

ST. JAMES LEGION #4 NEWSLETTER



March & April 2020



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Executives Appointments

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Sick Visiting Legion Lodge Gary Pruden

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Branch Hours, Sept 1st, 2019 to April 30th, 2020

Monday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Chase The Ace 6 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Texas Hold'em 7 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Darts 7 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. Mini Meat Draw 5 p.m. Dancing 7:30 p.m. Saturday 9.am to 12 a.m. Regular Meat Draw 2 p.m. Dancing 7 p.m. Sunday Closed



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE March 2020

Greetings to all Comrades and Friends of the Legion.

Spring is coming and with that I hope more of you folks will get out to the Branch to take part in some of our activities and meetings. Our meetings only occur every other month and the meeting only lasts for an hour or so. This is not much time to dedicate to your branch. General meetings are held the 3rd Thursday in February, April, June, August, October and the 2nd Thursday in December. Meetings commence at 7:00 P.M.

Cde. Keith Muffty had to step down as Sick Visiting Chair due to his workload and looking after his mother. Thank you, Keith, for serving on the Executive for the past few years. We are always looking for members to serve on the Executive. If your interested or know of anyone that would like to serve, please let myself or any of the Executive know.

At the April meeting we will be deciding on the number of delegates and electing members to be delegates to the 48th Dominion Convention. The convention will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in August 2020.

On the 28th of May at 7 P.M. The Branch will be holding an Honours and Awards Evening. As part of this meeting Special Awards and Long Service Pins are presented to deserving members. We will also be presenting donations from the Poppy Fund, as approved by the general body. This special evening normally takes less than an hour and is a good way for the membership to welcome our new members and Honour our long serving ones.

The Sports Foundation of Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Command that operated the Youth Sports Camp at The International Peace Garden for 58 years is no more. Unfortunately, it is in disrepair and not enough funds can be generated to keep it going, sign of the times a very unfortunate loss.

I would like to thank Dave and all his Staff at Atlas Welding Express Steel Winnipeg for fabricating and donating our new Ticket Drum, much appreciated.

Thank you to the Executive, Staff, Volunteers and Members who help us keep going.

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

Cde. Mike Thayer, President



Canadian Tire Money

As all members Know by now, our Club sponsors the PPCLI Cadets. There is a small box located by the phone downstairs 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.

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 need.



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. Elliott Armstrong Ordinary Unit: RCAF Deceased 9 Jan 2020

Cde. Johanna (Anne) Richardson Associate Deceased 24 Jan 2020 Cde. Janet (Jan) Miller Associate Decease 28 Jan 2020

Cde. Ellert Thorlokson

Ordinary Unit: RCAF

Deceased 30 Dec 19

They s 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.





For January/February 2020

Deer Lodge Centre Chris Aldridge

Sonja Anderson Checked in on Sonja, no change.

Angie Richot Lots of discussion with Angie during visits, loves goodie bag contents.

Cornelius (Neil) Chuckrey Good visit in lunchroom.

Golden West Lodge Chris Aldridge

Elliott Armstrong Sadly Elliott passed away Jan 9, 2020.

Brenda Johnston Interesting visit with Brenda, never a lack of discussion.

Oakview Place Jim Ward

Marge Hewitt Out of the room left goodie bag.

Jack Walton Good Visit and chat with Jack and his wife

Thorvaldson Care Centre Keith Muffty

Al Matthews Good visit with Al, having denture work done.

This is the report for the Sick and Visiting. Thanks to the committee members Chris and Jim.

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

The next meeting will be held on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to have a good turn out as plans will be made for our Spring Luncheon on Sunday, April 19. Our President Corinne has luncheon tickets available.

We were saddened to lose a long-time Life Member, Jan Miller. Jan worked hard for the Auxiliary and was our pianist for many years.

The District meeting will be held on Sat. March 14 at Arborg Legion with their ladies hosting. Several of our ladies, along with our District #5 Commander, Lynne Stevens, will be attending. Barb Criggie is looking for our ladies to work the Saturday Bake table.

Kay McKinnon, Secretary Ladies Auxiliary



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SPORTS REPORT

Our sports programs are more than halfway through their seasons.



Cribbage

Come out and join us for an afternoon of friendly cards & socializing. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Cards at 12:30. We play every second Saturday. We hope to see you there. Contact Bea at 888 4661 if you have any questions.

The 2020 Provincial Command Cribbage Championships were held from February 7 -9,2020 at Charleswood Legion Branch #100 with Ken Morley, Linda Morley, Bea Reynolds and Brian Huminsky representing the branch in doubles and singles categories. Unfortunately, they will not be going forward to the Dominion Level.



The 2020 MB/NWO Provincial Command Dart Championships will be held from March 13-15,2020 in Lac Du Bonnet MB. Our branch was represented by Cliff Apps, Rick McDonald, Chris Parei and Tim Obrien Dan Purdon and Calvin Patching in various levels at District level but did not advance to the Provincial playoffs.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league is going strong and will be into the playoffs in another month. A nominal fee will be charged to cover expenses and the Wind-up Banquet to be held in April 2020. You must be a member of the branch to be eligible to play.

Thanks to all for your help and co-operation in making this year a success. Please watch the bulletin boards for upcoming sporting events to take place at our branch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members who have participated in the Command Sports and to thank all the volunteers who have helped with the sports this past year

Yours Fraternally, Cde. Mary Anne McGibney Sports Chair

Newsletter Submission

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

Cde. Mike Thayer, Publicity

Daily Draw Winners for January/February: M. Robinson

The cost of the Daily Draw is only .25 for members who sign in yet for the months of January and February the Legion has lost \$ 9.25 which means more people signed than paid.

<u>Donations: St. James Legion Curling Club - \$382.48; Karen Hodgins(Zumba) - \$500.00</u>







The Bands playing for the next few months are as follows:

Mar 6 & 7	Marvels
Mar 13 &14	Halo Jump
Mar 20 & 21	Vintage Groove
Mar 27 & 28	Dynamics
Apr 3 & 4	Ravin Band
Apr 9 & 11	4 On The Floor
Apr 17 & 18	Marvels
Apr 24 & 25	

You will notice we have been bringing in some new bands this year so please come out and support them.

Fraternally Yours, Cde. Mary Anne McGibney, Entertainment Chair



The Valentine's Day Dance was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the Ravin Band. Next Events are:

Saturday 14 March 2020 St Patrick's Day Celebration

Come out and celebrate with your friends and Comrades at #4 Legion staring after the Meat draw
Entertainment McConnell Irish Dancers at 5:30 pm.
Irish Stew- \$8.00, buy tickets at the canteen Green Beer and Band
Come out and enjoy



Mothers Day Brunch- May 10, Sunday

10:00 am- 12:00 pm

\$8.00 Adults

\$5.00 Children- Under 5 free

Brunch includes hash browns, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausages, pancakes, fruit cups, coffee or tea. Tickets will go on sale in April.

Come out and enjoy the brunch. Everyone is welcome even if you are not a mother.

Any new ideas are always welcome. See Betty Zarney.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events Chair



I would like to thank Gary & Susan Lacey for donating the special basket at Christmas. Mike Thayer was the winner. Don't forget the tickets are now on the tables for the baskets for Easter. So far thank you to Mike Thayer, Janice Kennedy, Roland Fisette, Leslie Stevens, Debbie Clark, Maryanne McGibney, Harvey Osiowy for donating gifts. Any donations are welcome. See Betty Zarney or leave them at the bar with Roxanne.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Ways & Means Chair



Over 55+ Club

We are now two months into the new year. Sadly, we've recently lost two of our senior members, Anne Richardson and Janet Miller. Both lived long lives and will be missed.

It is now time for membership renewal. Fees are \$5.00 and members must be paid-up Branch or Ladies Auxiliary members. New members, 55+ years are welcome at any time. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. We are also looking for whist and cribbage players; for more info contact Maria Sheard 204-889-3338. In addition to our monthly meetings we have a bake table once a month and occasionally assist the Branch with Saturday Meat Draws.

We are holding a Games day on Thursday April 16th at 12:00 noon with guests from other seniors groups joining us.

On Thursday, April 12th at 1:00 p.m. we be holding a Paint Afternoon in the VA(Quiet Room). The picture for this event will be Apple Blossoms. Cost for this will depend on the number of participants. For inquiries or to sign-up contact Maria Sheard at 20-889-3338.

Janice Clarke, Publicity



Our Chase the Ace is starting another round at \$1,000.00 on Mar 9th. Ticket sales start at 6 PM and close at 8 PM. We have the draw at 8:15PM and we also have a 50-50 draw.

Cde. Ken Morley, Chase The Ace



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Legion #4 holds weekly Meat Draws on Friday at 5 PM and Saturday at 2 PM.

Fridays consist of 3 meat draws, 50/50 draw, a Bottle draw and a bake table. Saturdays consist of 6 meat draws, 50/50 and a bake table sponsored by either the Ladies Auxiliary or the Over 55 club.

Should any member be interested in volunteering for a position on one of theses teams please contact me.

All draws will consist of Turkeys and Hams on the following Saturdays in preparation for Easter Festivities.

March 21, Mach 28 and April 04, 2020

2nd Vice, Cde. D.R. Halladay, Meat Draw Chairman

Contact # 204-793-1303, Email darcyh@mymts.net



New Members for the General Meeting As of Feb 20, 2020

Ordinary New Associate New Affiliate New Voting

Henri Paul Potier Ronald Mark Derek Plouffe
James Craig Rosalie Gill

Eva Brown Angela Brandson
George Martin Todd Sigurdson

Reinstated Transferred

Brian Trumbley
Elaine Lower
Ernie McGrath

Number of dues paid 2020 705 New Members 12

Cde. Don Cozine, Membership Chair

Key Card

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/

Membership Report:

It is now time and not to late to renew your 2020 legion membership. This can be done by going to the legion and doing it in person and your sticker would be available on your next visit if your new sticker is on file. You can also renew on line at Legion.ca follow the instructions and it can be done easily. If you run into trouble doing this a simple phone call to 1-855-330-3344 and assistance will be given to renew on line or by phone. Your membership would then renew automatically each year. The renewal cost is \$53.00

If for some reason you have not paid your 2019 membership you will have to do so to bring your member status up to date. If you have further questions please call our Membership Secretary-Bev Ptosnick @ 204-888-2860 or you can e mail her at legion4@shaw.ca

To date 730 members have renewed for 2020......please renew as soon as possible, membership in your legion is appreciated and much needed. Also, active participation is important. If for some reason you do not plan to renew, would you take the time to let me know why you have made this decision. Your name and information will remain CONFIDENTIAL, you can send me a personal e mail to d.cozine@icloud.com. This information will help us keep our legion membership list current, and will also help us to change things for a more positive environment.

Cde.Don Cozine, Membership Chair



Line Dancing and Zumba

Monday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept - June Thursday, 10:00-11:00, Zumba Gold, Beginner, Karen Hodgins, Sept - June Monday and Wednesday, 1:30 to 3:00, Line Dances are at beginner, high beginner level, begins Oct 15th Drop in \$5.00. Sheryl Fowler



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.

I helped 1 Veteran and 1 ex – RCMP this past month.

Cde. Ken Morley, Service Office



Membership Renewal

To renew your 2020 membership or become a new member of St. James Legion #4 the dues are \$53.00. Renewal for 2019 dues is \$53.00. Cannot make it down to the Legion? Mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope or add an additional \$1.00 to your cheque for postage, and we will be pleased to mail your Membership card to you 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.

Due to the high cost of postage, if you pay your dues in person and would like the Membership Card mailed to you, please pay an additional \$1.00 over and above the dues.

If you have not already done so, please supply us with your e-mail address and then you will not miss out on any Membership renewal notices and updates from Dominion Command in regard to your membership.

You can renew membership and pay online at Dominion Command directly. You will see how to do it on their website. There is an option where you can set it up to automatically to renew each year. You could also renew your membership as you have done in the past by coming down to the Legion and renew in person or mail in your dues with a self-addressed stamped envelope.



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Please wipe down the sink area after you washed your hands, Thank you Cde. Don Cozine

New Years Eve & Levee



















New Members





Cde. B. Zarney receiving her Past President Bar from President Cde. M. Thayer



Cde. M. Jardine receiving his Past Officer Medal from President Cde. M. Thayer



Cde. D. Cozine receiving his Past Officer Medal from President Cde. M. Thayer



Winner of Chase The Ace Of Spades Dan Mulvena 24 Feb 20 Pot \$19,420.00