



The Pacific Loyalist

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada
Vancouver Branch

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2015 UELAC AGM and Conference—Loyalists Come West

This year's AGM and Annual Conference, *Loyalists Come West*, was held in Victoria, B.C. Congratulations to the Conference Co-chairs, Carl Stymiest U.E., Aurelie Stirling U.E. and Rob Ferguson U.E., to the members of the organizing committee, and the volunteers. It was a wonderful conference by all accounts.



Group photo at Government House, UELAC 2015 Conference (For more Conference news and photos, see pages 3–7.)

President's Notes

We have had a busy Winter and Spring. In February, Black History Month, author Jean Rae Baxter was our guest speaker at our regular meeting at the Bonsor Recreation Centre. She spoke about the Black Slaves' arrival in North America and the young Black Loyalist in her book "Freedom Bound". All four of her Loyalist books are written for teens but many adults have enjoyed them also. Our march in the Celtic Parade was well attended but the member who delighted the crowd the most was the Little's dog dressed in green.

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Vancouver Executive:

Co-Presidents: Carl Stymiest U.E.; Gwen Dumfries U.E.
Secretary: Christine Manzer U.E.
Treasurer: Judith Ueland
Vice-President: vacant
Membership: Linda Watson U.E.
Outreach and Education: Mary Anne Bethune U.E.
Pacific Regional Vice-President: Diane Faris U.E.

President's Report (continued from page 1)

In May some of our members went to the UELAC Conference in Victoria. It was an experience to meet and talk to other members from across Canada; so many friendly and interesting people. Thank you to our members who made items for our sale table and volunteered at the sale table at the Conference. Further thanks to our members who volunteered at the Registration and Ticket Sale tables. Our Conference Committee, chaired by Bob Ferguson U.E.,

Carl Stymiest U.E., and Aurelie Stirling U.E. did a fantastic job to put on such a well attended Event.

Linda Nygard showed us a DVD she made of her Conference photos similar to the one she does for our January Meeting, a "Year in Review". At the BC Highland Games in Coquitlam in June our Education Committee had a booth where many interested people stopped and chatted.

Our picnic in Queens Park in New Westminster in July celebrated our 4th BC Loyalists' Day. We were joined by some members of the Chilliwack Branch. In memory of our late member, Anne Grierson, our new Loyalist Flag was dedicated by Shirley Dargatz U.E. and Carl Stymiest U.E. and Mary Anne Bethune U.E..

The Executive have many future events in the planning stages and hope all of you will be able to attend.

Gwen Dumfries U.E.

Co-President of the Vancouver Branch

Update on the Branch Library

Our holdings in boxes in the new storage unit contain 373 photocopied articles. Of this number 233 are photocopied articles from the Canadian Genealogist.

Over the years it was common practice to copy and store useful information in this way. However, it is against copyright for the Branch to continue to hold these articles. They should be shredded. But good news follows! The Canadian Genealogist published 38 quarterly issues, from 1979 to 1988. The Ontario Genealogical Society now provides all 38 issues of the publication in easily accessible .pdf format. You may download any of this information for your personal use, but please remember that copyright of the material resides with the editors of the magazine, and with the authors of the submissions.

See this link. https://www.ogs.on.ca/cdn_genealogist.php

— Christne Manzer U.E.

2015 Phillip Leith Memorial Award



This year's recipients of the Phillip Leith Award were Dr. Gerry Brown U.E. from the Vancouver Branch and Pat Kelderman U.E. of the Thompson-Okanagan Branch. The award was presented to Gerry at the Vancouver Branch January meeting.

Mary Anne presented the Leith Award to Pat Kelderman at the Thompson-Okana-



Mary Anne Bethune U.E., presents the Phillip E.M. Leith Award to Gerry Brown U.E. of the Vancouver Branch



Mary Anne Bethune U.E., presents the Phillip E.M. Leith Award to Pat Kelderman U.E.

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Vancouver Branch members enjoying the Thursday night reception at Government House

Left to right: Diane Faris U.E., Peter Moogk U.E., Donna Little U.E., Carl Stymiest U.E., Linda Watson U.E., Mary Anne Bethune U.E., Linda Drake U.E., Judith Ueland, Audrey Viken U.E., Rebecca Fraser U.E.



Her Honour, Lt-Governor, Judith Guichon, OBC greets Rebecca Fraser U.E.



Donna Little U.E. welcomes the world to Victoria





Carl Stymiest U.E. Receives the Dorchester Award



In 2007, Dominion Council established the UELAC Dorchester Award to recognize Volunteer Excellence and Participation, by conferring recognition on the recipients for their lengthy contribution to the Unite Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. Exclusive to the UELAC membership, this Award salutes the “best in Volunteerism” amongst our members within the Association. The Award is presented every year at the Annual Conference’s Saturday Night Gala Dinner. This year’s recipient at the Victoria Conference was Carl Stymiest U.E. Congratulations, Carl! The Vancouver Branch is very proud of you.

Carl Stymiest U.E. receives the Dorchester Award from the Volunteer Recognition Committee Chair, Gerry Adair U.E.

Up Next, Summerside, P.E.I

The next AGM and Annual Conference, “Loyalists, Lighthouses & Lobsters”, is at the Loyalist Inn in Summerside, P.E.I., July 7–10, 2016. For more information and to register, go to www.uelac.org/Conference-2016/Atlantic-Conference-2016.php. Early registration is suggested, as this promises to be a popular Conference location.



Carl delivers his acceptance speech at the Saturday Night Gala



Diane Faris U.E., Pacific Regional Vice-President passes the flag to Jim McKenzie U.E., Atlantic Regional Vice-President and Peter Van Iderstine U.E., President of the Abegweit Branch

Craft Workshop

Prior to the Victoria Conference, members of the Vancouver Branch busied themselves at Christine Manzer's home, creating items to sell at the 2015 Victoria Conference. Thanks to all the volunteers who made and sold the items. All proceeds went to the Vancouver Branch.



Klahowya, nika neme Kirra Little U.E. kahta mikā?

The sentence above is written in Chinook Jargon, a common language amongst aboriginal tribes and early settlers for the purpose of trade. The English translation would be; “Hello my name is Kirra Little U.E. how are you?” to which you may respond **Nika kloshe** – I am well, or, **Nika halo kloshe** –I am not well.

In June of this year I had the pleasure of attending a Chinook workshop run by Jay Powell, one of few people who were fortunate enough to learn the language from elders. From the minute the workshop started I began to fall in love with not just the language but the history around it.

A little bit of history.

From what I understand Chinook Jargon was developed by both native and European peoples as a mixture of native languages and English in order to meet half-way between language barriers, although this is but one theory of many. There are speculations that a similar united language existed amongst nations prior to European contact but in truth no one really knows the exact origins of Chinook Jargon. Unfortunately Chinook began to die out with the establishment of residential schools focused on ‘taking the Indian out of the child’.

Now back to the workshop.

When we first arrived everyone chose a Chinook name tag. My name was **Tumtum** meaning heart and soul. Throughout the day we learned how to carry out a basic conversation in the Chinook language under the guidance of Mr. Powell. We had the opportunity to make mini drums from elk hide, and wooden bracelets. After a traditional lunch of smoked salmon, bannock, mixed salad and fresh berries we had the opportunity to go dragon boating which naturally was a highlight for me. Everyone received a book written by Mr. Powell with the title CHINOOK JARGON: The Language of Northwest Coast History, which explains the background and gives lessons on the language.

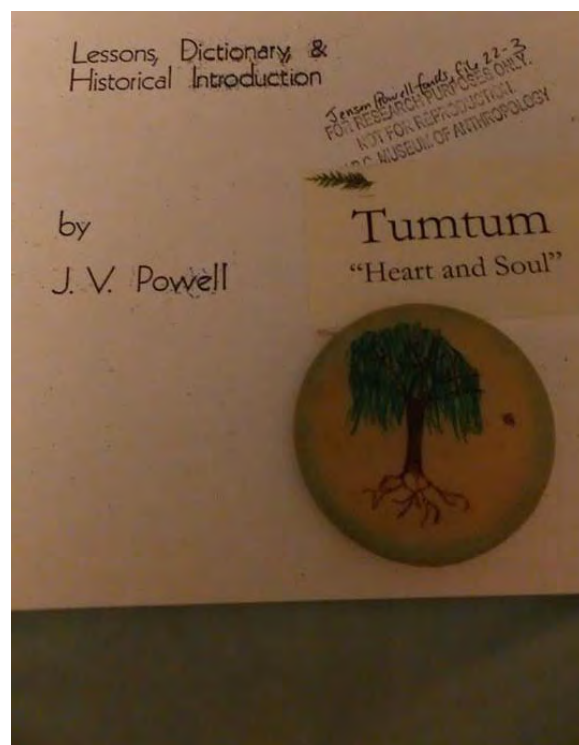
Chinook is simple to learn although very few people today know how to speak it. I believe we should bring it back. If it were offered in secondary schools across the country then students may start to take interest and it could once again be used to bridge language barriers of the diverse cultures found here in Canada. I myself have been teaching Chinook to my family and friends with the hope of keeping the language alive. The program, the language and the culture will follow me for the rest of my life.

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Thank you.

Kirra little U.E.

<http://globalcivic.org/2015/07/10/chinook-wawa-video/>



Kirra's book and name tag from the workshop

Editor's Note: The Vancouver Branch Executive sponsored Kirra's attendance of the Chinook workshop organized by the Global Civic Policy Society.

It was originally advertised as a youth workshop, targeting students in grades 10 and 11, though at the last minute the organizers opened it to all ages. If you think you would be interested in attending a future Chinook Wawa workshop, stay tuned. I have heard that the Global Civic Policy Society is planning to organize a 2-day workshop in September that will be open to all. More details via email or watch their web site at www.goabalcivic.org.

Visiting other Branches

Triple Berry Social

Members of the Vancouver Branch attended the the Chilliwack Branch's "Strawberry" Social. With the crazy weather we've been having, strawberries were almost finished and hard to come-by in late June. The Chilliwack Branch found a delicious solution to this predicament, turning it into a Triple Berry Social, with a mixture of strawberries, blueberries and raspberries to have on our shortcake, along with whipped cream.

Chilliwack member, Chris Hay U.E. gave a talk on the City of Vancouver Heritage Award he received "in recognition of his discovery of the Stanley Park Rock Garden and his promotion of its existence and his advocacy for its restoration."¹



Summer Potluck Luncheon

In August, Vancouver Branch executive members Carl Szymiest U.E., Diane Faris U.E., Mary Anne Bethune U.E. , and Chilliwack Branch President, Shirley Dargatz U.E. attended the Thompson-Okanagan Branch's Summer Potluck Luncheon at the home of Pat Kelderman U.E.

Wonderful company, delicious food, and a beautiful setting --- hard to ask for anything more.

Guests from the lower mainland branches had the honour of being host over-night by Pat and her husband Rob in their lovely home that had once hosted the future Queen and her husband, Prince Phillip.

A Big Thanks You to Pat and Rob!



1. Chilliwack Branch Newsletter, Vol. 4, Issue 4, August, 2015

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars:

September 15th (Tuesday) — Regular meeting with students from the Heritage Fairs presenting their history projects

September 26 (Saturday) — 1759 Battle of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner

October 17th (Saturday) — Finding Your Roots Tri-Stakes Seminar Location: 6270 - 126th St. Surrey, B.C.

October 24th (Saturday) — Chilliwack Branch Fall Fleet and 25th Anniversary

November 11th (Wednesday) — Remembrance Day Service at Queen Street United Church and then laying the wreath at the cenotaph, followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

November 14th (Saturday) — AGM, followed by a presentation by Chris Dumfries on his trip to the Netherlands for the 70th Anniversary of Liberation

December 6th (Sunday) Annual Christmas Social at the apartment home of Christine Manzer U.E. in Burnaby.

Election News — No Not THAT One

The Vancouver Branch is actively seeking candidates for Branch Executive positions. It can be a lot of fun to be on the executive, so if you are interested in getting more involved in branch activities, don't be shy. Contact Carl Stymiest U.E. at cstymiest@gmail.com.



Vancouver Branch Executive Dinner and Meeting at the Old Spaghetti House in New Westminster

For Sale

Vancouver Branch Book

Moving Ever Westward: Loyalist Descendants Come to British Columbia by Dr. Peter Moogk, 2nd Edition is for sale from the UELAC, Vancouver Branch. Books are available from the Vancouver Branch for \$35, including postage.

Order from: Carl Stymiest, UE.

cstymiest@gmail.com.

Armorial Badge Craft Charts

The Armorial Badge of the UELAC was issued in 1973 by the College of Arms, London, England. The Badge was interpreted and charted in 1983 by Mrs. Phyllis J. Sutton U.E. VSA as the bicentennial project of the Vancouver Branch. Mrs. Sutton was a graduate of Interior Decoration and Design, Vancouver School of Art.

The chart is suitable for framed pictures, wall hangings, afghans or hooked rugs. The design may be worked in needlepoint, petit point, or cross stitch.

The Members' Badge Chart with UEL letters across the bottom is 82 stitches wide by 97 rows long, containing 11 colour symbols. The cost for the Chart is \$5.00 including postage.

Order from: Gwen Dumfries U.E. at

cgdumfries@shaw.ca.

Vancouver Branch 2014 Pins

Vancouver Branch 2014 Anniversary pins are available for \$10.00, including postage.

Order from: Gwen Dumfries U.E. at

cgdumfries@shaw.ca.

Vancouver Branch Contact Information

Email: vancouver@uelac.org

Website: www.uelac.org/Vancouver

We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

Newsletter Submissions

Thanks to everyone who sent in items for the Fall Newsletter. Please send submissions for the next newsletter to Diane Faris at faris45@telus.net

UELAC DOMINION ARCHIVIST, CARL STYMIEST'S

SUMMER JOURNEY 2015



"To my mind, the greatest reward and luxury of travel is to be able to experience everyday things as if for the first time, to be in a position in which almost nothing is so familiar it is taken for granted." – [Bill Bryson](#)



Late July found Co-President of the UELAC Vancouver Branch and UELAC Dominion Archivist, Carl Stymiest UE in the Maritimes to attend two huge Reunions. The 50th Reunion of his T/C Class of 1965 from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, York Co., New Brunswick in late July, and then the 65th Old Home Week and Family Reunion in Tabusintac, Northumberland Co., New Brunswick.

Carl coordinated the Family Reunion Genealogy Centre at the newly constructed

Community School Centre in Tabusintac, NB where his loyalist namesake ancestors settled, namely, Benjamin Stymiest Jr., Rev. John Urquhart, Sgt Philip Hierlihy and Sgt Duncan Robertson after the American



Revolution in 1783.



The Genealogy Centre operated a full 8 days during the Old Home Week events and had hundreds of visitors, all searching for their roots and family information. Carl's assistant was Nancy

Avery who is also his cousin, an avid genealogist / researcher and is now retired in the small village of Tabusintac. The small community of about 600 population swells or doubles easily every five years. This year, they hit nearly 2050 registrants.



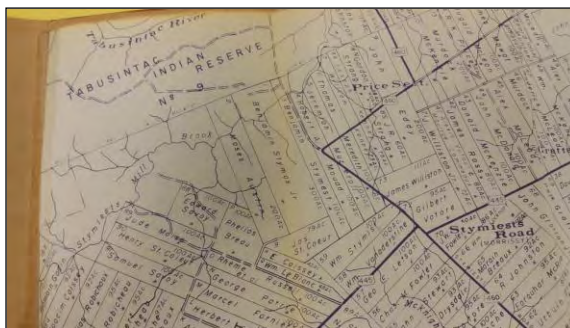
One of the most exciting events this year during Old Home Week 2015 was the designation by the UELAC's New Brunswick Branch and sponsored by Carl Stymiest UE to have the Riverside Cemetery (photo to the left) and the old Stymiest Cemetery dedicated as Loyalist Burial Grounds.



The Stymiest Cemetery (photo to the right) is located on the original land grant of Loyalist Benjamin Stymiest, Jr. and the Riverside Cemetery is the hallowed ground where Loyalist Duncan Robertson

rests.

In the left photo below, Carl & Dave are with Carl's cousins and descendants of Loyalist Duncan Robertson. The photo to the right is the Cadastral Land Grant Map for Tabusintac, NB.



Dave Laskey, UELAC Dominion Treasurer also dressed in his loyalist period clothing gave the audience a background of why these two cemeteries were chosen to have the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada's designation as heritage sites.

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Monday the 03 August was a busy day for reunion events. The Genealogy Centre closed at noon so that participants could participate and attend the local Reunion Parade that day. Each reunion, this parade is the longest parade in all of Atlantic Canada and has the distinguishing feature of closing down ONE of the major New Brunswick highways for a period of 1 -1.5 hours every five years when Old Home Week is held.



Carl and his relatives decided to participate in this 65th parade, as 2015 was to be a special year. Carl dressed as his 4th Great-Grandfather, Sgt Philip Hierlihy of the Hierlihy Corps and later of the Prince of Wales Royal American Regiment, while his cousin, Lima (Stymiest) Branch and grand nieces dressed as Philip's wife, the famous Charlotte Howe Taylor, known as the "Mother of Tabusintac," their hired- farmhand, Burton and two

of Philip & Charlotte's daughters. Charlotte married Sgt Philip Hierlihy. This was her 4th husband.



Carl traces his ancestry back through Charlotte SEVEN different ways- 4 through his paternal line and 3 through his maternal.





for such sum (if any) as shall be awarded due  
to the said Benjamin Symist the Plaintiff in this  
Cause by the said Arbitrators any two of them and  
by the like Consent I do make the said order in  
respect to the said Defendants. And by the like  
Consent I do lastly order that this order shall be  
made a rule of the Supreme Court of this province  
if the said Court shall so please. Dated the  
28<sup>th</sup> - day of September 1873

W<sup>m</sup> Botsford  
Jm. Secy. Court

- **Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (UNB-Fredericton)**
- **Miramichi Historical Society**
- **New Brunswick Genealogical Society (Miramichi Branch)**

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At the end of the Old Home Week Reunion, Carl presented two Stymiest Family Trees, dating back to 1198 and including the 56 foot Descendant tree of Casparus Johannes Steynmets II to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick on behalf of the Stymiest Families all over America and around the world. This family tree has over 47,000+ ancestors and descendants.



Mr. Fred Farrell, Director / Directeur - Provincial Archivist / Archiviste provincial at PANB graciously accepted the research work by historian and researcher, Carl Stymiest UE. Carl continues his genealogical research and a new Family Tree and Book will be forthcoming in 2016 - 2017, updating the family database to over 70,000+ by time of publication.

As a researcher and local New Brunswicker historian, Carl has also donated his research papers to the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The donated works include his private research papers, letters, documents, local genealogy histories, scrapbooks, ephemeral items, ships logs, journals of the Stymiest and Price Settlement Schools, his collection of the A & R Loggie Co. documents and papers, personal diaries, travel journals and many photographs relating to the early history of the province of New Brunswick.



Following the Old Home Week Reunion, Carl made his way to the Loyalist city of Saint John, New Brunswick. While visiting relatives in the city, Carl had a two-fold agenda.

First, he arranged to meet with Kathy Wilson, Coordinator of Loyalist House which had opened its doors in the mid 1960s after some restorative



work had been completed.



On Monday, the 10 August, Carl met with Kathy Wilson and presented a loyalist treasure that has been in his family since before the American Revolution. It was brought to NB by Loyalist, Benjamin Stymiest, Sr. who eventually settled in the Bay du Vin area of New Brunswick. It was Benjamin Sr.'s son, Benjamin, Jr. who came to Tabusintac later. Carl presented the hand-painted Delft Charger bowl to Kathy to be displayed for all who visit Loyalist House to enjoy. (Photo: Courtesy of

Kathy Wilson, NB)

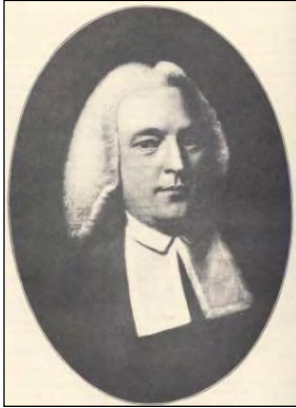
The second item of Carl's agenda was a stop at the Old New Brunswick Museum at 277 Douglas Avenue in Saint John where he met with Felicity Osepchook, Co-ordinator, Library & Archives to donate a book given to Carl by New Brunswick Historian and mentor Dr. Louis Manny after he penned, "Loggieville on the Miramichi...." in 1965 with co-author, James Fraser. Carl presented to the New Brunswick Museum for its collection, two books.

1. "Q. Horatii Flacci..." (a book of opera written in Latin belonging to the Adams, Blowers and Bliss families.)
2. "A Pride of Quincy's" a former book discarded from an American Library in the 1960s. Carl purchased it online from an antiquarian book-seller.



Book #1 contains several original signatures on its opening title pages. The antiquated book published in 1717 once belonged to Josiah Quincy Adams and in later years, was to be found in Sampson Salter Blowers' library. In Felicitie's letter to Carl in 1997, she writes:

***"You mention "Blowers" in your letter and that is certainly a well-known name to us. We have in our collections, the papers of Sampson (1743 - 1842). As you may be aware, he was the Chief Justice and President of the "Council of Nova Scotia". He graduated from Harvard in 1763, experienced hardships in the Revolutionary War and went to Halifax in 1783. As a friend to Jonathan Bliss, Blowers left his estate to William Blowers Bliss, Jonathan's second son. (We also have Bliss Family Papers)."***



**Book #2 is an authenticated, Family Genealogy and History of the Quincy Families with wonderful 8.5" X 11" photographs of the Quincy family, their marriages and lives in England and America. The photo to the left is Loyalist Samuel Quincy.**

**Visiting immediate and extended families was a journey well spent this summer and the journey was a self-made promise.**

**One must try to keep ones journals and records up-to-date, as they will indeed be a source of great inspiration to your families, to your children, your grandchildren, and others, on through the generations.**

**Each of us is important to those who are near and dear to us and as our posterity reads of our own life's experiences, they too, will come to know and love us.**

***"I saw behind me those who had gone, and before me those who are to come. I looked back and saw my father, and his father, and all our fathers, and in front to see my son, and his son, and the sons upon sons beyond. And their eyes were my eyes."- Richard Llewellyn***



**Our family is a circle of strength and love and with every new birth and every union the tree grows... Every joy shared adds more love... Every crisis faced together, makes the tree grow**



**stronger like the mighty oak... We of our time, must play our part in the preservation of our heritage, and pledge ourselves to the bygone generations who have preserved intact for us, this glorious heritage, that we, too, will strive to be faithful to the end, and pass on this tradition, unblemished.**





**"A SILVER CELEBRATION"**  
**THE CHILLIWACK BRANCH**  
**of the**  
**UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION of CANADA**  
**is**

**CELEBRATING their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**You are invited to attend this Milestone Event**

**at the**

**CHILLIWACK MUSEUM**



**45820 Spadina Avenue**

**on**

***SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015***

***Beginning at 2:00 pm.***

***The Program will be followed by a Celebration Cake  
and light refreshments***

***Period Dress is encouraged.***

**Please RSVP to Shirley Dargatz UE by October 3rd, 2015**

**Phone No. 604 858 - 6748**

**E-mail: [ksdargatz@shaw.ca](mailto:ksdargatz@shaw.ca)**





## Fort Fraser Garrison

I request the company of my Officers, Miladies and Guests at our annual

# **1759 Battle of the Plains of Abraham Commemorative Mess Dinner**

**Saturday, 26 September, 2015  
The Officers' Mess, Bessborough Armoury  
2025 West 11th Avenue, Vancouver, BC**

**1830hrs for 1930hrs**

guest speaker: Dr. Katie McCullough  
Director, Centre for Scottish Studies  
Simon Fraser University  
Dr. McCullough explores efforts by the Highland Society of London (est. 1778) to preserve and promote Highland culture in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

tariff: \$65 per person (Credit Cards accepted)

dress: Regimental Scarlets, Mess Kit, Highland evening wear, Business attire

**\*\* *RSVP: to [jennmack@shaw.ca](mailto:jennmack@shaw.ca) - before Saturday, 19 September***

yours aye,

James Barrett, CD, Major  
Officer Commanding

