

10TH ANNIVERSARY

It's a rendez-vous for Saturday, September 14, 2002.

Do come for the celebration of our great family's history.

**At the maple shack Le Bûcheron
500 rue Principale, St-Joseph- du- Lac
(Highway 640, Exit #2)
450-473-6845**

Looking forward to meeting you!



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cousins,

When I joined the Labrosse dit Raymond Association, I would never have believed to hold such passion for my family's history. I have witnessed seventy-five Spring seasons, born in Montreal-East – city of the oil refineries where I worked for 35 years – and printer by trade. I lived very pleasant youth years, married to the pearl of my life, father of three sons and grandfather of five children who make me very happy.

What I miss the most is the fact that if my parents were still alive there would be a lot of questions I would need to ask them. All I know is that my father 'Théodore' was baptized at St-Benoît-des-Deux-Montagnes. I even discovered that my grandfather 'Isaac' got married at Oka. There are more than a thousand stories like mine. Thanks to Raphaël's dictionary, we can probably discover more than 1 100 families linked to our own history.

For more than ten years now, members of the Board of Directors of the Raymond dit Labrosse family meet every month to promote our Association. In order to keep following our history progression, we now need relief teams. We all possess sufficient talent and we all enjoy discovering details about our families. We meet for three hours each month in order to keep our Association alive, to think of our Bulletin's content (e.g. 25, 35 and 50th anniversaries) and to talk about our Labrosse families.

You want to know more about our Association, or our Bulletin? I am the one who can convince you about the virtues of Genealogy.

I am looking forward to meeting you on September 14 for our annual meeting.

You may also call me at (514) 645-3934.

Jean Raymond, president

LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

To All Members,

On September 14, 2002, we will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Labrosse-dit-Raymond Association. Among the list of preparations aimed at insuring the success of the day is my search of proper words to prompt you to participate actively to this event, and of the best photo of a Labrosse-dit-Raymond family. We hope to receive a great number of them!

Allow yourself a day of celebration and festivities so that family bonds can be renewed, along with the sharing of souvenirs, hidden treasures, but above all of your good mood, humor and 'joie de vivre'.

All through the years, our Association with its valuable colleagues have worked with passion and determination in order to make our respective families' genealogy – as far back as our first pioneers – accessible to all members.

Let me point out the constant efforts deployed by the five founding members of the Association who gave themselves the task of ensuring the everlasting continuity of the Association, for you, your children and grandchildren, and all posterity. I am referring to my father Pierre Labrosse, Raphaël Labrosse, Bruno LaBrosse, Pierre LaBrosse and Jean Labrosse.

I would like to thank all those who have joined our Association since its beginning. Together we have survived our First Decade and we are confident to enjoy your collaboration to help us through the next.

At the beginning of the General Meeting scheduled for September 14, a report of the past achievements will be presented. Suggestions for improving exchanges between families will be sought.

It will also be the occasion to replace members of the Board of Directors. New blood is needed to assume the presidency, secretariat, and treasury. So, a public announcement is issued to retired persons, genealogy enthusiasts or anyone willing to spare some free time for the cause of our Association viability. To whom will befall the privilege and honor of carrying the torch? We are anxiously waiting for proposals...

If you wish to propose a candidacy (or your own), please contact me without hesitation as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to meeting you in September.

Sylvie Labrosse
Secretary

Association des familles Labrosse dit Raymond

AGENDA OF THE TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date and time : Saturday , Septembre 14, 2002, 10:00 am

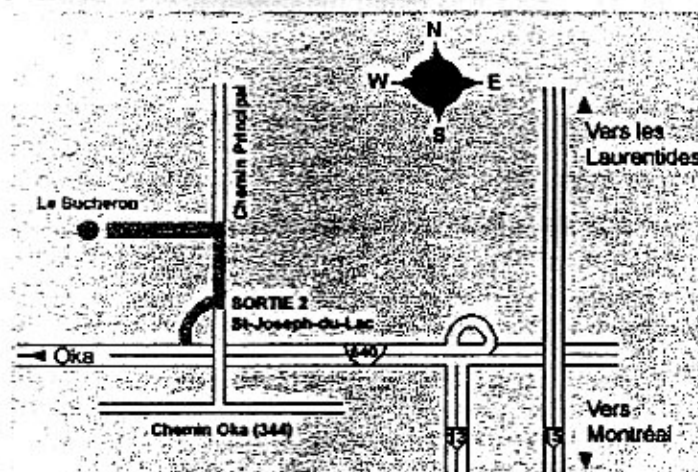
Address: La Cabane à sucre 'Le Bûcheron',
500 rue Principale, St-Joseph -du-Lac, QC

- 1- Welcome, quorum check;
- 2- Election of the Meeting president;
- 3- Election of the Meeting secretary;
- 4- Adoption of the agenda;
- 5- Lecture of the minutes of the ninth general meeting, held on July 14, 2001, at the Holiday Inn, 6700 Highway 40, Pointe-Claire, QC.
- 6- Report of the outgoing president;
- 7- Report of the outgoing secretary;
- 8- Varia
- 9- Election of the Board of Directors 2002-2003
- 10- Role of the members of the Board of Directors
- 11- Closing of the Meeting.

Trajet

Route à suivre:

640 ouest. sortie 2. St-Joseph-Du-Lac
Aux feux de circulation, tournez à gauche
sur la rue principale. 0.1 km tournez à gauche



DAYS EVENTS



- 10:00** Welcome and information
Coffee and Muffins
- 11:00** Annual general meeting
- 12:30** Light lunch
(bring your own picnic or use the canteen)
- 13:30** Miscellaneous activities: invited painters, history of tractors, ancient car exhibition, St-Joseph-du-Lac history, game of sand bags throwing, card tournament, exhibition of antiques and of souvenirs.
- 16:00** Vin d'honneur
Homage to past presidents
- 17:00** Supper
Menu: Salad bar, roast of beef, pork, turkey, ham, pastries.
- 18:30** Dance and several attendance prizes

COAT OF ARMS, A FAMILY HERITAGE.

In order to appreciate coats of arms, one has to know their origin. These emblems appeared at the time of the crusades, in the XII century: a history, a colorful language and a means of identification.

Since the beginning of the XIII century, coats of arms and heraldry have had a historical interest. The evolution of the expression 'coat of arms' in itself proves to be interesting. In the Middle Ages, wars were a continual event. The military outfit consisted of a metallic suit, that is to say, a coat of mail, a helmet for head protection and a shield. Consequently, it was impossible to distinguish knights from one another. To avoid mishaps, an identification means was necessary. A colorful solution was established when knights painted patterns on their war shields.

From then on, these motifs had to be registered so that no two knights could use the same one. Registers were kept so that each knight could have an exclusive right for his coat of arms. Their family name was linked to the emblem which became 'coat of arms'. The art and the science of arms developed during the following centuries and took the shape of figures painted on the knights' shields. These identification marks became hereditary. Gradually, monarchs took upon themselves to grant and regulate the use of coats of arms, and they appointed specialists of the question - 'Heralds'.

Coats of arms became signs of distinction bestowed by a monarch. This custom evolved in several countries. The graphic marks and symbol-words are specific to a given place. The first arms to Nouvelle-France residents were given by Louis XIV for services rendered to the new colony. The first ones were quite simple - consisting solely in an escutcheon. According to most heraldic rules, only the eldest son was authorized to keep a version of their ancestors' arms. The younger sons could use a version of the arms, but it had to be modified somewhat.

Thus, the coat of arms stems from the shield.

Five colors (5) and two metals (2) could be used:

1. Red, symbol of courage and creativity;
2. Blue and purple, for loyalty and splendor;
3. Green, for hope, vitality and abundance;
4. Black, for repentance or revenge.

The metals are gold and silver: gold for generosity, bravery, perseverance; silver, for serenity and nobility.

Be they obtained by free choice, or given by monarchs, coats of arms are part of our history.

REFERENCES

Héritage Familial Halbert

Mme Claire Boudreau, Héraut d'armes

M.Plante, archiviste

L'histoire ancienne du nom de famille distingué Labrosse.

MEDIEVAL KNIGHT IN ARMOR

The top of the helmet was frequently dome shaped so that blows could be deflected in order to protect the skull. The most popular crest had a fan shape and was made of painted parchment held in place on a metal or wooden frame. When the visor was lowered, the field of vision was limited, and it was small enough so that pointed weapons could be pushed away. The ventilation slits were called 'Ventailles' in French. Outside combats the visor was lifted or simply taken out when not in use. The nape-of-the-neck protector consisted in a series of convex plates locked or chained together. The breast-plate was usually tied with a cote of mail. Protection for the upper arm and forearm was made of curved plates articulated at the elbow with smaller plates. A circular plate was tied or riveted to the shoulder-plate. The breast-plate consisted in a series of plates forming either a chain or riveted to one-another. It was usually tied along the back, while some of them had holes for lacing up, both offering protection for the back. The spear support (FAUCRE) was only used during tournaments or combats, and it was usually put aside when not in use. The hip-plate generally consisted in a series of articulated convex plates surrounding the waist and tied on each side. The greave was made of curved plated surrounding the thigh and the lower leg. The knee protection had small circular wings on the sides, thus protecting the articulation tendons. The feet were often covered with metal plates. The hands were protected with over sleeves and plates surrounding the wrists while the fingers were covered with rows of metallic scales overlapping one-another. Generally, the shield had an elongated shape with a flattened top and a pointed bottom thus improving visibility and maneuverability for the knight when on horse.



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SPECIAL REQUEST

To all artists, animators, singers, musicians

“Adults & children” who wish to share their passion within the framework of our Tenth Anniversary celebration

You are all invited to propose your special animation ideas for the celebration to be held on Saturday, September 14, 2002.

Musicians, singers, painters, exposition of old photos and treasures – reminders of our history – that of the large Labrosse dit Raymond family.

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Additional information related to the Tenth Anniversary can be found at the following web site : www3.sympatico.ca/rlabrosse

We are anxious to see you participate!
Looking forward to meeting you!