



ST. JAMES LEGION #4
NEWSLETTER



January & February 2018



LEST WE FORGET

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Executives

Membership	Don Cozine
House	Roland Fisette
Sick Visiting	Keith Muffty
Resolutions/By-Laws	Dusty Miller
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In House Draws	Darcy Halladay
Scholarships	Jane Deller

Appointments

Honorary President	Bert Jolly
Padre	Maj Owen Budden
Legion Lodge	Gary Pruden
Branch Pianist	Vacant
Branch Piper	Doc Jardine
Recording Secretary	Don Cozine
Sgt-at-Arms	Rose Marie Cozine
Chase the Ace	Ken Morley
Website	George Morrison

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	Assistant Bar Manager	Jessie Frankfurt

Branch Hours Sept 2017 to May 2018 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.
Sunday Closed

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE January 2018



Greetings to all Comrades and Friends of the Legion. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and enjoyable New Year's celebration. I wish you all the best in 2018.

Congratulations to Cde. Mary Anne McGibney as our new 3rd Vice-President as well our re-elected members of the Executive, Comrades Dusty Miller and Doc Halladay. A big thank you goes out to Ken Morley for being our Ways & Means Chair. Ken is taking a break, so he can concentrate on his duties as District Commander. He will still be around for our Chase The Ace of Spades and helping with other activities in the Legion. We are still looking for two members to join our Executive, if your interested let me or any of Committee Members know.

I also want to offer congratulations to the newly elected executives of the Ladies Auxiliary and Over 55 Club and I wish you both a most successful year.

On January the 8th the branch will commence our next round of Chase The Ace of Spades. Without these fundraisers (Chase the Ace; Texas Hold-em; 50/50; Meat Draws; Basket Draws; etc.) conducted by our volunteers, we as a branch would be in dire straits. Membership fees and Bar profits do not fully cover the operating expenses of the branch facilities. Your support of these fundraisers as a volunteer and/or a purchaser of the draw tickets is vital to the future of branch No. 4. It is quite possible that without that support, the operating expenses would over-whelm the income and make it difficult to continue operations in the same manner.

Winter has not been to bad so far but, I'm sure by the time you read this the real cold weather will be here. Enjoy what's left of the winter and don't forget to participate in all the events being held in your branch. Senior pool players are well under way and seem to be having a great time. All the other winter sports are also well under way including Curling, Darts, Cribbage and Billiards.

I would like to thank St James Burger & Chip Co for there generous donations to our Poppy Fund to help Veteran's and their Families. They have donated 1,378.75 Dollars so far. **Thank You.**

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. Alfred (Ed) Stanton
Ordinary
Unit: RCAF
Deceased 3 Dec 17

Cde. Gunter Plueschow
Ordinary
Unit: CAF
Deceased 22 Oct 17

Cde. Edmund (Ed) Schatz
Ordinary
Unit: CAF
Deceased 12 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 November/December 2017

Deer Lodge Centre Chris Aldridge

Charles Yule	Good visit as always. Charles doing well and says 'HI' to legion members
Maria Sawatsky	Good visit with Maria and daughter Yvonne
Sonja Anderson	Short visit with Sonja
Angie Richot	Super visit with Angie - she is doing well and anxious for Christmas

Golden West Lodge Chris Aldridge

Elliot Armstrong	As usual an interesting visit and discussion with Elliot
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Oakview Place Jim Ward

Marge Hewitt	Good visit and Chat.
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Heritage Lodge Jim Ward

Bill Appleton	Short visit as wife just passed away.
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Thorvaldson Care Centre
Keith Muffty

Al Matthews Good visit and talk.

This is my report for the sick and visiting. Thanks to the committee members Chris and Jim.

Cde. Keith Muffty, 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

I hope you had a peaceful Christmas and all the best in the New Year 2018. I would like to thank Comrades Mike, Betty and Mary Anne for helping the Auxiliary with their elections. Welcome to the new Executive.

I would also like to thank Safeway/Sobeys, Tim Hortons, Co-op and Harvest Bakery for their generous donations for Remembrance Day. The wieners, buns and donut holes were enjoyed by the kids and their escorts.

We had our Christmas Dinner on Dec 15/17. Good food and fun games.

Our next meeting is Jan 4/18, Exec 6:30 pm and General 7:30pm. I would like to more out!

To those of you who under the weather, get better soon and to those of you who are fit, see you Jan 14/18.

Corinne Van Meer, President Ladies Auxiliary

Daily Draw Winners November/December M. Shear, D. Roy

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

Winter is here and some of our branch sports activities will be taking a break for the holiday season.



Cribbage

The cribbage league started in September so 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 888 4661 if you have any questions.

All our players came to the Christmas wind up. Four games of cribbage were played followed by a light lunch. The winners of the four games were- First: Marie & Marilyn Second: Doug & Dave Third: Jim & Keith.

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to everyone from the Cribbage League.

We have 2 doubles teams and 3 singles going on to play at District level for the 2018 Provincial Command Cribbage championships on January 14th, 20178 at West Kildonan Legion with registration at 8:30 a.m.



Curling

The curling has started on Sundays at the Assiniboine Curling Club for this year. The detailed list of the teams and their standings was not available but will be in the next bulletin.

Here are the standings as of Dec.17.

The schedule for the next remainder of the regular season is...

Jan. 7, 14, 28 Feb. 4, 11

<u>Skip</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>Total PTS</u>	
W. Neumann	4	0	4	8	8	
B. McGowan	5	1	2	11	11	
W. Wizbicki	6	0	2	12	12	
J. Nichols	3	1	4	7	7	
K. Gray	2	0	6	4	4	
N. Bell	3	1	4	7	7	
R. Fiset	4	1	3	9	9	D.
Karpenic	3	0	5	6	6	



Darts

The Wednesday Night Dart league is in full swing and have taken a well-deserved Christmas break and a detailed listing of the teams and standings will be in the next bulletin. If you are interested in playing in this fun league and require more information, please leave a message at the branch.

The 2018 Provincial Command Dart championships, Branch playoffs were played on November 18,2017 and the winners will go on to District players being held on February 18th, 2018 at West Kildonan Legion with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. A list of all the winning teams will be posted on the Sports Bulletin Board on January 1st.2018.



International Veterans Billiard League

The 2017-18 season is going strong. Watch the bulletin boards for the standings. We will have a detailed report for the next bulletin. St. James has 2 teams competing so come out and support them on Thursday nights.



Senior Snooker League

The Senior Snooker league is well under way and the competition is something to see.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover expenses and the Wind-up Banquet to be held in April 2018.

You must be a member of the branch to be eligible to play.



Upcoming Events

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 the volunteers who help make our sporting events the success they are. And to wish all the Officers, Executive and Members a Happy Holiday Season and all the best in 2018.

**Yours Fraternally, MaryAnne McGibney
Sports Chairman**



Entertainment

Band Schedule, Bands for January and February 2018

That time of year has come and everyone is busy with holiday events. The bands for the next few months are as follows:

**Jan 5 & 6, Ricki Redbone
Jan 12 & 13, Vintage Groove
Jan 19 & 20, The Ravin Band
Jan 26 & 27, Marvells**

**Feb 2 & 3, Dynamics
Feb 9 & 10, Vintage Groove
Feb 15 & 17, Ricki Redbone
Feb 23 & 24, 4 on The Floor**

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped this year and would like to wish you a happy holiday season and all the best in 2018.

**Fraternally yours
Cde. Maryanne McGibney, Entertainment Chair**



Special Events

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Years. It is hard to believe the year is over already and we are going into a new one. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out for Remembrance Day. We could not put on an event like this without all their help. A special thank you to Doc Halladay our Parade Marshall and to Rosemarie Cozine and the colour Party. Thank you to the Ladies Auxillary for all their help upstairs. A huge thank you to all the staff who worked very hard that day.

Upcoming Events



Valentine's Day Dance

February 10 th, Saturday

Spot Dance Prizes

Canteen will be putting on a special supper.

Watch for posters for further information



St. Patrick's Day

March 17th, Saturday

Green Beer

Stew

Irish Dancers

Anyone with any new ideas for a special event please see me.



Angel Tree of Remembrance

I would like to thank everyone who purchased and angel for our tree. The tree looks great. Don't forget to pick up your angel between now and after New Years. Thank You Betty.

Also I forgot to thank everyone who helped decorate the branch for Christmas. Thank you Dave Karpanick, Rosemarie Cozine, Janice Kennedy, Mike Thayer.

Ways & Means



I will be doing the Baskets this year. The first basket will be Easter Basket. Anyone who has anything to donate please feel free to do so. You can leave it at the bar with Roxanne or leave it in my name.

Cde. Betty Zarney, Special Events, Ways & Means

Breakfast with Santa Claus



The Children's Breakfast with Santa Claus was held on Sunday December 10th in our Club Room. Following our Breakfast, the Children were entertained by Brenda, Joel, and our singer guitar player. Santa arrived gifts were given, the children left fat and happy. Special thanks to our "Chefs" President Mike, Doc H., Dusty, and Piper Doc, as well as our servers, Betty and Liz. The pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and hash browns were cooked to their usual perfection.

All the best to everyone in the New Year

Cde, Chris Lundgren, Children's Committee

SCHOLARSHIPS. BURSARIES AND AWARDS



St, James Legion, Branch No, 4, awarded Scholarships to the amount of \$2100.00 to students for 2017.

Congratulations to the Graduates. We are Proud of you and wish you the best of luck in all your endeavours.

John Taylor

Troy Kemball

St. James Collegiate

Maria Fatima Alora
Andre Campo

Sturgeon Heights Collegiate

Katey Montgomery
Kyle Janzen

Westwood Collegiate

Nick Arnason

Thank you to my Team. Cde. Darcy Halliday and Cde. Chris Lundgren.

Cde. Jane Deller. Scholarship Chair

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

Chair – Peter Henry Secretary – Ruth Henry Treasurer – Jim Simm
Membership – Myrtle Patterson Events Coordinator – Maria Shear
Cards – Georgina Dibley Dinners – Joyce Coles Bulletin – June Clarke
Phoning – June Clarke Tickets – Janice Clarke

Anne Richardson had a hip replacement, wish her all the best. Scotty Ferguson had bypass surgery, a card was sent. Had a call from Ed Stanton's daughter that he had passed away quietly, a card was sent with our condolences.

Joan Faraci will be celebrating her Birthday in January, have a good one and all the best to you.

We had our Christmas Party and the food was excellent. The entertainment was something else. A very nice man had a Chapman Stick, very different. The Stick was made of Bamboo. We all enjoyed the sing along.

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and wish all a good New Year.

Our Executive Meeting is on January 9/18 at 1:30 pm.

June Clarke Over 55+ Publicity



In House Draws, Meat Draw

The Friday and Saturday meat draw team listings have been posted for the year of 2018 on the bulletin boards at the legion.

Good luck to all participants in the coming year.
As always, we are looking for more volunteers for these events.

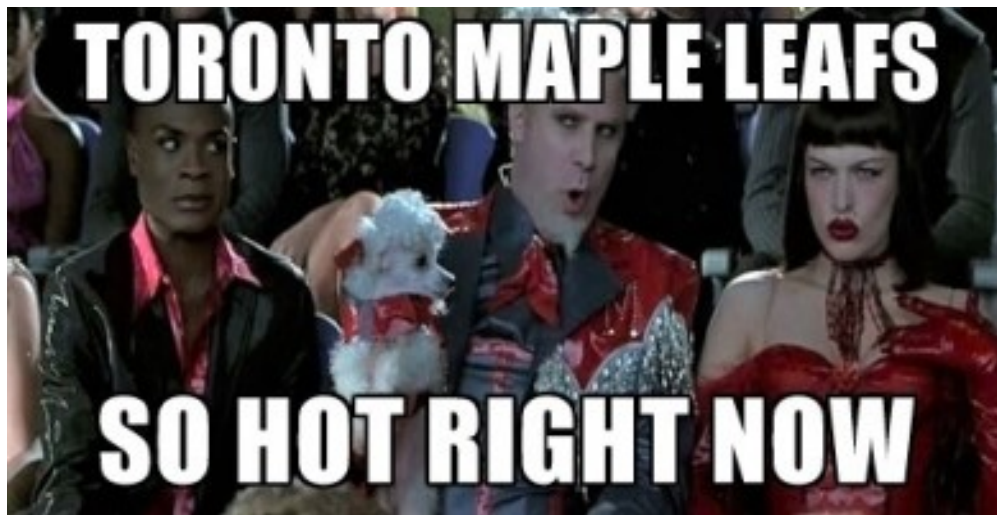
Cde. Doc Halladay, In House Draws Chair

Chase The Ace



Our Chase the Ace is starting again on Jan 8/18 with the pot at \$1,000.00 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



**New Members for the General Meeting
As of December 14, 2017**

Ordinary New

Eric LeMesurier
George Meldrum
Gilbert Brown
Robert Williams
Christopher Merlin
Elisabeth Merlin

Associate New

Lynda Walker
Eric Lundgren

Affiliate New

Lynne Smith Dark
Edward DePape
Renato Valeri
Angela Valeri
Agnes Simpson
Gary Pollok

Reinstated

Rodney Graham

Transferred

Frank Galway
Gordon Sharpe
Lynn Brandner
Bernie Verreault

Number of Dues paid 2018

614

New Members

19

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 2018 membership or become a new member of St. James Legion #4 the dues are \$53.00. 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.

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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