plupart d'entre nous n'y pensent pas. Nous obtenons le prêt, louons la voiture ou payons notre note au pub – et tout va bien. C'est le quotidien de la vie en 2023. Efficace, utile, dépourvu de tout "sens".

Alors qui était le fou sur la colline (pace the Beatles) qui a pensé (correction, n'a pas pensé) une seconde que des mots tels que dignité, communauté, solennité et nationalité avaient un peu – un tout petit peu, n'est-ce pas, plus d'importance que la plupart des actions que nous entreprenons et des entreprises dans lesquelles nous nous embarquons.

Assurément, devenir citoyen canadien est un moment d'une telle importance. Il ne peut être répété, ni d'ailleurs acheté ou vendu. Il n'est assorti d'aucune condition onéreuse en caractères de 6 points. Il n'est pas facile de l'obtenir à moins d'être né ici ; et pour beaucoup, comme nous le savons tous dans ce monde cruel, y parvenir est un moment de profonde reconnaissance, de célébration et de gratitude. Il suffit de demander à nos nouveaux amis syriens ou ukrainiens – ou à de nom-

breux autres pays qui ne jouissent pas des bienfaits de la liberté et de la paix.

Ce que la plupart des lecteurs pensent de la suggestion selon laquelle les cérémonies de citoyenneté, présidées par des juges de la citoyenneté, devraient être rendues "facultatives" (ce qui, on le sait, serait à terme l'excuse pour leur abolition totale, tout comme la proposition actuelle est l'héritière des exceptions nécessaires faites pendant la COVID) en faveur de la "signature" ne peut être que de demander "Qu'est-ce qui ne va pas avec notre classe dirigeante", les nababs et les petits nababs d'Ottawa, en l'occurrence, qui n'ont vraiment rien de mieux à "penser" qu'un tel projet farfelu.

C'est une insulte.

Elle insulte avant tout nos nouveaux concitoyens canadiens, qui ont souvent passé beaucoup de temps à naviguer dans le processus complexe de l'immigration, à se lancer dans l'inconnu, à déraciner tout ce qui leur était familier, même si cela comportait de profondes lacunes ou n'était pas sûr, et qui sont si fiers de faire partie de la famille du Royaume de l'Érable. Vous n'avez peut-être jamais assisté à un tribunal de la citoyenneté. Vous devriez le faire. Vous y seriez frappé et ému par la joie profonde et les célébrations de la famille et des amis lorsque nos nouveaux amis prêtent serment d'allégeance et chantent l'hymne national – entourés de ceux qui ne s'étaient jamais rencontrés auparavant mais qui ont maintenant quelque chose en commun qui transcende les différences, unit les gens et commence une nouvelle vie, une vie qui continue à s'efforcer et à être digne de ce que tant d'autres, moins chanceux, considéreraient comme un jackpot dépassant n'importe quel billet de loto vendu à bas prix dans votre épicerie locale, sans aucune garantie de "gagner". De tels actes accomplis ensemble signifient beaucoup – comme en témoigne l'émotion que nous avons tous ressentie lorsque nous nous sommes levés dans nos maisons pour chanter l'hymne royal lors des funérailles d'Elizabeth, ou lorsque nous chantons avec 40 000 (ou 40) autres personnes lors d'un match de hockey.

Les partisans du gouvernement nous insultent, nous les citoyens, nés ou éta-

blis, en pensant que les Canadiens n'ont pas d'âme – ou du moins, qu'ils devraient se contenter de confier leurs moments de jubilation à la patinoire de hockey, le jour de leur mariage ou d'une promotion au travail. Ces employés cherchent à tout simplifier et à tout rationaliser, à supprimer la musique de la vie et à lui substituer la toute-puissance de l'État moderne. Dieu veuille qu'un acte de devenir d'une entreprise ne soit pas autorisé à persister à notre époque progressiste.

Il insulte Sa Majesté le Roi, à qui, comme à ses prédécesseurs, le serment d'allégeance est prêté. Ah, c'est le morceau de papier à signer, oui, peut en effet encore déclarer une telle allégeance comme condition de la citoyenneté, mais maintenant avec toute la cérémonie, le sérieux et le plaisir de signer votre déclaration d'impôt sur le revenu, ou d'accepter la signification d'une citation à comparaître.

En d'autres termes, il s'agit d'une insulte à notre intelligence, à notre nation, à notre politique – à notre peuple.

Il peut en effet y avoir des cas où la santé d'un individu, la distance entre la cérémonie et le lieu de travail ou d'autres circonstances urgentes justifieraient, pour des raisons de compassion, ce qui devrait être de rares exceptions.

Nous devrions tous faire savoir au Premier ministre et à notre député ce que nous pensons de cette nouvelle "proposition de politique" narcissique et méchante. L'ancien ministre de la citoyenneté et de l'immigration, Christopher Alexander, s'est exprimé : "En abandonnant une caractéristique séculaire de la citoyenneté au Canada, ce gouvernement affaiblit encore plus son propre engagement – au mieux – bancal à sauvegarder les institutions démocratiques, ... et l'État de droit du Canada", a tweeté M. Alexander lundi soir.

Vous pouvez également exprimer votre point de vue sur le site web ci-dessous, mais sachez qu'en fin de compte, il s'agira d'une décision politique avec la bénédiction ou le refus du Premier ministre.

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La cérémonie de citoyenneté virtuelle pendant la COVID ne doit pas devenir la nouvelle norme.

Virtual Citizenship Ceremony during COVID should not become the new normal.

NEIGHBOURS & NEWCOMERS TOGETHER CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF THE KING OF CANADA MAY 6, 2023

Think Big • Recognize Reality • Live With Imperfection!

Recalling our highly successful Diamond Jubilee project of 2012, the League now invites you consider two different iterations of NEIGHBOURS & NEWCOMERS together. It is of course distinguished by the fact that Jubilee year 2012, as in 2022, found many events occurring across Canada throughout the year as they did in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth.

The Coronation is a more singular event, taking place on Saturday, May 6. Such a hallowing of the Reign will be one that most Canadians have never experienced.

Both types of celebration encouraged in this note are based with a common purpose: celebrating the Coronation by which Canada's King is formally invested (The Queen Consort will also be crowned) we honour the Maple Crown, our Monarch and the spirit of both Their Majesties and our late Queen.

The entire premise of the proposals following is to join NEIGHBOURS, who know each other or at least know of each

other's existence with a special and purposeful outreach to new members of the Canadian family, especially thinking of, but of course not limited to, such relative NEWCOMERS as our Ukrainian and Syrian friends, other recent immigrants and folk who have faced special challenges in today's sometimes-cruel world.

The spirit of the Coronation invites us to get to know other people who in today's busy and often impersonal society often live close by but whom we don't know. Urban areas frequently find people unaware of who lives in the next apartment. Rural dwellers can face large distances to the next dwelling place or community gathering spot. The strength of our country's diversity is strengthened when we come to know each other as individuals.

FIRST ITERATION FOR SATURDAY MAY 6:

by joining in celebration through hosting and encouraging a May 6 Coronation-Watching Brunch in your own home for neighbours and newcomers, or possibly a larger such brunch by assisting in the or-

ganization of a Neighbours and Newcomers Watch the Coronation event in your own community, be that through a Legion Hall, a Cadet or Scout body, a Service Club or indeed in partnership with a pub or restaurant which would normally be closed at that hour! (and of course, encourage your friends to do likewise) Some members will also feel called to include other League members in their area; and with your permission, we would take care of that part of the invitation list according to the number you could accommodate.

FOR PUBLIC EVENTS SECOND ITERATION FOR SPRING OR SUMMER:

by helping to organize your community in a Neighbours & Newcomers Celebrate the Coronation event (joining to the occasion your experience of what worked, or what you intended to do but couldn't quite make happen in Jubilee year) and find a Mayor or Councillor to support you in a project ranging from anything such as planting trees to celebrate The King's environmental concerns and nourish our planet, followed by refreshments - to a



Folk from Prescott and area gathered together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee - cake cut by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

We celebrate great Royal occasions together, focusing on our unity, not our differences!

Les gens de Prescott et de la région se sont rassemblés pour célébrer le Jubilé de platine - le gâteau a été coupé par le lieutenant-gouverneur de l'Ontario. Nous célébrons les grandes occasions royales ensemble, en mettant l'accent sur notre unité et non sur nos différences!

bonfire chain in your town - to block parties - to fireworks - to a kids' poster competition - to fun races in a park and being hosed off by the local Fire Dept - to buying/making a bunch of subs or pizzas and distributing them in Charles & Camilla's honour where homeless and marginally housed folk gather....the ideas are infinite.

Above all, think CANADIAN - NOT twee imitations of things generally obsolete and risible even in Britain, ranging from ridiculously-prices and misnamed "High Teas" in fancy dress to singing Rule Britannia - you know what we mean - has nothing to do with Canadian Crown and plays into stereotypes that are harmful. This is the occasion for The Maple Leaf Forever, Vive la Canadienne and Ode to Newfoundland; of maple syrup (bacon fried with?), butter tarts, Canadian bacon; Molson's and Labatt's, the plethora of local soft drinks; of Atlantic Salmon, Alberta Beef, the Saskatchewan Berry, Pouding Chomeur, Poutine, Walleyes and the Big Mouth Buffalo (a fish!) in Manitoba - not to mention the many new treats our Newcomers bring us: look at the explosion of Korean, Eastern European and Cambodian delights, not to mention the whole realm of vegetarian and vegan foods popular with so many.

It is important that you begin planning and then inform us of your ideas as soon as possible. For the most original and clearly well-thought out ideas for Celebrate the Coronation Event we may even be in a position to provide (very) modest help - not for champagne and foie gras, but more along the line of Canada Dry, briquets, burger meat and buns!

Whether you would like to plan a low-key celebration which might attract 10 people or to energize an entire community and organize a grand celebration at a park or Legion Hall, with a band, marquee, and cold collation, we recognize that there are infinite possibilities which we hope will be explored by our diverse and talented membership: you! together with others in your community/circle of friends to think big, plan realistically and budget modestly.

League Branches and are invited to submit proposals, too. But individual members should not wait for others to act - but try to gather like-minded folk now to rally support and enlist the help of like-minded people in your community, be that a block or a city, plan an event and submit us a proposal to:

domsec@sympatico.ca

A community - any group of Canadians, from two families on adjacent farms to an entire town, from local worship centres uniting in celebration to a block party, from a garden gathering at a



*We welcome new members of our national family - it's the Canadian way!
Nous accueillons les nouveaux membres de notre famille nationale - c'est la façon canadienne de faire les choses!*

seniors' home to a 4-H bbq, from a hot dog grill at a condo balcony to a tailgate spread before a local sporting event - gather together to celebrate the Coronation and to further the sense of sharing and getting to know one another that our King and Queen and her Canadian representatives stand for.

The most basic element of community from the earliest days of the world's history has involved sharing a meal. Food gathering, preparation, sitting down and eating together - these are tasks every human undertakes. The Canadian family is no different. We each hold our own political views. We come in a rainbow of complexions and backgrounds. We pursue many different occupations and lifestyles. But we all love to eat - and to share a meal with old friends and with congenial strangers who quickly become new pals.

The Canadian Crown - our King and Queen, as our late beloved Sovereign - represent the entirety of our nation, and reminds us that the things we share are so much more important than the ways in which we differ. How better to celebrate that continuity and all we have achieved together - 156 years of Confederation - than by meeting to lift a glass to Charles III, our Monarch and friend, and to cherish a sense of fellowship, unity and pride by brunching - together!

WHEN?

Any time you want between from Coronation Week to Canada Day.

HOW?

Now is the time to begin organizing an event for your community be that five houses on either side of yours, the residents of a seniors' home, local choirs, a

Legion Branch, a Rotary Club or similar service group, different faith communities - or the entire town!

TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES are all the uniformity we ask:

A) INCLUSION: every event should strive to invite people you haven't previously known, and to mirror in ways small or large, the diversity of Canada's population. It's always fun to party with our existing friends; but the point of this gathering, as former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson put it so well, is to find "the Aboriginal Circle widening to include us all." Also this means utilizing the resources of your community: the local church ladies' group famous for its sandwiches and tarts, the Rotary Club well known for supporting community events, the high school band always happy to gain publicity for its talents, the town council happy to see a community-building event and willing to make a park or rec facility available. Your imagination is the only limit!

B) K.I.S.S. - no we are not suggesting you should go around kissing strangers! Rather the acronym stands for the cheeky but good advice when planning any event, "Keep it simple, stupid!" Most of us can't afford to engage a symphony orchestra, pay \$50,000 for a professional fireworks display or serve PEI lobster to thousands. But we all can gather sandwiches, steep iced tea, and gather together in a spirit of celebration and fun. For most, it is more appropriate to gather 30 people for a brunch at our local park or backyard than to feel we need to attract 1000 to a stadium.

For a community event you want the local Legion Auxiliary volunteers to operate a hot dog stand, the town council allow you to use a park at no charge and set up tables/chairs, a local business providing a marquee; the Kiwanis Club offering volunteers to serve refreshments - you get the idea. However, you may need to purchase the burgers and pop, give an honorarium to a band and print posters to advertise the event at your local copy shop.

Some other interesting suggestions:

- Free National and Provincial Park admissions during Coronation weekend
- Bell-ringing in communities joining at an appointed time to ring in The King (noon on May 6?) whether hand bells outside your front door, faith centre chimes, wherever
- Hudson Bay blankets: will the struggling giant produce a special blanket as it did for the last Coronation?

DAVID ONLEY

Popular Ontario Lieutenant Governor Widely Mourned

Tribute by The Dominion Chairman

I first saw David Onley on television when I was child. So, when he was announced as Ontario's new Lieutenant Governor in 2007, he was somebody I already thought quite highly of. On the day of his Installment, I approached him to introduce myself. I had only been in my role as Dominion Chairman of the Monarchist League for about six months. Together, we joked that we were both "rookies." He also told me that if there was anything at all that he could do to help the League or our cause to just ask. As you will see, he wasn't kidding.

Over the years, David and his wife Ruth attended several Accession luncheons hosted by the League. As a media guy, he gave excellent speeches - easily tying in trivia, anecdotes, and humour. I remember one particular luncheon he came to where we had a journalist lined up to "interview" Phil Richards, the gentleman who painted the Queen's Diamond Jubilee portrait. Something came up at the last minute and the journalist couldn't make it. Perhaps sensing my growing panic, David whispered to me, "Did you want me to do it?" Next thing I know, David Onley - the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario - was back in his journalist role conducting an impromptu interview with our guest speaker. Day saved!

David welcomed a talented intern we sent his way each summer. He was a huge supporter of the League's Summer Vice-Regal Internship program at Queen's Park and often told me that every vice-regal office in Canada should have one. Many League interns would go on to become full time staff members and build their own personal relationships with David.

During the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, the League partnered with the CFL to host a Jubilee-Grey Cup centennial event. Initially, the event was supposed to be held at a bar downtown Toronto. But, we didn't have the time or resources to pull it off. I called David to express my regrets that this event wasn't going to be possible in its current format and asked for a big favour: would he consider hosting the event in the Vice Regal Suite? His answer without hesitation? "Yes. Absolutely." Another day saved!

Whenever I saw David, he would make a point of asking me about the League and about my family. He and Ruth always asked how my daughter was doing? They

offered great parenting advice to cherish every moment with her because "they grow up fast." How true.

Perhaps, though, the single greatest gesture of goodwill David showed me was in 2009 during a Royal Tour of the then Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall. David invited me to the official Ontario welcoming event and had me join him and his staff at the entranceway to greet the future King and Queen. When Prince Charles approached me, David introduced me as "one of the greatest champions of the Crown in Canada." That introduction has always struck a chord with me. It reflects a man who showed me and the League how much he truly cared and how much he valued our work.

Remembering The Hon. David C. Onley: Four Memories

by Zachary Schwartz, former League Intern at the Vice-Regal Suite

As context, the Monarchist League gave me a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Vice Regal institutions by serving as its intern at the Office of The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario in 2008, which I later parlayed into another part-time role there. It was my great good fortune that David Onley had been appointed as LG the previous year. David was quick to laugh, slow to criticize, and generous with his time (even, if not especially, to young people).

On a visit by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the LG's Suite, she did a walkabout to greet myriad distinguished Ontarians, assembled in groups (e.g., First Nations' dignitaries, volunteers, et al.). The LG's team was similarly assembled, and David expressed his appreciation for his staff to the Queen. HM said a few kind words. David subsequently, and privately, opined that he wished the Queen had greeted each of us individually. This was not an indictment of Her Majesty's manners; but it was a reminder of David's decency and, as Her representative in Ontario, his unique ability to bring the majesty of the institution of our constitutional monarchy to a wider audience in the province - he embodied the word accessible.



It was, probably mercifully, not David's mandate to represent His Imperial Majesty, the then Emperor Akihito of Japan; it was his role to greet him on The Queen's behalf in Ontario. The Emperor's ichthyological research (on the Gob-bidae), and visit to the Suite came to mind when I was at a seafood restaurant. I recall thinking, then as now, how extraordinary it was to meet with the Emperor and Empress. More extraordinary was David's ability to dine with them *and* to empathize with people whose more immediate concern was survival and, longer term perhaps, realizing their full potential. David could speak to anyone and make them feel good about themselves, imbue them with a sense of optimism, and doubtless improve their view, whether positive or not at the outset, of the Canadian Crown.

I was immensely proud when David ascended the ramp to speak at my family's synagogue to mark its renovation. While he never lectured anyone on disability, his own example, made better-known by his Vice Regal stature, inspired me, and thankfully those with more authority and capacity, to try in various ways to make Ontario a more accessible place; somewhere more people could, as David did, realize their potential.

The final memory to share is of meeting David for lunch after his retirement as LG. He clearly enjoyed his new teaching role; spoke candidly, though this was not an innovation; and, as always, was kind and down-to-earth. I liked and admired David. He was a man of faith and acted in a Christian way towards all.

FINCH & AL-DADAH MAKE NEWS NATIONALLY

Links below to Chairman Finch and Senior Quebec officer Karim Al-Dahdah's hitting national media in early March in support of two of the League's primary goals:

- to question why so little of the festivities and learning opportunities for Canadians in respect of the Coronation of our King are being engendered by the Government of Canada
- to decry the failure of the Government of Canada to mount a legal challenge to "Bill 4," the patently unconstitutional Act of Quebec's "National Assembly" and thereby ignoring Canada's Constitution in respect of the Oath prescribed for members of legislative assemblies - an Oath which even the most hard-bitten separatist could take in that it guarantees that very democratic process which is the rule of law - and which we presume even an independent Quebec would wish to have as opposed to some anarchical state.

KARIM's taut intervention appears in *National Post* and we are told also in many other outlets of PostMedia at <https://nationalpost.com/opinion/quebecs-flamboyantly-unconstitutional-move?>

CHAIRMAN FINCH'S continuing campaign as to the apparent tepid view of Ottawa towards the Coronation may be viewed via CBC News at

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-king-charles-coronation-monarchists-concerned-1.6766171>

LOGAN LIUT TAKES LEAGUE SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE TO NEW HEIGHTS

Logan, a freshman at the University of Toronto, has brought a fresh, constant and strategic presence by the League within the social media world which plays so large a part in the lives of under-30-somethings - and not just them!

His keen sense of design and varied themed approaches are bringing many new members to the League. Particularly effective of late is Logan's navigating the various requirements of Twitter et al to place paid League advertising which we have directed both to certain age and geographic tranches.

The latest paid campaign brought demand for thousands of our educational booklets during five days in early March in which our ad was viewed by over

137,000 people. It was encouraging that 40% of the orders came from the Province of Québec, while a similarly disproportionate showing also came from the French-speaking areas of New Brunswick, such as Gloucester County and the Acadian Peninsula.

Moreover, the cost of this was a mere \$1500! Any of you who, like the League, have also advertised in newspapers, will realize that they charge a great deal more money, in general produce a much smaller direct take-up and probably are seen by a largely older demographic.

Logan's cheerful hard work and independent, though always collaborative nature, make him an invaluable senior member of our leadership team. For this spirit of volunteerism, so dear to the heart of our late and present Monarchs, we are most appreciative!

MICHAEL JACKSON, 1940-1922 RIP



Long-serving Chief of Protocol of the Province of Saskatchewan, Michael educated successive Premiers of both parties, influenced Lieutenant Governors, and organized highly successful Royal Homecomings as he built an office that set the standard for protocol that was at once intelligent, professional and loyal. He even managed to inspire the creation, installation (and unveiling by its human subject) on the Legislative grounds of an equestrian statue of The Queen, riding *Burmese*. He was active in the League during its early days, when the Regina-based branch flourished and was widely admired in the community. Later he took to writing and editing; some of the contributions to these collections of essays on the Canadian Crown were stronger than others, but the fact they were printed was a triumph in itself. Most consequential, however, was Michael's 2013 work *The Crown and Canadian Feder-*

alism. Eschewing "political science" for the practical approach, the book was eminently readable and full of informative anecdotes giving examples of how the Canadian Crown (in fact, eleven Crowns) function in both natural unity and tension to produce the remarkable system of government that has evolved thereby. It is to be regretted that Michael forsook his intention to bring this seminal volume up to date in Platinum Jubilee year (both based on new developments and tales he could not have told in 2013! and for which funding was in hand), in favour of editing another book of essays. For his much-admired service to the Crown, Michael was advanced in the Royal Victorian Order by The Queen to CVO, the highest rank a Canadian can attain.

LEAGUE CORONATION TOUR

27 League members will be spending six days in London to join in celebrations leading up to The King's Coronation on May 6. Tour leaders are Jonathan Brickwood of Toronto, and Daniel Guenther of Winnipeg - both veterans of previous trips. The group will enjoy various activities during the lead-up to the big day, varying from a visit to Henry VIII's favourite Palace at Hampton Court, with a private guide to show them the highlights of the Palace and its famed gardens, to a day at Windsor - where they may pay their respects to our Late Queen's grave - and a special walk around Cambridge led by former YM Chairman Neal MacAlasdair, a Junior Fellow, who will lead them through some of the Colleges and allow those who wish to attend Evensong sung by the world-famous Choir at King's.

After first pausing to lay a wreath and singing *O Canada* at the Monument to George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the group will recce the Mall the day prior to the Coronation - and make a plan for

KING SENDS NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO CANADIANS

In a possibly-new tradition by The King, HM sent Canadians a New Year's Day Message, which Her Excellency shared in a Tweet, and our friends at *Hello!Canada* featured.

<https://www.hellomagazine.com/royalty/20221230160654/king-charles-touching-message-revealed-new-year/>

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Coronation Day including (on the part of some!) spending the night in Hyde Park to gain the best views of the Processions and eventually the balcony appearances by The King and Queen. We hope to persuade several light packers to stuff a duffel bag full of inexpensive souvenirs which the League will put up for sale once the intrepid band is safely home!

LEAGUE JUBILEE PROJECT OVER-PERFORMS UNDER BUDGET!

The Department of Canadian Heritage promised funding to the League in order that it might distribute 70,000 of the 6th edition of League educational booklets across Canada during Jubilee year 2022. Available in both English and French editions, as of press time more than 75,000 had in fact flown off the shelves, with a few weeks to go until the end of the fiscal year on March 31. Remarkably, our lean and keen stuffing and mailing machine (aka several pairs of hands) accomplished this under-budget! We were also delighted that a combination of a strong take-up in Quebec, coupled with the prevalence of French immersion and enriched courses throughout the Dominion, meant that a good 30% of the total spoken for were in French.

It is right to remember that the educational booklet project began in 2012, at the instigation of and with the generous financial support of the late Richard Roberts of Windsor, Ontario. We hope that a similar benefactor will succeed Dick's practical loyalty down the years.

WHY SHOULD I JOIN THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA?

Dominion Headquarters sometimes receives queries as to what "benefits" an individual might obtain by joining. Here is one possible reply you might share with prospective members of your kin and acquaintance.

We don't claim you will receive any benefits in the sense of a free postcard or a seat in the Abbey for the Coronation lol! What we hope would motivate you to pay for a membership is - of course stemming out of your own inclination to loyalty - is that we are the only potent organization that day in day out, on a shoestring budget, presents to Canadians the benefits of our constitutional democratic arrangements under the Crown. We do not have

grand dinners at \$250 a head, produce glossy fanzines or carry on like pretentious believers or from a rather twee perspective outdated even in the UK - rather we're ordinary folk who admire but certainly do not worship our Late Queen and present King, see every advantage in the INSTITUTION of the Crown, share it widely and effectively (witness our educational booklets distribution) and boast proudly a very diverse membership - we're a diverse bunch, in race, in politics, in faith and 'most everything else - contrary to what some people quite incorrectly see small m monarchists as being! We offer members hard work, leavened with a bit of humour, and always hoping that our members feel that paying our modest fee is the beginning of their duty of engagement for our Canadian polity, not the sum of it!

CORONATION CONSULTATIONS OF MEMBERS VIA ZOOM

Jonathan Brickwood modestly fails to reference his many hours of organizing these calls which consumed a great deal of his already-busy life for an entire work week!

From the 1st to 5th of February, Chairman Finch and Karim Al-Dahdah hosted a series of Zoom updates for League members. These updates spanned the Country, from British Columbia to the Maritimes. Generally well attended, there was a sense of frustration from League members that the Federal Government wasn't being visible enough on their support for the Coronation. Chairman Finch offered some consolation in that various elements of the Government have said that they are working on it. That was the first of two main themes which emerged during the updates. The second was concern that Canada would go the way of Australia, in not having the King on the currency. While there is nothing we have heard so far which would provide any indication either way, there was frustration that no announcement was being made. A number of other topics were raised, concerning local to Federal levels, which ranged from: whether funding would be provided by the Government for events for the Coronation, to the use of the Royal cypher in official use, to the King's first visit. Overall, the series of updates was informative for the members, who found them beneficial and helpful. The updates may become a more common occurrence

in the future. Until then though, we await news from Parliament Hill on what plans are being made for the Coronation.

CHAIRMAN FINCH'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Good evening, fellow monarchists. I am so grateful to Jonathan Brickwood and Karim Al-Dahdah for their assistance in making this first nation-wide Zoom consultation by the League.

The reason - which if you read our recent EComms you will know - is that you and I have become aware to our grievous disappointment on how far behind the Government of Canada is in both substantive and symbolic action to greet the new Reign of our King, and to build to a Coronation and then first Homecoming of the Monarch and Consort in ways that will be educational, joyous and affirming of the Canadian identity as a vibrant democracy thanks to our constitutional monarchy.

I can tell you that in recent days I have received several vituperative messages from some of those on the periphery of decision-making in Ottawa, taking offence at how the League could "possibly suggest that..." - to which, as always, I have been quick to reply that if someone will go on the record to deny our fears or announce good news, we will immediately be happy to share the statement with members - one less thing to worry about!

We would of course much rather work with government, as we often have done on matters both evident (distributing the Jubilee Pins, sharing ideas in line with our polity) and confidential, than to criticize it. However, the long list of matters lying in limbo, many of which touch on the greatest happy event in Charles' reign, is inexcusable - and if the League exists for anything, it is to give voice to such concerns.

New Zealand already has an Official Picture of The King! Can't we?

I have been told it might not be taken until HM comes to Canada - even as other sources suggest that there seems little appetite in the PMO for such a homecoming this Fall, as apparently The King very much wishes to do. The Military is uneasy, to say the least, at the possibility of the symbols of Canada's Crown being removed from their uniforms. Circulating coins bearing Charles' effigy - where are they? bank notes? ditto! Three cheers for Canada Post, at least, for announcing a definitive stamp bearing the

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King - a very rare bright light in the monarchist horizon.

But before you become optimistic, even since our last EComm military sources suggest to me that they have been told to "stay out of sight" at Rideau Hall; that discussions are taking place that Regimental reports to Royal Honorary Colonels should henceforth go to the Governor General, and new badges and the like be approved by her and not the Monarch as has always been the case.

On and on it goes. You've read and we hope heeded our request you yourself write the PM and your MP, and circulate our information to others, asking they do likewise.

Tonight is not to moan over what's out there - though we all know that sometimes today's talk becomes to-

morrow's reality!

Rather, it is to hear your constructive suggestions as to what the League should do in the face of such troubling times, and how we might execute our opposition most effectively.

You know well we are not given to hysteria; we try always to take a moderate tone. However, I for one am not interested in living in a pretend-monarchy, where those in official Ottawa who hate and/or do not understand the Crown, but also realize it would be well-nigh impossible to change the Constitution to that end, will simply realize a good deal of their ambitions by making invisible its day-to-day presence in the lives of Canadians...

That said, I am eager to hear your ideas!

CANADIAN HERALD HONoured BY THE SOVEREIGN

In the British Honours list this New Year's, Cathy Lynne Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald and Principal Artist, Canadian Heraldic Authority, was appointed MVO. Appointments to the Royal Victorian Order are in the Monarch's personal gift, thus a singular honour and greatly prized!

As we congratulate Cathy, we cannot help but wonder why such appointments are not also gazetted in the Canadian Honours List, as well, under a distinct heading.

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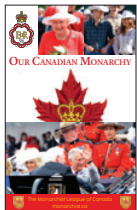
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