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President's word

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For most people, spring is the most anticipated and loved season of all. His first days bring with him promises of happiness and happy days. This beautiful season therefore deserves a warm welcome and you can do so by sending messages to your friends and colleagues.

On behalf of the members of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish a **Happy Mother's and Father's Day**.

Don't forget the date of the conference Saturday August 17, 2024, at the St-Pierre Community Center in Drummondville. A visit to the Photography Museum and presentations are planned on the program. We will take the opportunity to highlight Bilodeau's who have stood out during their careers, as well as the winners of the Généa-Jeunesse & Famille competition. There will also be tributes to the nominees for the Bilodeau of the year and to the Cercle des Grands Bilodeau.

A summons is sent to you in this publication. Remember that for the proper functioning of any organization, the recruitment and renewal of its management office requires the involvement of dedicated people. Inform your family members of the many services offered by the Association. The flags with the Coat of Arms of the Bilodeau Association measuring 24" x 36" were very popular. They are available for \$55 plus postage.

The planned trip to our French cousins has been postponed to 2025: a travel program is in preparation. The planning of this trip was entrusted to a committee, as well as our accomplice, Danièle Billaudeau from France.

We wish you all BILODEAU HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Save the date August 17, 2024, for the Bilodeau Congress in Drummondville

An invitation to register will be sent to you in the summer!

Good summer!

Gilles Bilodeau, President

Branch II, John to John

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NOTICE OF OFFICIAL CONVOCATION

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Annual general meeting of members
of the Bilodeau Association
www.famillesbilodeau.com

Dear,

You are hereby invited to attend the 2024 General Assembly of the Bilodeau Association which will be held:

DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Center Saint-Pierre, 575, St-Alfred Street, Drummondville, QC J2C 4B1

The general assembly offers the opportunity for members to learn about and see the achievements, activities, and projects of the organization, and at the same time to get actively involved. By your presence, you demonstrate your interest in the life of the association, and you thus demonstrate your support for the members of the Board of Directors. It is also a time of exchange and renewal. Interesting activities enhance your day. You meet Bilodeau people from your branch and you can add information to your genealogical research on your family and loved ones. We look forward to welcoming many of you.

Welcome to all members and your guests!

Gilles Bilodeau, President

May 2024

May 1: why do we offer lily of the valley?

The tradition of May 1st, Labor Day in Europe, is to offer lily of the valley to loved ones. However, these two traditions have no connection.

This tradition dates from the 16th century. At the time, lovers' day was not February 14, Valentine's Day, but May 1. The custom was for men, princes, or lords, to offer flower crowns to their wives or brides.

It was King Charles IX who decided, in 1561, that women would receive lily of the valley, after having received a sprig in 1560. This flower with a white bell having had great success, the tradition evolved, and we today offer lily of the valley even to family or friends.

Another great meeting at the sugar shack

On March 16, nearly thirty people went to Érablière Prince to have a sweet tooth and meet Bilodeau and their guests. This annual meeting offers an opportunity to experience a very special family outing during sugaring times. This activity has become a highly anticipated event for our members, and it is always a pleasure for board members to make this dinner at the cabin as pleasant as possible for everyone. We have already booked for next year.

Paternal lineage of Louise Bilodeau, branch II (Jean to Jean)

I

Louise Bilodeau

II

Émile Bilodeau 08/24/1946 Gertrude Laferrière
St-Cajetan d'Armagh, Bellechasse, QC

III

Alphonse Bilodeau 08/15/1898 Alphonsine Fortier
Saint-Damien-de-Buckland, Bellechasse, QC

IV

Pierre Bilodeau 02/02/1864 Mathilda Aubin
Notre-Dame-Auxiliatrice-de-Buckland, Bellechasse, QC

V

Grégoire Bilodeau 02/17/1835 Restitue-Perpétue Roy
Saint-Gervais-et-Protais, Bellechasse, QC

VI

Charles Bilodeau 01/21/1800 Charlotte Lacasse
St-Charles-de-Bellechasse, QC

VII

Jean-Baptiste Bilodeau 01/05/1764 Geneviève Roberge
St-Charles, Bellechasse, QC

VIII

Jean Bilodeau 09/11/1716 Marie Turgeon
St-Étienne-de-Beaumont, Bellechasse, QC

IX

Jean Bilodeau 11/20/1684 Marie Jahan
Ste-Famille, Île d'Orléans, Montmorency, QC

X

Jacques Billaudeau 10/28/1654 Geneviève Longchamp
Notre-Dame-de-Quebec, QC

XI

Pierre Bilodeau France Jeanne Fleury

Lily of the valley cake for May 1st

Preparation time: 30 minutes - cooking time: 30 to 45 minutes

Ingredients for 1 cake:

2 eggs

50g or ¼ cup sugar

120g or ¼ lb of butter

125g or 1 cup flour

1 tbsp. teaspoon baking powder

A little icing sugar and water

Green or blue + yellow coloring

Preparation:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a springform cake pan with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, whisk the 2 eggs and sugar. Allow 5 minutes, the mixture should whiten and rise.

Melt the butter in the microwave and add it to the egg and sugar mixture.

With a spatula, carefully add the flour and yeast to the liquid mixture, lifting from the bottom to the top.

Pour the batter into the mold and bake for 35 to 40 minutes. Prick the cake to check doneness. When cooked, let the cake cool and unmold it.

Prepare the icing. Mix a small drop of water with icing sugar.

Be careful, the icing should not be too liquid. Keep some of the icing white, color the rest green.

Draw the lily of the valley on the cake. Enjoy your food!