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WE SHALL NOT FORGET!



THE CANADIAN WAR
MEMORIAL
AT THE SOMME

Through friendships forged at the Imperial Council in 2006 here in Canada, many members of the LOBA continue to keep in contact through letters and email. Sis. Mary Duckett took this one step further on an excursion to the Somme this year.

On a beautiful sunny Sunday members of the County were off to the Canadian Memorial. It is "absolutely fantastic the most beautiful memorial I have ever seen", said Sis. Duckett. She arranged a service, and past Grand Mistress Helen Walkler said a few words of thanks and a prayer.

Duncan stood and played Amazing Grace, A Man's A Man For A That, and Dark Lochnagar, A pipe band playing. It was a wonderfully poignant occasion for all there.

Sis. Christine Calvert (Past Grand Mistress) accompanied her in laying the wreath on behalf of the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association of Canada.

The piper played again then we finished off when they all sang God Save the Queen. It was wonderful service to be proud of. By the time it finished she was in tears.

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Grand Master's Message



*M.W. Grand Master & Sovereign
Harry Thompson*

Since I was last in contact with you by our National magazine, The Sentinel, Kathryn and I have traveled to many towns and villages. In August we “zoomed” across the Atlantic to Northern Ireland and Scotland. We were there about two weeks when the news informed us that Zoom Airlines had gone into receivership. With the help of family and the computer we were able to get a flight home sooner than we planned but if we had waited much longer we could have been there for an extra three weeks like others on the airline. When we were in the United Kingdom we went to Scotland to find out more about Kathryn’s side of the family. So off we went to Inverness in the Highland’s it also is very beautiful we even went on a boat trip to Lock Ness but we did not see the Monster.

We also took in a trip to the where the Battle of Culloden took place, which was the last battle fought on British soil. It was fought between the Catholic Jacobites led by Bonnie Prince Charles and the Protestant Hanoverians. We did find the house where Kathryn’s grandfather lived in 1897. The young couple who now own that house have done a lot of research and gave us a lot of information about our family and we left some with them.

Down through the Highlands to Glasgow we went to visit Olympia House, the Headquarters of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland. We had a very informative tour of the building with Bro. Malcom Campbell along with Tea

and shortbread. Afterwards Bro. Robert McLean, Grand Secretary of Scotland drove us downtown where the Grand Master Bro. Ian Wilson joined us for lunch and a great visit.

We flew home to Northern Ireland, where a visit would not be complete without a trip to Schomberg House the home of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland. There was a very interesting exhibit about Heroes of the Orange Order. I was happy to note that two of the exhibits were of Canadian Orangemen; namely Bro. Sir John A MacDonald, our first Prime Minister and Dr. Oronyatekha a Mohawk Chief and founder of Orange Insurance.

Once at home it was back to business and then to the Village of Ivy where the Orange Lodge had a Family Day attended by young and old with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers. Also on the grounds were jumping castles as well as games for the young people who were doing more running than the members. This was attended by about 150 people. Some of the lodge members help with a Vacation Bible school in the village, and the Lodge was also one of the sponsors. How great it is to see such a community-minded lodge!

The LOBA in Barrie had a dinner for their Grand Mistress, RW Sis Gail Gougeon and we took greetings from the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada. Then it was off to Ottawa for the 160th Anniversary of Nepean LOL#85 where Kathryn and I had another great time with Sisters, Brethren and friends of our Order. In October, the Royal Black Chapter of Ont. West had a dinner in Alliston for their Grand Master, Robert Weller. It was very well attended by many friends and acquaintances and was a great opportunity to honour Bob for his two year in office.

In all these different places and Countries we felt the warmness of friends and it reminded us that we are not merely isolated individuals doing our own thing. We must remember, as Paul says in Romans 12: 4-8, “that we are members of a larger body and we work best when

we all work together.”

As we get ready to Celebrate the birth of Christ, may His peace be with all of you and your families wherever they may be. God Bless You, with every good wish from our House to Yours.

Harry

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Mission Statement of the “Sentinel”

We shall.....

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Accept the *realities* of the *present*
Embrace a positive vision of the *future*

We publish with *empathy* for
the writer and in
compliance with our constitution.

Chaplain's Corner

A Hand to Hold!

*“Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9*

Many years ago the Readers Digest published an article entitled “Reach for the Warm Hand of God.” Written by a Russian scholar, many were deeply touched to read it and felt that the advice was most timely for the period of history we were passing through. Much of its content deserves to be shared with many who may not have read it.

“The secret of healing the world’s ills” he said, lay in the restoration of religious faith. He himself had suffered persecution and exile because of his religious faith. As he wrote of his homeland, which he loved, yet was being ruled by a Communist government, he said “Within our systems of rule by Marx and Lenin it can be seen that the heart of their thinking as a principle was hatred of God, militant atheism a central pivot, and other driving forces.”

This was the degree to which the atheistic world longed for and would annihilate religion. He goes on to say that it was such attitude that surrounded the attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II in 1981.

In a little while we will be making preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. A time of the year when more than ever we are reminded of how “God so loved the world, that he sent His Son,” for the sole purpose of reconciling, the world to him and showing humanity the true way to peace and harmony - the only way there is. Let us never forget that all other methods have failed, as has been demonstrated every day in our lives. We know that this world of ours is in turmoil, such as never before, and it will only be when humanity accepts the teachings of one who came as love



incarnate, will we ever see the “peace and goodwill among all people” as promised by the angels so many centuries ago.

The “Golden Rule” as taught by Jesus may sound simple and too sophisticated for many people in authority around the world. Within it lies the wisdom of the ages greater than could be ever conceived by an earthly mind. “Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you.” If this was the accepted and practiced way of today’s people, hatred, killings, bombings, suffering, starvation and agony would cease to exist.

Especially at the Christmas season we should give more thought to the pursuit of happiness which so often eludes us. Real happiness more often is translated into how many dollars we can invest, or how much of the world’s goods we possess. Actual human relationships often take a back seat and on these depend a great deal of our happiness and wellbeing.

Shortly after the Christmas celebration we will find ourselves in a New Year, 2009, when we might take a sober look at our individual lives. We can all look back over the years. Maybe then we will realize how God has taken a hand in our personal life. Might be hard to understand but the facts are there. Along the way we were given encouragement to travel certain paths, that we did not want to follow, yet in the end we found a great destiny than was ever envisaged.

The same may hold true for each and every one who holds membership in our organization and we should look back only to find that many of the happenings came about without too much of our own efforts, yes and many times in spite of them. When we put our hand “into the warm hand of God” and in childlike trust ask him to guide our lives, we must be prepared for experiences that will never be understood. You and I know that there are many people who helped to change the course of history who were not born to any reigning dynasty, not members of an important institution, anymore than the Lord of all creation. Rather, they caught from him a burning zeal to accomplish a particular mission of humanity and service.

A country, a nation, our world, our organizations, can only reflect the souls of the people who comprise them. Each one is a vital link in that never-

ending chain. And so as we set forth on another year’s journey let us seek to find guidance and comfort from the warm hand of God. However, the knowledge that we are holding on to will always keep us confident that we shall overcome. There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. With this assurance we can and will be valiant conquerors in the fight.

A New Year’s Prayer

Dear God, I place my hand in yours;
Another year will come on silent wings;
I know not what lies before me-good or ill.
One thought invades my heart like bells that ring; I shall not travel alone the distant scene, For you will ever be to me so near, with that thought to buoy me up always. There is nothing anywhere that I need fear. If I must face sorrow or joy, It’s you, Who’ll soften every blow, which buffets me, For hurts and fears you’ll grant a solace too. Knowing you care will give me serenity. so take my hand, and lead me where you will, and Grant this Prayer that I may be content to go not where I want to, but where you desire; then can I be indeed so confident -The coming year will hold no fear, nor will I know aught but a journey safe - for you know the way to go!

May all who read this have a blessed and happy Christmas with your family and friends, and may the New Year bring to all good health, happiness and a life of fulfillment. God Bless!

**MW Grand Chaplain
Ralph C. Roberts**



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From the Grand Secretary

Imperial Council Notice

Brothers interested in attending the Imperial Council of the World in Belfast, July 2009 should send a letter of interest to Grand Secretary of Canada John Chalmers.

Selections will be made by the Grand Master in accordance with Imperial Council guidelines. There are a very limited number of spaces available.

Deadline for letter requesting delegate or official visitor status is **December 31st, 2008.**

Send Letter to:
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In Memoriam

MW Sister Florence Mills
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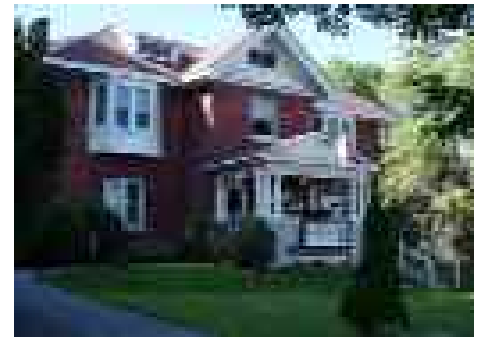
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Dispensation for Scarlet Chapter.....	n/c
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Prices subject to change without notice.

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Royal Arch Purple Degree... (members only)	\$5.00

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Please Note

Some of the promotional items and literature are in short supply, and, as it becomes necessary to re-order, and provided they are still available, there may be price changes to some of the items listed.

Above prices do not include postage.

Atlantic News

Beaconsfield LOL #78

Beaconsfield LOL #78 of Waterford, New Brunswick have had a busy year in which they hosted a roast beef dinner for the southern New Brunswick Hereford Association from which \$1,000 of the proceeds went to the Sussex Health Centre for ultra sound equipment.



Pictured: W.M. Bro David Brown, centre front, presenting \$1,000 cheque to Anthonie de Hoo, president of Sussex Health Centre Foundation, for the digital ultrasound fund, supported by members of LOL #78.

LOL #78 assisted County Lodge of Kings East in preparing a BBQ of steaks and chicken to celebrate July 12th. An open meeting was held with County Master Bro. Paul Scott presiding. During the celebration RW PGM Arnold Davidson presented 60 year service pins to Bro. Murray Hawkes and PGM Eldon Buchanan of LOL #78, and Bro Havie Dunfield of LOL #124, Sussex.



Pictured: 60 year service pins presented to RW PGM Eldon Buchanan and Bro. Murray Hawkes of LOL #78, and Bro Havie Dunfirdle do LOL #124, Sussex, by RW PGM Arnold Davidson

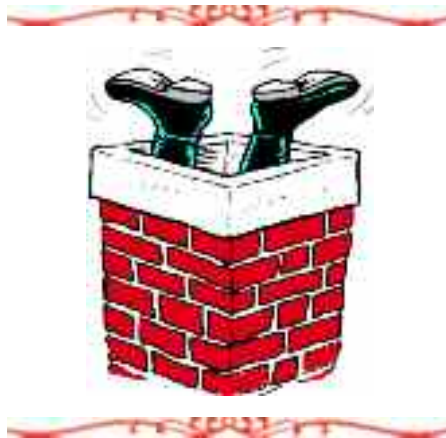
LOL #78 also welcomed new member Robert Smith of Waterford. At the Annual Fall Auction on Nov. 7th, the proceeds were shared by the Salvation Army and the Sussex Sharing Circle.

Annual Donation



(L-R) GM William Petite, Faye Freeze and RW Sir Knight Carson Langille.

At the Banquet of the 164th Session of the Right Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick, GM William Petite presented a cheque to Faye Freeze of the Canadian Red Cross. This has been an annual Donation, which has always been gratefully received and appreciated.



Cairn Dedication

Members of the Orange Association were among those gathered at the dedication of a monument on the site of the former Protestant Children's Orphanage.

The monument, which contains the original cornerstone of the Orphanage, was made for the Orangemen by Wayne Gillis to show appreciation for their efforts in making the orphanage a reality in 1920. During the years, the ladies have supported the orphanage with knitted

items of clothing for the children and many other things.

Bro. Alan Ford and RW Sis. Phyllis Weeks were on hand to unveil the monument to the public. The ceremony was the conclusion of an event significant to PEI history.



Bro. Alan Ford and RW Sis Phyllis Weeks unveiling the monument of Mount Herbert Orphanage.



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Atlantic News

Breakfast at Work



Bro. Alvin McKinley, (L) and Rec. Secty, Gerald Schofield, 2nd from left, presenting a cheque to the Nursing Home's Board Chair, Jack Rogers, second from right, and Executive Director, Tim Stevens.

Mount Purple, Loyal Orange Lodge #29, Lorneville, NB. recently held a community breakfast in support of the Carleton-Kirk Lodge Nursing Home's common areas refurbishment project. The Lodge will be conducting a number of fundraisers during the coming months in support of the refurbishment project. The facility is located in Saint John, NB.

Initiation at Morning Star



New member, Bro. Daniel Doughwright, (front center) welcomed by all.

LOL #135 was thrilled to welcome new member, Daniel Doughwright to their Lodge and wish him many years of good health and happy membership. The meeting was followed by a time of fellowship and refreshment, which was enjoyed by all members and guests.

Hospital Foundation



(Left to right): James House, Junior Pinkson, Wycliff Young.

On June 4, 2008 WP James House and WM Wycliff Young presented cheques of \$100 each to Mr. Junior Pinkson, Chairman of the Stephen Hopkins Memorial Foundation Fund at Lakeview LOL # 212, Deer Lake, NL.

The Charity of Cupids

The Orange Lodge in Cupids held its annual charity dinner on Tuesday Nov, 4 at the Orange Hall, in Cupids, NL. Funds raised through the Lodge's events during the year such as Take-Out Dinners, Bay Wheels car Show and Christmas

Raffles were presented at the social. 60 Lodge members and invited guests enjoyed a delicious hot roast pork dinner.

Following dinner, the Worshipful Master of the Cupids Lodge, Bro. Ralph Roberts (below right) acted as Master of Ceremonies and gave \$6,400 in donations to these recipients: Anglican Parish of the Resurrection; United Church of Cupids; Cerebral Palsy Association; Cerebral Palsy child, Nathan Chaulk; VOCM Cares Foundation; Trinity Conception Placentia Health Foundation; Amalgamated Academy Scholarship Program; and the Ascension Collegiate Scholarship Program.



Newly elected MP for Avalon Riding, Scott Andrews spoke to the group and praised the Lodge for its outstanding community work!

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Ontario West News

50 Years Married



Bro. Noel and Imogene Gregg celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 19th, 2008

During the celebrations many good wishes were received including Certificates of Congratulations from Grand Orange Lodge of Canada, Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario West, presented by MW Bro. Gerry Darroch on behalf of both Grand Masters. Bro. Gregg is a member of Sir Henry Wilson LOL #2898 and Past County Master of York County.

60s and in 1970 re-emerged. The name was shortened later on in the 70s. With the addition of women, the 'Sons of' part was dropped making the band the Derry Flute Band. The band has seen different uniforms over its existence. Originally they simply had black pants with a white shirt. This was followed by two styles of light blue and finally a black uniform with red trim or a white tunic for warmer weather.

They play military style marches and participate in parades in the Toronto and the surrounding areas. They have travelled to the United States as well as three trips to Northern Ireland and a trip to Scotland. A long honoured tradition.

Orange Heritage Day



Members of Peel & Brampton LOL #5 marching in the Orange Heritage Day held in Brampton.

The first parade held in Brampton since the 1960's was quite successful. The Parade was followed by a Bar-b-que and refreshments. The members of LOL#5 hope to make this an annual event!

Ploughing Match



(Right) RW Stan Belding and PGM Dave Daley manned the Orange booth at the International Ploughing Match in Teeswater, ON.

Members handed out 10,000 Lords Prayer bookmarks & Kidz Printz ID cards along with their usual Orange charm to the throngs of people that attending the international event!

DERRY FLUTE BAND 100 YEARS 1908 – 2008



This year marks the 100th Anniversary so the band celebrated their success with a party at the R.C.L. Centennial Branch No. 614.

The band was founded in 1908 by a group of Irish immigrants from the County of Londonderry. From its humble beginnings in a chicken coop on St. David's Street, in the Parliament & Dundas area of Toronto, it has changed from a fife & drum band to a six part harmony flute band.

Started as the Sons of Derry, the band went through a revival in the late

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Masters Collar for Vimy LOL 2697



Grand Master of ON West Tom Gunnis presented a Master's Collar to RW Bro. John Wells, Master of Vimy LOL#2697 at their meeting. Prior to this event, Vimy LOL did not have a Masters Collar when it was re-instated over a year ago.

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Business Card	\$ 25	\$ 45	\$ 80

Ontario West News

Heritage Day



Bro. Michael Thomas, Bro. Chris Gullins and Bro. Greg Johnston talking to an interested man.

Vimy LOL #2697 participated in the Whitby Heritage Day on Sept. 20th, a fun event for the whole family with a sidewalk sale, wagon rides, games and lots more. The lodge set up a table with the Canadian Red Ensign flag of 1917 (the flag used at Vimy Ridge), and passed out information on Vimy Lodge as well as the Lords Prayer bookmarks.



Bro. Johnston (in car) also provided a replica of an old MG. Note the GOL of ON West "Support the Troops" ribbon on the grill

The Veteran on Our \$10 Bill

If you look at the back right-hand side of a Canadian \$10 bill, you will see an old veteran standing at attention near the Ottawa war memorial. His name is Robert Metcalfe and he died last month at the age of 90.

That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War.

Born in England, he was one of 400,000 of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they

found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg.

He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel. En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire.

Evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk. Recovered, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck.



In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox, Rommel. Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future wife, a lieutenant and Physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa.

At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences. One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown for a photo op. He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. 'He had no idea he would be on the bill,' his daughter said.

And now you know the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.



Ivy Day Celebration



September 13 2008, LOL #450 Lakeview, (in Ivy) had its annual Ivy Day celebration. A great time for family and friends! They were visited by the Grand Master of Canada, Harry Thompson and the Grand Master of Ontario West RBP Robert Weller. They shared in the festivities and fun. Ivy profitted from a bake sale, and hamburger stand with free corn. The local kids enjoyed games and were given free candies. The village came out for support and the money raised will help repair the lodge roof.

BBQ Fundraiser



Allandale members and extended family enjoy a BBQ to fundraise for local school.

Members, family and friends of LOL#432 gathered together on a warm July evening to celebrate both the 12th and raise funds for a local school that bears the name of an founding lodge brother. Master of LOL#432, Martin Carlisle hosted the fun night at his house in Barrie. The Lodge is looking forward to having this on an Annual basis along with their annual Christmas dinner.

Ontario West News

Niagara Grape & Wine Parade



Members of Niagara Falls LOL#998 at the Niagara Grape and Wine Parade September 27th in St Catherines.



A List of People

I have a list of people I know
 All written in a book
 and every year at Christmastime
 I go and take a look

And that is when I realise
 That those names are a part
 not only of the book they're in
 But of my very heart

For each name stands for someone
 who has crossed my path some time
 And in that meeting they've become
 a treasured friend of mine.

And once you've met some people
 the years can not erase
 the memory of a pleasant word
 or a friendly face.

So when I send a Christmas Card
 That is addressed to you
 It's because you're on that list
 of folk I'm indebted to

And you are one of many folk
 who in times past I've met
 and happen to be one of those
 I don't want to forget

And whether I've known you
 for may years or few
 In some way you have a part in
 shaping things I do

This, the Spirit of Christmas
 that forever and ever endures
 May it leave its richest blessings
 in the hearts of you and yours!

Allandale Initiation



M.W. Bro. Thompson with new members, on his right is Bro Steven Mallon and on his left is Bro John Webb.

The Grand Master and Sovereign, Harry Thompson, initiated two new members to his homelodge LOL #432, Allandale. He was assisted by MW Bro. Jim Bell, Grand Treasurer and the Worshipful Master, Martin Carlisle. New Brothers Steven Mallon and John Webb were honoured to have the Grand Master lead the initiation ceremony. Allandale continues to add members and hopes to win the Simcoe County trophy for most new members.

Royal Arch Purple Degree Exemplified in Toronto

On Saturday November 8, 2008 the County Orange Lodge of Toronto held its annual Royal Arch Purple Degree Day. The degree was conferred on 3 members: Gil Penman and Paul Harvey of LOL#2123, Hamilton; and Bro. Warren Moore of LOL#269, Eglinton. The degree was followed by refreshments and fellowship with members from the area.



(L-R) RW Tom Gunnis, GM of ON West; Bros. Gil Penman and Paul Harvey of LOL#2123, Hamilton; Bro. Warren Moore of LOL #269, Eglinton; and Toronto County Master Ed Kelly.

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Christmas Greetings



Remember the true meaning of the Season!

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas

MW Bro Harry Thompson
Grand Master
and Sovereign
Grand Orange Lodge
of Canada

Wishing all a Blessed Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year!

RW Sis. Jessie Neil
Provincial Grand Mistress
Grand Lodge Ladies' Orange Benevolent
Association of Newfoundland and
Labrador

Wishing everyone the happiest of
Christmases and
all good things in the New Year

**Trillium Home, L.O.B.A.
Ontario West, Inc.**
Board of Directors
Thank you for your support!

Wishing all a Very
Merry Christmas and
a Happy, Healthy New Year!

Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of
Ontario East
RW Bro. Russell Staye
Grand Master

Grand Orange Lodge of Canada Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association

*May the Joy of Christmas
be in your heart,
May the Peace of A Christmas
be in your world
and may the love that was born at
Christmas*

Bring you blessings all through the year.

Lynn Boyd, Grand Mistress
Dorothy Pushie, I.P.G.M.
Marilyn Erwin, Deputy Grand Mistress
Carol Mitchell Jr. Deputy Grand Mistress
Myra Knight, Grand Treasurer
Carol Porter, Grand Secretary



Keeping Christ in Christmas!
Wishing you a Very
Merry Christmas
and
Good Health and Happiness
in the New Year

**MW Sir Knight
Thomas H. Gunnis**
Grand Master
Grand Black Chapter
of Canada

Hope you have a Wonderful
Christmas and a Happy,
Healthy New Year!

MW Sir Knight Robert Weller
Grand Master
Grand Black Chapter
of Ontario West

Wishing You a Blessed Christmas

MW Sis. Janie Parks
Grand Chaplain
LOBA of Canada



Blessings!

RW Sir Knt Graeme Martin
Grand Registrar
Grand Black Chapter
of Ontario West

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

MW Sis. Rea Hendry
Grand Mistress
Grand Lodge Ladies' Orange Benevolent
Association of
Manitoba

Wishing you Peace and Joy!

G.P Margaret Ferguson
Grand Senior Preceptress
Grand Crystal Chapter of Canada

Merry Christmas to all !

RW Sis. Heather Brown
Provincial Grand Mistress
of Ontario East

Christmas Blessings!

MW Jim Bell
Grand Treasurer
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada



Christmas Greetings



Birchcliff J.O.L. #1, Toronto
wishes everyone a very
Merry Christmas!
Kassidy Rioux, President
Shirley Buchanan, Sr. Guardian

Blessings of the Season!
MW Bro. Ralph Roberts
Grand Chaplain
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
MW Bro. Roy Dawe
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

Have a Wonderful Christmas
and Happy New Year!
RW Roberta Patterson
Grand Mistress
LOBA of Nova Scotia

Wishing you Joy and Happiness
this Christmas Season
and Always
**The Board and Staff at
Orange Insurance**
Orange Headquarters

Wishing everyone the Best in 2009!
The Sentinel Team

Jeremy Dowdell Managing Editor
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Happy Holidays!
RW Bro. Donald Wilson
Grand Master
Grand Orange Lodge of Quebec

Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and All Good Things in 2009!
RW Sir Knt Keith McCooeye
Grand Master
Grand Black Chapter of Eastern Ontario

Wishing You and Yours Peace & Joy!
MW Bro. John Chalmers
Grand Secretary
Grand Orange Lodge of Canada

Happy Birthday Jesus!
Hope you celebrate the real
Reason for the Season!
Bro. Aaron Bell
Insurance Representative

May the days until Christmas
be full of sweet pleasure
and your holidays create
joyful memories to treasure.
MW Sis. Judy Barnes
Past Grand Mistress of Canada



Loyal True Blue & Orange Home

Our Goal is to operate a community based children's facility that addresses the physical, social and 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.

Thank you for your support!

Wishing Everyone a Joyous
Christmas Season and the
Best of Health and Happiness
in the new year!

**Richmond Hill, ON
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Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
to the unexpected gifts in life -
Each one a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit
Even when its not December!

Ontario East News

Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario East

150th Annual Session

**Kingston, Ontario
April 30th – May 2, 2009**

Celebrate with ON East at the 150th Annual Session in Kingston, Ontario.

The sight of the first Grand Lodge Session in 1860. This historic event will include a Black Tie optional Gala, Church Parade and Service, 1000 Island Boat Tour with Banquet and much more.

The cost will be only **\$275 per person** (double occupancy) which includes:

- 2 nights accommodation at the Confederation Inn
- Black Tie optional Gala
- 1000 Island Boat tour & Banquet
- 2 Buffet breakfasts & lunches
- Memento and souvenir booklet
- And much, much more

Working in conjunction with the LOBA and The Grand Black Chapter of ON East

12th Celebrations

The Orange families of Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, as well as many interested neighbours and friends, celebrated our "Glorious 12th" in Carleton Place on July 12th, 2008. Registration Table officials reported that people from at least 50 different lodges signed, one Orangeman being from British Columbia.

The event was well advertised in various media from Kingston to Ottawa and beyond. Volunteers began on Friday to decorate the arena and set up. On Saturday parade route signs were posted, displays, ticket and registration tables were readied and commemorative pens were distributed.

After 2 pm, RW Kevin Bradley

welcomed everyone and Mayor Paul Dulmage brought greetings. MW Rev. David Lajeunesse opened the Divine Service with his message "Defending the Truth". Music was provided by MW Sis. Carol Mitchell. The names of deceased members of our Lodges were read. Readings were presented by members of the Loyal True Blue Association; Ladies Orange Benevolent Association and Loyal Orange Lodge. MW GM Russell Staye spoke, then presented Bro. Jim Logan with a collar in recognition of work for Lodges over the years. The Divine Service was followed by a Cenotaph Ceremony. A wreath of poppies was presented by the representatives of the Grand Lodges, assisted by flag bearers, a bugler and a Cadet.

The Twelfth of July parade



King Billy Leads the Parade

began at 4 pm led by "King Billy" Keith Clifford and a Colour Party from Rideau-St. Lawrence District. Several bands provided parade music. Floats were available for participants who needed to ride. They walked for some 50 minutes from the Hospital grounds, along some of Carleton Places' downtown streets, and returned to the arena.

Leatherworks Catering provided a roast beef dinner in the arena followed by the Bowes Brothers Band's dance music. Several Lodges and individuals donated spot dance and door prizes.

In 2009, the celebrations take place on Saturday, July 11th, in Athens, Ontario.

Carleton County Orange Lodge



On June 6th RW Kevin Bradley (Left) Master for Carleton County Orange Lodge and RW Hartley Wilson, Treasurer presented a cheque for \$1,200 to Cheryl Pauls, the Development Coordinator for the Queensway Carleton Hospital Foundation. This is a continuation of many years of fundraising for the hospital expansion project with a total of over \$16,000 donated by Carleton County.

Hall History

The Sentinel is looking for historical articles on Orange Halls from across Canada. Send us photos, both old and new of your Hall along with a short history, inception dates, location, membership, important events or members or anything special that sets your hall apart! These will be published in the Sentinel for all to see. Members who send in an article on their lodge will receive 10 free subscriptions for members of the lodge for one year! Get writing and taking pictures of those great Halls!



Ontario East News

160 years at Nepean LOL #85



MW Bro. Harry Thompson cuts the Cake at the 160th Anniversary Celebration of LOL #85.

On September 27th 2008, Nepean LOL #85 held a dinner to celebrate its 160 years of active service in their community. The guest of honour was the Grand Master and Sovereign of Canada MW Bro. Harry Thompson, and his wife Kathryn.

The Grand Master talked about the problems the members must have overcome when the lodge was formed, such as transportation, heating of the hall and of course communication. The senior Past Grand Master of Canada, MW Bro. Raymond Reside gave a history of the lodge from 1848. He was accompanied by his wife Joan. The Grand Master of the GOL of Ontario East gave a message of the political situation of those years.



MW Harry Thompson presenting Certificate of Congratulations to WM Michael Lajeunesse.

The Master of the lodge, Worthy Bro Michael Lajeunesse thanked the guests for attending. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was MW Rev. David Lajeunesse who, accompanied by wife Yvonne, presented the Grand Master with gifts of appreciation.

RW Russell Staye, GM of Ontario East congratulated the Lodge on their accomplishments. A most enjoyable evening for all!



MW Harry Thompson presenting 50 Yr Pin to Bro. John Whitney

66 Years Service!



(L-R) Doug Nixon, John Knight, John Whitney, W.M. Michael Lajeunesse, John Wilson, Dale Wilson and Ken Hall

Wor. Bro. John Wilson was presented with his 66 Year membership Pin by his nephew, MW Bro. Dale Wilson, Past Grand Master of the Orange Young Britons of British America.



The Nicest Present

Christmas is full of shiny things
That sparkle, gleam and glow;
These holiday pleasures dazzle us,
and yet, deep down, we know...

That Christmas has its special gifts,
But our year-round joy depends
On the cherished people in our lives,
Our Family and our Friends.

Wishing all our Friends
the Merriest of Christmases
and
Peace and Joy Always!

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IN YOUR WILL!**

R . B . P .

Red Cross Degree Team of Eastern & Western Ontario *continued from cover.....*



Members of the Combined Red Cross Degree Team

The Red Cross Degree was exemplified in Covenant RBP #383, Brockville on November 1, 2008 for two members of Prince Edward RBP #509, Winchester. An elite Degree Team comprised of Black Chapter members from both Eastern Ontario and Ontario West conferred the Red Cross Degree on Sir Kt's Findlay Hill and John Brady.

The Grand Master of the Grand Black Institution in Canada, MW Sir Kt. Tom Gunnis, presided in the Preceptor's Chair along with six other of his Grand Institution in Canada officers filled other Degree Team positions. They were MW Sir Kt. Keith McCooye, Deputy Grand Master of Canada; MW Sir Kt. Stan Belding, Grand Chaplain of Canada; MW Sir Kt. Mac Storey, Grand Lecturer of Canada; MW Sir Kt. Russell Staye, Dep. Grand Lecturer of Canada; MW Sir Kt. Don Dacres, Grand Censor of Canada; and MW Sir Kt. Robert Weller, Grand Standard Bearer of Canada.

The Provincial Grand Chapters were well represented with RW Sir Kt. Larry Toll, Grand Master of Eastern Ontario; RW Sir Kt. Mark Alexander, Associate Dep. Grand Master of Eastern Ontario; RW Sir Kt. Percy Markell, acting Grand Lecturer of Eastern Ontario; RW Sir Kt. Doug Nixon, Dep. Grand Standard

Bearer of Eastern Ontario and RW Sir Kt. Wilmer Drummond, Past Dep. Grand Censor of Eastern Ontario.

The distinguished Sir Knights, along with the rest of the knowledgeable Degree Team from Eastern Ontario, formed the 20 members who skillfully opened the Degree with an intricate display of floor maneuvers on their entry into the Chapter Room.

The Red Cross Degree presentation was then well presented with illustrated slide projections as a backdrop to the well prepared parts by the Degree Team members. Everything went very smoothly with the high level of experience to draw on.

Also in attendance to observe the presentation of the Red Cross Degree were many Sir Kts. of past distinguished service to both the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada and to the Grand Black Chapter as well. After the degree were messages of congratulations to the newly elevated Red Cross Sir Kt's. and interprovincial greetings by many prominent Sir Kt's. A fellowship time followed the Degree presentation with supper for all in the Orange Hall banquet room. Perhaps the success of this event will lead to many more combined degrees by the two provincial bodies.

We Shall Not Forget

Her sister in law also laid a wreath for her uncle whose name is on the memorial, he went to Canada as a young man and fought and died for the Canadian army.

Sis. Duckett was so proud to be able to do this small thing for all of the ladies in the LOBA of Canada. They went to Vimy Ridge to the trenches but were unable to take the tour due to time restrictions



The Wreath laid at the Canadian War Memorial on Behalf of the LOBA of Canada

Scarlet Degree Night



Brandon Van Dam (centre) received his Scarlet degree with Great Grandfather Glenn Lowery(right) and Great Uncle Robert Lowery(left).

Durham West Royal Scarlet Chapter held its annual meeting this November 22nd and gave Bro. Brandon Van Dam his Scarlet degree. He had two family members present during the ceremony. Kendal JOL#525 catered the roast beef dinner. Another honour to RW Bro. Geoff Taggart was the presentation of his Past Grand Master's collar at the meeting.

R.B.P.



Grand Black Chapter of New Brunswick Annual Sessions

The Right Worshipful Grand Black Chapter of New Brunswick held its annual meeting at the Fairway Motel in Sussex on April 17th, 2008. The annual Memorial Service for deceased members was at the Salvation Army Church and the banquet was held at the Sussex Lions' Club. Sir Knights enjoyed the annual meetings and time of fellowship.

The following Officers were elected for this year:

- WM -Carson Langille;**
- DM - Gerald Negus;**
- JDM - Gerry Fullerton;**
- Gr. Reg. - Percy Amos;**
- Gr. Treas. - Allen Hasson;**
- Gr. Lecturers - Ronald Bell & Lawrence Negus**

The next annual session will be held in Saint John in 2009.

Congratulations to Bro. Anthony Watson of LOL #22 who received his 5th Degree in RBP #308 in October.

Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West

The **2009 Session** of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West will be held in the Parkview United Church, in Stratford, Ontario on April 2- 4, 2009.

Base Hotel:

Arden Park Hotel
5523 Ontario Street,
Stratford, ON

1(877)788-8818 for reservations

Be sure to mention you are with the Grand Black Chapter to get the special rate.

Testimonial Dinner



Grand Master of Canada, Harry Thompson, presenting MW Robert Weller with a present.

Dufferin County Black Chapter held a testimonial dinner for the Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West, MW Sir Knight Robert Weller (above) in the United Church Hall of Alliston, with over a hundred people in attendance. Sir Knights came from all over Ontario. The Grand Master of Grand Black Chapter of Eastern ON, RW Larry Cole and the Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of British America in Canada, MW Thomas Gunnis also attended this great evening.



RW Don Dacres (right) presents RW Bob Weller with a certificate of appreciation.

Other branches of the Orange Family were represented, by Grand Master & Sovereign, MW Harry Thompson; Grand Senior Preceptress Margaret Ferguson of the Grand Crystal Chapter of Canada; and MW Sis. Myra Knight representing the LOBA of Canada. Several guests of distinction brought greetings, words of

congratulations, and thank yous for the support always shown by MW Bob Weller in his travels. Several presentations were made to MW Sir Knight Weller by his friends and peers. The evening ended with wonderful entertainment which was well received.

A Big Thank You!



MW Sir Knight, Robert Weller, Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of Ontario West, would like to thank all those who attended his Testimonial Dinner in Alliston, Ontario.

"I am humbled by the turnout, and the love and support shown. This night will certainly be a highlight of my term of Office. The dinner was wonderful, the entertainment very enjoyable, and the friendship unforgettable. The many cards, gifts and kind words will be remembered always. Thanks to everyone who had anything to do with making the night such a great success!"

RW Robert Weller

