

# Loyalist Northern Lights

Newsletter of the Edmonton Branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



*Across the rolling prairies, with their quiet lakes and rushing rivers, to the foothills of Northern Alberta; in the shadow of Canada's majestic mountains and beneath dancing Northern Lights; this is the newsletter of the most northern branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, the hardy descendants of those resistant and brave souls that gave up all they had to remain steadfast in their beliefs and loyal to the British Crown in a time of great political upheaval in what would later become the United States. These Loyalists settled in the eastern part of what would become Canada, then moved further to the west in succeeding generations.*

## Vision of the Edmonton Branch:

*To enrich the lives of Albertans through fostering public awareness of our national history, and, in particular, of the United Empire Loyalists and their contributions to Canada.*



*"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the Unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard [IN AMERICA] before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783, and all their Children, and their Descendants, by either sex, are to be distinguished by the following Capitals affixed to their names  
U.E.*

*Alluding to their great principle  
The Unity of the Empire."*

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## President's Remarks:

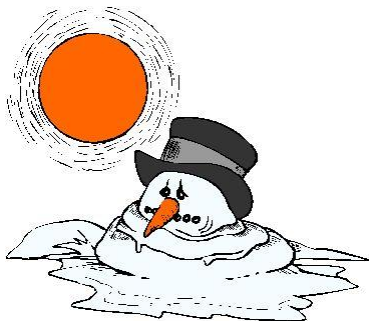


Well, here we are at the middle of April and after the *Great Thaw*, there are just a few snowflakes left upon the ground. I am reasonably certain Spring is just around the corner. Enough about the weather, this is the month for those who have not yet renewed their membership to get into the mood and pull out your check books. For those who have not registered for this year, your memberships are already in a grace period and could be cancelled. Further details are set out later in the newsletter.

The 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Revolution is already upon us, and over the next nine years we should be thinking about the celebrations taking place to the south. At each meeting this year, I hope to present something relating to the historical events that took place 250 years ago from the date of the meeting, with an emphasis on the Loyalist contributions at the time. I would ask members to consider contributing to this project and to let me know the topic and the meeting they intend to present. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and research with the Branch.

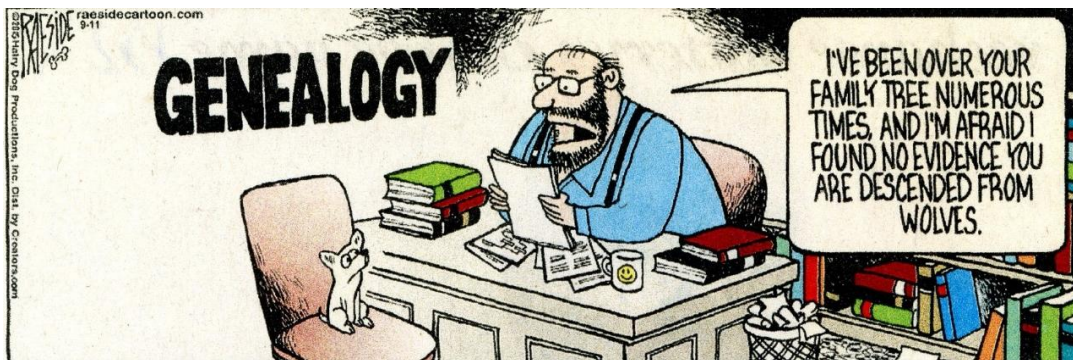


Valley Forge



Our next meeting will take place on 18 April at the church located at 6919-83 Street and will be the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. Elected positions include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Positions appointed by the President through the Executive include Newsletter Editor, Genealogist, Membership, Period Clothing Chair, Webmaster & Tech, Social Affairs, Project Facilitator, and Standard Bearer. Anyone wishing to allow their name to stand for any of these elected or appointed positions or wish to stand down from their current situations, please contact me no later than 16 April. To facilitate

the AGM, the year-end financials, agenda, and minutes for the previous meeting will be forwarded to members later this week. In order to save trees, members are asked to bring copies to the meeting.



## UELAC Membership:

**For those who have not as yet registered for 2026**, your membership will have expired at the end of last year, and the grace period has ended. You will soon be removed from our membership list. Our membership numbers last year were up over previous years and those who currently remain as members want this Branch to continue and be effective. Your membership is important to the Branch so that we can realize our vision. At present renewals for 2026 are notably down from last year. Over the next several months, we will be editing our membership list to remove those who are no longer interested in our Branch and thus no longer wish to receive the Branch newsletter. There are 3 ways you can renew your membership.

### **1) Online By Credit Card or Pay Pal to National Office**

- Log in at uelac.ca and select the block at the upper right “*Become a member.*”
- Read the page and follow the applicable prompts.
- Near the top, you follow the link in “*Renewing Your Membership*” line to Membership Renewals.
- Follow the link at the bottom to “*Your UELAC.ca Account.*”
- Then go to “*Member Dashboard.*”
- If this is the first time logging in or have difficulties logging in, send email to: [loyalist.trails@uelac.org](mailto:loyalist.trails@uelac.org) or [president@UELEdmonton.ca](mailto:president@UELEdmonton.ca)

### **2) By Cheque to the Branch**

Fill out the membership form attached and make the cheque payable to: Edmonton Branch UELAC

**Send payment to:**  
(Please use full address)

President  
UELAC Edmonton Branch  
37 Highridge Way  
Stony Plain, Alberta,  
T7Z 1M2

**If you changed** your mailing address, email address or phone # in the past year - please include a note with the current information.

**If you are a new member**, please fill out a membership application attached and include with your payment.

### **3) By Cash or cheque at a Branch Meeting**

At a Branch meeting or Branch event

- DO NOT send cash payment by mail.



THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA EDMONTON BRANCH

Membership Form for Year commencing January 1, 2026

(Please Circle Appropriate Type)

NEW RENEWAL BRANCH ONLY

NAME: (Please use UE after your name if you have received a UE certificate)

ADDRESS:

CITY: POSTAL CODE:

PHONE: home: work: cell:

E-Mail Address:

Ancestor(s): (Please be sure to list Ancestor's Christian and Surname)

Table with membership options and prices: Edmonton Branch Individual & Institutional membership (\$55.00), Half-year Membership (\$30.00), Student membership (\$30.00), Family Membership (\$75.00), Friends of Edmonton Branch (\$15.00).

Gift to Edmonton Branch:

In order to obtain a charitable tax receipt for donations, they must be sent directly to and processed by our National HQ, at UELAC, PO Box 189, Cornwall Main, Cornwall, Ontario K6H 5S7 Telephone: (416) 591-1783. All branch donations will be subsequently forwarded to the Edmonton Branch in full.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

Give or mail this form, with required dues, to:

Robert J. Rogers UE Treasurer UELAC Edmonton Branch 37 Highridge Way, Stony Plain, Alberta T7Z 1M2

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## Schedule of Events 2026:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Schedule of Events 2026</i>	<i>Location</i>
1 Jan 2026	➤ New Year's Levee	Government House
21 Feb 2026	➤ <del>Branch Annual General Meeting 2:00PM</del> <b>Cancelled</b>	Church at 6919-83 Street
18 Apr 2026	➤ Branch Annual General Meeting 2:00PM	Church at 6919-83 Street
1 May 2026	<i>Formation of the King's Rangers ~ 1779</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
4 May 2026	<i>Loyalist Landing 1783 ~ Shelburne, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
18 May 2026	<i>Arrival of the Spring Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
23 May 2026	➤ AGM for UELAC – Zoom	Zoom 11:00 MDT
16 Jun 2026	<i>Adolphustown Landings ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
19 Jun 2026	<i>Formation of King's Royal Regiment of New York ~ 1776</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
27 Jun 2026	➤ Loyalist Day Luncheon and Tree Visit 2:00PM	Picnic in the Park
18 Jul 2026	➤ BBQ with the President	37 Highridge Way Stony Plain
15 Sep 2026	<i>Formation of Butler's Rangers ~ 1777</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
19 Sep 2026	➤ Branch General Meeting 2:00PM	Church at 6919-83 Street
20 Sep 2026	<i>Cessation of Hostilities in North America ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
16 Oct 2026	<i>Burgoyne Capitulation ~ 1777</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
17 Oct 2026	<i>Arrival of the Fall Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
9 Nov 2026	<i>Lord Dorchester's Order in Council ~ 1789</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
11 Nov 2026	➤ Remembrance Day Parade ~ UELAC Wreath Laying	Location TBD
14 Nov 2026	➤ Branch General Meeting 2:00PM	Church at 6919-83 Street
12 Dec 2026	➤ Branch Meeting & Christmas Function 12:30 PM	Church at 6919-83 Street



## Branch Activities & Projects:

### Centennial Project revisited:



Many of you will recall that we published a book for the UELAC Centennial in 2014 entitled “*Loyalists Descendants to Alberta.*” As we now have several members who did not have a chance to contribute at the time, it was suggested by the executive



that perhaps it was time to revisit the project and expand the content of the book. The stories already contributed will remain in the new edition, but the project will be open to any alterations desired by the original contributor. We also intend to reach out through the Alberta Genealogical Society and other family history organizations to seek material from individuals and various communities across Northern Alberta for further stories related to the Loyalist descendants and their migration to Alberta. If you need help to write the story, please ask and we will find a way to assist you so that your story may be told. I will be the facilitator for this project but will need all of your assistance to produce a truly remarkable edition. Work on the project will be undertaken at the general meetings.

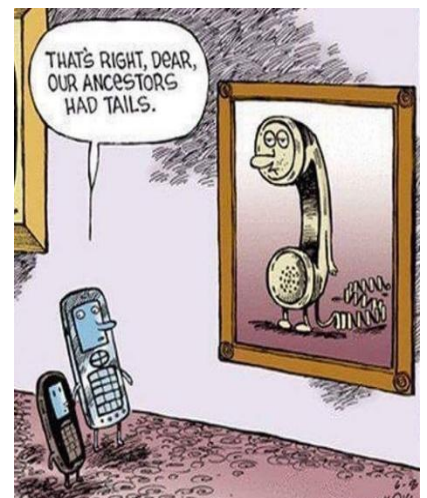
### Web Page Changes:

In response to numerous requests from Branch members, the table of contents and a sample of a chapter narrative of the centennial project have been posted to the web page. In the spring there will be a meeting on how to proceed with the revision of the book project chaired by the President. If there are other recommendations for changes to the web site, please forward them to the president for consideration. We want to make our outreach the best that is possible to fulfill our mission.



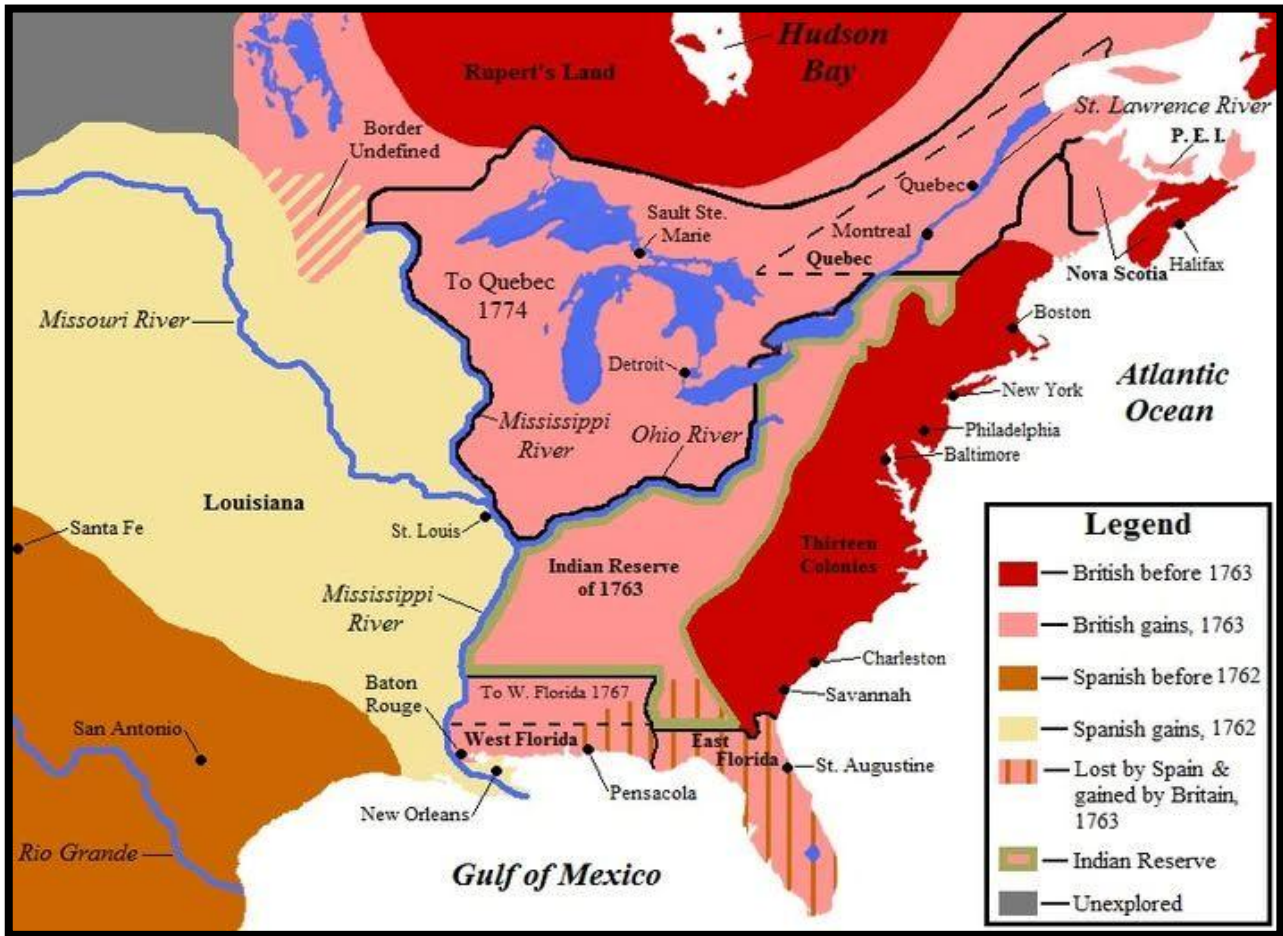
### Period Clothing:

If there is any interest, Marcia will be available to help with any questions you may have in the area of period clothing. I believe that if the majority of our regular members were to appear at events in period dress, it would go a long way to achieve the objectives of the Branch and the Association. At present we have very few outside events planned however that will change as members become more engaged. It would be great if we were able to participate in community activities and parades once again in period dress.

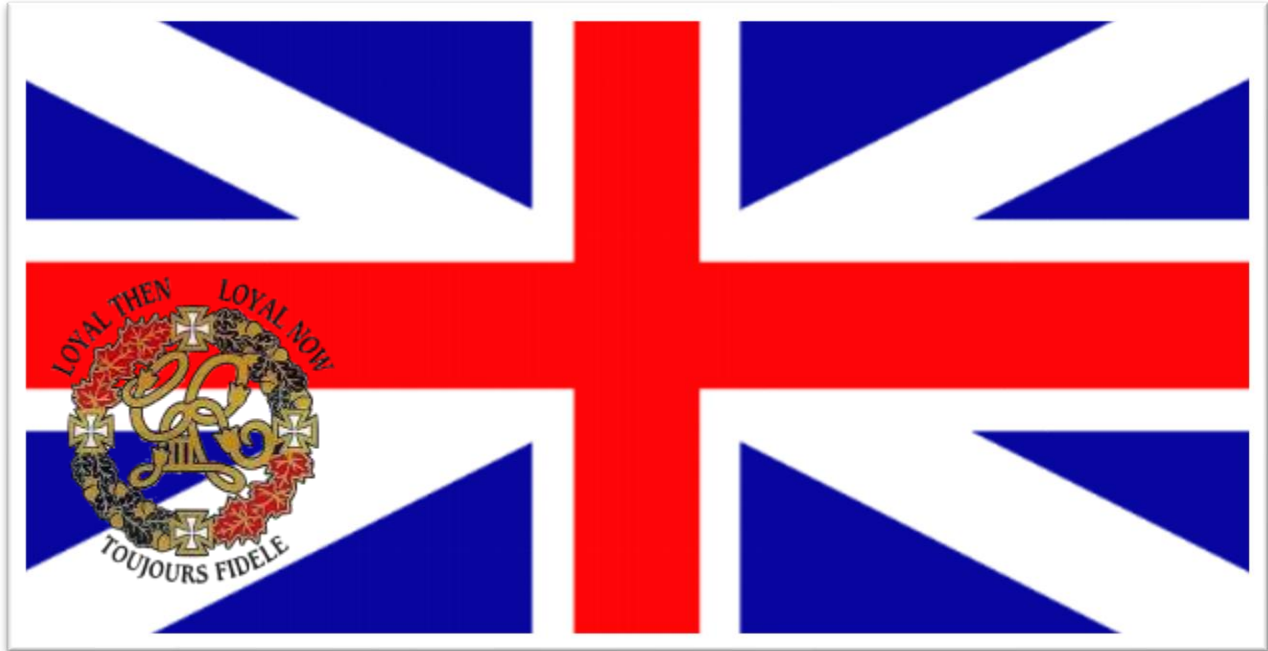


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## Significant Territorial Changes as a result of French & Indian War 1759-1763:







**Edmonton Branch Executive  
2026**

President: Robert Rogers UE  
Vice President: Chris Rogers UE  
Secretary: Dorothy Rogers  
Treasurer: Robert Rogers UE  
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Genealogist: Marcia McLean UE  
Membership Chair: Robert Rogers UE  
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Web site: [www.uelac.org](http://www.uelac.org) or [www.uelac.ca](http://www.uelac.ca)  
E-mail : [dominion.office.admin@uelac.org](mailto:dominion.office.admin@uelac.org)

**Edmonton Branch Honourary Patron:**

The Honourable Salma Lakhani AOE, B.Sc.  
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

**UELAC Region Representation:**

Prairie Region VP: Barb Andrews UE  
Prairie Region Councillor: Elizabeth Adair

