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Next Meeting Jan 15th at 10 am when our speaker will be Mayor of Saint John His worship Mel Norton

Minutes of December meeting Dec 20th 2013

This meeting was postponed from December 18th due to weather. It was also necessary to re-arrange entertainment due to the sudden death of Gavin Adams, son of Sonia and David Adams of the Saint John Strong Quartet. Ralph Wood thanked Gordon Graham, Bob Lockhart, and others who helped with the re-scheduling.

There were 26 members present. The memorial service for former member Ross Coates was also this morning.

Minutes of the November 20th meeting were approved as published in the Phoghorn: moved by Robert Taylor, seconded by Fred Shillington.

Guests: Kendall Higgins introduced Tom Adams. Gordon Dempsey re-introduced Peter Milburn and introduced Greg MacGregor. No new members were pinned today.

Member News: Don Jobe is recovering from knee surgery and heart trouble.

Finances: Treasurer Don Mitchener reported that 62 members have paid this fall. Current bank balance is \$1094.86.

\$500 will be given to the Boys and Girls Club: moved by Ralph Murray, seconded by Tom Jarrett. This was presented to Sandra McAllan later in the meeting.

In memory of Gavin Adams, \$100 will be given to the SJHS Centennial Scholarship Fund and \$100 to the Symphony Foundation: moved by Mack Pike, seconded by Tom Jarrett.

60/40 Draw: Sandra McAllan drew Dale Stevens' ticket – he won \$54.

Entertainment: George Urquhart led a Christmas sing-along. He was introduced by his neighbor Ralph Wood. He referred to his friend Duane Lister who celebrated his 50th anniversary this year. Two choirmasters were appointed to lead songs for their half of the room, and the winning tables were awarded a bottle of Adams' Private Stock, which eventually migrated to a member of the losing tables.

Luncheon: The Boys and Girls Club catered a turkey dinner for the members, who paid \$10 each.

Next Meeting will be held January 15th. At that time, proposed changes to the Constitution and

ByLaws, as published in November, will be voted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Secretary.

Presidents remarks

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of longtime member Sandy Gregory he will be sorely missed.

And now what youve been waiting for since Christmas ...the New Year Funnies

Now for some Happy New Year stories:

I was going out for New Year's Eve and decided to have only one drink since I was driving. Well, that one was so good I relented and had another, then some wine with the delicious dinner and of course some champagne at midnight. After that I decided to take a cab home. It was a good trip, stopped twice by the police RIDE program but waved right through. Got to bed and had a great sleep. In the morning, my only problem was to figure out what to do with the cab in the garage!!

A fellow found a bottle on the beach, rubbed it and out popped a genie. "I will grant you 3 wishes, but there's a catch". No problem said the lucky fellow. The genie told him that every time he made a wish, every politician in the world would get double. Agreed, and my first wish is a new Ferrari. POOF, and a new Ferrari appeared. "Now every politician in the world has 2 Ferraris" said the genie. "Next wish?" I'd love a million dollars. POOF a million bucks appeared and now every politician has 2 million. "What's your final wish" asked the genie. After some thought, he said, "I've always wanted to donate a kidney"

As the trucker stopped at a red light, a blond catches up, jumps out of her car and runs to the truck to tell the trucker he is losing some of his load. The trucker ignores her and continues down the street but at the next light, the blond catches up with him and tells him again that he is losing some of his load. He shakes his head and continues but she catches him at the third light. He jumps out of the truck and says, "Look lady, this is Saint John and I am driving a salt truck!!"

This old boy went to his doctor for a physical. A few days later the doctor saw the old fellow walking with a gorgeous blond on his arm. Somewhat alarmed, the doctor contacted the old boy who assured the doctor he was following his advice to get a hot mama and be cheerful. "Oh no" said the doctor. "I said you've got a heart murmur and be careful"

"New Year's Day: now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual . . . New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls, and humbug resolutions."

MARK TWAIN (1835-1910)

"Good resolutions are simply cheques that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

OSCAR WILDE (1854-1900), playwright and poet

"The proper behavior all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New Year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kiss the person you're married to."

PJ O'ROUKE (1947-) is is an American political satirist, journalist and author.

"Now there are more overweight people in Canada than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution."

Jay Leno (1950-)