



# La Lignée Saindon

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## English Summary

### Important notice to our English speaking members - Reminder

As in previous issues, you will note that some articles of the newsletter are now available in English. In addition, as the website is fully translated in English and some articles of the newsletter are published on the site also, this might influence the size and content of this summary. So as you will see further, you might find references to the website without a summary of the article.

Your comments are always welcome and also your English articles for the newsletter

### Le bulletin en bref / Summary of the newsletter (p. 1)

André Sindon provides a summary of the contents of the Bulletin beginning with the annual Reunion in St-Arsène. Another successful event thanks to the organizers Rémi Saindon, his wife Lucie and their family together with the administrative support of Lea Vachon. At the reunion there was a wonderful dialogue presentation between Théophile Saindon and his wife Philomène Michaud which is recounted in an article in the Bulletin.

Gilles has joined the Board of Directors and tells us a little bit about himself and his motivation in the Word from the Board.

In the column "Saindons Yesterday to Today", there is an homage to Alphonse Saindon, a longtime life member who passed away recently.

You don't want to miss the section of photos with Marie-Claire's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday, Jacques at the original typewriter of his father, André at Fontaine Claire park, Gilles at Mount Iberville in Nanuvik and Christine Charbonneau at the *Fêtes de la Nouvelle-France* in Québec city.

Our project at Bains-sur-Oust is coming up shortly and André provides an update and encourages members to follow the activities on the Association website: [www.saindon.org](http://www.saindon.org). Our December Bulletin will be dedicated to this event.

### Le mot du conseil d'administration/From the Board of Directors (p. 3)

This article by Gilles Saindon is provided in English in the Bulletin.

### Retrouvailles 2018/Annual Reunion 2018 (p.4)

This article entitled "A Warm Welcome and Impeccable Organization" by André Sindon reviews our recent annual Reunion in St-Arsène. The event with over 40 participants was organized by Rémi and his wife Lucie as well as their family from the region.

The traditional Friday evening Wine and Cheese included local cheeses from the *Fromagerie des Basques* in Trois-Pistoles. The next morning we were taken by bus to visit the Fraisière Lebel by the owner Richard Lebel himself. The enormous farm that specializes in strawberries also includes berries and vegetables of all sorts that are sold on the local market. With more than 25 employees, including temporary workers from Central America, harvesting the berries is a big job. As we left the farm we were each presented with a basket of their succulent blueberries.

At the annual general meeting chaired by our President Claude Saindon, in addition to the normal business, two amendments to our constitution that had been adopted by the Board were confirmed by the members. One involved the terms for board members and the other modified the definition of associate members to include all those interested in the

Saindon family and its causes. Since this amendment, three new members have joined us from France. Ginette Fontan, the President of the Genealogical Society of Oust and Vilaine, was named an honorary member for her work in the planning and preparation for our commemorative plaque in Bains as well as her efforts in discovering the paternal home of Michel Saindon. There was a tribute to Rosaire Saindon, one of the pillars and pioneers of our Association, who passed away earlier this year. Gilles Saindon of Repentigny accepted and was elected to fill the vacant position on the Board. There was also a vote of thanks recognizing Claude Saindon's efforts filling in the role of Treasurer as well as President.

On Saturday afternoon, there were visits to the local Fils du Roy Distillery as well a farm specializing in raising ducks. The afternoon concluded with a dialogue presentation by Rémi and Lucie on the descendants of Théophile (the first Saindon in St-Arsène) and a video prepared by André Saindon on the history of Michel and Saindons in North America which will be presented at Bains as part of the unveiling activities.

In the evening we were treated to a wonderful banquet prepared by local Saindon family. After supper Jean-Maurice brought things to life with his humorous rendition of the "Saindon Song" and a young guitar musician provided songs and music to conclude the evening.

### **État des résultats.../Financial Report and Budget (p. 7)**

This article reflects the Financial briefing provided and accepted at the annual meeting. It outlines the budgetary situation at the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year as well as the planning budget the coming year.

### **Philomène Michaud et Théophile Saindon: a dialogue (p. 8)**

This article is the text of the humorous dialogue presented at the annual Reunion by Rémi and his wife. It relates a fictitious discussion between Théophile (first Saindon in St-Arsène) and his wife Philomène as they reflect on their predecessors and their descendants up to the present day. A journey of over 190 years!

### **Mot de la... /From the Registrar (p. 11)**

In her report, Louise reminds us of her report at the

annual meeting where she confirmed that the Association had 119 members as of 30 June; 7 more than at the same time in 2017.

She welcomes our new members which include two new Associate members from France:

- ◆ **Gabrielle Blanchard**, of Bourgbarré in Ille-et-Vilaine, and
- ◆ **Patrick Saindon**, of Brèches, in the Département of Indre-et-Loire.

They join our new regular members:

- ◆ **Rémi Saindon**, of Lévis, organizer of our recent reunion in St-Arsène,
- ◆ **Benoit Saindon**, of Laval,
- ◆ **Michèle Saindon Landry**, also of Laval, and
- ◆ **Aline Saindon**, of St-Hyacinthe.

She reminds us that notices for 2019 membership renewals will be coming out in November.

### **Bains-sur-Oust.../The commemorative plaque at Bains-sur-Oust (p.12)**

In this article André provides us with the latest update on our project. He informs us that everything is ready. The participants and their French hosts have made contact and they have received the *Aide Memoire* prepared by Lea with all the necessary information for their trip. There has also been an additional member who will be joining the group, Claude Saindon from Manitoba will make a total of 17 participants from the Association.

The plaque will be installed in early September by the municipality at Place Nominoë. Ginette Fontan and her colleagues of the Society have "cleared up" the site of the ancestral house of Michel Saindon in St-Méen to make it accessible for the participants to visit during the activities.

The three-day program is unchanged with a Breton reception and dinner Friday evening, the public unveiling of the plaque Saturday morning followed by a *vin d'honneur* at the municipal hall.

Saturday afternoon consists of a "*cousinades Saindon*" at the St-Méen chapel: a get together of the descendants of Pierre Saindon and Marie Marquer (parents of Michel). There will be family trees tracing the lineage of each of the Saindon children and each participant will be identified according to their ancestry.

Sunday will include an optional tour of the Saindon heritage sites in the region and a lunch-cruise of-

ferred by the participants for their hosts. The festivities will conclude with a farewell reception in the evening.

The December Bulletin will be principally dedicated to these events.

### **Nouvelles des Saindon/ News from Saindons (p. 12)**

**Réal Saindon** recently got married to Christine Pilon. They live in St-Jean-de-Matha; Réal has been involved in the Association for many years.

We are saddened to learn of the following deaths:

- ◆ **Georges-Henri Lévesque** passed away on 3 September 2018 at the age of 89. He was the long-time owner of the ancestral home of Michel in Cacouna and transferred a small parcel of the land for the commemorative plaque which the Association placed on the site.
- ◆ **Thérèse Saindon-Morneau** passed away in Quebec City on 30 July 2018 at the age of 95.
- ◆ **Henri-Paul Lamontagne** passed away in Rouyn-Noranda on 13 June 2018 at the age of 83. He was the husband of Bernadette Demers, a member of the Association.

### **Les Saindon d'hier.../Saindons from Yesterday to Today (p. 13)**

This article is a tribute to Alphonse Saindon, a life member of the Association who passed away in Amqui on 19 July 2018 at the age of 76. It is based on an extract of the obituary published by the Rouleau Funeral Home in Matane.

The eldest of seven children, he was for many years the main source of financial support for his family as his father suffered from a long term sickness. He worked in the lumbering sector for a number of years in the '60s at later mastered the trade of mason. He started his own masonry business in 1977 which he continued to operate until 2011.

His life was also enriched by the many happy years spent with his wife Murielle and continued through his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Amqui and his interests included hunting, fishing dancing and golf. During the last four years, he and his wife enjoyed the winters of Florida.

He will be deeply missed by both family and all

those who knew him.

### **Upcoming Activities**

**2019 : Next Family Reunion** in the Montréal area.

**CMA / Congrès Mondial Acadien** in PEI and New Brunswick.

The Association will not be attending this activity. However, those interested could find information by visiting their website :

<https://www.cma2019.ca>

**2020 : Family Reunion** in the Québec area.

### **Deadline for the next issue**

Nov 1, 2018

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