

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

As I am sure you have noticed, our Newsletter has taken on a new look due to the many complaints we have received in the past about the format and lack of information. Before anyone criticizes the artist about the look of the Balmoral on the cover, let me explain that originally we had a nice, neat and pressed Balmoral and I was told that this was not the way the fellows wore them. In fact, I was informed that most of the men, when they were not wearing them, rolled their Balmoral up and carried them in their back pocket. So, keeping this in mind we had the artist change the picture to resemble the "true look" of the Balmoral.

I cannot take credit for the name of the newsletter. Jack Wear, our Treasurer, came up with the name, presented it to the Executive Committee and it passed. This is our first edition and in the future we will be trying to improve the quality, but as I am sure you must realize, this is going to take a lot of time and work. The reason that we were delayed in getting it out to you this time was because of the change in format and also, I was waiting as long as possible to keep you informed of the most up-to-date happenings with regards to the move to our new premises. Jack Wear volunteered to put some facts together to bring you up-to-date - especially you fellows from out of town who don't get down to the Club to hear the gossip. I have been criticized for keeping the negotiations for the new premises a secret but in all honesty, I have not had anything concrete to report to the membership before this newsletter was prepared. I can assure you that the Building Committee has worked many long hours to ensure that the Old Comrades Association's interests are looked after to the utmost so that our Association will carry on for many years to come.

At our General Meeting on September 10th, I will have floor plans and hopefully a colour rendering to show the membership what our "new home" will look like, and I will hopefully be able to answer all questions put forth by anyone in attendance. So come on out for the General Meeting!

On a final note - Every year the rumour is amongst us that the Warrior's Day Parade is on its last legs and won't be held next year due to lack of participation. However, each year the Vets get together and show up in force so as not to let this happen. I am appealing to you not to let this year be an exception to the rule. I know that last year was our Reunion year and we had a good turnout - lets do the same this year and show the citizens of Toronto that the 48th Highlanders are in existence and indeed doing very well.

For those of you who feel you cannot march the full route, please fall in at the West Gate as we are going through and take part in the march past the grandstand. Lt. Col. Mowatt has assured me that there will be a 25 man guard from the Regiment on parade as well as the massed bands of the Pipes and Drums and Military Band. I also know for a fact that Stan "Knobby" Clarke has been mustering the troops from the Drill Team and if anyone can get them to turn out, he can!

So, once again let me say "let's get out and show off our Association to the citizens of Toronto".

D.R. Burr,
President.

Well, this time you have a "pinch hitter" to get the newsletter on its way, and I guess there is no better way to start than to relate to the major issue of the day....
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BUILDING COMMITTEE

Don Burr,
Bob Harding

Jack Wear
Lt. Col. H. Mowatt

While we can relate to some specifics here, in the main it is impossible other than to give you an "idea" (and we would emphasize that) of our direction. Here goes!

1. (Fact) The building (284 King St. E.) is sold. May of 1988 is our deadline to vacate, however from "day one" the purchasers have intimated their flexibility here if we had a problem in relocation.
2. (Fact) We did receive several offers for the building from varied interested purchasers:

First offer	- \$ 650,000.00
Second offer	- \$ 875,000.00
Third offer and "sold"	- \$1,000,000.00
3. We are now dealing with the purchaser who has available a building we can "rent" that will meet our requirements. We tentatively have a gentlemen's agreement to consummate this transaction. This will be subject to the meeting of minds insofar as the legal jargon is concerned. (Col. John Lowndes is representing our Association)
4. (Fact) The location is 29 Leslie Street, Toronto.
5. (Fact) We are looking at about 7,500 square feet, mainly on one floor, street level, however there is an area slightly lower, about 5 stairs.
6. We presently are dealing with designers, contractors, etc. and while we come closer each day to putting it all together "no commitments have been made to date".
7. "If" all goes well and this deal is finalized, to meet our dollar needs at the new premises we will be looking at the funds received from the sale of 284 King Street being invested and the proceeds from the investment, hopefully will take care of the major portion of our expense. Bear in mind, however, we will be using a reasonable amount of our "basic million" to upgrade the new premises in the way of furniture, etc., that will provide the greatest comfort and joy for our members.
8. If things jell in the next week or so, we could be looking at November '87 occupancy.

9. YES - in the event things are put together as hoped, we will be having an "adieu" session on King Street shortly before our departure.

10. YES - In the event things are put together as hoped, we will be having a "super grand opening" of the new premises.

Now, I don't know whether or not you're any wiser, but at least you know the trend of the negotiations - damn near parallels those phrases:

"I'm slightly pregnant"
"I'm nearly a virgin"

Now if all of this comes to pass, we will be relating to another milestone in the happenings in "our" Club. We have come a long way and let's not forget the many damn fine Highlanders who have given just that little bit more to give us our place to meet and enjoy. Comrades - I would like to jog your memories of those who have:

PAST PRESIDENTS

1937 & prior	Adam Goodfellow	DCM (1st)	*
1938	Edward P. Rodgers		*
1939	Andrew H. Stewart		*
1940, 1941, 1944	John Edmunston	DCM	*
1942	Arthur M. Scully	MM	*
1943	Guy F. Mackenzie		*
1945	George W. Lovegrove		*
1946	Harry Ralph		*
1947	John F. Williams		*
1948	Frank H.C. North		*
1949	Stan Gledhill		*
1950, 1951	Herb D. Helliker		*

1952	Walter B. Moore		
1953, 1954	James Shepherd		*
1955	Leith C. Querie		*
1956, 1957	Gordon R. Keeler	MM	
1958	W. Ross		*
1959, 1960	James E. Lawrie		
1961, 1962	James Brannon		
1963	Morris J. Tracy		
1964, 1965	R. Nicholson		*
1966, 1967	Ken Matheson		
1968, 1969	Bill Wilson		
1970	Hugo Goldberg		
1971, 1972, 1977, 1978	Bernie Whyte		*
1973, 1974	Gordon Outhwaite		
1975, 1976	George A. Roberts		
1979, 1980, 1984, 1985	Bob Harding		
1981	Leo Trudelle		
1982, 1983	Cliff Weir		
1986, 1987	Don Burr		

* Those who have "faded away"

I would like to speak on behalf of our membership and thank them all.

By the way - test your memory (?) Who were the R.S.M.'s and the Commanding Officers in those years?

It would seem timely with that last comment to proceed to the:

GIGGLE DEPARTMENT

An authority is a person who can tell you more about something than you really care to know.

Sandy MacDonald died, and as he had lead an exemplary life, he was directed towards heaven. As he neared the Pearly Gates, St. Peter asked him his name and immediately refused him permission to enter.

"Why can't I come in? I've earned it" queried Sandy.

"No way" said St. Peter. "We're not going to start making porridge for "one".

Well, that brings us to another group of "Highlanders" who "do their best" and who do work hard for your interests. In average age, they are the youngest group we have had in many a year. I talk of your executive and suggest that you keep this page should you have the need to contact any or all:

- President - Don Burr 444-4303
- Vice President - Barry Deacon 757-9692
- I.P.P. - Bob Harding 423-5668
- Treasurer - Jack Wear 283-0323
- Secretary - Russ Duffy 858-5992
- Marshall - John Taylor 535-2343
- Membership - Roy Head 282-8466
- Bill South 251-9806
- Entertainment - Larry Cormack 284-8177
- Sick Committee - Harry Ross 746-5682
- Sports - John Sandulak 694-6002
- Special Events - Charlie Potten 286-3510

Now to report on other matters:

WARRIORS DAY PARADE - August 22, 1987

The bus will leave the Club at 8:45 a.m. sharp. The parade will move off at 10:00 a.m. and we are in the first section, so be on time! The bus will leave Fort York Armouries at 1:30 p.m. to return to the Club.

Dileas - I may come up to "pinch hit" again from time to time.

Jack Wear.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 10/87 General Meeting - 8:15 p.m.
Discussion re: the new Club facilities.

Sept. 19/87 The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a "Garage Sale" in the Club parking lot to sell materials that will not be moved to the new premises. So come out and support the Ladies and maybe pick up a good deal!

Lt. Col A.W. Jensen has inquired if anyone took a picture of the two American Officers being present at the last visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. If anyone does have a copy of this picture, would you please contact him at home: 467-7219 or at work: 866-3722.