

**CEREMONY OF THE BURIAL OF THE REMAINS OF
SIR JOHN JOHNSON AND THE MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY
AT MONT SAINT-GREGOIRE (MOUNT JOHNSON)
IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC ON 23 AUGUST 2014**



Early participants such as Maura and Robert Wilkins of Heritage Branch, Roy Lewis RVP Central East and UELAC Immediate Past President Robert C McBride renewed friendships while others like Okill Stuart, UELAC President 1994-1996, provided colour for the media. - <http://montreal.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.1973035>



Following an address of welcome from CIME's Michelle Durand, Master of Ceremonies Michel Racicot signalled for the Funeral Procession to begin.

The 78 Fraser Highlander Piper Josh Lord led three 84th Royal Highland Emigrants, three Royal Yorkers and representatives of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.



L-R: Then, UELAC Immediate Past President Robert C. McBride, Celebrations 2014 Chair Frederick H. Hayward, UELAC President Bonnie Schepers and SRPJ President Claude Neveu carried the urn containing the bones of Sir John and Lady Mary Johnson. They were followed by The Venerable Peter D. Hannen, St James the Apostle Anglican Church, Montreal

R- KRNNY 2Bn Pte Shaun Wallace stood sentry in front of the Royal Yorkers Colours: MC Michel Racicot addressed the question “Who was Sir John Johnson?”



UELAC President Bonnie L. Schepers explained the role of the Association with the restoration; The Right Worshipful Brother Dr. Jacques G. Ruelland, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Quebec spoke on Sir John’s role in the Masonic Order; UELAC Celebrations 2014 Chair Frederick H. Hayward expressed appreciation to those involved in bringing Sir John Johnson to the prominence deserved today.



L-R: 84th Regiment, Royal Highland Emigrants - Pte Bram Blenk Jr., Pte Gavin McGeachie, Pte Gavin Watt

And 1st Bn KRNNY Pte Marcio Da Cuhna, Pte Mike LeBlanc and Serjeant-Major David Putnam,



As part of the Blessing Ceremony, The Venerable Peter D. Hannen led the singing of The Loyalist Hymn with lyrics first sung at Bishop's College School, 21 May 1989 in the presence of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

SRPJ President Claude Neveu placed the two ceramic urns on the casket of fragments also found by the archeologist.



And following the Blessing.....

...a Salute.



Michele Racicot shared letters from the Governor General and Patron of UELAC His Excellency David L. Johnston and from the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, The Honourable Shelly Glover.

Following the official ceremony, the door to the vault remained open for closer examination of the interior before it was closed and locked by Claude Neveu.

A reception was held later at the nearby *Vergers & Cidrierie Denis Charbonneau*

At Mount Johnson

*How many autumns had he viewed
The tapestry of woods around the mount
When Indians from far and wide
Came to his home to barter skins
And smoke the pipe of peace beside?*

*Did he envisage how these Braves,
Blood brothers of their Pale-Face Chief,
Would carry his remains in stalwart arms
The thirty funeral miles from river shore
To the summit to rest forever in its stony cairn?
Each year in autumn, maples flaunt
Their rose and golden banners in acclaim
And weave a jewelled halo to his name.*

*Gwendolyn Norris Fuller UE
President, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch UELAC 1975-1977*

SACRED

To the Memory of the Honorable
SIR JOHN JOHNSON Baronet
Who departed this life
On the 4th of January 1830
In the 88th year of his age

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George Anderson - William Ball - Murray Barkley
Marie Bouillé, député provincial - Ardice Buchanan
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