

Heritage Branch ~ Montreal



The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

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His Majesty King Charles III
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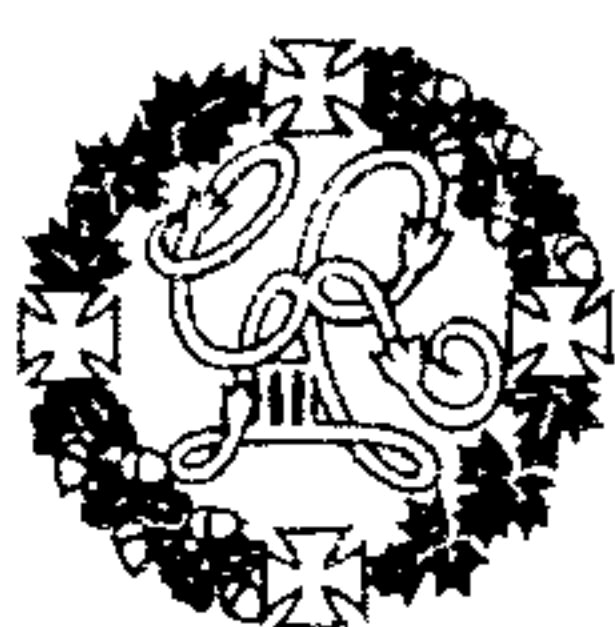
Your Majesty,

Heritage Branch, which is the Montreal chapter of The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (the "UELAC"), hereby conveys to Your Majesty, as well as to Her Majesty Queen Camilla, hearty congratulations, good wishes and prayers on the occasion of your forthcoming coronation.

Heritage Branch is one of a network of some twenty-eight branches of the UELAC spread across Canada. All such branches seek to honour and to preserve the legacy of the original United Empire Loyalists – those residents of Britain's former Thirteen Colonies in America who remained loyal to the Crown during the American Revolutionary War. As Your Majesty is aware, many thousands of those U.E. Loyalists, having suffered persecution for their loyalty and having taken up arms in defence of the Crown during that War, were determined to continue living under British rule at its conclusion. They migrated northwards during and following the Revolution and re-settled in the remaining British colonies, which now form part of Canada. The UELAC strives to gather their descendants; to preserve their documents, artefacts, buildings and monuments; and to educate the general public about their personal and family histories and the contributions that they and their descendants have made to the building of our country.

On Friday, May 5, the eve of Your Majesty's coronation, Heritage Branch will be holding a "Pre-Coronation Celebration" here in Montreal, to be attended by its own members and some from the neighbouring Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, as well as by representatives of other groups and associations who support Canada's constitutional monarchy. We wish to note, in particular, that His Honour the Honourable J. Michel Doyon, K.C., B.A.,

"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their children, and their descendants by either sex, are to distinguished by the following Capitals affixed to their names U.E. Alluding to their great principle The Unity of the Empire."



LL.D., Ph.D., Ad. E., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, will be with us on this occasion and will deliver a brief address, as well as the Dean of Montreal's Christ Church Cathedral, who will lead all present in a moment of prayer for Your Majesty and the Queen on the eve of your royal anointing.

To Your Majesty, our new Sovereign, all who will be joining in this May 5 Celebration, Sir, hereby convey our loyal greetings, as you prepare to assume your rightful place on the same throne once occupied by Your Majesty's noble ancestor, King George III -- the King for whom the original Loyalists fought, suffered, endured many hardships, and ultimately found peace, safety and new beginnings in Canada under the British flag. Those Loyalists were the first large, and very diverse, group of political refugees to arrive in our land, and they have been followed, over the last two centuries, by many subsequent waves of people fleeing oppression, right down to our present day.

May Canada, under Your Majesty's reign as our Head of State, continue to be a welcoming country of peace, justice, good government, the rule of law, and freedom under the Crown.

It remains only to express our sincere wish that Your Majesty will find time in the foreseeable future to visit our vast dominion -- this time as our Sovereign -- together with your Queen. We are certain, Sir, that you and Her Majesty will be welcomed warmly, as was your beloved mother on so many occasions over the seven decades of her unforgettably magnificent reign.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Wilkins". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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