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"THE RED TOURRI"

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 48th HIGHLANDERS OLD COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL HALL, 29 LESLIE STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO. M4W 3C3 416/461-2064

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Ladies & Gentlemen. Highlanders all, we are fast approaching our Hundredth Anniversary celebrations on the weekend of May 16-20. As usual, there are a lot of Highlanders who have not registered yet. If you plan to attend, please drop us a line and let us know. If you wish to go to the Dinner/Dance with you spouse or friend, you should send for your tickets as soon as possible. As you know, tickets for the dinner/Dance at the Royal York Hotel on May 17th (Friday) are \$40.00 each for members and your spouse/partner. Other Guests are \$50.00 each.

Your Club at 29 Leslie Street is becoming more active every day. We have Euchre nights, Crib nights, a Meat Roll every other Saturday afternoon. We are having Bill Dance Appreciation Dance on April 13th from 8pm to 1am. Tickets are \$5.00 each. This will be a good time to meet old friends and enjoy a night of fun, dancing and conversation.

The Executive of your Club is trying very hard to please you, as members, but we need your support. It is a good place to conduct a quiet business meeting or bring your friends to chat away a few hours or spend an evening. The big screen TV is on cable and our lounge is clean and comfortable with a friendly atmosphere. AND the bar prices are great. Drop in soon!

Tickets for the Lincoln Town Car Lottery (\$100.00) are still available or you can send in \$10 or \$25 for a share of a Ticket. All tickets must be sold by the end of March. There is a Special BONUS DRAW in April. The final draw will be on Friday May 17 at the Dinner/Dance at the Royal York.

DILEAS
Gord Outhwaite.

FROM THE MARSHALL

Comrades

You have made me your Marshall, and I am very proud to have been chosen and will do this job for as long as you may or may not want me. Now this is what I ask of you. I've been getting calls for representation and assistance at funerals. Quite frankly, I can only say we will try to be at the funeral and supply poppies for anyone wanting them, because I have no numbers to call for assistance, or to arrange a service. I, as of this date, only have one man that will go with me, and that is the sick and visitation chairman. Some of you fellows are retired, and can be of assistance to myself and your fellow comrades, by being available from time to time as Pallbearers or Honourary bearers, whatever the case may be.

I need a few members to act as a phone committee to start the phone fan-out to spread the word when a request comes in. All we have to do is go to the funeral parlour, in Blues, Greys, Glens and Medals. We will place a poppy on the casket, salute and walk away. Now isn't that easy.

Remember comrades, all our turns are coming, and being a member of as proud a Regiment as we are, we will want to be remembered by our comrades. I am sure our families will be proud to say to the others at our funeral that these men, gathered here to pay tribute, are true 48th Highlanders who know the meaning of their motto "DILIUS GUBRATH. You can see how they love and respect each other". Remember comrades, these are 48th Highlanders who are still members of the Old Comrades Association, and so we can still say "They served till death! Why not we?"

Call the Hall and leave your name and number for me. Better yet, how about coming out to a meeting so as I

can get a look at some of you old @\$*&^s, so I will know what you look like. I am leaving a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, and would like your name and phone number if you can attend a comrade's funeral from time to time. You will be contacted, and any help will be greatly appreciated.

Also I want to get all of you old bastards in shape for the desert in 3 months ("that's desert not dessert").

Yours in comradeship
Ray Bower, Marshall.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the 48th Highlanders Association, of which the OCA is a part, will be held at the Hall on April 11, 1991 at 2015 hrs. As you know, this is the normal night for our Monthly General Meeting. It looks like there will be some interesting topics for discussion. This meeting can be attended by any member of the Regimental Family so it is very important that we have a good turn-out.

ROGUE'S GALLERY

George Roberts asked us to send out this reminder. It would be most appreciated if the following members would submit their photographs, so that the appropriate picture frames can be updated for our 100th Anniversary. Photos should be sized to fit the following openings (in inches):

Past President

- Larry Cormack 3.25"w x 3.5"h

Honourary Life Member

- Andy LeMesurier 3"w x 4.5"h

L.A. Past President

- Connie Wood 2"w x 2.5"h

ONTARIO REGIMENT REUNION

It seems this is a big year for the Ontarios as well. They will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary this fall with a Reunion on Friday Sep 13 and their Formal Parade on Saturday Sep 15 at Iroquois Park, Whitby, inspected by the Governor General. All Highlanders, especially those who were transferred to help fill their ranks in 1939-40 are invited. Contact Don Chap-

man, the Sec/Treas of the Ontario Regiment Association at 3-439 Austen Crt., Oshawa, Ont. L1H 6K7 (416) 725-1367.

MEMBERSHIP

Jack Smale reports that we have received dues from or given 320 Regular, 28 Associate, 84 Social, 13 Honorary Life and 4 Complimentary members so far this year for a total of 549. We send out over 700 Red Tourris each time. After the Reunion non paid-up members will no longer receive the Red Tourri. Jack is still looking for 1000 for our 100th. Send your dues in now!

SICK COMMITTEE

As of the first week of February there were still 13 Highlanders in G & K Wings at Sunnybrook when Harry Ross, Marie Nelson and Ray Bower visited them. Jim Ross was at Queen Elizabeth, Fred Metcalf at Toronto General, Eddy Harrison at East General and Tom Humphreys. Ian McKenzie, Gordy Hail and Bill McLeod were all sick at home. It would be a really nice gesture if more of us could spare a little time to visit some of our comrades who aren't able to get about as well as we can. When you know of someone who is ill, let Harry Ross know or call the Club.

PASSED ON

We have collected quite a few names of those who have gone to the Great Parade Ground in the Sky last year and up 'til now this year. Please send us the name of anyone you may think of so we may have as accurate a list as possible.

MACINTOSH SHOOT

Continuing Sergeants vs. Active Members. Sunday April 7, 1991, 1000 hrs. Darts, Cribbage and Musketry. \$5 each. Cold Buffet at Noon. Usual Bar.

SERGEANTS' MESS DINNER

After a wonderful 99th Annual Mess Dinner last October, it was decided to have the 100th Dinner on the exact 100th Anniversary, Wednesday the 16th of October, 1991. Every Sergeant should plan on attending this occasion.

VISITORS ACCOMMODATION

Herb Pike is still looking for some accommodation for visitors from Holland during the Reunion. If you can put up a couple of our Dutch friends for a week or so, call Herb at 416/447-0240 and volunteer.

GONGS NEED MENDING? REPLACING?

Should your Medals need refurbishing before the Reunion, George Jeffery may be able to do it for you. He is at 820 Willowdale Ave., Willowdale. 416/225-1494.

Replacements are available from Veterans Affairs Canada, Honours and Awards Section, 284 Wellington Street, Ottawa, K1A 0P4. Quote them your Unit, Rank and Regimental Number.

D DAY DODGERS

This will be a real test of how much stamina you've still got in those old bones, especially for the Drill Team, which has a Parade Practise at the Armoury on Friday Night. This May 11/12 wild weekend in Orillia takes place the weekend before our 100th Reunion. Good Luck!

LADIES AUXILIARY SPRING BAZAAR

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their **ANNUAL SPRING BAZAAR** on Sat. April 13, 1991 from 12 Noon to 4 PM. As well as the usual high quality hand crafted items, bargain novelty items and delicious baked goods, they will be selling tickets on Bunny Logs @ 3/\$1 and a donated Texas Mickey @ \$3 or 2/\$5. This should be a great afternoon and they are hoping for a huge turn-out as the money collected will help defray the costs of the luncheon they are providing for the Troops at the Armoury before the Parade on the Sunday of the Reunion weekend. Bring your friends, neighbours and relatives!!!

FROM THE IOOE

A Special Reunion Committee has been set up within the Chapter on behalf of the 48th Highlanders which will be in charge of Registrations for the Regiment's 100th Anniversary Reunion.

Starting in January, 1991, those

members of the 48th Highlanders, their families and friends who plan to attend the Reunion and who have not as yet Registered, are urged to do so right now!

Send particulars to:

48th Highlanders
100th Reunion Registration
496 Mortimer Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario. M4J 2G7

Seating is limited at the Dinner/Dance being held at the Royal York on Friday May 17, 1991, so it is important that your registration and reservations are made as soon as possible. You may check with Marg Attwell at 416/465-7291 on the status of your registration or to ensure that your name is on the most current computer mailing list. Send your Registration and Reservation NOW.

RE: BILL DANCE APPRECIATION NIGHT

On Saturday April 13, 1991, the 48th Highlanders OCA have the privilege of honouring Bill Dance by having an Appreciation Night to acknowledge his contributions to the Regimental Family. As many of you know Bill has not only contributed (money) for our various events but also his personal and company time in providing souvenirs for the Clubs various Reunions and for the veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital. At the last Reunion he put up all the cash for the souvenirs for the Reunion himself in the hope that he would regain that money by selling the products. All the product did not sell and there was a considerable money loss to Bill. When we asked what we could do to overcome his losses Bill's reply was "If you guys are happy, I'm okay". That's the kind of guy Bill Dance is for us. Bill also quietly provides the veterans of Sunnybrook Hospital with various mementos and plaques for special occasions and T-shirts and Sweatshirts at Christmas. all of this, I might add, without anyone having to ask. The Visitation Committees of the Ladies Auxiliary and the OCA actually deliver these items to the veterans and get the credit, but Bill is the person who donates the items and time. Bill has also donated the up front money, for the various items presently on sale at the Club for

the 100th Anniversary in May this year.

Wouldn't it be nice to come down to the Club on April 13 and shake hands with Bill Dance and say "Thanks Bill for all you do for us and for the veterans at Sunnybrook Hospital as well"? Hope to see you there!

Don Burr, IPP

GIFT SHOPPE ITEMS

The following 100th Anniversary items are available at the Hall:

Sweater - long sleeved, V-neck \$25.00
- Vest w/buttons 24.00
With 48th Crest over 1891-1991
Grey, Navy, Royal, Green, Red

Sweat Shirt - crested w/dates \$20.00
- long sleeved, crew neck
Navy, Red, Teal, Bone, Yellow,
White

Baseball Caps - ventilated \$10.00
Reg - Navy, Silver, Sky (blue)
Neon - Yellow, Pink, Orange, Lime

Jacket (windbreaker) \$45.00
Grey, Navy, Med Blue, Red

Ties - 100th Anniversary \$20.00

100th Anniversary Decals \$2.00

Coasters - Cap Badge on Tartan \$3.00
Patch, 1891-1991

Mugs - Green with silver Falcon \$9.00

Glasses - Cap Badge \$6.00

COMING SOON - Plaques (Battle Honours - multi-coloured) and great Golf Shirts.

ALSO AVAILABLE

48th Blazer Button Set \$10.00
(2 Big, 6 Small)

OCA Blazer Crest \$20.00

For regular ties and Glens you might try the Armoury Kit Shop or Richardson's or some other Scottish Shop.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mark these dates on your Calendar.

March	9	Meat Roll	1300
"	14	Monthly General Meeting	2015
"	16	St. Patrick's Dance	2000
"	23	Meat Roll	1300

April	6	Meat Roll	1300
"	11	48th Highlanders Association Annual General Meeting	2015
"	13	Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar	12-4
"	20	Bill Dance Appreciation	2000
"	20	Meat Roll	1300

May	4	Meat Roll	1300
"	9	Monthly General Meeting	2015
"	11	Woodbine Racetrack Day	
"	11	D Day Dodgers, Orillia	
"	16-19	100th Anniversary Reunion	
"	25	Meat Roll	1300

June	8	Meat Roll	1300
"	22	Meat Roll	1300

HAIRLESS MACHINE

Someone, who knows that I wear a hat most of the time, asked me why it is that balding men don't like to wear hats or toupees. Apparently its because they don't want to cover up the solar collector for their sex machine.

OBSERVATION

The death of Japan's Hirohito nearly gave an Edinburgh newspaper, "The Evening News", a shocker when it came to reporting the event. The story was planned, along with a suitably solemn Photograph, for a certain page. One sharp-eyed layout person noticed the article was scheduled opposite a full page ad for an Edinburgh Pub called "The Royal Nip". The ad was moved.

HELP!!!

I know that many of you readers have some interesting stories that should be shared with your comrades. It will be most appreciated if you would send them to me so I don't have to wrack my brain and search so hard for some decent humour to fill up this newsletter. Please send your stories and jokes to me at the Hall. Thanks!