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The Olde Tyme

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Presidents Report

President's Report

As I write this report, winter has decided to remind us that this is Canada and give us 1 more blast before she (hopefully) fades in our rear view mirror. There is a lot of info in this newsletter, so please read carefully. We want to keep everyone informed and up to date.

As spring is now here (at least on the calendar), that means we have some work to do in our Association. First up, there is an up-to-date version of our constitution included in this issue. If you would like to make any amendments, please forward them to myself (or any member of the executive) so that we may review them and have them published in our next newsletter, ahead of our Annual General Meeting. The AGM is scheduled for Oct.24 at Westway United Church. We hope to see as many of you there as can make it.

Our next order of business is coming sooner. With spring comes our election period. In accordance with the constitution, our elections are to take place in the month of

June. At this time, both Bill Russell and myself have reached our maximum length of service in our current roles. Therefore we are needing a new president and vice. Please think about who you could nominate. Remember, you only need to be a member of the Association to serve on the exec. You *do not* need to be a caller member.

As stated, my term is up as your president. I have enjoyed these last 3 years, and that is because we have a great Association. A **BIG** Thank You to the exec for their support, and for putting up with me and my off-beat sense of humour. And an even bigger Thank You to you for allowing me to serve and represent you.

Wishing you all good health and good dancing, we will see you in the fall.

Your (soon to be ex) President,
Dave Lucas

Have a great rest of the winter.

Dave Lucas, President

Spring Dance April 7th

Dance Report – Bill Russell



Over eighty dancers moved to the music of the Puslinch Country Squires. Fifteen callers put them through the paces. We walked through more dances than usual for a Callers' dance, as a number of callers were bringing back figures we haven't done for a while, while others had new ways of putting together some of the better known dances. I think I can say that we all had a grand time.



What square or couple dance would you like to see at our next

gathering? Plans are under way for the Fall Dance on November 3rd. Although it will be another Callers' dance, where callers usually choose their favourite calls, there is room for requests. And if you have a tune to suggest, it is always best to let the band know ahead of time. Tell Bill Hands, George Betts or me (the dance committee), and we will try to see that you get to dance it.

College Royal Dance Competition

The College Royal Square Dance Competition was held on March 17th with Wayne Lowden the compulsory caller



Timberwolves First in Student class with Karly Rumpel best caller undergrad.



2020 Buffalos first in Open Class

Dave Lucas, Wayne Lowdon and Bill Russell went to the University of Guelph to do an evening workshop for callers and dancers preparing for the College Royal competition (the following weekend). Three of the sets had to cancel at the last minute, so we worked with one set and two callers.

Our outline for the evening was as follows:

1. Terminology and traditions – Bill
2. Phrasing of music – Bill (Wayne playing fiddle)
3. Timing – Wayne and Dave
4. Patter length – Wayne and Dave
5. Instruction before action – Dave, Wayne and Bill
6. Encouragement beyond the College Royal – Bill

I won't repeat here everything that was said. Once the dancers understood that they were not "just a dancer", but that they were the show – the caller can talk until he/she is blue in the face, but without the dancers it doesn't mean a thing – they were really into it. Wayne, also the compulsory caller for the competition, really had their attention. Dave clarified how to use patter. Both of the student callers

said that they were really glad for the help.

If you would be interested in having a similar workshop for our own callers and/or for beginning callers, do let anyone on the executive know. And if there are other topics you would like covered, let us know.

Vankleek Hill Square Dance Competition

Doug Brings Back the Gold!

On June 27 & 28, 1997 the Vankleek Hill Fiddle, Step Dance and Old Time Square Dance competition liven up that small community, which is located in Eastern Ontario. Doug Lawson and his Set, "Presidents Choice", not only won first prize, but also Doug was awarded the best senior caller. Our Bill Hands was the house caller.

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This Year April 28th 2018

The 22nd annual Vankleek Hill Square Dance competition will be held at the Vankleek Hill Community Centre, 36 Mill Street, starting at 11:00AM. on Sat. Apr. 28th 2018. Junior sets (dancers under 16 years of age as of competition date), Junior callers (aged 25 years and under), Senior Callers (over 25 years of age), Open sets (all ages). Everyone welcome to come out to cheer on your favourite sets and enjoy a day of fiddle music and square

dancing. Canteen will be open. For further information please contact Kelley at kelleyallen@xplornet.ca

For those who do not know where Vankleek Hill is, just one hour east of Ottawa. Follow highway 417 east and take exit 27, follow highway 34 north into Vankleek Hill and you will be six minutes south of Hawkesbury.

Russell's Rambles

Dance terminology can be a tricky thing. I am told that in Modern Western Square, there is a central body that determines what and how movements must be called, much like the Académie française in France or the Office de la langue française in Québec. A great advantage of this is that no matter where you go, the MWS terms will be identical. The words may be English, but the language is "Squaredance" (my own coinage, but probably not the first one to use it). I have heard anecdotally of English-speaking dancers congratulating a Japanese caller only to discover that the latter did not understand a word of spoken English.

In Olde Tyme, which comes from local traditions, the terminology can vary as you travel. In Ontario, there was a certain amount of standardisation in the 40's and 50's. We count the couples counter-clockwise. Couples #1 and #3 are the "head couples", #2 and #4 the "side couples", all the way through the dance. In Quebec, the "head couple" is often defined by whoever

is active at the time. It can get quite confusing if you are used to the Ontario way of doing things.

The way we play with the breaks, with the caller varying the action – sometimes subtly and sometimes not – is not done everywhere. Many folks keep the same break throughout. I have attended dances where all the caller says is "Allemande left your corner" (or "Main gauche au coin" in Quebec) and everyone automatically follows with a grand chain all the way around, a swing and a promenade. The caller may or may not throw in a bunch of patter. Nobody is really paying all that much attention for the duration, although there is usually a cue to start the promenade together.

Then there is the word "hands". How many? Does the caller want to refer to individual people, as in farm hands or members of a crew? Or does the caller want to refer to the body parts at the end of your arms? How many hands join up for a Circle to the left? For the Dip 'n' Dive, do es a couple join two hands (one each) or do two hands (individuals) join together? Then how many hands are you joining to make a bridge? I'll leave that for you to decide.

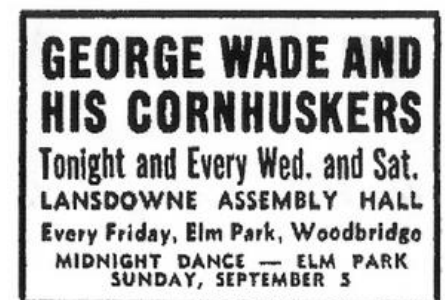
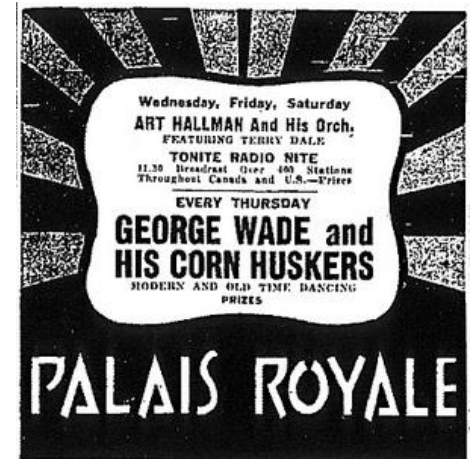
Bill Russell

Wallace Remembers

I have been thinking of the dances my mom & dad went too and sometimes I got to go with them.

Bob McCall, had Square dances in a hall my mom & dad called Heintzman Hall on Heintzman Street in the Junction.

Lansdown Assembly Hall with George Wade & the Corn Huskers,



Casa Loma King Ganam & the Sons of the West with Jim Kennedy Caller,

The Palace Pier had a special show and dance with Don Messer and the Islander with Fred Townsend caller and young Graham playing the fiddle with Don Messer

The Square Circle Square Dance Club was run by Reg Boustead at the Broadview YMCA every other Saturday night in a barn at the rear of the main YMCA building. It was a dance that had music by records and on special nights like Christmas they would have live music.

When the club moved up Broadview Avenue to a hall north of Danforth Avenue on a Friday night it became the Friday Nighters Square Dance Club which later moved to a church on Danforth Road & St. Clair. A lot of C.O.T.S.D.C.A. members attended and some started to call there.

The Lakeshore Square Dance Club ran dances every other Saturday night at The Queensway Community Hall on The Queensway near Kipling Ave. when it was out in the country and lots of market gardens. They moved to the Connaught Masonic Hall on Superior Avenue, Mimico where they had live music.



The guest caller was Murray Morrison November 3rd 1956.

Then moving to Woodbridge Orange Hall where Sam McVannel and the Country Ramblers played



Alex Boustead caller, Eddy on Drums, Sam on fiddle, Ernie on piano.

June July & August dances moved outside to Russ Coe's farm to an open air dance floor where the shopping centre Square One is now



Full floor July 7th 1956 at Russ Coe's farm.



Jack Chapman Calling, Floyd on fiddle, Don on guitar, Eric on bones.

Jack Chapman ran a square dance in his barn at Chapman Road & Scarlett Road in the summer of 1958

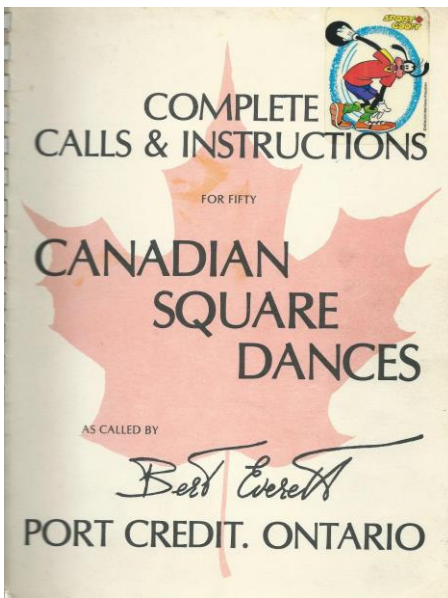
until the township of Etobicoke put a stop to it.



Norm Graham and the Harvesters ran a dance every Saturday night at the Colonel J E L Streight Legion Branch at the Six Points the caller was Jack Hayes.



Bert Everet ran the Four Corners Square Dance Club in Port Credit and held dances in T. L. Kennedy School in Cooksville. Bert held square dance caller classes and published two books on square dancing and some of you may have a copy.



Callers Corner

Callers' Corner - submitted by
Murray Smith --- from 1997

Fiddle Faddle
from Tony Parkes via Jackie
Thomson

Opener: All join hands and to the
centre fall Once again for the good
of the hall.

FIGURE:

Couples 3 and 4 go right and left
through

First couple go down the centre and
divide Lady to the right and the gent
to the side
And balance four in line
Go forward four in line and fall back
four

Sashay four behind the right hand
couple

Six go forward and fall back six
Couple 2 go forward and split the
opposite*

Go around one to a line of four (2
lines of 4)

Eight go forward and fall back eight
Center two couples wheel once and
a half
(Centre couples allemand right one-
and-a-half to change places with
their partner)

Gents star left, ladies star right
Gents pick up your partner with an
arm around and star promenade
Gents back out, ladies turn in, turn 1
½, star again.
Home you go to your places all and
all swing.

All promenade around the square.

(Repeat dance for couples
4&1, 1&2, and 2&3 starting the
right and left through)
*Couple 2 splits only the opposite
couple, not all six.

Another Call For Callers

DOUBLE BOW KNOT Tune:
Tuggerman's Jig, MaJor McKay's
Jig

Figure:

Head two couples lead to your right
Circle four with all your might
Head two gents go back to your
places

Three in line we're off to the races
Forward 6 and back you trot
Tie them up in a double bow knot*
The right hand high the left hand
under
Reverse that knot and go like
thunder

Now circle three, yes, circle three
And shoot that pretty girl home to
me**

You swing yours and I'll swing
mine
We'll all swing out on the old white
pine

*This is like RH high and LH low,
but not letting go and the gent
turning - followed by LH high and
RH low to face the centre again
**The side couples circle to shoot
the gals back to their partners.

Note: I invite callers to contribute to
this column. Most folks post a call
they have recently learned or would
like to see danced more often, while
I tend to talk more about the
philosophy of what we do. So you
can see, it is quite open to what you
would like to say. Please contact me
at russell_bill@hotmail.com or
phone me at 416-658-5162 if you
would like to contribute to the Olde
Tymers callers corner.

Memberships

Dues are now past due

The membership year is Sept. 1st to
Aug. 31st Your renewal dues are
only \$10.00 a year. Dues should be
forwarded to the Secretary.

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In an effort to keep your
membership dues low we will be
trying to send this newsletter by
email from now on so we need
your email address.

Get to Know Members #15

Who was Jim McGlynn? 1924-2000



Jim was President 1993-1997. Jim, whose father was an electrician, was born in Toronto on February 16, 1924. Jim and his two brothers and two sisters spent their summer days playing lacrosse and baseball in Mimico. His mother would go to Eaton's every Friday night to buy groceries and the food would be delivered the following morning, no charge! His first job was mixing size, white and gum base for a wallpaper manufacturer for twenty cents an hour.

He joined the army at the young age of eighteen and was a tank radioman. His memories of commanding two crews into Normandy would rattle anyone's nerves.

During his army days, Jim took numerous courses, including radio, gunnery, motorcycling, right hand drive trucks, and tanks. After being discharged, he continued with stationary engineering which included pipe fitting, boiler, air conditioning, cooling, motors, relays, compressors, wiring, water treatment, etc.

Jim's career has had him working for CIL Pittsburgh Paint, Oakville Wood Products.

Specialties, Liberty Building (an office & manufacturing condominium) and the last five years as the plant manager at Royal St. George's College.

The first time he called a square dance was when Alex Boustead said to him, "I want to dance with Eve, you call the next three". Jim met his late wife at a house and school party where he was asked to call and to demonstrate some old time couple dances. Since Cathy was the prettiest teacher there, he asked her to assist him. Together, they raised a family of three girls, a dog, two cats and a gerbil.

In the early 60's, Jim taught square dancing to grades seven and eight in Long Branch for twenty-five cents per student. With up to twelve sets going, they were able to buy a set of encyclopedias for the school at the end of the year. Jim joined the Callers' Association shortly after it was formed and called at the first big dance. He has been our able and willing President for the last four years and we graciously extend our thanks for his steady hand at the helm and continued support.

Thanks JIM!

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Nomination Form

With this newsletter is a nomination form with a list of all the members that can stand for an

executive position. The election will be held in June but not the 7th. Please follow the instruction on the nomination form.

Treasurer Report**Fall Dance November 4th 2017**

Admission	\$725.00
Share the wealth	\$107.00
Band	\$500.00
Hall	\$175.00
Scouts	\$ 50.00
Door Prizes	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Net Profit	\$ 77.00

Winter Dance January 6th 2018

Admission	\$550.00
Share the wealth	\$ 78.00
Band	\$500.00
Hall	\$175.00
Scouts	\$ 50.00
Door Prizes	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Net Loss	\$117.00

Spring Dance April 7th 2018

Admission	\$820.00
Share the wealth	\$129.00
Band	\$500.00
Hall	\$175.00
Scouts	\$ 50.00
Door Prizes	<u>\$ 30.00</u>
Net Profit	\$194.00

Dance Profit	\$154.00
Less Insurance	\$734.40
Loss on Year	\$580.40

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Our Constitution

If you have requests for any changes for this constitution submit in writing to the president.



FOUNDED 1954

General Information

The Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers' Association was founded in 1954 by a group of callers interested in preserving, promoting and improving the traditional Canadian style of square and couple dancing.

Members are encouraged to bring guests to any Association function.

This constitution is the property of the Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers' Association and is for the use of members only.

CONSTITUTION

(Revised October 2017)

ARTICLE I

Name

The organization shall be known as the Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers' Association (hereinafter called the Association).

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be:

1. The promotion of friendship, co-operative spirit and mutual assistance among members;
2. The exchange of practical information for improving and preserving the traditional Canadian style of square and couple dances;
3. The introduction of new dances that are in accord with the traditional Canadian style of square and couple dancing.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall consist of:

(1) Square Dance Callers (Caller Members)

(2) Associate Members who have been duly accepted into the membership of the Association and whose dues are fully paid in accordance with the constitution.

Section 2. A Square Dance Caller shall be a person who has called at dances where the traditional Canadian style of square and couple dancing was a major part of the program and who has qualified under Section 5 of Article III.

Section 3. An Associate Member shall be a person who has contributed in any measure to the instruction, promotion, improvement or support of the traditional Canadian style of square and couple dancing.

Section 4. Each candidate for membership must join the Association as an Associate Member. Applications should be made on the application form approved by the Association and must be accompanied by the initiation fee \$ and the annual membership dues \$ in effect at the time of the application. All applications are subject to approval by a majority vote of the Association Executive at a regularly called Executive Meeting or at an Executive Meeting convened specifically for that purpose.

Section 5. i) Associate Members may apply at any time in writing to the President for admission as a Caller Member.

ii) Applicants shall demonstrate their ability to call a variety of changes to various tempos of music, including jigs and reels, prior to acceptance as a Caller Member.

iii) Applicants shall be assessed by a "Selection Committee", composed of three (3) Caller Members, and appointed by the Executive as required. The assessment will normally occur at a location where the applicant is calling.

The results of the Selection Committee shall be referred by the President to the Executive Committee for acceptance or rejection.

iv) If it is not possible for the assessment to take place at a dance, the applicant may submit three (3) calls to at least one jig & one reel tempos using any available medium (e.g. audio or video tape, CD's etc.) to the President, who will refer them to the Executive Committee for acceptance or rejection.

Section 6. i) The annual membership dues shall be recommended by the Executive and presented

to the membership for approval at any general meeting.

ii) Membership dues for the Association's fiscal year, September 1 to August 31, shall be due and payable each September. Members whose dues have not been paid by the last day of November shall be considered in arrears.

Section 7. Membership in the Association may be terminated in the following manner:

i) By voluntary resignation.

ii) For failure to pay dues or any other indebtedness to the Association, provided that such member has been notified in writing by the Secretary.

Section 8 A member shall qualify for Honorary Membership if he/she has reached the age of 65 years, has been a member of the Association for a minimum of 10 years, and has served in some capacity on the Executive during his/her membership period. The normal membership dues will be waived for such members.

Section 9. Only caller members in good standing shall be eligible to call at the Association's annual spring and fall dances. The executive committee will have the authority to waive this ruling from time to time if they deem it appropriate.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be the Executive Committee and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past President.

Section 2. The President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee or, in his absence, the Vice-President.

ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The nominations and elections of the officers shall take place annually during the month of June, and shall be conducted by a mail and/or email vote.

Section 2. The officers elected shall assume the duties of their offices immediately on being elected

Section 3 The term of office for the President and Vice President shall be a maximum of two (2) years. At the end of the President's term, it is expected that the Vice President shall stand for election to become President. This does not preclude the possibility that

other interested candidates may also run for the office.

Other offices shall be for one (1) year, but shall not exceed a period of three (3) consecutive years.

Section 4 In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President will be called upon to assume that office.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings unless he/she otherwise orders, and enforce all laws and regulations of the Association. He/she shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered, and fill vacancies on any of the committees, and, as chief executive shall supervise the work and activities of the Association, and make a general report of such at the end of his/her term.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in case of an absence or resignation of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings at the Association's or Executive's meetings, and record all matters pertaining to the business of the Association which are deemed necessary. He/she shall conduct all normal correspondence of the Association, and shall issue all proper notices relating to the Association at any time requested by the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall conduct all financial matters of the Association and receive all monies paid into the Association. All cheques for withdrawal of this money must bear the signatures of any two of the following officers; President, Secretary, or Treasurer. Any reports on financial matters must be given at any time requested by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Association between general meetings when necessary.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall call at least one (1) Annual General Meeting of the Association during the 90 day period following the end of the Fiscal Year. The officers shall report on all matters pertaining to the fiscal year just completed, and present plans for discussion for the current fiscal year.

Section 2. Other general meetings will be held from time to time at the discretion of the Executive Committee and on notice from the Secretary.

Section 3. A quorum at a general meeting shall consist of seven members, of whom at least five shall be Caller Members. Any non-Caller members of the Executive shall be counted as Caller members for the purpose of quorum.

Section 4. Mail-in or email voting will be allowed for members unable to attend the Business Meeting in person.

Section 5. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called from time to time by the President or at the discretion of the Executive Committee to conduct Association business. A quorum at an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of four officers.

Section 6. The Order of Business at a general meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting,
2. Report of Offices,
3. Report of Special Committees.
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business.
6. Welfare.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only by a two-thirds majority vote of the fully paid members present at a general meeting of the Association and providing the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Executive Committee and a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed to all members at least 30 days before the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

In the event of a motion for dissolution being presented, a special general business meeting would be convened by the Executive. In order for the motion to carry, a two thirds majority of members in good standing, in attendance at the meeting, and in favour of dissolution shall be required. If the motion of dissolution carries, three (3) trustees shall be selected from the membership to hold the association assets in trust for a period of six months (6 months).

During this period the trustees shall liquidate all association assets to cash, pay all liabilities, and donate the remainder of the funds to charitable organizations selected by a majority vote of members at the meeting for dissolution.

At the end of the six months (6 months) period, the trustees shall prepare a statement showing the final

disbursements of funds, for distribution to all members in good standing at the time of dissolution.

PAST PRESIDENTS

Name	Date	Elected
James Fisher	Nov 1954	
Tom Wight	Nov 1955	
Jack Hayes	Oct 1956	
Jim Kennedy	Nov 1957	
Alex Mulligan	Nov 1958	
James Leybourne	Nov 1959	
Murray Morrison	Nov 1960	
Norman Anderson	Nov 1961	
Alex Boustead	Jan 1963	
Tom Wight	Jan 1964	
Norman Anderson	Jan 1965	
Reg Boustead	Jan 1966	
Alex Boustead	Jan 1967	
Tom Wight	Jan 1968	
Herb Pollitt	Jan 1969	
Norman Anderson	Jan 1971	
Herb Pollitt	Mar 1972	
George Betts	Jan 1975	
Murray Smith	Jun 1977	
Ernie McCullough	Jun 1984	
Fred Giles	Jun 1986	
Wayne Lowdon	Jun 1988	
Murray Smith	Jun 1990	
Jim McGlynn	Jun 1993	
Patrick Bryant	Jun 1997	
Jacque Adain	Jun 1999	
Len Waltham	Jun 2000	
Archie Dagg	Jun 2003	
George Betts	Jun 2006	
Dave Lucas	Nov.2011	
Ken McCormack	Oct 2013	
Dave Lucas	Oct 2015	

Executive 2017-2018

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CANADIAN OLDE TYME SQUARE DANCE CALLERS ASSOCIATION



CELEBRATES OVER 60 YEARS OF TRADITIONAL CANADIAN SQUARE DANCING ANNUAL FALL DANCE

8:00PM

SAT. NOV. 3rd 2018

\$10.00

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8 Templar Dr, Etobicoke, Ontario, M9R 3C7

(1 block north of the Westway & 1 block east of Kipling at Holywell)

LIVE BAND

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COME CELEBRATE WITH US!