

New coat of arms unveiled to St. George's congregation

St. George's Anglican Church in Georgetown recently commemorated the framed original coat of arms designed for the church at a special service held in the Victorian-era church.

Bishop Ralph Spence of Niagara designed the original concept for a coat of arms for St. George's.

The request for a parish coat of arms was initiated in 2002, during the 150th celebrations at the historic church. Bishop Spence designed the coat of arms in consultation with the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

"Bishop Ralph is Canada's leading vexillologist—an expert on flags", said Reverend Rob Park, rector of St. George's, "so it is only natural that we asked him to design a coat of arms to represent our parish."

Bishop Ralph has designed numerous flags and coat of arms including those of the City of Hamilton and the City of Burlington as well as the insignia for the Halton Regional Police Service.

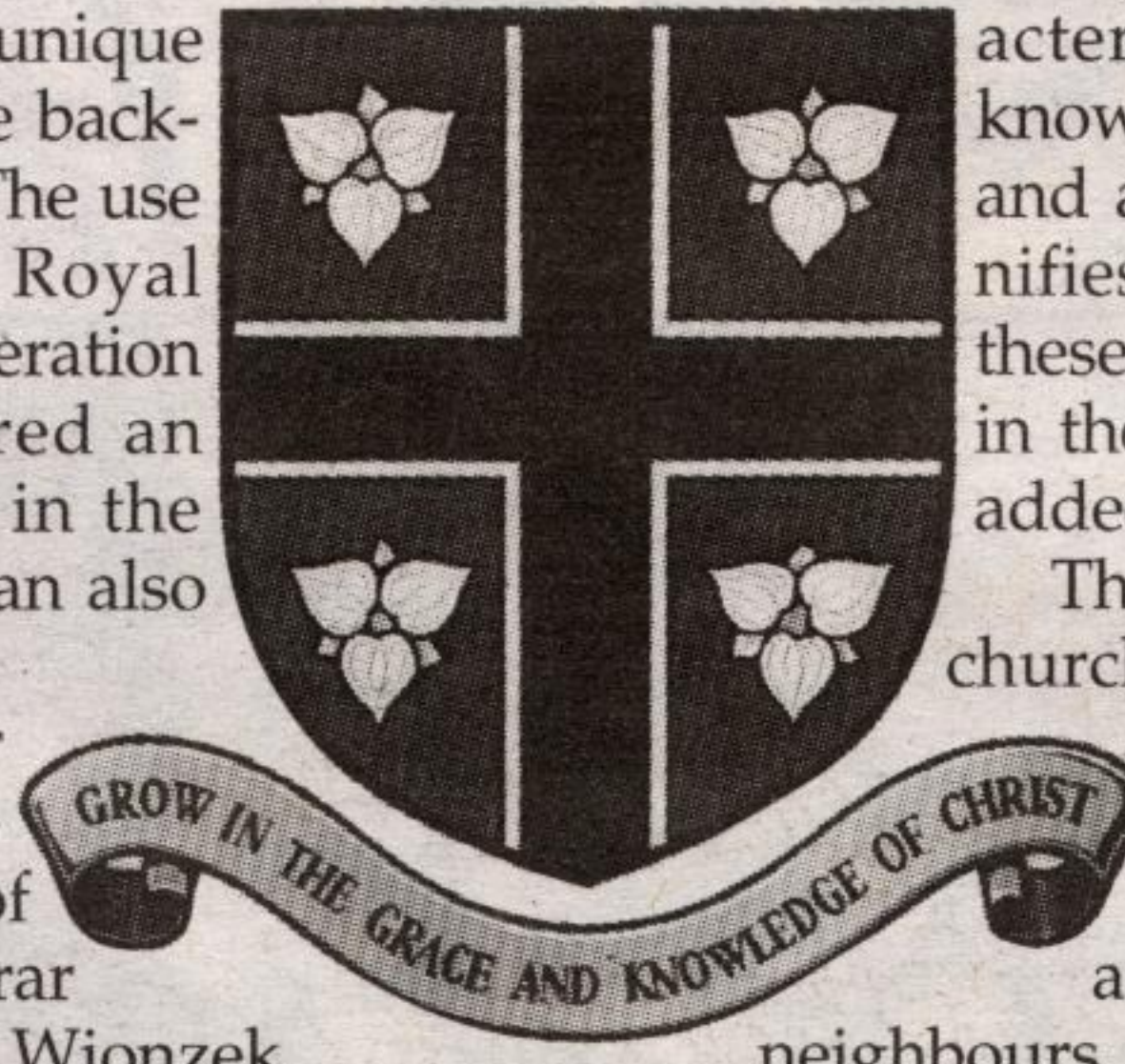
"It is very momentous for our parish to receive our own coat of arms," said Reverend Park. "We have stewardship over a church built by Georgetown's earliest settlers in 1852, we want to uphold the tradition they established."

Each symbol has a meaning significant to the history

of St. George's. The red cross on white is the symbol of St. George. It has been made unique to the parish by the addition of the blue background and the white trillium flowers. The use of the blue makes an illusion to the Royal Union Flag and thus to the pre-Confederation origins of the parish. Long considered an Ontario symbol, the trillium appears in the arms of the Diocese of Niagara and it can also serve as a Trinitarian symbol.

The parish motto is taken from Peter 3:18— "Grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ." The original artwork of the bearings was painted by David Farrar and the calligraphy was crafted by Doris Wionzek.

"A medieval interpretation of the colours in St.



George's Coat of Arms speaks to the characteristics that our parish wants to be known by: red signifies bravery, strength and a just and generous nature; blue signifies truth and loyalty. For our parish, these are all qualities and virtues implicit in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ," added Reverend Park.

The parish, along with other Anglican churches in the Diocese of Niagara, held Pentecost services this past Sunday with a special emphasis on hospitality, to which parishioners were asked to invite close friends and neighbours.

—By Lucinda Landau, special

Photos of dynamo sought

The Friends of the Barber Dynamo, a group dedicated to the preservation of the Barber paper mill dynamo ruins, is looking for historical photographs or any information from the public on the dynamo.

Maureen Smith, chairman of the group, said they are looking for photos from the 1940s and earlier, before the dynamo started to deteriorate. Smith said the photos or information will help the group determine to what state they want to preserve the dynamo ruins.

The group, which meets the first Monday of each month, currently has seven members, and is still looking for others to join.

Anyone with photos, information or interested in joining the group should contact Smith at 905-873-9757 or e-mail her at mosmith@cogeco.ca.

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