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His Honour was pleased to install Lawrence Patten as a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada in a private ceremony. Captain Jack Patten, Honorary ADC, assisted in his brother's investiture.

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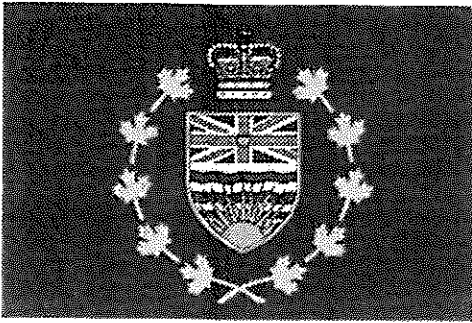
The Heraldry Society of Canada

VICEREGAL INVESTITURE

Lawrence John Patten, *Esq. FHSC*

Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada

Having been elected a Fellow of the Heraldry Society of Canada in 1999, "Laurie" Patten was invested at the end of May by the Branch Patron in a private ceremony held at Government House, Victoria. In his welcoming address, the Honourable **Garde Gardom** commented on the many years that Laurie, a past Branch president and currently a director, had devoted to promoting the science and knowledge of heraldry.

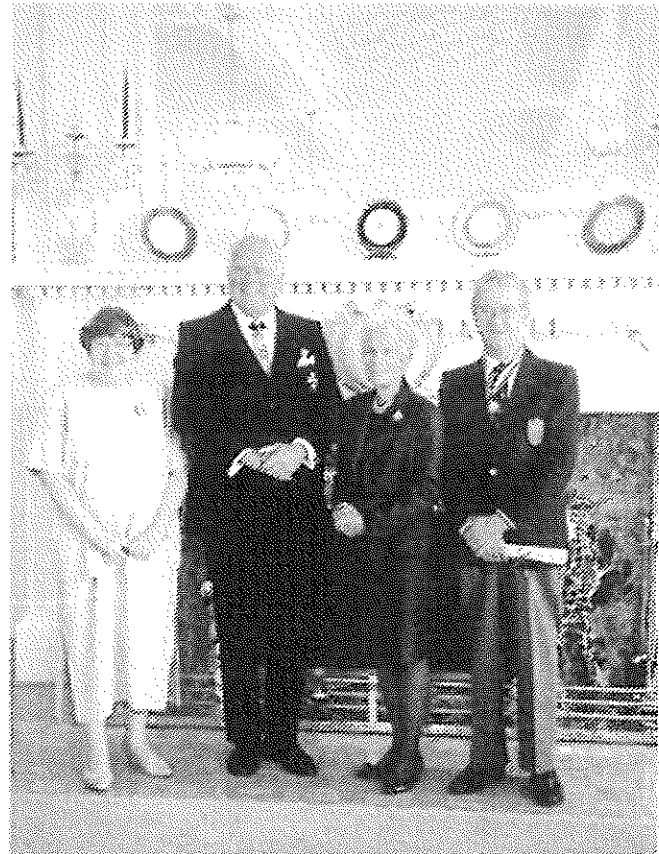
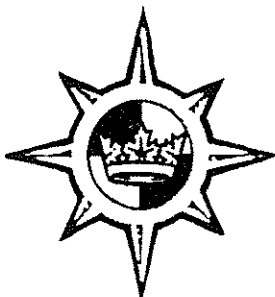


THE FLAG OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Graham Anderson, *Cowichan Herald Extraordinary* read the citation after which His Honour congratulated the recipient, bestowed the medallion and presented Laurie with the Proclamation of Fellowship. The Branch President then asked Their Honours to accept as a token of the Branch's gratitude, two lapel pins in the form of the HSC badge. This the viceregal couple did following of which, a photo session with their Honours and the Pattens was held. The Lieutenant-Governor and **Mrs Gardom** accompanied by members of the vice-regal suite invited those assembled to a reception in the drawing room after the presentation.

Attending the simple but dignified ceremony in addition to Laurie, was his wife **Lynn**, their son **Bruce Patten** and Lynn's sister Mrs. **Betty Shepherdson**, visiting from Australia. Coincidentally, the Lieutenant-Governor's aide-de-camp for the occasion was Laurie's brother Captain **Jack Patten** of the Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). Representing the President of the Heraldry Society of Canada was **Rean Meyer** whereas **David Ruddy** and **Frank Hird-Rutter** attended on behalf of the British Columbia and Yukon Branch.

Letters of appreciation were sent by the Branch to the Gardoms, and to Insp. **Herbert Le Roy** and Mrs. **Isabelle Harris** of Government House. A gracious letter of thanks for the "*épinglettes des armoiries*" was received from His Honour on behalf of the viceregal couple.



The President's Corner



Thanks to the loyalty and support of members and friends, the BC/Yukon Branch approaches the end of the year 2000 in a healthy state numerically and financially. This past year we had well-attended luncheons in Colwood and Nanaimo and a commendable presence at Government House during the celebration of Commonwealth Week in Victoria. An investiture presided over by our Patron the Lieutenant-Governor, was another significant event in the life of the Branch, a report of which appears in this issue of *The Blazon*. The Branch newsletter has now assumed a more prestigious title, that of a *magazine*. The reason is not vanity but because *The Blazon* will now take its place in the stacks with other magazines at the main branch of the Victoria Library. We found out that as a humble newsletter, it disappeared into a vast box with all of the other societies' newsletters, never to be placed in public view.

Readers will no doubt note representation of, and items by, members residing outside the boundaries of this province and the Yukon. This is somewhat a reversal of the old war cry "the West wants in." To the thundering herds from the East who have descended upon the Editor with heraldic material of one kind or another, we extend a hearty welcome and thanks for adding to the variety of heraldic subjects appearing in *The Blazon*. Speaking of the East, once again our story of the saga of the missing crown on Derick Stratford's Victorian arms has been pre-empted. This by way of The City of Ottawa's decision to seek new arms. Until alerted by Jean Matheson and the very same day, by Terry Manuel, it was the first we had heard of the controversy. So, read all about it in this issue.

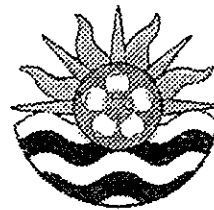
The Branch AGM is slated to take place at the new naval officers' wardroom located at Her Majesty's Dockyard in Esquimalt, Saturday 14 October 2000. We thank Gordon & Pat Gedge who as members of the Wardroom, are acting as the Branch's sponsor on this occasion. I hope to see a good representation as a new executive must be elected to take up their duties 1 January next year. It is important they know members' feelings and ideas for the coming new year. The Society's own AGM follows 20-21-22 October at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto.

It is with great regret I write of the loss of one of our Branch friends whom I had grown to know quite well. **Barney Bethune Hagar**, owner of *Poor Richard's Books* died during the first week of July after a long illness. A much respected antiquarian book dealer, Barney served in the Normandy campaign with the Royal Canadian Artillery during WW II. Born and raised in Victoria, he had a great knowledge of the city and its leading citizens of a bygone era. His memorial service at St. John the Divine was well-attended by friends and colleagues and by members of this Branch. He was a knight commander in the Order of St. Lazarus and among his other interests it was noted in his obituary that he was a dedicated cat person. Our condolences were expressed personally to Joanna and the family following the service.

Just as we were putting the publication to bed, we learned of another great loss to our community. **Melvin Smith, QC**, a personal friend and Honorary member of the Branch, died on the 3rd of September. Readers of *The Blazon* will recollect his great contribution towards this province's acquisition of lawful augmented armorials presented by the Queen during the Royal visit of 1987. *The Blazon* will feature a tribute to Mel in its next issue. Condolences have been expressed to Beverley and family members.

To conclude, I wish to thank Jean Matheson and John Wilkes, for their continuing co-operation. Also, the Chief Herald and the Chancellery for keeping me informed of heraldic happenings. My wife Shirley has been invaluable in assisting with the layout of the magazine. I appreciate the support of the Branch executive, and the letters, faxes and E-mails from many parts of the country and elsewhere. Thanks to all of you, the science of heraldry is alive and well in B.C. Long may it continue. ♦♦♦

Rean Meyer



Following closely upon the investiture at Government House, **Laurie and Lynn Patten** aided by **Evan and Jean Petley-Jones** and Laurie's brother **Jack**, arranged for a delightful luncheon at the Nanaimo Golf Club. Thirty-one members and friends (and friends of friends) attended. The food was excellent and an exhibit of heraldic crafts featuring a variety of interesting armorial objects were on display.

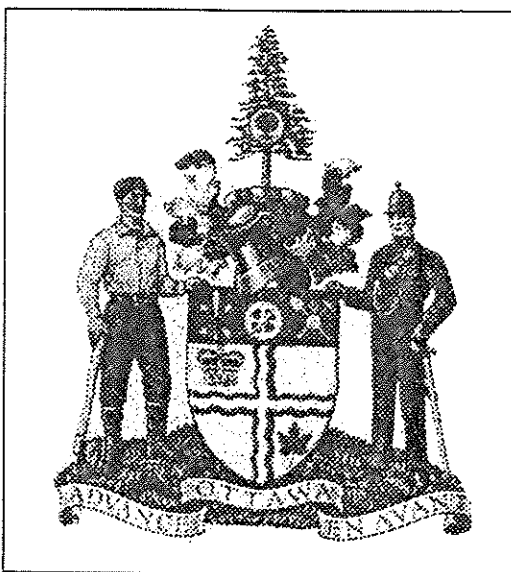
This last included a laminated shield of arms hanging over the *porte-cochère*. Those of us who don't have *portes-cochère* learned that we can place them above our doorway or over the garage. The example Laurie used was the personal arms of and commissioned by **Alex. Greenwood**. There was also stem ware with etched arms, various ceramics and hand illuminated armorial texts and library-copy devices. **Irene Alexander** had an attractive hand-painted cartouche her paternal arms which she had done along with other examples of her meticulous work. Personal banners and flags helped in creating an heraldic atmosphere in the dining room in which hung the Club's framed letters-patent. The Nanaimo Golf Club received their arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority thanks to the dedication of Club executive member **Barry Jones** and with the guidance of **Graham Anderson** and Laurie. The newly-elected Club President, **Bruce Avis** together with Mr. Jones are most enthusiastic on the subject of heraldry in general and contributed to the question period following Graham's address on the function & composition of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

Irene Alexander also spoke briefly on the importance of the application of the proper shades of tinctures and metals in heraldic art. In this respect, Irene complimented *The Blazon* on its Spring-Summer cover feature of the arms, flag and badge, of the Monarchist League of Canada.

Among those attending from out-of-town were: **Cynthia Watson** from Calgary who brought greetings from husband **David**, a Branch Director-at-large; **Jack & June Frazer** of Saltspring Island (Jack was M.P. for Saanich-Gulf Islands from 1993-97), **Betty Shepherdson** of Australia, **Fred Gordon** (*Peninsula Printers*), **John Neroutsos** and **Peter Gardner** all of Sidney and from Victoria **Paul Loofs**, **Rean & Shirley Meyer**, **William & Lillian Wonders** and **David Ruddy**. Long-time member **Charles de Cosson** of West Vancouver and **Mrs de Cosson** were on hand as was **Charles Kingston** of Duncan, snapping away with his 35 mm. Canon. Newly-joined Heraldic artist **Desmond Bevis** and **Mrs Bevis** were introduced and some of Des's beautiful art work was on exhibit.

Regrets were received from: **Alex. Paton**, **Sir Robert Cave-Browne-Cave**, **Shirley Greenwood**, **Gary Mitchell**, **Terry McCullough**, **Brian Scott**, **Jill Hansche**, **Michael Hobbs**, **Mel Smith**, **Lady Chatfield**, **Gerry Churley**, **Gord Gedge**, **Jamie MacKendrick**, **Ian McPherson**, **Jim Webb**, **Dale Murray**, **Tom Yarrington**, **Fergus Macdowall** and **Jarrett Teague**.

As usual, our "up-island" members and friends are to be congratulated on a most successful get-together, one which has pretty well become an annual event with the B.C./Yukon Branch.



For the scrap heap! See pages 5 & 6.

BLUNDERING ABOUT WITH HISTORY

The Ottawa transition board is throwing out our history. It is doing this very politely: a press conference yesterday featuring live music, “community consultation,” nice speeches and the soothing bass tones of the Ottawa Senators announcer, was designed to be reassuring. Still, the board is treating our history badly.

It is hard to be negative about the board’s hunt for a new coat of arms, flag and logo. Children sent in their drawings, prominent citizens such as Jean Teron and Dave Smith gave some of their time. Claude Bennett, the head of the transition board, seems sincere. But the flawed nature of this exercise must still be pointed out.

Mr. Bennett told us yesterday that when two companies merge, they find a new corporate symbol. Thus, he reasons, we must find a symbol to inspire us as the 12 local governments merge in the Ottawa region.

But this is not a corporate merger and we’re not selling cornflakes. If the transition board wants to dabble with a new logo for the new city, it can doodle to its heart’s content. But the coat of arms of a city is part of its culture. It’s about heritage; in Ottawa’s case that is bound up in the Crown, the lumber trade, the rivers, the civil-service riflemen. All of these are in existing coat of arms of Ottawa.

Yet the transition board didn’t even consider retaining the Ottawa coat of arms because that could be judged unfair to municipal governments around Ottawa. The reality is, though, that the 10 municipalities are being absorbed into the City of Ottawa in the merger, a reflection of the fact that Ottawa is the capital and the growth of the area happened because of Ottawa. Ottawa has a reasonably good reputation for preserving historic buildings among Canada’s cities. Yet we now have community leaders who are ready to toss out one of our most important historical symbols.

Three freshly proposed designs have been vetted by the heraldry experts at Rideau Hall to ensure they conform to heraldic rules of composition. And indeed Robert Watt, the Chief Herald of Canada says the three are “within technical requirements” of heraldry. But these government heraldry experts aren’t wading in to judge the merits of the proposed symbols. That’s being left to the public.

One of the most knowledgeable persons on heraldry in Ottawa, Strome Galloway, described the proposed coats of arms as “terrible” and “nonsense”. He is especially aghast at the design he describes as bearing “pyramid things”, which are supposed to represent trees. Mr. (Sic) Galloway, a retired colonel who was editor of *Heraldry in Canada* for 18 years, points out that Ottawa’s famous mayor Charlotte Whitton, went to extraordinary lengths to get Ottawa’s coat of arms approved by British authorities in the 1950s.

Another expert in this field, John Matheson, who played a key role in Canada’s flag debate, says that in a general sense a coat of arms—often called the armorial bearings of a city—should not be confused with a logo. “You don’t throw away your past,” says Mr. Matheson, a former judge and MP. “Surely to God you hang on to it.” (Still, if the city is determined to pick a new coat of arms, he says one of the proposed designs—with the swan and the Canada goose with the pair of skates around its neck—is impressive because of its simplicity.)

So let’s debate our symbols over the next few weeks. But let’s include in that discussion the possibility of keeping the coat of arms we already have. It’s wrong to erase all the physical and symbolic reminders of our past. **[From an editorial in the 31 August 2000 edition of *The Ottawa Citizen*, thanks to Jean Matheson and Terry Manuel-REM].**

THE BLAZON comments

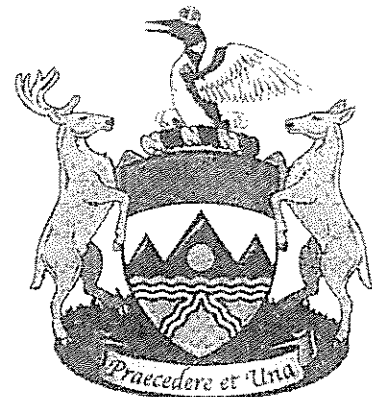
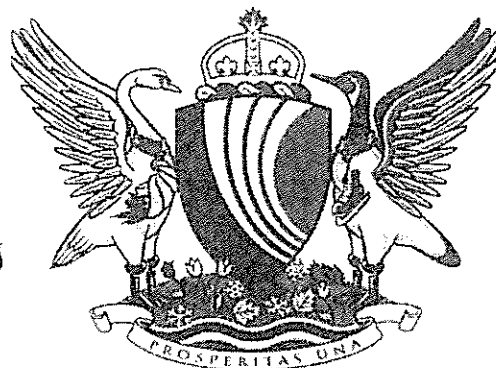
By the Editor

The only missing factor in an otherwise excellent editorial on *The Citizen's* part is the lack of reference to the Transition Board's ignoring the rest of Canada. After all, Ottawa is the capital for *all* Canadians, not just those who reside there. The Board also excluded the existence of The Heraldry Society of Canada, bypassed the Heraldic Authority and dismissed completely the contribution by pioneers of the region. They insulted the Rideau Hall heralds by entrusting three advertising firms with this dubious project budgeted at \$65,000. The final three examples have been taken from suggestions requested of the general public, 43% coming from children.

We do applaud two members, Board chairman and longtime politician Claude Bennett and restaurateur David Smith, for their observations elsewhere in *The Citizen*, on the overwhelming predominance of animals (and birds) and lack of people representation. However, not all members were so astute in their observations. Lloyd Francis, an ex-cabinet minister from the Trudeau years, grumbled about the absence of representation of Ottawa's high tech industry. He is typical of the 19th century town fathers who lobbied for cog wheels and steam engines in their town's "crest". It would appear not one member of the Transition team has a smidgen of knowledge of the science and art of heraldry and where is their sense of history? Bennett's analogy about corporate mergers does not apply here as so aptly stated by *The Citizen*. It is the other municipalities joining Ottawa not vice-versa. We agree, Ottawa should retain its arms and the other municipalities should feel honoured to use them.

The three examples being studied are quite pathetic, both in interpretation and design. That which John Matheson commented on in its simplicity, has a quasi Tudor crown with a substitute maple leaf where the orb and Maltese cross should be. The suspension of a contemporary ice skate from the neck of a swan and a goose supporter is truly whimsical! There are no helms, mural crowns nor customary mantling in any of the three examples. Certainly there is no sense of majesty. The Ottawa rate-payer will foot the bill (or as the Capital Region comes under the Minister of Heritage, the rest of us will also share in the costs when they are finalized). Let us hope common sense will prevail and the arms of Ottawa as we know them, will be retained.

Otherwise, since both the decision to replace the civic arms is controversial, the final selection from the three now under consideration will prove to be an expensive and a disappointing replacement for the more appropriate arms designed by the late Cdr. Alan Beddoe. No wonder the Board desires this matter be settled by September 15th. To paraphrase a comment by a friend: the camel is the product of a committee which was asked to draw a horse. Maybe that's why the Transition team appealed to the public. They didn't want a camel. But now the Board will have to choose from a combination of dogs, elk, deer, swans, geese, crowned loons and yes, even a horse, but luckily, no camel.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Rideau Hall Appointments

Since our last publication, Her Excellency the Governor-General has officially assumed her rôle as Patron of The Heraldry Society of Canada/*la Société héraldique du Canada*. **Judith LaRoque** CVO, has been replaced by **Barbara Uteck** as Private Secretary to the Governor-General and Herald Chancellor; **Auguste Vachon** FHSC, Saguenay Herald has retired and **Bruce Patterson** FHSC, former editor of Toronto Branch's *Hogtown Heraldry*, appointed in his place. Bruce also assumes the duties as Assistant Registrar at the Canadian Heraldic Authority. Both will be missed by those with whom they have worked so closely, Auguste being the closest thing to a chief herald in the Canadian sense prior to the formation of the CHA in 1988. Under Bruce's editorship, *Hogtown Heraldry* was always a *potpourri* of current heraldic information from various domestic and foreign sources. **Claire Boudreau**, formerly Saguenay Herald, assumes the mantle (there are no tabards at Rideau Hall) of Saint Laurent Herald and that of Guardian of the Public Register of Arms, Badges and Flags.



A Feather in his Bonnet

Bernard Finestone of Montreal wrote that were it not for information passed on to him by your humble editor, he would not have known he was entitled to wear a feather in his bonnet. Bernard is a major of the Fort St. Helen Garrison of the 78th Fraser Highlanders and as such wears the uniform and kilt of the 78th. Being armigerous, he also wears one eagle feather behind the Clan Fraser badge on his Glengarry and Balmoral head dress.

Gordon Macpherson, who is knowledgeable about such customs once received a short note on the subject from the late **Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk**, sometime Albany Herald at Lyon Court, Edinburgh. Dated 26 April 1960 the short memo reads: "As I understand it, the convention is for the Sovereign to wear four (eagle feathers), chiefs to wear three, chieftains of great branches have two, and gentlemen of the clan one. All the armigerous members of the clan are noble, and to be numbered among the gentlemen who could wear a single feather."

In the 1950s, Sir Iain and the late talented artist **Don Pottinger** produced a most valuable humorously illustrated guide for heraldic novices titled *Simple Heraldry*. It has had several printings and is still valid today even though there have been changes in convention, most notably in that of recognition of female armigers. The feather worn in Scotland is that of the native Golden eagle. Since feathers of the North American Baldheaded eagle are not easily obtainable and possession may be a criminal offence in some parts of Canada, a miniature eagle feather in silver is sometimes worn as a substitute for the real thing.

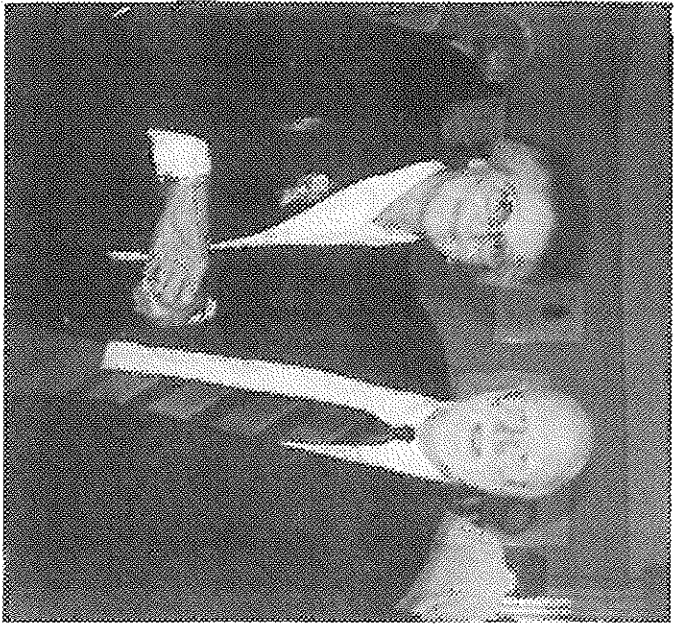
Carpet-knight, a forgotten English expression

A denomination given to men of peaceable professions, who are raised to the dignity of knighthood. They take their appellation *carpet* because they usually receive their honours from the king's hands in the court, kneeling on a carpet. By this they are distinguished from knights created in the camp or field of battle on account of their military prowess.

-James Barclay's *Dictionary of the English Language*, 1848

THE BULLETIN BOARD

Paul Loofs of Victoria, following his award from the Canadian Red Cross for having made his 150th blood donation, was off once more to work in the jungles of Honduras as part of the Medical Mission International. Paul participates in similar projects on behalf of Save Our Children and CARE CANADA. He was featured in the latter's Millennium calendar. **Alex and Orma Paton** also of Victoria were in the receiving line at the **Maritime Museum of B.C.** reception for the exhibition *Nelson and The Age of Fighting Sail*, which Alex helped put together. He also contributed an excellent article on the subject for the spring edition of the Museum's journal *Resolution*. **Jamie MacKendrick** of North Saanich hosted a cocktail reception at the Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, celebrating three generations of his family's membership in the RCMI. He presented a chair in memory of his late father Lt.Col. Harry MacKendrick, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Meanwhile in Vancouver, Chief Herald **Robert Watt** presented **Sir Robert Cave-Browne-Cave** of Langley with a copy of the registration of his arms (granted his ancestor by the College of Arms in 1641) which now graces the records of the Canadian Heraldic Authority; **Cyril & Lorna Woods** of Toronto paid a two day visit to Victoria during which time they were given a guided tour of Government House in Rockland. Former M.P. **Jack Frazer's** private member's bill resulted in a Canadian volunteer service medal being struck in recognition of Canadian peacekeepers' 1998 Nobel Peace prize. Jack and June invited to attend a ceremony in Ottawa where the Governor-General presented the first of these medals to recipients. **Cindy Watson** in Victoria with time off as Director of Programmes & Services at Calgary veterans' care centre taking her final year for her master's degree from Royal Roads University. Meanwhile, husband **David** is working with an outreach programme counseling Calgary street people. His clients are far removed from our civilized world of heraldry, many of whom are crack/cocain addicted and/or HIV/AIDS infected. **James Breithaupt** of Waterloo, Ont. was in Victoria for the Dominion Conference of the Governors of the Corps of Commissionaires. Jim found time to attend the surprise birthday party for old friend, Branch VP **David Ruddy**. Also of the group from every part of Canada at the Commissionaire's conference was **John Neroutsos** of Sidney and **Ben Shapiro** of Ottawa. Ben who recently received his arms from the CHA and the Order of Canada from the Governor-General has joined the Heraldry Society. **Rean & Shirley Meyer** of Victoria were made life members of the Monarchist League of Canada and received an invitation from Hon. Lincoln Alexander, Honorary Chairman of the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust, to attend an exhibition in Toronto celebrating the 100th birthday of the Queen Mother. **Graham Anderson** of Cowichan flew off to the UK to take part in an archeological expedition of Hadrian's Wall while **Strome Galloway** of Ottawa was a special guest at the Freedom of the City ceremony staged in the nation's capital, when the 3rd Battalion of The Royal Canadian Regiment was granted the right to march through the city with flags flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed. **Brian & Jesse Scott** of Courtenay hosted a garden party in honour of the Queen Mother Elizabeth attended by local dignitaries including their M.P. In Victoria the **Branch Patron & Hon. Mrs Gardom** attended commemoration service at Christ Church honouring Queen Mother and **Lord & Lady Chatfield** held their annual garden party; many members of the provinces's Monarchist League present on all three occasions. **Darrell Kennedy** of Guelph now consultant with the Heraldic Authority. **Terry & Francis McCullough** of Vancouver off to UK and pilgrimage to Rome. They will visit her cousin Graham (Lord Shaughnessy) in London. He served with the Canadian Grenadier Guards during the Normandy campaign. BGen **Thomas Yarrington** of Seattle has been appointed Grand Hospitaller of the Order of St. Lazarus by *le Duc de Brissac*, Grand Master of the Order. ~~20-20-20~~



Left:
Mr. & Mrs. Desmond Bevis
at the Nanaimo luncheon
at which some of Desmond's
exquisite heraldic artistry
was on display.

Branch Luncheons

Right:
Dr. & Mrs. Kemble
Greenwood of Cobble Hill
together with son
Dr. Michael Greenwood at-
tended the luncheon at the
Royal Colwood Golf Club.



Two jolly good Fellows
of the Heraldry Society:
Branch director Laurie
Patton of Nanaimo and
Irene Alexander, North
Vancouver at Nanaimo
luncheon.



Lynn Patton and
Jean Petley-Jones of
Nanaimo Golf Club
with Cindy Watson
(centre) wife of David,
our man and Director-
at-large in Calgary.

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THE BLAZON.

Mail Order titles - Part 2 - Not to the Manor Born

By Rean Meyer

"Really, there's little difference in buying a title and getting a title for being the bastard son of a king. It's what you make of it when you've got it." (The Earl of Pembroke) This quotation pertains to peerage titles with which the following has nothing to do whatsoever. [REM]

The Internet is awash with offers of questionable titles for sale, from duke to lowly knight. One firm, that of **Noble Titles** (in the UK), specializes in lords of manors with the come-on, *"All who purchase titles ...will obtain free first year membership of the Landed Gentry Society of Great Britain, together with full regalia."*

Another calling itself **Landed Gentry Titles Heritage Researchers by Private Treaty** (whatever the last means) maintains a Beverly Hills address as well as a London one. British Feudal Investments Ltd. flogs English, Scottish, Irish, Russian, Hungarian, French, Albanian, Armenian, Latin and Crusader Kingdoms of the Levant titles at very fancy prices. The Barony of Beachamp of Bedford will cost someone with more money than brains, the tidy sum of \$55,000. There are also three Irish viscount titles starting at a mere \$48,000, all prices in \$US (no fools they).

Some of the benefits touted are misleading, others outright lies. For instance, the statement "only a select few are eligible to be secure in the knowledge that they are genuinely Lords of the Manor (or Ladies of the Manor)" begs the question, would any person with the ready cash be turned down by shady enterprises such as these? Then there is the question of sex. The buying of a 'Lord of the Manor' document does not change gender to match that of the purchaser.

Also, the statement, "the spouse of a Lord of the Manor becomes Lady of the Manor" is contrary to custom and usage, therefore untrue and misleading. More misinformation follows eg. "if you wish, you may add your title to official documents, such as passport, credit cards, drivers (*sic*) licence

or bank accounts." It is most doubtful from an American or a Canadian perspective that Passport officials and civil servants issuing drivers' licenses, would include "titles" on the documents they issue.

Noble Titles offers a guarantee "that in the extremely unlikely event that a title should be the subject of a prior claim, we will give the purchaser a full refund, and as a gesture of goodwill (without prejudice) another title of equal status at 50% of the *retail* value, & free solicitor transfer charges."

What they are saying: a higher price from elsewhere has been obtained for the same merchandise (what else but merchandise would be described as having "retail value"?); and "subject to a prior claim"(!): from whom? An heir, a relation, Friar Tuck?

This supermarket of fanciful titles, also informs the web browser it is pleased to recommend "high quality videos of your family story" and for that extra very special gift, "personalised heraldic shields." This last we learn, consists of... "fine craftsmanship and a highly desirable compliment to our English manor titles." All that is missing in this magnificent offer is the cliché, *could anyone want more?*

The *Baronage Press* Website reveals how these title touts through legal subterfuge, dupe their clients. There is a similarity of several firms' promotional material and their lawyers' letters, all convincingly supporting the legality of the business, appear to have great difficulty in the correct application of apostrophes and an evident lack of literacy. Malapropisms and poor grammar abound eg. "...we are very honoured to offer 100% legal United Kingdom Titles to those of you who believe to deserve a Title in their name!"

According to the *Press*, the market for manorial titles has developed to the stage that the demand apparently requires new titles to be created. Assuming the guise of titles merchant, the editor of *Baronage Press* surmises how the system of Lords of the Manor titles is now evolving: first, history books are perused for the names of manors from feudal times but no longer in existence. Some have interestingly-enough names for marketing as instant titles.

Being ancient in providence and the manor no longer attached to its original holdings of past centuries, there is no danger of litigation. Second, copyright the name and register it as a trademark at the Patent Office in the style of "Lord of the Manor of Name". The "manorship" has now become a saleable commodity and it can be truthfully said this trademark is a title recognised by the Crown, having been duly registered with a government agency. From this point, the marketing ploy is put into place.

Plentiful bits of medieval history, introduction of lots of dates back to the dark ages mixed with ancient folklore, all associated in some regard with the original name, obfuscating but suggesting quasi authenticity.

Under English law, a lordship of a manor is treated as separate from the actual lands of the manor itself. What the title-touts are touting is the trade mark which they have registered, a string of meaningless words anchored in antiquity, having the appearance of plausible lordship of the same name and/or geographical designation. That's all. Nothing else.

Noble status and the feudal rights associated with a lordship of the manor are something most purchasers take for granted and in their naivety, presuming these are all inclusive.

To forestall hesitation, **Noble Titles** states: "The moment people realise you are known as Sir, lord, Lady etc., you will experience a difference in their attitude towards

you"...career-wise you may see suddenly find (*sic*) doors opened."and "Bank Managers just can't help you enough. Suddenly, you're treated like a VIP."

Clients are informed they may "Quote your title when attending high society events" as well as "claim a new coat of arms from the issuing authority which is supported by the British Royal Family" with the proviso, "this you must do yourself, but we tell you how." Another plus: "you can adopt a 'Lady' title for your wife."

Baronage Press states, "Much is (also) made in the promotional material of the one-year membership of the 'Landed Gentry Society' savings of £450 joining fee and the first year's £300 membership fees. Newly copyrighted lords and ladies are assured that "when asked, may now respond most assuredly that yes, they certainly do belong to the Landed Gentry". Whether or not the question would ever arise is a moot point.

What you see is what you get

To conclude then, what are the punters buying? The purchasers are buying the intellectual rights to a verbal description itemized as a styled titled name and legend. They receive a trademark registration of the form of words and the copyright in what is written by the vendors. This last is about the manor whose name has been appropriated for this purpose and is more or less factual.

They are *not* buying a personal title of dignity nor are they now *lords*. They are not peers of the Realm, not nobility and certainly not landed gentry. The buyer has no connection whatsoever with the manor whose ancient name they will now use.

Next time-Conclusion: *Phony princes, dubious dukes, countless counts and bogus barons. Thanks to David Watson, W. Neil Fraser and Lorna Woods for much of the information used in this 3-part series. The Feudal Herald is an Online Newsletter of Baronage Press featuring heraldry and related subjects. Visit their Website at <http://www.baronage.co.uk/nl/-02-07.htm>*

ORDERS, DECORATIONS & MEDALS - *The correct method of wearing them*

The excellent little newsletter of the Royal Canadian Military Institute (RCMI) and *Legion Magazine*, to name but two such publications, habitually contain the usual grip and grin photos of their members gathered at their many respective functions. As wearing medals is frequent on the part of those who serve and have served, invariably one or more individuals will have been noted as needing a little guidance on the subject. On the eve of the Heraldry Society's AGM and its formal dinner in Toronto (at the RCMI) we trust the information provided by the Chancellery at Rideau Hall might be useful to our own members. These guidelines conform with those of other countries in the Commonwealth. *[The Editor]*

To the media and the general public, a medal is a medal, be it the Victoria Cross or the Order of the Garter. However, there is a distinction in that which constitutes an order, e.g. the Distinguished Service Order [DSO], the Order of Military Merit [OMM] and the Royal Victorian Order [MVO] etc. Similarly, an order differs from a decoration such as the Military Cross [MC], the Distinguished Flying Cross [DFC] or the Meritorious Service Cross [MSC]. And then there are medals, some 32 or more (and still counting) attributable to the UN alone.

More familiar to most of us are the campaign medals of World War II, the commemoratives such as Coronation medals, the Canadian Centennial, the Queen's Jubilee, and those for service such as the Efficiency Medal, the RCM Police Long Service Medal, etc.

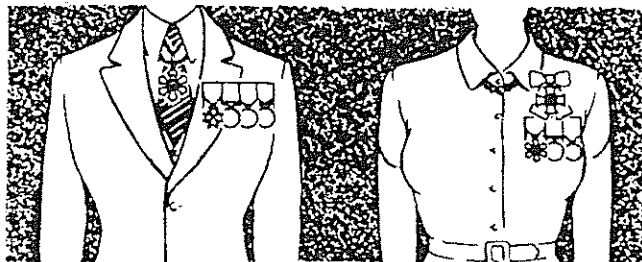
Orders & Decorations come with post nominal letters used after the name of the recipient. The exception to this custom is that of the various degrees of the Order of St. John bestowed by the Venerable Order of the same name. Campaign medals, commemorative medals, long service medals, and of course the vast array of UN medals, do not warrant initials after the surname.

However, medals for bravery such as the Distinguished Conduct Medal [DCM], the Distinguished Flying Medal [DFM] and that of the Meritorious Service Medal [MSM], to name just a few, are decorations even though awarded in the form of a medal. These *do* include the use of post nominal initials.

In Canada, more often than not, wearing ones decorations and medals court mounted on a single bar is preferred for both full size and miniatures, rather than swing mounted. Court mounting is a much neater arrangement but considerably more expensive.

Prior to the 1950s, only members of the Royal household and regiments of the Household Brigade (of Guards) were allowed to court mount their decorations and medals. Court mounting miniatures is really not necessary and as a rule, is not done by British wearers although it is the preferred method in this country.

Morning Dress

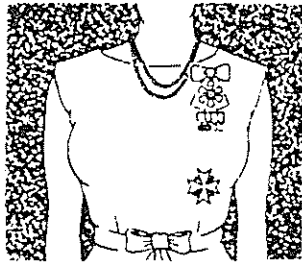


A departure from the proper method of wearing the neck badge of the Order of Canada and that of the Order of British Columbia, is to wear it suspended fully from the wide ribbon. The presentation ribbon's length is longer for purely practical reasons so that it can be easily placed around the neck of the recipient by the presenter at the investiture.

A neck badge should not be worn hanging mid-body less those naughtically inclined, mistake it for a navel decoration.

For male recipients, indeed the correct practise is to wear the neck badge (as with *all* similar honours worn at the neck) suspended one inch below the bow tie with formal attire and on a miniature ribbon. The full size ribbon is resorted to when day apparel is worn, the pendant of the order resting on the tie just below the knot.

Ladies wear their decorations /awards suspended from a bow of silk ribbon on the left, but not around the neck unless in uniform

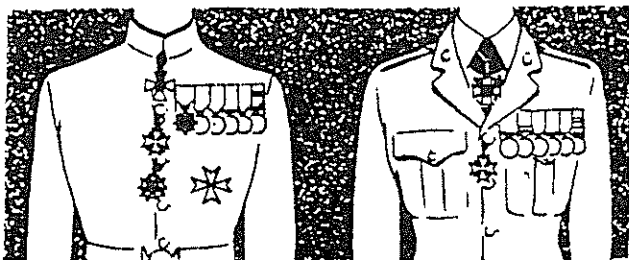


Likewise for female wearers, service medals including commemoratives, are worn on a bar in the same manner as for males, either full-size or miniature, depending on the occasion. The Duke of Bedford once commented that tiaras are not worn to breakfast. Well, neither are miniatures worn in the daytime.

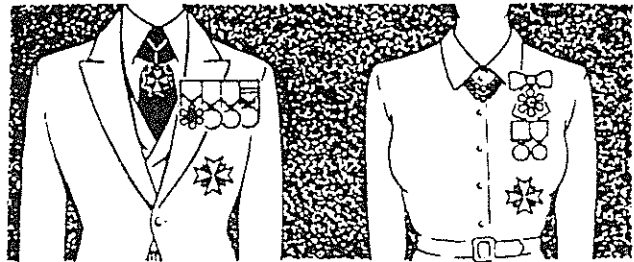
Some wear medals (to use the generic term) pinned to the breast pocket of a suit jacket. The wear and/or plain clothes, is that full size and miniature decorations and medals are pinned to the left lapel just below the button hole as illustrated

Decorations and medals are worn on the left breast in a single row *only*. Life saving medals such as that of the Royal Red Cross, are sometimes seen worn on the right breast. Wearing name tags on ceremonial occasions is *not* good form, a habit our Forces have now adopted, most regrettably.

Uniforms

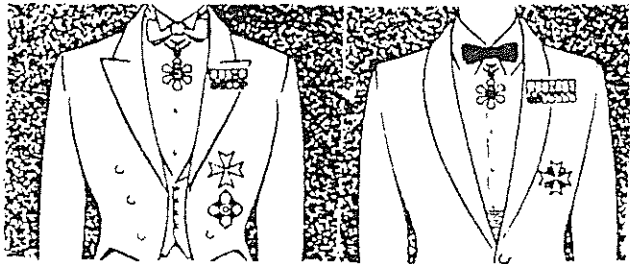


Morning Dress



Full Evening Dress

Dinner Jacket



One neck badge *only* is worn with evening clothes (white tie, black tie, mess dress). Also when wearing morning coat (daytime wear) and civilian dress, something with which the majority will not have a problem.

However, retired Canadian General John de Chastelaine does face some decision-making. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a Companion of Honour, a Commander of the Order of Military Merit and a Commander of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. All are displayed as neck badges. ~~PARA~~ REM



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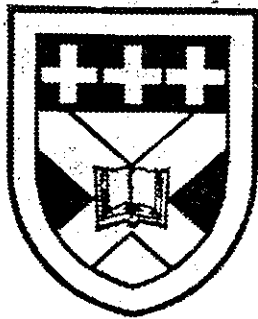
SOME ARMIGEROUS MEMBERS OF THE HERALDRY SOCIETY

Fergus Day Hort Macdowall *Ph.D* - Macdowall of Garthland



Being 27th Laird and Chief of the Name, his arms appear in the first edition of the *Roll of Arms of the Heraldry Society* in 1976. A retired public servant, Fergus Macdowall possesses an authentic standard, one too long to display on most walls. The arms of Macdowall appear in *Burke's Landed Gentry*; the achievement includes two mottos and being a feudal barony, supporters.

Donald Warren Lawson *M.A., FHSC*



A resident of Ridgetown, Ontario joining the Heraldry Society in 1970, he has worked in calligraphy and black & white bookplate design. A political science graduate from UCLA, he later taught at the University of Western Ontario. His arms are from Lyon Court and his bookplate (with a label on his shield) and that of his late father, Morris Page Lawson of Victoria, appear elsewhere in this copy of *The Blazon*.

John Edwin Ruch *UE, FHSC, Hon. FHSC*



The Master of the Rolls is a well-known contributor to the Society's journal and has written extensively on the subject of the Loyalists. John Ruch maintains a roll of the arms of members and works closely with the Heraldic Authority in this regard. His motto *Immer Hoher Rucken*, a play on his surname and reminder of the extensive research he has done on the subject of Palatine Loyalists. A resident of Ottawa he received his grant of arms from the Chief Herald in 1990.

William McKenzie Youngs *CD, B.A.*



Mr. Youngs is a long-time Society member and retired school teacher from Etobicoke. A graduate of McMaster University, his arms were granted by the Court of Lord Lyon in 1985. They were published in the *Supplement* to the *Roll of Arms* of the Society in 1991. He served in RAF/RCAF radar and aircraft detection operations during WW II in the UK, North Africa and the Arabian Sea theatres. His motto is *DUTY ♦ LOYALTY* the three escutcheons Gules relate to his Hay family connection.

Of lions rampart and other figs of the emancipation

Heraldry, genealogy, royalty and titles do fire the imagination of many. The following letter to the editor is by way of *Baronage Press* referred to elsewhere in this issue. REM

Editor,

Born & living in the U.S., and being 13 generations descended from James VI, as is the current Monarch, Elizabeth II, but I directly descend from Charles Edward Stuart through Charlotte Stuart, James Wray who came to the American Colonies in 1775, object to the statements in the article on Scottish descendants living in the U.S. not having the right by law to fly the traditional monarch Scottish standard - with Lion Rampart etc. in the U.S.

I and my 2 sons have by blood as much or more so right to represent the true Stuart Monarchs than anyone in existence throughout the world. And, it is correct to say, that without any disrespect to his position whatsoever, Lord Lyon (with whom I have corresponded recently) has no authority here. The purpose of standards, tartans & heraldry in the "beginning" of Scottish "time", was to show allegiance to or relation to blood ties & families. I, therefore, can "demonstrate" truer blood/family ties than all others.

It puts a smile on my face to see 80% of the American citizens with Scottish, English, Irish & Welsh lines in their genealogy background showing their support of my ancestors & country roots so proudly. Those in Scotland should be honored that this standard is raised with more reverence than our own American Flag - which is often desecrated by the hands of its own citizens - where the Lion Rampart flies with total reverence & glory! If this "law" states the Monarch must be present at functions where it is flown - then as far as I can decipher - as long as my line is alive & well in the U.S. - it is legally allowed!

Shelly J. Nauman
Colorado, U.S.A.



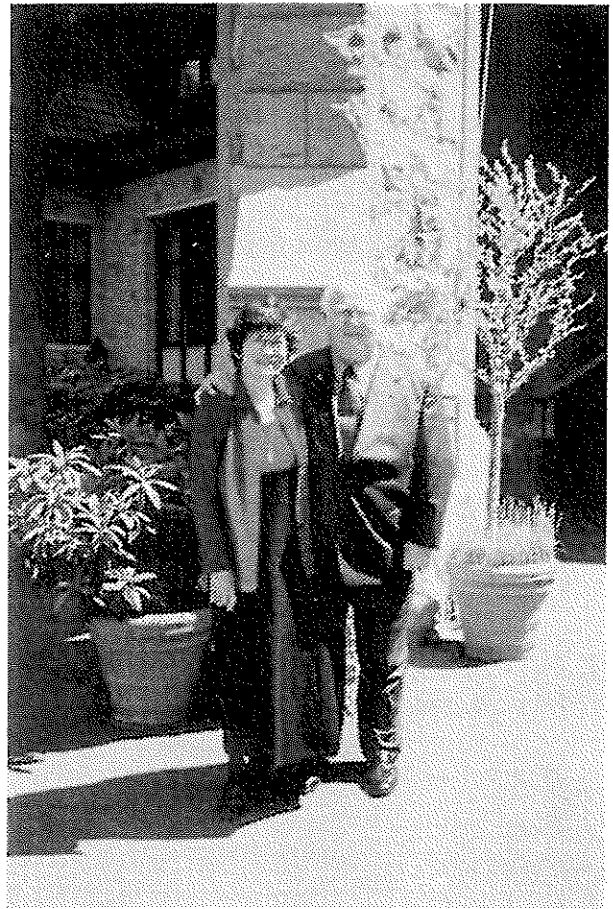
LORD LYON'S GIFT FROM U.S. CITIZENS

Meanwhile, back in the Lyon's den American sculptor Donald McKee (*right*) presented Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, KCVO, with a magnificent nearly two metre long (6feet) chain of office. The American members of the St. Andrew's Society together with those of some U.S. branches of Clan Mackay, are the donors. The beautifully worked 14 karat gold and enamelled masterpiece is reputed to be valued at between \$40,000 and \$80,000 US. After a decade of dedicated service, it is time our own Chief Herald had some visible means of proclaiming his office.

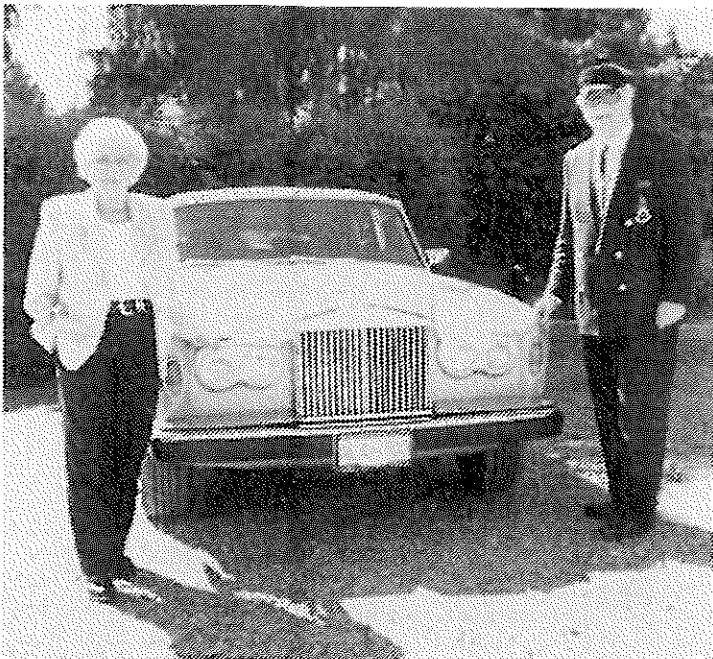
Thanks to David Watson, Bruce Fraser for above.



Jack & June Frazer of Salt Spring Island at gathering of Clan Fraser, Beaufort Castle, Inverness, ancestral seat of the Lords Lovat, Chiefs of the Clan Fraser.



Lorna & Cyril Woods of Toronto at Government House, Victoria during one of their periodic visits to the West Coast.



*Branch Members
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Shirley & Dr. Alex Greenwood of Nanoose Bay, with "Sylvia" at recent Rolls-Royce Owners' Club meet held at the Oak Bay Hotel, Oak Bay, Vancouver Island.

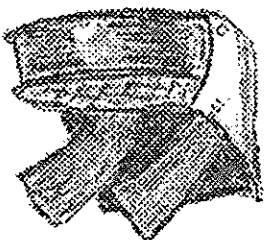
AN HERALDIC FIRST FOR CANADA

The temple of Shaar Hashomayim, Westmount, Quebec will be celebrating its 155th anniversary this October, making it the oldest Jewish congregation in Canada. It was October 18th, 1995 on the occasion of a ceremony marking its 150th anniversary, that an heraldic first for Canada occurred. This was the presentation of its very own coat of arms by the then Governor-General the Rt.Hon. Romeo LeBlanc, to Shaar Hashomayim. The acquisition of coat-armour by ecclesiastic bodies is not unusual within the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches. However, this may have been the only such attainment by a religious body of the Jewish faith not only in Canada, but in the Americas!

It all came about due to the inspiration and generosity of Branch member Bernard Finestone whose personal arms have appeared in a past issue of this magazine. The Congregation's recent achievement of arms also rates another "first"; that of the introduction of a Maccabean helmet from Biblical times and pre-dating the more customary 16th century helm of the jousting era.

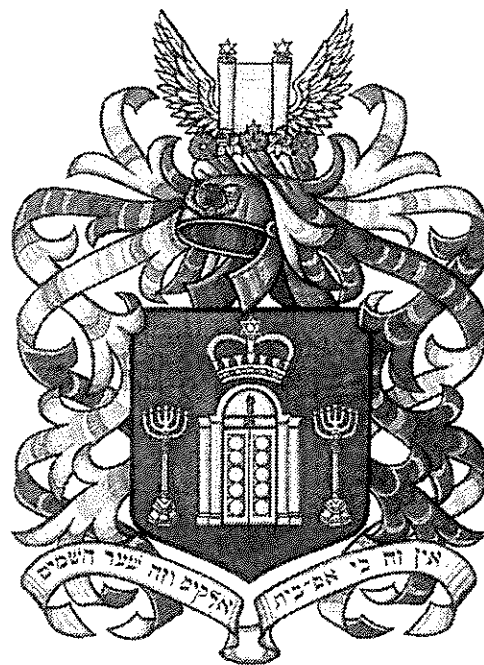
The principal metal and tincture of the arms is gold (Or) and a very deep blue (Azure), this last being a colour long associated with the congregation, the rich blue being one of the most ancient and important colours of Judaism. The principal charge is a representation of the Holy Ark ensigned with a crown, its finial composed of a six-pointed mullet (Magen David), the whole of which bears on either side of the Ark, a seven-branch Menorah.

The charges are depicted in gold (Or). The crest features two silver (Argent) and black (Sable) eagle wings and an open Torah arising from a circlet of red (Gules) roses and alternating white (Argent) lilies. The motto in Hebrew can be translated as meaning "*This is none other than the House of God and this the Gate of Heaven*" (*Genesis 28.17*) and is a rebus or play on words and meaning since Shaar Hashomayim means "Gate of Heaven."



As for the introduction of the Maccabean helmet (garnished in this instance with a pomegranate and a cornucopia), the ancient head dress dates back some 2000 years. The idea of using it with this armorial arrangement originated from the Chief Herald's search of a substitute for the habitual esquire's helm. The congregation of Shaar Hashomayim had desired something less war-like. His suggestion, when offered, was readily accepted and the Maccabean form of head dress was adapted to the shield of arms.

The impressive service took place in the richly wood paneled main sanctuary of the synagogue and was presided over by Bernard wearing his uniform as Honorary Colonel of The British Columbia Dragoons. Robert Watt, the Chief Herald, read the Proclamation of the Letters Patent which His Excellency then signed and presented to the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. To be sure, this was a day of significance not just for the members of the Montreal Jewish community, but within our own community of heraldists everywhere. ☆☆☆ REM



Remis Velisque: The Arms of Setchell

by John W. Setchell

As a member of the (U.K.) Institution of Municipal Engineers, I knew the late C.W. Scott-Giles OBE, sometime Fitzalan Pursuivant of Arms Extraordinary, who was then the secretary of the Institution. For some time I had been considering petitioning for armorial bearings and in the autumn of 1962 I wrote asking for his help and direction.

A reply was forthcoming immediately and in a letter dated October 1962 he offered to assist, outlining the procedures and giving me a brief description of an armorial achievement. He suggested I write Sir John Heaton-Armstrong MVO, then Clarenceaux King of Arms. I did so and Sir John said he would send the necessary (form to) petition.

During 1963, Scott-Giles and I corresponded. He did some research into my family name and on the basis of his discoveries, made many suggestions for my arms, with coloured sketches. He concluded that "Setchell" probably derived from the sedge flower, water-flag or iris which can be and is represented in heraldry by the *fleur-de-lis*.

Initially, I suggested various symbols which I wished to have incorporated into my arms. First was a sailing ship, to signify my love of sailing and as an allusion to the arms of both the county in which I was born (Devon) and the town in which I lived (Exmouth). Second was wavy lines to indicate my love of the sea. Third was the *fleurs-de-lis* both to indicate my surname and my army service in France (1939-40, 1944-45). Fourth was the maple leaf for my present life in Canada and fifth, were stripes of red and blue, the colours of the Royal Engineers in which I was commissioned in 1935.

Scott-Giles kept Sir John informed of our activities until October 1963, when the latter wrote to me and told me my file had

been "misaid". He asked me to lend him my file. I therefore photo-copied all the relevant correspondence and sent it to him. However, some months later I was told that the "misaid" file had re-appeared.

We then started a correspondence on a suitable badge for me. Several of my suggestions met with dis-approval of Garter King of Arms (Sir Anthony Wagner) and this precipitated several months of correspondence before agreement was finally reached.

There was another delay regarding the colour of the sail of my proposed lymphad. I wanted it striped in the colours of the Royal Engineers but Garter thought that Paly Gules azure might well be a coat of arms by itself and thus (the sail) would have to be a plain white or brown.

This resulted in another six or seven letters each way, until I suggested a sail colour of reddish tan (Breton red?) which is the sail colour used by fishermen in Devonshire. Garter agreed, the sail colour being blazoned Murrey.

During this time, I had supplied Scott-Giles with suggestions and ideas which he translated into numerous coloured sketches. Eventually we settled on a design for the shield which included the wavy lines and vessel and two *fleurs-de-lis* on a chief. The chief was embattled to allude to civil engineering and specifically to my decade-long service in the ancient historic post of Garrison Engineer at Exeter. Our shield design received the approval of the Kings of Arms.

Next there was a flurry of correspondence in which Garter, Clarenceaux, Fitzalan and myself took part, regarding the crest. A red demi-lion was chosen to refer to my military service. It, (or *he*) is differenced in three ways, the last of which is perhaps the most intriguing. First, issuing from the demi-
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tower battlement, a reference to military engineering and to the arms of Exeter, my birthplace and the crest of Exmouth, my residence. Second, he is wreathed in golden maple leaves to suggest residence in and citizenship of Canada.. Third, he holds an aerial bomb.

Having survived for over three years during World War II in Bomb Disposal Units of the Royal Engineers, I asked for the Bomb Disposal badge worn on the arm of all ranks of posted strength of BD units. The bomb in this badge was quite unlike an actual bomb, looking like the pointed end of a piece of asparagus. It was our custom, during operations to tell old ladies who enquired as to is meaning, that we were in the "Gardening Corps" and did a lot of digging, this last being the truth. After many letters and sketches and considerable delay on the part of the College of Arms, it was finally agreed I could use a bomb, but not with the Gules surround as it existed on the army Bomb Disposal badge.

By now it was March 1964. As my wife and I were going to England in June, I arranged to meet Sir John at the College of Arms. Just before we left Canada, the petition or memorial to the Earl Marshal (the Duke of Norfolk) arrived, some nineteen months after it was said to be forthcoming.

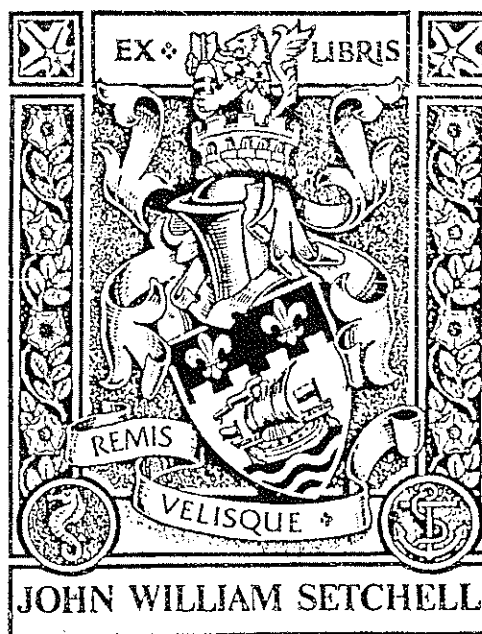
The memorial requirements for my pedigree to be entered in the College records and to various other matters, were cleared up at the meeting with Sir John at which he was most cordial and apologetic for the various delays. Space does not permit a description of the old and distinguished building which houses the College of Arms on Queen Victoria Street, nor of the equally undistinguished office furnishings (and almost non-existent filing system).

Sir John, Scott-Giles and I continued to correspond during 1964 and at a certain point I paid all the necessary fees. I was informed that the letters-patent on my grant of

arms had been delayed because the heraldic artists and calligraphers were all busy - by Royal command - on the various arms to be granted to the soon-to-be independent Caribbean islands.

Finally, some two-and-a-half years after I made my first enquiry, the Patent arrived on 14 March 1965. The date of the grant was 20 November 1964!

With thanks to John W. Setchell MBE, ERD, of Islington, Ont. This account published in the June 1991 issue of *Hogtown Heraldry*. [Editor].



Shield: *Argent on Water Barry Wavy in base Azure and Argent a Lymphad proper sail set Murrey pennon and flags per fess Argent and Azure on a chief embattled Azure two fleur-de-lis Or.*

Crest: *Issuant from the battlements of a demi-Tower proper a demi-Lion rampant Gules about the neck a wreath of Maple leaves and supporting an aerial Bomb Or charged with a bar gemel Azure.*

Badge: *Within an Annulet a Seahorse (Hippocampus) Gules.*

Motto: *Remis Velisque* (literally, "with oar and sails" but figuratively "with might and main").

Caveat emptor (Bums beware!)

It appears that the electronic scam artists have in the past offered "name histories" on the Internet. Mail-order outfit *Halberts Inc.* of Bath, Ohio being one such, *Burke's Peerage* another. The latter is not to be confused with the *Burke's Peerage and Baronetage Limited*. The first two are the subject of a warning published by *Baronage Press* on their web site <http://www.baronage.co.uk> and reprinted in *Canadian Explorer*, newsletter of Clan Fraser Society of Canada. We are indebted to W. Neil Fraser, Chairman of Clan Fraser Society of Canada, for the information printed below. *[The Editor]*

Baronage Press informs its subscribers that some odd names appear from time to time when the Burke's company sends out an offer letter to its computer-generated punter list. One such was BUMS which may have started out as BURNS and "hit a glitch somewhere" along the line. The following is a copy of the letter which may have gone out to thousands of persons bearing the surname Burns:

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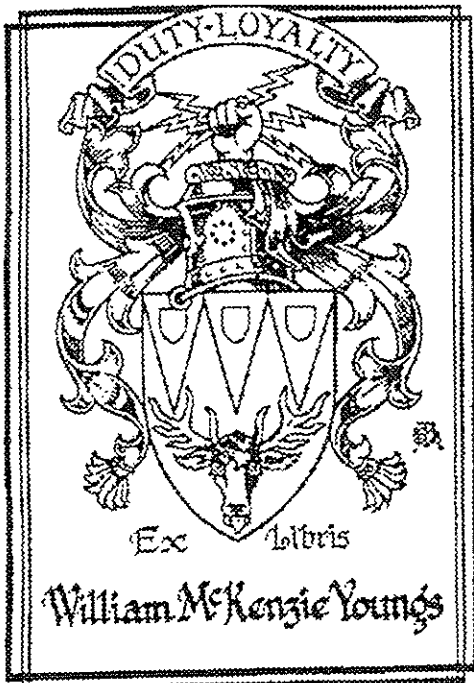
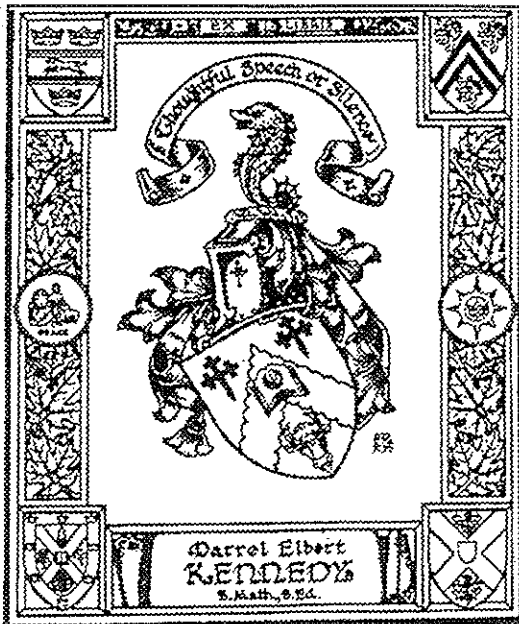
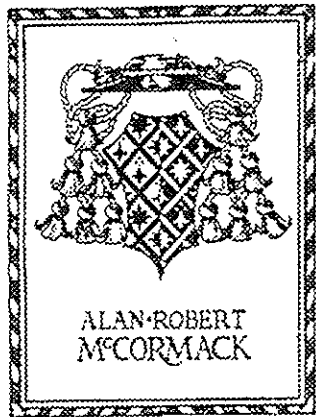
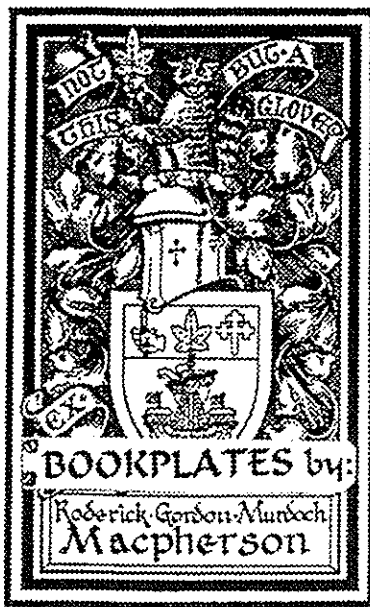
Many Bums inquire often as to when we intend to update our *Bums Family Book*. Now, I am delighted to share with you an incredible accomplishment. I know it will be of interest to you and all the Bums. *The Burke's Peerage World Book of Bums* is now ready for printing! This newly created book is being specially published for Bums only. It is the culmination of Bums information gathered over a period of twenty years, and it covers Bums from 1750 to 1996.

This special edition Bums Heirloom Book is handmade to order. Each beautifully illustrated book is handsomely bound in royal blue, leather-grained cover dramatically imprinted with the Burke's Peerage seal and your Bums name. It is sure to become a treasured family heirloom...for future generations.

Yours etc., etc.

Baronage Press states the 1996 Book of Bums claims to be the *Burke's Peerage* founded in 1826, which continued to trace lineages for a century and a half. However, the original firm bearing the name of Sir Bernard Burke and his founder father was actually defunct at the time the Book of Bums was published. Since that time, the venerable genealogy of *Burke's Peerage, Baronetage and Knightage* has reappeared as *Burke's Peerage and Baronetage Limited*, the former having been dormant for a number of years. This new (and genuine) 1st edition contains 3,347 pages, is published in two volumes at £295 plus postage, an edition of which was recently purchased by Major Alex Greenwood of Nanoose Bay.

A Postscript to the above: according to the National Genealogical Society, Halbert's Inc. is a mail-order firm marketing surname products which was issued a cease and desist order by the United States Postal Service in 1995. The same firm also received desists orders in 1985 and 1988. A similar pitch to persons with the name of Fraser was also made with the caveat "that you will give up trying to call and avoid disappointment by mailing in *[sic]* the order valued at \$59.95 and \$33.95 for preferred customers." According to Clan Fraser sources the listed telephone number was busy day and night. A call to a Bell Canada confirmed that the receiver was merely off the hook. One can only surmise that those attempting to reach Halbert's would assume many others were also eager to acquire *The World Book of Fraser* and/or *The Frasers since 1750* and in frustration, give up and mail a cheque ensuring receipt of the "the only printing ever" of these "Heirloom" fakes. 🐼🐼🐼



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To newly-joined members of the Branch during the Millennium*...Welcome to the family

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***Some of the above joined in late '99**

The Achievement of Arms of CYRIL WOODS, Esquire

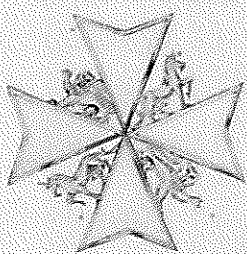
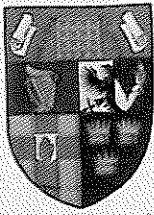
Cyril Woods of Toronto recently received a grant of arms from Fergus Gillespie, Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland. The handsome Letters Patent produced on thick velum parchment, bear the shield of the Irish Heraldic Office and that of Mr. Gillespie in the upper lefthand corner. The Woods full achievement is in the centre with the Maltese cross badge of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem on one side and on the other, the personal badge of the grantee being a buckled circlet in which his crest is contained.



A native of Northern Ireland, Cyril Woods' shield features a barry wavy and castle honouring the River Durg and the castle of his birthplace of Castledurg. The familiar couped red hand of Ulster is placed at the base of the shield. A life of hard work and perseverance is evinced in his crest and by the motto *Labore et Perseverantia*. The inspiration for the phoenix crest stems from the horrendous fire last spring which destroyed the manufacturing plant of *U.S.E. Hickson Products Ltd.* located in Scarborough on the shores of Lake Ontario. The conflagration lasting several days, made the national news several nights running. A total loss, the plant is now being rebuilt and it was the Office of the Chief Herald who suggested the phoenix after learning Cyril had made the decision to rebuild 48 hours following the disaster and once the massive clean-up operation was completed.

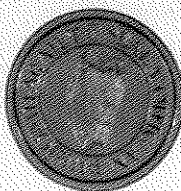
Recognition of his prior acquisition of a feudal title dating from 1169 (that of the *Barony of Slane* in County Meath) by the Irish Office resulted in certain embellishments and distinctions in these arms. These consist of a peer's helm, silver unicorn supporters, and a silk-lined, gold-tasseled mantle of ermine. There is no coronet of rank as such but rather a crest coronet atop the helm. The sinister supporter also holds a guidon bearing the crest and motto of the Woods coat armour. Both supporters and guidon are for use by the armiger during his lifetime.

Cyril Woods was born in County Tyrone and emigrated to Canada as a young man. He is the sole owner and Chief Executive Officer of *Hickson* and is well known for his support of worthy causes and devotion to philanthropy in his community. He and his wife Lorna still find time for world travel and visiting their winter home in Florida. A commander in the Ven. Order of St. John, a knight commander of the Teutonic Knights in the Federal Republic of Germany and an officer of the Order of St. Lazarus, Cyril Woods was recently appointed Honorary Consul-General for the Republic of The Gambia. 🌸🌸🌸



TO ALL TO WHOM

these Presents shall come, I, Fergus Gillespie, Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland, send Greeting. Whereas petition hath been made unto me by **Cyril Woods**, formerly Consul General of the Republic of the Gambia, Commander of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem, who is for aught yet seen according to documents deposited in this office, seized of the feudal barony of Slieve Donard, was born in the County of Tyrone in Ireland and is now resident in the province of Ontario in Canada, setting forth that he is desirous that he in Armorial Ensigns may be duly installed and assigned by lawful authority unto him, such as without injury or prejudice to any other he may forever bear and advance and praying that I would grant and assign unto him and to his descendants such Armorial Ensigns as aforesaid and that the Armorial Ensigns so granted and assigned may be ratified and recorded in the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland to the end that the Officers of Arms there and all others upon occasion may take notice and have knowledge hereof. Now, I, the said Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland, having taken the said petition into consideration do, by these Presents, acting on behalf of and by the authority of the Government of Ireland, grant and assign unto the said **Cyril Woods** the Arms following, that is to say: Azure, out of a base Barry wavy of six argent and a wreath gules with a sinister hand issuant charged at the wrist gules fimbriated or a castle triple towered argent masoned sable in chief three bezants and for a Crest:— Upon a helmet mantled gules doubled ermine tasselled gold out of a crest coronet or upon a wreath of the colours sable, gules and or A phoenix sable plumed gules and sable beaked or langued gules the eye vert, and to him solely for the term of his life, these Supporters:— on either side a unicorn rampant argent crined and tufted sable armed and langued or, and for a Badge:— a cross gules with a sinister hand issuant fimbriated, beaked and furnished or thereon his Motto as is or. To have and to hold the said Arms unto the said **Cyril Woods** and his descendants forever and the same to bear, use, shew, set forth and advance on shield or banner or otherwise each observing their due and proper differences according to the Laws of Arms and practice of this Office and without the let, hindrance, molestation, interruption, controlment or challenge of any person whatsoever, excepting always the Authority of this Office. And to the said **Cyril Woods** I hereby grant to himself solely a **Cuidon**, the haist ermine charged with his Crest, the fly per fess argent and a wreath thereon his Motto counterchanged. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name and Title and affixed the Seal of the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland this fifteenth day of October, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.



Fergus Gillespie
Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland