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December 20th, 2022*

WELCOME

The Office of The Montserrat Legislature is pleased to offer you the fifth edition of its newsletter.

PARLIAMENTARY CORNER:

In our last edition we spoke about the rules of the House that visitors should follow for the smooth operations of the House. In this edition we will speak to the Rules that Govern the House.

WHAT ARE STANDING ORDERS?

Standing Orders are written rules used by the House for the effective operations of the procedures for sittings/meetings for the House. These rules are permanent and are made, amended, and or repealed or suspended by a resolution of the House.

All members of the House use the Standing Orders. Erskine May known as the Parliamentary Bible is more commonly used by the Speaker as a guide for rulings not covered by Standing Orders in the House.

Parliamentary News:

The Opening of Parliament is usually very ceremonial and filled with fanfare. This year's opening was held on September 27, 2022 at the Montserrat Cultural Centre. During the opening, there was a small motorcade for the members and a parade of uniformed bodies. The Speaker of the House and the Honourable Premier inspected the parade.

Mr. Joseph O'garro who outlined the parliamentary calendar for the new Parliamentary year did the "Throne" speech. This simply means he highlighted all of the laws and bills that the Parliament hopes to pass during the year.

During the week of October 31st to November 4th, 2022 there was a review of the Montserrat Standing Orders undertaken by Mr Martyn Atkins a Senior Clerk of the House of Commons in the United Kingdom. This was the first review and amendment to the Montserrat Standing Orders in many years.

The Youth Arm of Parliament (Montserrat Youth Parliament) held its first mock sitting which was facilitated by former Speaker Ms. Shirley Osborne in September.

On 4th November 2022, Financial Secretary in the Youth Parliament; Ms Jaena Golden made a presentation in the House of Commons in London, England along with other Youth Parliamentarians across the UK and the OT's to debate on the topics affecting the wellbeing of youths. Ms. Golden's presentation was surrounded on the broad topic, "*The Most Important Issues Affecting Young People in my Territory.*" This was historic since it was the first time that any overseas territory presented in the House of Commons.

PARLIAMENTARY STORY; 1952 - 2019

***As we continue to journey through 70 years of Parliamentary Democracy, we will share the Parliamentary story by featuring different aspects of our Parliament's history in the upcoming newsletters.

THE SECOND DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS – (1955-1958)

The 1955 General Elections were held in accordance with the Constitution and Elections Ordinance 1952. This meant that the legislators did not have ministerial appointments, and their terms of office was still three years. As well, the provision for one nominated member to be a part of the Parliament remained intact. William H. Bramble, Robert W. Griffith, Theodore Edgecombe, Michael Walkinshaw, and John C Wall were elected.

During this electoral year, Theodore Edgecombe died in office. This resulted in Montserrat's first bi-election in October of 1956.

Parliamentary Dictionary

Repeal – to officially cancel a piece of legislation.

Amend – to make minor changes to a piece of legislation.

Suspend – to temporarily prevent a piece of legislation from being brought into force or effect.

Resolution – to make a firm decision to bring or not bring a legislation into force.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

(1) Something very historic happened during the second democratic legislature, name this event?

(2) How many years was a term of office for elected members in 1955?

(3) If you have been following the newsletters, you would note that one person changed after the 1955 General Elections. Who was that person?

Find the words on the right in the puzzle on the left

R	M	N	B	V	R	E	W	F	H	P	O	W	E	R	I	A	I	K	L	Regulation
E	U	F	H	R	T	A	D	M	I	N	I	S	T	E	R	W	J	P	O	Directive
G	E	L	G	L	K	U	E	T	R	F	D	U	G	A	G	E	I	R	K	Act
U	D	J	I	G	H	H	T	R	E	W	S	O	M	J	F	R	K	O	J	Ruling
L	D	E	P	N	E	R	E	L	A	I	O	P	A	M	R	C	U	N	U	Administer
A	D	D	O	F	G	H	R	L	D	K	O	K	N	N	E	O	J	O	R	Command
T	S	F	I	G	O	O	M	J	E	H	R	N	D	B	D	N	Y	U	I	Mandate
I	A	E	U	B	M	T	I	H	W	Y	D	M	A	V	S	T	H	N	S	Pronouncement
O	W	G	T	N	I	G	N	G	F	T	E	J	T	C	F	R	T	C	D	Authority
N	Q	Y	T	T	N	B	E	F	G	T	R	H	E	X	H	O	G	E	I	Order
E	E	H	C	Y	L	C	D	D	E	J	E	Y	J	Z	J	L	R	M	C	Statute
V	R	J	O	T	C	E	T	C	H	J	K	L	K	Y	N	H	F	E	T	Control
I	T	M	M	K	A	M	N	N	O	P	L	Y	L	J	B	F	D	N	I	Ordinance
T	Y	N	M	H	H	A	F	J	S	T	A	T	U	T	E	G	S	T	O	Power
Y	H	U	A	T	N	N	R	U	R	C	G	H	J	K	L	F	W	A	N	Jurisdiction
A	U	I	N	I	Y	A	E	T	T	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	R	O	I	Law
K	I	O	D	D	H	G	W	G	N	G	D	I	R	E	C	T	I	V	E	Determined
O	O	R	K	F	B	E	T	F	A	Q	Y	T	I	R	O	H	T	U	A	Leadership
L	O	P	F	N	M	I	A	S	D	A	H	K	H	U	L	J	G	J	M	Manage
A	T	M	O	L	E	A	D	E	R	S	H	I	P	I	I	K	H	H	E	Settle

Unscramble the words on the right and match them to their partner on the left

REGULATION
DIRECTIVE
ACT
RULING
ORDER
LAW
ORDINANCE
PRONOUNCEMENT
MANDATE
COMMAND
STATUTE
CONTROL
JURISDICTION
POWER
AUTHORITY
ADMINISTER
DETERMINE
LEADERSHIP
MANAGE
SETTLE

EICVIRDET
UATIHYTOR
RDOISNUJITCI
RGNLIU
TTUSETA
HSRIDEPLEA
LORONTC
ALW
OCMNPONEENTRU
RWEPO
ADMOCNM
TMNIEIASRD
OEDRR
ARTLONIUEG
EMERNDIEDT
MANEDTA
NAGMAE
TSEELT
TAC
DRANINOCE

PHOTO GALLERY

Remembering the first female Parliamentarian to hold a ministerial portfolio

**Mary Rose Tuitt
walking in
Plymouth with
Governor
Willoughby
Thompson and
Prince now King
Charles in 1973**



H E Thompson

His Majesty King Charles

Mrs. Mary Rose Tuitt



Princess Anne

**Mary Rose Tuitt at
the steps of the Old
Glendon Hospital in
Plymouth with
Princess Anne**

Mrs. Mary Rose Tuitt

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