

FROM WHERE I SIT
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WHY I WANT TO JOIN THE IODE (Imperial Order daughters of the EMPIRE)

And here we all are now ... in year 2011 older and perhaps for some of us.... wiser. ????

From Where I Sit !.....in true Stephen Leacock (small town humourist) and WikiLeaks (Ad Sales news and openness) fashion..... I would like to know in this day of equality why I can't be a member of the (IODE) Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire ?

This Year 2011 will I believe become known in and across Canada as "THE ROYAL YEAR " what with the Academy award winning "THE KINGS SPEECH" , a spectacular ROYAL wedding April 29th (William & Kate) with all its pomp and ceremony which will this year immediately restore traditional marriage as a much sought after benchmark by a surprising number of young feminists!

And Canada is planning to create and issue a commemorative stamp, and the newly wed ROYALS of "The FIRM" will be touring some parts of Canada coast to coast this summer .

Membership in the IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE (IODE) organization will grow dramatically! EH?

Vancouver and Toronto are two major cities that are not on the list for this upcoming ROYAL tour by our ROYAL HONEYMOOMERS Kate and Wills !

As a proud colonial and closet ROYALIST, I think Vancouverites and Torontonians should take the high road and celebrate anyway !

I understand that a group of talented young mothers in Vancouver BC are planning to dust off their own wedding dresses to wear to their own fun filled OFF SHORE ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS with big screen TV and buckets of champagne on April 29th to celebrate this ROYAL occasion in true colonial fashion !

IMAGINE being able to get into your old wedding dresses !

And for us guys, I doubt if many of us could get into our wedding day Syd Silver rented tuxedos ! ha !

Hopefully the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club will allow them to use their facilities. With our Queen Elizabeth birthday April 21st and this ROYAL wedding April 29th - this celebration will be the very envy of our AMERICAN neighbours who divorced us in 1776 !

In TORONTO, we could once again return to our romantic CASA LOMA or our own ROYAL CANADIAN YACHT CLUB dressed in those Louis 14th costumes we rented years ago – only larger sizes – and all our female guests would once again be ROYAL Princesses no matter size or age as we presented each beautiful lady with her own long stem rose.

And this our own ROYAL MOD BALL would be our own Royal blast from the past as can be heard on <http://oldfortyfives.com/TakeMeBackToTheFifties.htm>

Ahhhh memories (sigh) and this time we donate all profits to kids with diabetes and diabetes research through our volunteer www.curediabetesnow.hurontel.on.ca

Keeping the FIRM and the Imperial Daughters of the Empire (IODE) spirit in all this, our ROYAL MOD BALL could be a lead into a typical YMASC ROYAL STUNT for next year as we approach the 200th birthday of the war of 1812 according to my Christmas card received from my talented friend and author David Onley and his wife Ruth – our very own QUEENS official representative for "our" (as in taxpayer) ONTARIO.

It is my hope to put together a YMASC TEAM CDN! of "white washers" sponsored by my hometown Goderich IODE and we all canoe down to Washington (?) and once again attack and

paint the AMERICAN White House another shade of white as we gently and lovingly remind our AMERICAN cousins of our successful WAR of 1812 raid on Washington and burning of their government buildings led by British Major General Robert Ross and Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane in retaliation for the earlier American raid and burning of our YORK (now Toronto) 200 years ago !

Now that's teamwork and fair play eh ?

After "our" forces departed Washington in August 1814 , the Americans to restore their Government building which was badly scorched and burned , painted their building White... which is how the name WHITE HOUSE came into being.

Not many AMERICANS know that historic, if not hysterical fact !

So there we have two ROYAL YMASC activities to think about.

If you wish to sign up for both or either, please contact Brad McInnis directly at Bradley@bradd.com .

Perhaps the Goderich IODE could take these quaintly Canadian "good ideas" or stories and promote them across Canada as a younger IODE membership drive ? with any profits of course going to our volunteer www.curediabetesnow.hurontel.on.ca ! EH ?

And who knows...maybe I will receive a Honourable membership into our IMPERIAL DAUGHTER of the EMPIRE ! after all.

Brad on the other hand will be organizing canoes and white paint for next years Washington Weekend in the Woods !

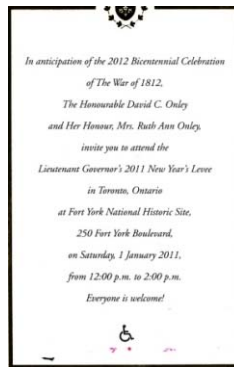
Best regards as together we still live, love and laugh !

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David and Ruth Onley with HRH Queen Elizabeth II



ROYAL Invitation



War of 1812