

BGHS News—December 2020

Dear Bourbonnais Grove Historical Society members and friends,

Elodie and George Letourneau’s Home Festively Proclaims *Joyeux Noel*



The historic landmark home of Elodie and George Letourneau (their portraits are at left center) is decorated for the season of *Joyeux Noel*. Even though the BGHS cannot host its traditional Christmas open house at the Letourneau Home/Museum this month, this festive collage illustrates the holiday cheer created by Vice-President Gary Seiner. Thank you, Gary.

**14 Days Left to Add Your Name to “Dinnerless” Celebration
Guest List—Now Numbering 64**

Sixty-four guests (names below) are currently registered for the *Fleur-de-Lis* Dinnerless Celebration to benefit the restoration of Bourbonnais Grove’s first log schoolhouse. You may increase this number by adding your name as a guest list by making a suggested donation of \$55 per person (BGHS member) and \$65 per person (non-member). All proceeds go to the

restoration of the log schoolhouse on the grounds of the Adrien M. Richard Heritage Preserve. This fundraiser campaign continues with two weeks left (deadline is 12/31/20).

The previous three *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinners at the Kankakee Country Club highlighted French-Canadian cuisine. In conjunction with this “dinnerless” cuisine theme, the BGHS invites all donor guests to prepare one of the French-Canadian recipes at <https://frenchcanadians.kcc.edu/resources/recipes/recipes.html>) as their holiday dinner on New Year’s Day January 1, 2021. As I mentioned in previous E Newsletters, my personal main course on New Year’s Day will be the *roti de porc*.

“*Bonne et Heureuse Annee!*” (Good and Happy Year!) was the New Year’s Day greeting heard around the Village of Bourbonnais. This day was celebrated as the greatest of French-Canadian holidays. Let us renew the spirit of this festive occasion with a French-Canadian dinner.

Please join the 64 of us who have donated and reserved seats for the "dinnerless" celebration:

Lynn Ahlden
Dr. Charles Bales
Bonnie Bergeron
Andrew, Christina, Cayla, and Raylan Bradley
Laurie Cyr and guest
Lisa Hassett and eight John Hassett Memorial donors
Rochelle Murphy Joseph
Frank & Jean Koehler
Mary Ann Lambert
Ellen & Steve Liehr
Ralph & Mary Marcotte’s children: Andre, Annette (Langellier), Denise, Jacques, Joel, Michelle (Baldwin), Phil, Pierre, and Jon
Norma Meier
Susan & Steve Mendelewski
Dr. Steve Monts and Catherine Boucher
Christopher & Susan Paul
Dr. James Paul
Rich & Judy Piggush
Ken & Judy Ponton
Shirley Pranger
Marcia Rabideau
Paul & Kristen Rabideau
Roberta Renville
Dr. Ralph & Mrs. Sally Rumble
Donat Savoi
Mayor Paul & Mary Schore
Gary Seiner
Judith Smead
Waltraud Schuller
Larry, Ellen, Rhiannon, Aidan, and Joey Stringer
Elmira Wilkey

There are two ways you can donate to the log schoolhouse fundraiser. Your donation may be by check to “BGHS” with memo Log Schoolhouse, mailed to Bourbonnais Grove

Historical Society, P.O. Box 311, Bourbonnais, IL 60914 or pay online at <http://www.bourbonnaishistory.org/contribute.html>, scroll to Log School Restoration Project, click Donate, and then follow the prompts. You will be contributing to the preservation of our community's historical heritage. **Save the date: the next *Fleur-de-Lis* Celebration Dinner is scheduled for Friday September 17, 2021!**

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws to be Addressed at January 7 and February 4 Membership Meetings

There are several BGHS bylaw amendments that need to be implemented. Article IX of the bylaws states that the "board of directors and officers may amend these bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular meeting, after such amendment has been deliberated upon and recorded in the minutes of any regular meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment shall accompany notice of the meeting prior to the meeting at which a vote shall be taken." The proposed amendment changes and additions are in blue below. This News Eletter will serve as notice of the proposed amendments which may be addressed at the Thursday January 7 meeting and then voted on at the February 4 meeting. The board of directors and officers can then ratify the membership approved bylaws. Please join our first Zoom membership meeting of the new year at 7:00 pm on Thursday January 7 by emailing Laurel Soper at laurel.soper@gmail.com. She will then email you a link to the meeting at 6:50 pm on January 7.

Section 3.2 Dues. (Change to read as below.)

Dues are paid upon joining or by July 1 of each calendar year. Dues paid by new members during the first half of the calendar year shall be deemed paid through the next calendar year.

Annual dues are as follows:

Individual - \$20

Family - \$30

Business - \$50

Individual lifetime memberships are \$300

Section 5.2 Board of Directors Number and Term (Change to read as below.)

The board of directors of the corporation shall be a minimum of three (3) persons. All directors shall be appointed by a term of two (2) years commencing with the first regular meeting following their appointment, commencing in 2008. (This bylaw was proposed in 2007. The ratification will confirm the bylaw.)

Section 6.3.3 Executive Vice-President. (Change to read as below.)

The Executive Vice-President shall be responsible for coordinating and supervising special projects, including chairmanship of the Collections Committee.

(To be added.)

Section 6.4.6 Collections Committee. The purpose of the Collections Committee is to:

1. Create and submit a collections management policy to the Board of Directors for approval.
2. Recommend a collections management system (software and hardware) purchase to the Board for approval.
3. Ensure that the collections management system is properly installed and existing inventory data from the “Accessions by Location” spreadsheet (updated 12/4/19) is imported to its database.
4. Advise the Board of Directors on requirements to maintain the collections management system and implement procedures to support the collections management policy.

Article VII. Meetings of the Board of Directors, Section 7.1 Meetings (Change to read as below.)

A meeting (1) of the board of directors shall be held a minimum of one (1) time per year. (This bylaw was proposed in 2007. The ratification will confirm the bylaw.)

In addition to the notice and discussion of these proposed amendments to the bylaws, a regular meeting agenda will be addressed (including approval of the December 3 membership meeting minutes which are attached. I wish you a *Joyeux Noel*.

Jim