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Loyal Canadians to pay homage to King Richard III

It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to honour a long-dead medieval king with a dodgy reputation.

10 members of the Richard III Society of Canada will travel to Leicester, England in March to participate in events surrounding the reinterment of King Richard III.

Members from Alberta, Ontario and Quebec will join thousands of Ricardians from around the world in the city honoured as the resting place of the last Plantagenet king of England.

Ballots were sent out to over 4,000 Richard III Society members worldwide for the opportunity to attend one of four church services at Leicester Cathedral: a Compline service on March 22nd, a memorial service on March 23rd put on by the Society, the reinterment service itself on March 26th, and the unveiling of the tomb, on March 27th.

"A number of Canadian members had made arrangements to be in Leicester at the end of March even before being offered the opportunity to attend any of the reinterment events," said Tracy Bryce, Chairman of the Canadian branch of the Richard III Society. "We have been Ricardians and members of the Society for 10, 20 or more years. The discovery of Richard III's remains and his reburial with dignity and honour is something we never thought we'd see. It's an experience we cannot miss."

Most of the Canadians attending have been selected to attend one of the church services, as well as other events organized by the Society during the week.

The week of commemorations start on March 22 with Richard's remains being taken by hearse from a laboratory at Leicester University to Fenn Lane Farm, the site where he was killed in battle on August 22nd 1485. From there the king will return to Leicester via the Bosworth Battlefield Centre. At Bow Bridge, the coffin will be transferred to a horse-drawn cortege for the procession through the city to Leicester Cathedral. The highlight of the week will be the reinterment service at the Cathedral on March 26th. Observances will end with a final church service on March 27, when Richard's tomb will be revealed to the public.

About the Richard III Society of Canada:

The Richard III Society of Canada is a branch of the international Richard III Society, founded in 1966 by William and Anne Buyers of Toronto. We hold regular meetings in Toronto and will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2016.

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