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## Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Canada - July 1, 2017

**For almost as long as there has been a Canada, Scottish Rite has been a part of our social fabric.**

### **That was THEN**

In 1867 the British North America Act which created the “Dominion of Canada” from the British Colonies of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was proclaimed. Ontario and Quebec had already been united in 1841 as the Province of Canada. Previously, Ontario was known as Upper Canada and then Canada West, while Quebec was first Lower Canada then Canada East. Within a few years after 1867, the Provinces of Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island joined Canada. They were followed early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Saskatchewan, Alberta and finally Newfoundland in 1949.

The Scottish Rite in Canada had beginnings in Ontario in 1868, followed by New Brunswick (1868), Nova Scotia (1870) and Quebec (1873). The next year saw the formation of Supreme Council in 1874, followed by Scottish Rite bodies in Manitoba and British Columbia (1880), PEI (1896), Alberta (1904), Saskatchewan (1910) and Newfoundland (1967).

### **This is Now**

July 1 is a day of celebration repeated each year with what was originally the Dominion Day Holiday established in 1867. In 1982 the holiday officially became Canada Day and the same year Canada’s constitution was “patriated” giving all authority to amend it to the Canadian Government instead of the British Parliament. Canadian patriotism and celebration grew bigger every year.

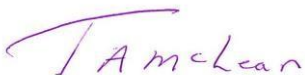
Canada is a proud, united country on its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. As Scottish Rite Freemasons of Canada there is much to celebrate this Canada Day.

Other celebrations in 2017:

- 50 years ago we embarked on an array of Centennial Projects
- Montreal hosted Expo 67
- 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry United Grand Lodge of England
- 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary City of Montreal
- 52<sup>nd</sup> year of our new Canadian Flag

Enjoy the parades, multicultural festivals, indigenous celebrations and of course the fireworks!

Fraternally,



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Sovereign Grand Commander