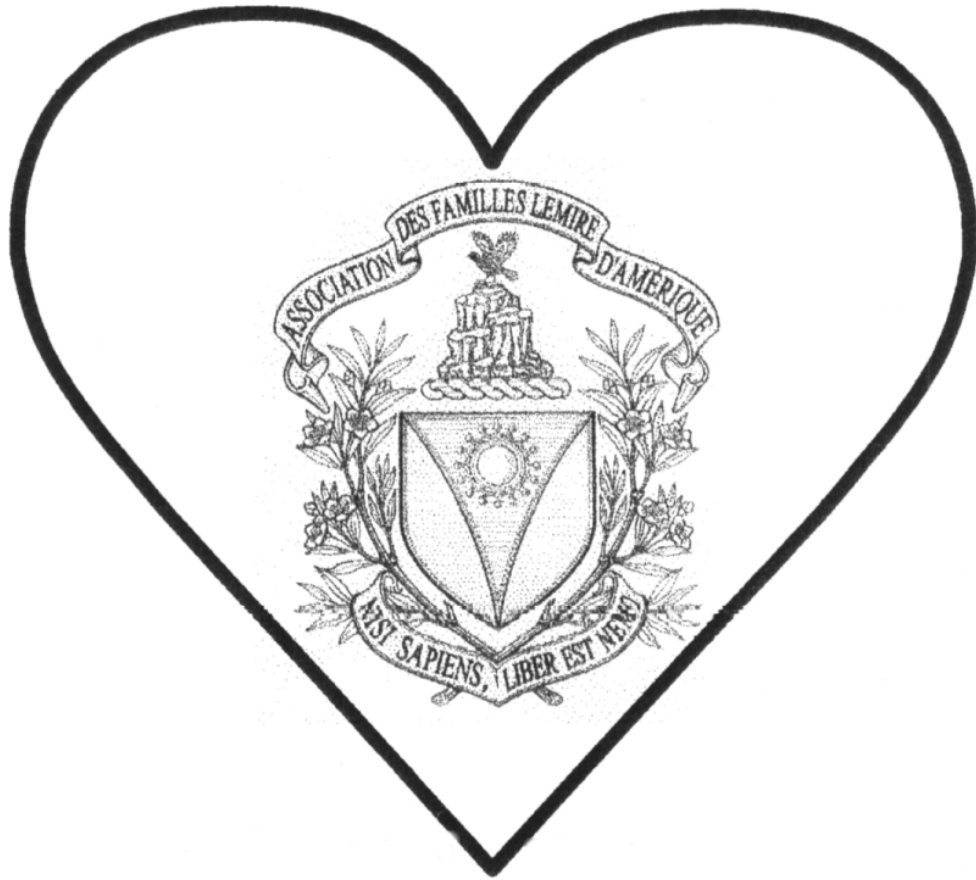


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Association des Familles Lemire d'Amérique inc.

2003

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Attention!

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Subject: July 13, 2003 gathering

To make sure that this gathering turns out as a great success, we need the collaboration from each one of you. We will be grateful to receive from you the names and addresses of your brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts or from anyone connected to the LEMIRE families. The idea is for us to forward an invitation to them as well.

Please send the details to:

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WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members,

We are already in the 2nd quarter of 2003 and in spite of the news bringing back to us a quite precarious peace in the world, I wish that all of us will continue to smile and personally I am looking forward meeting all of you soon. That could be a good way to ignore the situation, which currently prevails.

I am taking this opportunity to invite you to take part to the events, which will show up in the months to come within the Association of the Lemire Families of America inc. You will not be disappointed.

You will find in this bulletin on page 5, the notice of convocation to our 15th annual general meeting. This general meeting is the occasion, where you can find out about who the administrators are and their efficiency as well. Also, it is an occasion to learn about the financial health of your association, its orientation and projects. I cordially invite you to attend this meeting.

The invitation for this coming summer gathering, will reach you at the end of May or the beginning of June at the latest. Please insert this date as shown on page 6 of this present bulletin, in your agenda.

With great joy I will join you during these two important activities.

My warmest wishes,

Yolande A. Lenie

Note: The B. of A. members will be present at the memorial anniversary of Mr. Jacques Jutras, (#94) at 11am on Sunday May 4th in the parish church of Baie-du-Febvre. Followed by lunch at noon in La Baraka Restaurant where the meeting will take place. You are cordially invited to join us.

PRESENTATION

From Monseigneur Gilbert Lemire,
secretary of the Board of Administration



I was born in Baie-du-Febvre, on November 15, 1932. My father Gustave, was the son of Jean-Baptiste, son of Norbert and Virginie Brassard. My father was a farmer, in the rural road named Pays-Brûlé and we had a beautiful farm baptized "Farm of the Elms" because we had many of these large trees everywhere on our farm.

I made my primary studies in the school of the rural road up to grade 7. I always had the same teacher and her name was: Berthe Lacerte. Then I started my classical studies at the Small Seminar of Nicolet (1946-1954) replaced today by the Police National Institute. I then continued my theological studies in the High Seminar of the same place (1954-1958). I was ordered priest in Nicolet by Bishop Albertus Martin on May 31, 1958.

My pastoral ministry began in Drummondville (1958-1960). Followed by studies in Catechesis in Europe during two years (1964-1966). Meanwhile (1965-1966), my father sold his farm in the Pays-Brûlé to Mr Gérard Rainville. He and my mother Clara Lahaie went to live in Montreal, QC.

During several years, I worked inside the education and catechesis domains (1966-1975) in Drummondville and in Nicolet. In 1975, I was named curate (pastor) of the Nicolet Cathedral and I remained there for 15 years.

In 1985 for the diocese of Nicolet centennial occasion, I was promoted to honorary prelate (Monseigneur) since I already was curate of Nicolet and vicar general of Bishop Albertus Martin.

Since 1990 I am curate (pastor) of St-François-du-Lac. A beautiful village, along the Saint-François River and is not far from the Lake Saint-Pierre and the St. Lawrence River.

My days are now running smoothly like the river and like the happiness.

Gilbert Lemire, p.h. Priest curate

NOTICE OF MEETING

I am pleased to invite you to the 15th general assembly of the Association des Familles Lemire d'Amérique inc. on Sunday May 4, 2003 at 1.30 pm. The meeting will be held in a hall located inside the Restaurant La Baraka at 391, rue Principale, Baie-du-Febvre at the junction of highway 255 and 132.

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Attendance and verification of quorum
3. Reading and approval of the agenda
4. Reading and approval of minutes of the meeting held May 5, 2002
5. Report from the president
6. Financial report
 - a) Election of an auditor
7. Report on the Genealogical researches
8. Election
 - a) Appointment of the election's president and secretary
 - b) Report on the candidates nominated
 - c) Election
9. Suspension of the meeting to allow the council to name the executive
10. Introduction of the administrators
11. End of the meeting

Yolande A. Lemire
President

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION 2002-2003

MEMBERS TERMINATING IN 2003

Mr. BERTIN	LEMIRE,	councillor
Mgr GILBERT	LEMIRE,	secretary
Abbot JONATHAN	LEMIRE,	director

MEMBERS TERMINATING IN 2004

Mr. YVES	LEMIRE,	(resignation)
Mr. MICHEL JULES	LEMIRE,	director
Mme YOLANDE A. LEMIRE		president

MEMBERS TERMINATING IN 2005

Mrs. SOLANGE C.	LEMIRE,	treasurer
Mrs. CÉCILE J.	LEMIRE,	director
M. MICHEL	LEMIRE,	director
M. SYLVIO	PROULX,	vice-president
M. CHRISTIAN	LEMIRE,	(resignation)

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Date Change for the summer festivities

Many of our members suggested July 13, 2003, as the date to celebrate Jean Lemire and Louise Marsolet wedding anniversary, (signature of their marriage contract was July 4th 1653). Considering this suggestion as being well appropriate, the B. A. unanimously accepted to modify the usual date (first week end of August).

In advance we excuse ourselves for all the inconveniences that this change could cause you and we thank you for your comprehension.

RECENT ADHESIONS

We are cordially welcoming the following new members:

Mrs. Martha L. Kinsella, London (Ontario)
Mrs. Fernande Marsolais, l'Assomption (Québec)
Mrs. Lucille L. Monroe, Florida (U.S.A.)
Mr. Jacques Marsolais, Laval (Québec)
Mr. Marcel Myre, Candiac (Québec)
Mr. André Lemire, Dorval (Québec)
Mrs. Suzanne Lemire, St-Nicolas (Québec)

SINCERE THANKS

The representatives of The Association of the Lemire Families of America Inc cordially express their gratitude to all the members who as of this date have paid their membership.

INVITATION TO THE PARTAKING

For the July 13, 2003 commemorative festivities, we are suggesting the partaking formula which has obtained lots of successes in our previous gatherings.

Any one is invited to bring and expose his old documents: photographs, contracts, family histories, correspondences, inventories, genealogy, etc. We count on you to provide the largest quantity of documents as possible, to permit all present guests to consult on site.

We envisage putting at your disposal: tables and/or exhibition panels, adhesive tapes, staples, pins, paper clips etc. We will also have at your disposal a photocopier (small cost), which will enable you to reproduce on the spot, any document that could be of interest to you (of course subject to the owner's blessings).

We count on your generosity and response to the partaking, as you have proved it in the past.

We are warmly expecting you!

Your B.A

HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

We present you, through the members table on the right, the portrait of adhesion to the Association during the past years, that is to say since its creation in 1988 up to this day.

It was on September 2nd 1988 that the Association was born. **Ten founding members**, as shown to the right, held a general meeting on Jan 22, 1989 to put down the basis and the first board of executives was formed.

For their devotion to make the Association a success, which does not cease since and their significant implication for its development, the members of the council of administration, thank them heartily.

Year in and year out, through the last 15 years, that is between 1989 and 2002, see the **Membership Table** as an average the Association retained 35 of its former members and attracted 17 new members, which represents an average of 52 active members per annum.

We are pleased to mention, that through the years, 56 of our members came from outside Quebec, like Ontario, West Canadian provinces, several USA States, England, France and Belgium.

Unfortunately 13 of our members died during the same period.

We want to cordially welcome all the new members who joined our association.

THE FOUNDING MEMBERS:

- Mrs. Reine Lemire
- Mrs. Solange C. Lemire
- Mrs. Andrée L. Louvion
- Mr. Germain Lefebvre (deceased)
- Mr. Bertin Lemire
- Mr. Charles-Gérard Lemire (deceased)
- Mr. Hervé Lemire (deceased)
- Mr. Luc Lemire
- Mr. Moïse Lemire
- Mr. Jacques Proulx

MEMBERSHIP TABLE from 1989 to 2003

Year	Former members	New members	Total per year
1989	10*	15	25
1990	15	7	22
1991	18	23	41
1992	28	12	40
1993	36	3	39
1994	26	13	39
1995	35	28	63
1996	46	10	56
1997	46	15	61
1998	40	9	49
1999	0	34	34
2000	63	23	86
2001	47	51	98
2002	72	6	78
2003	48	6	56**

Notes: * Numbers representing the founding members.
Off these numbers, 3 are dead.

** Numbers representing members who paid their annual dues to this date

IN MEMORY OF ...

Mr. Stéphane Lemire, on Nov 3, 2002 in St-Hyacinthe, QC, suddenly died at the age of 34, husband of Marie-Josée Piquette living in St-Hyacinthe. The funeral took place on Friday November the 8th in the St-Rock Catholic Church of Rock-Forest, QC.

Mr. Réal Lemire, on Nov. 17, 2002 died in Montreal at 69, husband of Rachel ??, living in Montreal QC. Meditation prayers took place on Thursday November 2, in the chapel within the funeral complex of Magnus Poirier inc. on Sherbrooke St. east in Montreal, QC.

Izya Lemire, on November 13, 2002, in her home died at the age of 15 months and 4 days, daughter of Nancy Fortin and of Yan Lemire, residing in Trois-Rivières, QC. The Angels ceremony took place on Thursday November 21, 2002 in the Trois-Rivières Catholic Cathedral. Buried in the Saint-Michel cemetery in Trois-Rivières.

Mr. Paul-Émile Lemire, on December 24, 2002 in Nicolet, died at 69. Leaves in mourning his wife Anne-Marie Émond, living in Nicolet, QC. The funeral took place on December 28, in the Nicolet Catholic Cathedral.

Mr. Marcel Lemire on January 22, 2003, died in home at 73. He was the son of Wilbrod Lemire and of Georgianna Boucher, residing in Drummondville, QC. The funeral took place on February 1st in the Saint-Léonard d'Aston, QC Catholic Church. Buried in the parish cemetery.

Sister Cécile Lemire, on December 29, 2002 died in the health centre of the Soeurs Grises of Nicolet QC, at 84 years and 11 months, of which 62 years in religion inside the Congregation des Sœurs de la Charité of Montreal, QC. The funeral took place on Tuesday December 31st in the Provincial Home of the Sœurs Grises in Nicolet, QC. Buried in the Sisters cemetery in Nicolet, QC.

Mrs. Colette Lemire, on February 9, 2003, died at 76, wife of Roland Dostaler, living in Shawinigan-Sud, QC. The funeral took place on Saturday February the 16th in the Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel Catholic Church. Burial will be performed in the Notre-Dame-du-Mont-Carmel cemetery at a future date.

Mr. Philippe Martel, on February 13, 2003 in Pierreville, QC died at 84. Leaves in mourning his wife Éliane Lemire. The funeral took place on Saturday the 22nd of February in the Saint-Pie-de-Guire, QC Catholic Church. Buried in the parish cemetery.

Mr. Louis-Philippe Lemire, on February 16, 2003 in Drummondville, QC died at age 72, husband of Simone Rougeau, formerly resident of Saint-Cyrille-de-Wendover, QC. The funeral took place on February 18th in the Saint-Philippe Catholic Church.