



ST. JAMES LEGION #4
NEWSLETTER



March & April 2017



LEST WE FORGET

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Branch Officers, Executive & Appointments

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3 rd Vice President		
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In House Draws	Keith Muffty

Appointments

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Ladies Auxiliary

President Corinne Van Meer

Over 55 Club

Chairman Peter Henry

Office Staff (888-2860)

Secretary	Treasurer	Leif Johnson	Bar Manager	Roxanne Mills
Office Administrator	Debi Pointkoski			

Branch Hours September 2016 to April 2017 - Mon 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tues 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Wed 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Thurs 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Fri 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE MARCH 2017

Greetings to all Comrades and Friends of the Legion.



We are looking forward to another busy Spring and Summer of special functions as well as our other normal activities at the Branch. I know to some of our members it always seems we are always trying to pick your pockets, but the truth of the matter is that we are. This Branch needs all the support and hard work to keep us going, to see through the tough times when we may encounter major expenses on this aging building. We have managed to keep a little money in the bank and the bills are all paid. We at Branch 4 cannot let our guard down; we must watch every dollar and make sure that it is spent wisely because you never know when we will have a major expense.

On behalf of myself and the Executive I would like to thank our past 1st Vice President Al Coote for his hard work and dedication to St James Legion. Al will still be helping with various activities in the Branch.

At the April, general meeting we will be deciding on the number of delegates and electing members to be delegates to the 2017 Provincial Convention. The convention this year will be hosted by our Branch. Dates are 9 -11 June. Parade will be on 10 June at Brookside Cemetery Stone of Remembrance followed by the opening ceremony at the Viscount Gort Hotel. We are also looking for volunteers to help out, a sign-up sheet is located down stairs in the Branch, so if you can spare some time it would be much appreciated.

The Sports Foundation of Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Command operates the Best Sports Camp in Canada for Children. In order to do this, they need help. If you are able to give some time to the welfare of our youth, then maybe you could volunteer as a Dorm Dean (Chaperone) at the Athletic Camp for a week this summer. The camp operates in one week blocks from 16 July 2017 until 12 August 2017 at The International Peace Garden. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Again, I would like to thank all the volunteers for coming out and making our branch an enjoyable place to spend time in and to the members who come out and support our activities.

All the very best to the shut-in members and a get well quick to those who are ill.

Cde. Mike Thayer, President





LAST POST

Heaven's gate swung gently open, the Master called softly "Come" and you Dear one took the Master's hand and your work on earth was done. We'll never cease to miss you and shed many silent tears because we cannot share with you our hopes, Our joys, Our fears. But one day in God's garden when the master calls us to come, You'll be at the gates with open arms and say to us "Welcome home".

It is with deep sympathy the Branch records the passing of the following Comrades condolences to the bereaved families.

Cde. Douglass Brown

Ordinary
Unit: Army/ QOCH
Deceased 27 Jan 17

Cde. Charles Thompson

Ordinary
Unit: PPCLI/RCAF
Deceased 29 Jan 17

Cde. Hank Bjork

Ordinary
Unit:
Deceased 4 Feb 17

Cde. Boyd Herity

Ordinary
Unit: RCAF
Deceased 3 Jan 17

Cde. Jim McNaughton

Ordinary
Unit: RCAF
Deceased 20 Dec 16

Cde Arthur De Sousa

Voting Affiliate
Deceased 30 Dec 17

**They shall grow not old As we are
left grow old; age shall not weary them, Nor do the years
condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**



Newsletter Submission

Please note: all submissions for the Newsletter must be typed or hand printed. Thank you

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Mobility Aids

The Branch has a limited number of mobility aids such as wheelchairs, and canes that are available on loan to our members. If you need a mobility aid on a temporary basis, stop by the Branch to view the items available and determine if one might meet your short term needs.

SICK VISITING REPORT



For January/February 2017

Deer Lodge Centre Tom Love

Angie Richot	Enjoyed the visit with Angie and her roommates. Goodie bag left.
Charles Yule	Goodie Bag left.
Maria Sawatsky	Normal good visit to her second home, the lunch room. Goodie bag left.
Alf Walters	Good visits with Alf, never misses a Jets game, Goodie Bag left.

Golden West Lodge Chris Aldridge

Elliot Armstrong	On his way for lunch had a very short visit, goodie bag left.
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Oakview Place/Heritage Lodge

Jim Ward

Marge Hewitt	Nice visit & chat, enjoys the Treats.
Wes Wowchuk	Sleeping, left goodie bag.
Ed Wall	Out of room left goodie bag.
Bill Appleton	Good visit & talk, goodie bag Left.

The sick visiting committee is looking for volunteers to do some visiting, please contact Tom Love 204-489-0061 or the legion office 204-888-2860.

Cde. Tom Love, Sick visiting Chair

Deer Lodge Veteran's

Please take note. Any checks or donations made to Deer Lodge Veterans must be made out to the **Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund at Deer Lodge**. This is to ensure the money or donations go directly to the Veterans and no other organizations. Thank you.

Ladies Auxiliary Report

Today is Dec 27/16, we had our first snowfall and were busy digging out. My first phone call, Cammie Boyce has passed away – have a good rest my Friend.



Thanks to Marjorie Martin for the following: Cammie Boyce joined the Auxiliary in 1975. She received a Certification of Merit. Cammie did not take Office, didn't want to be tied down, but would help where she could. Over the years, she was usually in the kitchen making coffee, tea or whatever. If she was not in her chair, you find her in the kitchen.

Anelia Huminski is doing fine, taking each day as it comes. She is feeling better, everything takes time.

Something to look forward to. The Auxiliary will be celebrating our 90th in May. Think about it. Possibly in the next Bulletin there will be a date.

I understand that Angie Ritchot is having problems with her mind and that will be hard on her family and friends. We her all the best.

Anelia Huminski has health problems and will undergoing tests. Our best wishes are with you.

With both the Legion and Auxiliary collecting soup labels, the count for 2016 was 1,272 labels. Thanks to everyone for your help, very much appreciated.

Today was Feb 15/17, got a call from Kay McKinnon. We will no longer be keeping soup labels. The School has another project. Thanks very much for your help, very much appreciated.

We are going into March, what kind of weather are going to have? Maybe spring is around the corner.

June Clarke, Ladies Auxiliary Publicity

Daily Draw Winners Jan/Feb H. Osiowy

Advertising



Just started a Business or need a little boost in your sales or services to get things going? Then why not advertise in the Legion Newsletter an inexpensive way to advertise your product. The Newsletter is read by 1500 plus members and their families that may need your services or product you're offering. Call the Branch Office at 888-2860.

Full page \$136.00

Half Page \$68.00

Quarter Page \$36.00

Marriage Commissioner

Our Office Administrator, Debi Pointkoski, is also a Certified Marriage Commissioner as well as a Commissioner of Oaths. Please contact Debi if you want more information regarding this service.

SPORTS REPORT



End of February is already gone, the first two months of 2017 has gone fast. All leagues are well on their way and are actually coming up to playoffs, good luck to all!

Sports rep's, make sure you have your reports in, about 10 days before the end of April. Don't forget to check the sports bulletin board for any upcoming events and sign up!



Cribbage

Cribbage is every second Saturday beginning at 1230hrs (12:30 pm) in the downstairs small room. Fee is \$4.00. Everyone is welcome and don't be afraid to bring a friend along. Barry O'Donnell will represent Branch # 4 and our District in the up coming Provincial Command cribbage play downs in April, good luck!

If you have any questions, contact Bea at: 204-888-4661.



Curling

The St. James Legion Curling Club has gone very well and is currently in the playoffs, which are going great.

The year end banquet will be held April 9th.

This year we had 10 teams but could certainly use more next year, it is a fun league so it does not matter if you have curled before, check for the bulletin in September to sign up, pay will commence around the middle of October.



Darts

Dart league is well on the way and they are short of players, anyone interested in playing come on down on a Wednesday evening, play starts at 1930hrs (7:30 pm).

District dart playoffs were held 18 Feb at our branch and was between West Kildonan and us, our teams, doubles and singles fought hard but fell a little short of moving on the Provincial Command darts. Well done to those that played.

This year's Command Darts will be held at Charleswood Legion #100.



Winnipeg Veterans English Billiards League

St. James Legion has 2 teams this year. Games are played Thursday nights starting at 1900hrs (7:00 pm). The league can always use new players so if you are interested in the game or want to play, come on out on a Thursday and engage one of the players and find out how the game is played and learn the game. Practice is Tuesday evenings and both tables are used for practice those nights.



Senior Snooker League

The fourth and final round is underway and the tie-breakers and playoffs will take place the last 4 days of March and first four days of April.

The banquet and prizes will be held on April 13th, 2017.



Golf

Nothing to report

Upcoming Events

Nothing to report

Cde. Randy Morningstar, Sports Chairman





Entertainment

Band Schedule, Bands for March and April 2017

The holidays have come and gone and Spring is on its way. Here are the bands for the following months are as follows:

3 & 4 Mar, Dynamics

10 & 11 Mar, 4 on the Floor

17 & 18 Mar, Ricki Redbone

24 & 25 Mar, Halo Jump

31 Mar & 1 Apr, Marvells

7 & 8 Apr, Dynamics

13 & 15 Apr, Ricki Redbone

21 & 22 Apr, Vintage Groove

28 & 29 Apr, Marvells

There will be changes to our summer lineup so watch for the next bulletin. Come out and enjoy the music and dancing.

Regards Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair



Special Events

Robbie Burns Day was not a good turnout. The people who did attend enjoyed their haggis and turnips. I want to thank Al, Harvey, Maryanne, Liz, Doc, Mike and Randy for all their help. There was a fair crowd at our Valentine's Dance. One group of Ladies were enjoying themselves very much. That is what we like to see. People coming out and having fun. We cannot make these events successful unless the members participate in them.



March 17th St. Patrick's Day

Stew- \$ 6.00 a bowl. Purchase your ticket from Kendall Entertainment
All starting after the mini meat draw



May 14th Mother's Day Brunch

10:00 am- 1:00 pm

\$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children

Under 5 free

Scrambled Egg, Hash Browns, Bacon, Sausages, Pancakes and fruit cup

Come on down and enjoy this great brunch. All is welcome

Tickets to go on sale at the bar in April.

Don't forget this year we are hosting the Provincial Convention June 10- 12, It will be a busy time. Volunteers needed. there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events

Canadian Tire Money

As all members Know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone down stairs near the Canteen. If you have any spare CDN Tire Money, it would be greatly appreciated if you could drop it in the box. Once filled we will deliver it to the PPCLI Cadets.



Over 55+ Club

Dec 10/16, we had our Christmas Dinner in the Quiet Room. Joyce Coles did a lovely job. got down early and decorated the tables. We had a very nice turnout and of course Ken put on a lovely Turkey Supper. I read a few stories and had some laughs, this was to relax everyone. We also had a few draws, a bottle draw and a 50/50 draw. Water Psooy won the 50/50 draw and was very happy.

Spoke to Mike Thayer, Betty Zarney is now the 1st Vice. Best of luck, have a good year.

Maria was not out on the 17th, was out fighting a cold and is much better today. The 19th will be playing cards.

Spoke to Mrs. McNabb, John is feeling much better. Has da a few bad days but is okay.

On Jan 19/17, Henry as Chair took the Executive to the Viscount Gort for lunch. We had lovely lunch and a very good time. Also, our Membership Lady just celebrated her 95th Birthday. Hope you had a nice day and have a good year Ev Hunter.

Georgina has just celebrated a Birthday, have a good year. She will be our Coffee Lady.

Spoke to Ev Hunter today, Feb 8/17 and she has Pneumonia. Told her to take it easy.

We have lost a couple of people, Wilma and Hugh, we wish them the best.

Lawrence Skelly is in Riverview, may be there a while.

Maria Shear has not been well since December and now has Pneumonia. Today is Feb 5/17, take care.

There is **Not** a meeting in March. Peter and Ruth will be on Holidays. Executive Meeting will be Thurs, April 4/17. Hawaiian Night will be Thurs April 4/17 at 1 PM. You will be getting a call.

Ev Hunter is taking it easy, have a rest. Maria Shear is feeling better, but has been taking it easy.

Hopefully Spring is around the corner.

June Clarke Over 55+ Publicity

In House Draws, Meat Draw



We could use help with our Meat Draws. If you can help with the draws on Friday or Saturday, please leave your name at the Bar or see me. Easter Turkey & Ham draw will be March 25th, April 1st and 8th.

Cde. Keith Muffty, In House Draws Chair

Ways and Means Chase The Ace



Another year is now upon us and our first draw of the year is the Easter Basket draw, which will be held on April 15/17 immediately following the Saturday meat draw.

Our Chase The Ace is ongoing every Monday evening. Ticket sales are between 6PM and 8PM. We also have a 50/50 draw as well. The 50/50 draw is held just after 8PM and the Chase The Ace draw is held at 8:15PM. Come out with a few friends and make it a night out.

Finally, if anyone has any ideas they would like to see, write them down and place them in the suggestion box.

Yours in Comradeship, Cde. Ken Morley, Ways & Means Chairman





**New Members for the General Meeting
As of February 16, 2017**

Ordinary New

Donald Moore
Stephann Gregoire
Christy Stef
Robert Blanchette

Associate New

Chad Hepp
Deborah Clairmont
Maria Silvari
Howard Skrypnyk
Joy Moore
Thomas Paquette
Alan Rigey-Marchand
M. Lynne Dalman
Peter Andrychuk

Affiliate

Darlene Jempson
Ronald Owen
Patricia Sytnick
Lisa Joanne Legge

Reinstated

James Massingham

Transferred

Number of Dues paid 2017

1057

New Members

18

Cde. Don Cozine, Membership Chair

Key Card

As at September 1st, 2016, if your key card/key fob is lost, there will be a charge of \$5.00 to replace it. If your key card/key fob is broken, please bring it into the office for replacement.

BRANCH #4 LEGION WEBSITE

<http://www.rclstjames04.mb.ca/>



LEARN TO LINE DANCE

Monday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept - June
Monday, 1:30-3:00, Line Dancing, Beginner, Sheryl Fowler, Oct - May
Wednesday, 7:00-7:30, Line Dancing, Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, Sept-June
Wednesday, 7:30-9:00, Line Dancing Low Intermediate, Karen Hodgins, all year
Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept – June



SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

On your way, downstairs to the main lounge, there is a wooden box marked “St James Legion Supports the Troop’s Family” if you have any spare change please throw it in to support our Troop’s family.

Also, have a look at the wall behind the bar; we are selling items for the MFRC (Military Family Resource Centre” to help the Troops and their families.

Support your troops on Friday by wearing RED.



Volunteers Needed

I would like to thank all the Members that have come out time & time again as Honorary Pallbearers honouring our Veterans that have passed on. I know it’s a thankless job, but it is a real necessity. If any Member with a Legion Uniform would like to join this Elite Group, please call the Branch Office and leave your name. We need some more Pallbearers who are available in the AM and or PM.

Cde. Chris Lundgren, Service Officer

Membership Renewal



To renew your 2017 membership or become a new member of St. James Legion #4 the dues are \$45.00 if paid before December 31, 2016. After December 31, 2016, the dues are \$50.00. Cannot make it down to the Legion? Mail in your dues with a self addressed stamped envelope, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you. To renew for 2016, the dues are \$50.00.

Keep up with the happenings at our Legion. If you want the bulletin mailed to you, the cost is \$10.00 per year and you will be one of the first to receive the bulletin delivered right to your mailbox six times a year.



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Friday 17 March 2017

**Come out and celebrate with your friends and Comrades at #4 Legion
starting after the Meat draw
Entertainment**

**Stew- \$6.00 purchase tickets from Ken
Green Beer
Come out and enjoy**





MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
Sunday, May 14, 2017
Catered by Branch Volunteers
Serving from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

MENU:
Scrambled eggs
Bacon and Sausage
Hash Browns
Pancakes
Assorted Juices
Coffee/Tea included

Pre-purchase Tickets at the bar, cut-off date 08 May.
Price Adults \$8.00/ Children \$5.00 per serving
Children 5 yrs and under - free
Tickets go on sale in mid April

