

The Mens' Luncheon Club

5 April 2023

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133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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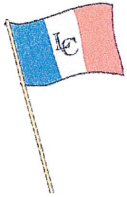
Sincerely,

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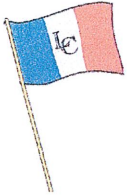
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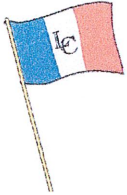
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Philip McNamee

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