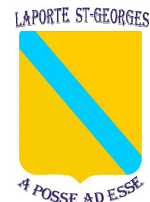




De Laporte à St-Georges



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**In a few weeks, don't forget...
Do not delay your booking**

Saturday
September 25th
1999

A Reunion in two parts

Saint-Charles-Borromée

*During the day
A picnic, visits, expositions, a talk.*

*In the evening
A supper, many prizes, chat.*

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L'ASSOMPTION TOWN, POPULATION 12341.

This municipality is located about 45 km (28 miles) from Montreal on the banks of the Assomption River, inside an important horseshoe shaped meander, and downstream from the confluence of the Achigan River. From time immemorial, this setting was frequented by American Indians due to its proximity to the St. Lawrence River, only a few kilometres/miles away.

In fact, the native name for the area, **Outaragasipi**, winding river, is an apt description of the course of the Assomption. Its history begins around 1640-1647, years of the granting of the seigniories of St. Sulpice (1640) and of Assomption (1647).

The first name of that area was **Le Portage**, thus called because since at least 1670, the Amerindians would cut through a path across the peninsula, dragging their canoes, to avoid going all the way around. A parish was founded in 1717 and was later named **Saint-Pierre-du-Portage-de-l'Assomption**, or else, **Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul-du-Portage**. The element Pierre was in the memory of Pierre Le Sueur (1684-1752), sulpician, and who celebrated its first mass on Saint-Peter's day, June 29, 1724.

In 1835 the parish was erected canonically from portions of Saint-Sulpice and of the Assomption seigniories. It will later be the object of a second canonical erection in 1860. As for the Assomption, it comes from other name of the seigniorie granted in part to Pierre Legardeur de Repentigny in 1647, which in turn, took its name from the above mentioned river, thus named since the 17th century.

At the administrative level, the place, colonised between 1670 and 1700, and where Acadians settled in 1766- it is a known fact that the feast of the Assomption, celebrated on August 15th, is considered since 1632 somewhat as the Acadians Day- was first established as a municipality in 1845 "consisting of the parish of Saint-Pierre-du-Portage-de-l'Assomption as canonically erected". Drastically reduced in size by the creation of the village municipality of l'Assomption in 1846, and abolished in 1847, the municipality of the parish of l'Assomption would be restored within its territorial boundaries in 1855. The municipality of the village was granted town status in 1855. The present-day town is the result of the 1992 merger of these two administrative entities.

As a note of interest, between 1774 and 1888, l'Assomption was dubbed the most important thriving municipality between Montreal and Three Rivers, title that a few years later, Joliette (L'Industrie) would take away, thanks to an outstanding rapid development. L'Assomption's fame is chiefly tied to the manufacturing of an arrow sash known as l'Assomption, a type of sash quite unique. It presented superb designs of flames and lightning. Manufactured by the Acadians, it was sold in the Hudson's Bay stores. Another claim for the fame for the Assumptionists is the College of l'Assomption founded in 1832 by the doctors Jean-Baptiste Meilleur (1798-1878), Louis-Joseph-Charles Cazeneuve (1795-1856) and the priest François Labelle (1795-1865). Within its walls, it would receive as students several future key figures, among which Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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Lorraine Laporte-Landry 1942-1999



Many members of the Association will remember Lorraine, as we liked to informally call her. She had such a good rapport with people that even with the least contact one was led to consider her as a friend. She was interested in people; she would listen attentively and pay attention down to the smallest detail that would affect her interlocutors.

She was a member of the first board of directors of the Association. Unfortunately, her workload prevented her from continuing beyond a first term. Those who had occasion to sit on the Board with her will be sure to remember her simplicity, the soundness of her judgment and her rigour of thought.

She actively participated to the first two rallying of the Association with her sister Isabelle and her daughters. Her help was invaluable for us all and for that we thank her.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband, children and family.



L'ASSOCIATION DES LAPORTE ET ST-GEORGES DU MONDE

Montréal, le 20 juin 1999

À mes dévoués collègues du Conseil d'administration,

Après six ans à la tête de l'Association depuis sa fondation, je désire vous informer qu'avec regret, je dois vous présenter ma démission à titre de Président à partir du prochain ralliement en septembre.

Mes activités personnelles m'amènent de plus en plus à l'extérieur et me laissent de moins en moins de temps pour me consacrer aux activités de l'Association. En outre, je crois que l'apport de nouveaux officiers serait bénéfique pour relancer l'Association avec de nouvelles idées.

Ceci dit, je n'abandonnerai jamais totalement cette Association que j'ai fondée personnellement avec l'aide de quelques volontaires et à laquelle j'ai consacré beaucoup d'énergies. Je serai toujours disponible pour donner un coup de main, même à l'extérieur via Internet, fax, etc.

En terminant, suite à vos suggestions, j'aimerais être connu comme le Président Fondateur de l'Association dans le futur.

Je souhaite longue vie à l'Association et bonne chance à ses directeurs présents et futurs.

Baxter D. Laporte
Président Fondateur

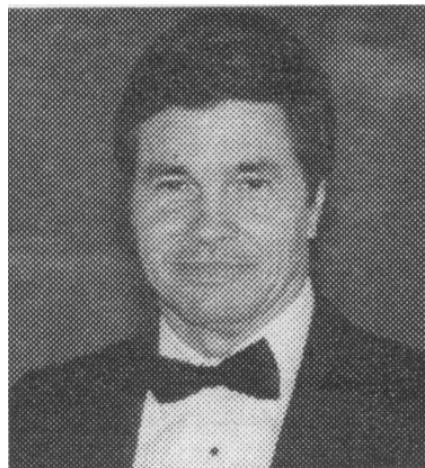
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The founding President resigned.

A new president should be elected by the Board after the next annual meeting.

Many thanks to Baxter.
Good luck to the next one.



WORLD ASSOCIATION OF LAPORTE'S and ST. GEORGES

Notice of meeting

Fifth Annual General Assembly

Saturday, September 25, 1999 at 4:00 p.m.

Centre St-Jean-bosco

Saint-Charles-Borromée, Quebec, Canada

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening of Assembly
2. Appointment of a Chairman
3. Appointment of a Secretary
4. Approval of the agenda
5. Approval of the minutes of the previous assembly (1998)
6. Report from the President
7. Report from the Treasurer
8. Elections to the vacant positions on the Board of Administrators
9. Appointment of an external auditor
10. Date and place of next general assembly
11. Any other business
- 12 Termination

(All members of the Association, their guests and all Laporte's and St. Georges are cordially invited to this meeting. However only members in good standing are allowed to vote. There is no cost for attending the assembly.)