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# "THE RED TOURRI"

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

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## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

That time has come around again for the annual Nominations for and the Election of the Executive Committee for the next year. This is an especially important year because these people will be in charge of what happens during the 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Now is the time for any of you who have had ideas and suggestions on how to run the OCA and the Club to step forward and become responsible with their management. One suggestion put forth for this important year is to have as many of the Past Presidents as possible on this 100th Anniversary Executive Committee. That sounds like a DILEAS idea to me. Our Constitution and By-Laws, Article 15, Nominations and Election of Officers, spells out the rules as follows;

(a) Nominations for all offices shall take place at the regular general meeting in October. In order to qualify for nomination, the person,

1. Must be a Regular, or Associate Member, and
2. Must be present at the Nomination Meeting or have given prior notice in writing to the Secretary of their intention to stand for a specific office, and
3. Must have been a member for two (2) full calendar years, had have attended three (3) General Meetings during the current year.

(b) To be eligible for nomination to the office of President and/or Vice-President, a member must be a Regular member and must have served two (2) full years on the Executive Committee.

(c) Election of officers shall be conducted at the November meeting. The term of office to be one (1) year and retiring members will be eligible for reelection.

(d) At the discretion of the Presi-

dent, the election may be conducted according to proceedings as laid down by Parliament. The President shall select an Election Board together with scrutineers, who shall conduct the election. The Board shall be made up of persons other than members of the Association.

(e) The duly elected members shall be installed in their offices at the January meeting.

## Article 6 EXECUTIVE (first paragraph):

The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshall and seven (7) other members. Only two (2) serving members of the 48th Highlanders of Canada may hold office at any one time. Only four (4) Associate members may hold office at any one time.

It has been suggested that for stronger continuity the new Executive for 1991 be installed at the Remembrance Dinner on November 10, 1990. The current Executive has agreed to this.

Lets get everyone out for the Nominations on October 11, 1990 and the Elections on November 8, 1990 ('the second Thursday') and give ourselves a strong Executive for our 100th Anniversary.

My grandfather once told me that it was nice if your vote helped get your candidate elected but if you didn't vote you couldn't bitch about the way things were being done on your behalf.

## CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

The current Executive is setting up a Constitution and By-Laws Committee to study and recommend changes to our existing Constitution and By-Laws that

could make the operation of our Association and the management of our Club better in today's world. Copies of the existing Constitution and By-Laws are available by writing to the Secretary at the Club. Should you have ideas and/or suggestions please send them to the Secretary at the Club. Lets look at this like we are at a wedding. If you don't speak up with your suggestions to the committee now, then you should forever hold your peace. The committee would like to have as much input as possible from as many people as possible.

### LINCOLN TOWN CAR LOTTERY

The Lincoln Lottery ticket sales are well under way. Did you see the 5 1/2" x 7" ad in the Sunday Star on September 16, 1990? LCol Reid says it is pulling in more requests for applications and actual sales than had been expected. About 13% of the tickets have already been sold. He suggested that some people might want to form a syndicate by a ticket. He also pointed out that one of the rules is that only one persons name appear on each ticket, so pick the name of one person in your group to put on your syndicate ticket. It has been announced that each ticket entitles the holder to two (2) FREE tickets in the Special Lincoln Town Car Lottery Ticket Holders Section at the May 18/91 Presentation of Colours extravaganza. The question about what happens to your ticket after the first Early Bird Draw was answered by pointed out that once your ticket in the drum it stays in the drum until the draw is over. When you are lucky enough to win an Early Bird Prize, your ticket goes back in the drum to be eligible again for the next draw. Your ticket must reach draw headquarters 72 hours before the draw to be sure it will be verified and put in the drum. There are four more Early Bird Draws that you be in. Get your tickets in now. The SELLER of the winning ticket will receive \$ 1000.00 so set up lots of syndicates and sell lots of tickets to your relatives, friends,

neighbours and workmates. Applications are available from the Club. Make sure that all Cheques are made payable to:  
48th HIGHLANDERS TRUST

A fine example of what can happen occurred at the last Board of Directors meeting. Norma Blake, from the Ladies Auxiliary, said announced that her mother wanted to donate \$50.00 to the 100th Anniversary Celebrations and presented her cheque. LCol Reid suggested that we try and find someone else who would like to share a Lincoln Lottery Ticket with Norma's mother. Lillian White, from the IODE, responded with "That's what I'm looking for." and offered her \$50.00 cheque. Good Luck to Norma's mother and Lillian White.

### FROM THE REGIMENT

Exercise 'On Guard', the first joint exercise with the Regular Force had gone well. Our C.O. was in charge of the joint operation. There had been a lot of people on various courses, some of whom were top candidates. The long involved Security Clearances have been waived and substantial numbers ('light' platoon) have been taken in. Recruiting has picked up this fall and a new recruit course will start in November with about 40. It is expected that the numbers required for the 100th Anniversary events will be met. There will be no Trooping of the Colours as there will not be enough time to drill properly but there will be a spectacle, an extravaganza, a Presentation of Colours show at the CNE on May 18, 1991 before the Gov Gen. with six 50 man Guards (with a little help from our friends) at which our new Colours and Pipe Banner (which are now being made) will be presented. The refurbishing is ongoing in the Officer's and Sergeant's Mess' and the changes in the training facilities should be completed in November. The 'active' Regimental strength, including active band members, is up to about 150. This is the second largest in the District. There is no more CMA. The new organization comprises

both Regular and Reserve elements. The Regiment will not parade in Full Dress until the refurbishment of all 'Kit' is completed, which will not likely be until the 100th Parade. A 50 man Guard will be mounted for the Royal Winter Fair. Members of the Regiment may not be available for the Remembrance Dinner on November 10 due to an exercise, but will be on parade on November 11 in Garrison Dress. The C.O. is still looking for an open date to hold an Open House at the Armoury.

#### MUSTER PARADE

The CO announced that there will be a Muster Parade at 1930 hrs on January 25, 1991 at Moss Park Armoury for any non-active or retired member of the 48th or other persons with military backgrounds who would be interested in parading during the 100th celebrations. Your Regiment needs you again.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our usual Ceremony will be held at the 48th Memorial in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at 1100 hrs. on Saturday, November 10. Form-up at 1045 hrs. Dress warmly.

Our annual Dinner will be held at the Club on Saturday, November 10. Cocktails at 1800 hrs. Dinner at 1900 hrs. The subsidized Tariff is only \$ 15.00. Our Guest Speaker this year will be the ever popular, scintillating story teller, our very own Honorary Colonel, Col John Loundes. You can bet his exciting narrative and repartee will keep you awake and paying attention.

The Regimental Remembrance Day Service will be held at our Queen's Park Memorial on Sunday, November 11 at 1100 hrs. Form-up in front of Queen's Park at 1030 hrs. Dress warmly. The Mess' will be open at Moss Park afterwards. Bring your whole family including your children and especially grandchildren.

We should all keep in mind that we will

be honouring many of those who made possible the formation of this Old Comrades Association and gave their lives so we would have the freedom to enjoy our present life style. They deserve our Remembrance and Respect. Everyone should try to attend, especially at the Memorials. The exercise will be good.

#### MEMBERSHIP and DUES

Jack Smale has been searching out a good price for unique 100th Anniversary Membership Cards. This will be a card you will want to keep with the rest of your 100th Anniversary souvenirs as a special reminder that you really are a part of the 48th Family. He expects to have your 1991 membership cards available from the beginning of November. He is only ordering 500 of these 100th Anniversary Membership Cards for the Regular Membership and they will be issued on a first come first served basis, except for a couple of numbers that have been issued to certain members who have paid their dues very early for many years. We would all appreciate it if those who haven't paid their 1990 dues yet could do so along with their 1991. Should you come across another Highlander at a Legion, Moose Hall or Truck Stop or know of one somewhere who is not a member of the Old Comrades Association, do what ever is necessary to get them to join now. Let's all aim to go over the 1000 for our 100th Anniversary.

#### COMING EVENTS

We trust that you have received the mass mailing sent out by the 100th Anniversary Reunion Committee this past month. Since you are on our mailing list you are also on the Reunion list. You will notice that the Special Functions really get going in April. There will be a lot more things happening for your enjoyment as plans are finalized. In the mean time we will try to keep you up to date with the what is happen-

ing in the OCA and around the Club. It might be a good idea to mark each event on your kitchen, bathroom, office and personal calendars so you will have lots of reminders. Feel free to get as many of your friends, neighbours and relatives involved as you would like. Let everyone know how proud you are to be a 48th HIGHLANDER.

#### **GENERAL MEETING and NOMINATIONS**

At 2015 hrs on Thursday October 11 the next General Meeting of the Old Comrades Association will be held at the Club. At the meeting, Nominations will be accepted for the Executive Committee for the upcoming year.

#### **FALL LEAVES BUS TOUR**

For Saturday 13 October the Ladies Auxiliary has organized a Bus Tour to travel through the country and enjoy the colourful leaves of this fall season. Details at the Club or from most L.A. Members.

#### **HALLOWEEN DANCE**

Saturday October 27. This should help ward off the ghosts and goblins. Details at the Club.

#### **LIFE MEMBERS MEETING**

As usual, the first Monday, November 5, at the Club at 1300 hrs.

#### **GENERAL MEETING and ELECTIONS**

At 2015 hrs on Thursday November 8 the November General Meeting of the Old Comrades Association will be held at the Club. The Election of Officers for the Executive for the upcoming year will take place. There will likely be some discussion about potential changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. You can't put your two cents worth in when you're not at the meeting. At least put it writing and send it to the Secretary should you be unable to be there in person.

#### **ROYAL WINTER FAIR**

On Thursday November 8, the 48th will be providing the Guard of Honour at the Royal Winter Fair.

#### **48th HIGHLANDERS BALL**

On Friday, November 30, 1990 this Annual Formal Dress Ball (Miniatures and Decorations, White Tie, Black Tie, Mess Kit or Scottish Evening Dress only) will held at the Royal York Hotel. The 48th Highlanders and the St. Andrew's Society alternate as host. The tickets are \$60.00 each or \$120.00 per couple. For details and an Application for Tickets, Contact Maj. Tom White.  
Bus. 822-3511 Res. 444-0515

#### **FAMILY TIES**

Maj. John Brown is collecting information about family relationships within the 48th, past or present, such as a father and son or brothers or a father and daughter who served at the same time or who have each served in their own time. Send this information, ASAP, to Maj. J.A. Brown at 190 Donlea Drive, Toronto, Ont. M4G 2M9

#### **FROM LCOL MIKE GEORGE**

There are a number of people from Holland, especially Apeldoorn, who have said they will be coming over for our 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Many Highlanders have been billeted with Dutch families over the years and this occasion is our chance to repay some of their kind hospitality. They will be in Canada from the 14th to 25th of May, but they are planning a trip to Ottawa and will be visiting other points of interest in Ontario. There will also be two children ages 12 to 13 years coming over from Holten as guests of the 100th Anniversary Committee. A home with two children of equal age will be ideal. Should you feel you could accommodate these children or open you home to billet any of our other friends please contact:

Herbert J. Pike, 23 Marthclare Avenue,  
Don Mills, Ont. M3A 1E1 416/447-0240

#### **SPORTS**

Eddie Majeau tells us that the Euchre

and Cribbage nights are doing well and that there is always room for more dedicated players. The Arrow Mixed Darts League is up and throwing again. We have a new dart board beside the pool table room were the shuffle board used to be. The shuffle board was costing more than it made. The members can thank Kingsway Transport and Ed Majeau for the new board, backing and floor mat. Those who would be interested in being on a traveling dart team should talk to Eddie (461-4409) or see him at the Club. When you have interests in other sporting events you should tell it to Eddie. He has said that if there is enough interest, he'll organize anything for the enjoyment of the members or that could turn a dollar for the Club. We need more members who will dig in and do a job the way Associate Member Eddie Majeau does.

#### THE NOT SO HEALTHY GROUP

Harry Ross reports that when he and Marg Attwells visited our eleven boys in Sunnybrook they were in pretty good spirits. It sure would be nice if they could be visited by more Highlanders. They are in 'G' and 'H' Wings and the Hospital staff is most helpful in guide guiding visitors to our boys. Visit them when you can. Harry also reported that there were a couple of fellows recovering at home and five in other hospitals in the area. For information on who is where or to let him know the condition and/or location of someone you know call Harry Ross at 746-5682.

#### A NEW RECRUIT?

It seems that the CO, the Honourary Colonel and the rest of the contingent that made the trip to Scotland for the Beating of Retreat by the Scottish Division were very impressed with Drum Major Tomkins of the Gordons. He is also the Senior Drum Major of The Scottish Division. It turns out that this was to be his last parade. He is retiring and would consider moving to

Canada should employment be available. He could be a valuable asset to our Regiment. Anyone who may be in a position to assist with employment may obtain his curriculum vitae by contacting Maj. J.A. Brown at 416/425-4400.

#### THIS IS YOUR REGIMENT

##### Part 1 - Birth and Growth

The swing of the kilt; the skirl of the pipes; white-spatted feet in perfect unison! Such memories have remained, through the centuries, dear to the heart of the Scot. Certain it is, that they loomed large in the thoughts of those who laid the foundation for the formation of the 48th Highlanders of Canada back in the Victorian days of the "Eighties". But there was also the desire that Toronto should have the finest kilted regiment in the Dominion.

It was, then early 1891 that a group of men of Scots ancestry gathered together in the City of Toronto with a determination and vigour peculiar only to that hardy race to form a Highland corps. A provisional roll was started and a score of well-known Torontonians signed. Events moved swiftly after the first nominal roll of the Regiment was compiled. On July 3rd, 1891, Capt John Irvine Davidson was offered the command and he accepted.

Seemingly insurmountable difficulties were met. The government balked at the proposal of forming a kilted corps on the grounds of expense but they could not stand before the enthusiasm and determination of men whose dream it was to spawn a great Scottish regiment. Early deputations sent to Ottawa to ask for a charter, failed. During these difficult days the Regiment, nameless though it was, held its first parades in the old Bailey Hall on Huron Street, rented at private expense. The strength of this nameless body had now grown to 250 and determination to obtain a charter was greater than ever.

So began the Century of Faithful Service. What part will you play in this next year .....and beyond?

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This letter is  
self-explanatory

17 July 1990

*Dear Colonel Lowndes,*

This has been an eventful year for all our Scottish Regiments; the 50th Anniversary of St Valery, the Beating of Retreat in London in the presence of HM The Queen and many members of the Royal Family by the massed Pipes and Drums and the Military Bands of the Scottish Division the majority of whom also took part in the Massed Bands Spectacular in Glasgow two days later.

Both in London and Glasgow we were delighted to have representatives from so many of our Affiliated Regiments including your own. All three occasions were a tremendous success and those participating put on a wonderful show.

The events had, however, to be self financing and, in fact, the main aim of the Glasgow Massed Bands Spectacular was to raise funds for the Army Benevolent Fund Scotland.

As part of the arrangements both at St Valery and in Glasgow illustrated brochures were prepared:

a. For St Valery a short history of Highland Division operations between the formation of the Division in 1908 and the disbandment in 1967. The arrangements for the visit and the preparation of the history were under the aegis of Lieutenant General Sir Derek Lang who was captured at St Valery, escaped and subsequently commanded 5th Bn The Cameron Highlanders who were part of the 51st Highland Division which liberated St Valery in 1944.

b. For Glasgow a Souvenir Brochure designed as a lasting record and not just a programme for the day. The Brochure gives a short history of each Scottish Regiment including The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and The Scots Guards along with articles on Regimental Colours, Pipe Banners, the tartans, the Pipes and Drums and Military Bands.

We believe that both publications will be of interest to Scots and those of Scottish heritage throughout the world including, of course, members of your Regiment. We have, therefore, arranged for a copy of each publication to be sent to you separately by Mr Jeff Crowter who kindly took them over to Canada for us.

As our Ex-Servicemen become older they, no doubt like yours, make ever increasing demands on Ex-Service Charities for help and support. All profits from the sale of these Brochures will go to the Army Benevolent Fund Scotland. I would be most grateful if you would promote the sale of these Brochures within your Regiment. Details of costs etc. are attached. In addition to sales within your Regiment we would appreciate details of any other possible outlets, for example through Scottish and St Andrews Societies.

Orders, with payment, should be sent directly to:

The Army Benevolent Fund Scotland  
The Castle  
EDINBURGH, Scotland  
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*Yours sincerely  
Norman Arthur*

BROCHURE & POSTAGE (CANADIAN DOLLARS) - CANADA

Brochures	Postage & Packing		Total		
	Cost	Air mail	Surface	Air Mail	Surface
1. Highland Div. Operations 1908-1967	\$5	\$6	\$3.50	\$11	\$8.50
2. Massed Bands Spectacular 1990 - souvenir brochure	\$5	\$6	\$3.50	\$11	\$8.50
3. Both brochures together	\$10	\$9	\$5.00	\$19	\$15.00