

Loyalist Northern Lights ... Fall 2020

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 the dancing Northern Lights; this is the newsletter of the most northern branch of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada, the descendants of those hardy 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 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.

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From The President

Members of the Edmonton Branch

16 November 2020

This has been a truly remarkable year and not in a good way. As you all know we have not had a meeting since our AGM last February, and I am sure some of you have been wondering if your executive has been swallowed by a black hole. Well we are still here and are trying to plan, but the problems with the COVID outbreaks particularly in Alberta are making things difficult. We still believe it is just too dangerous to meet in person, but we are investigating options including Zoom meetings and will let you know when we have something positive on that front.

Your executive has not been idle during the last 10 months and I do have some positive items to report. To begin with Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta has accepted our invitation to become our Honourary Patron during her term of office. Please note that changes must be made on any handouts you may have to reflect this change.

Additionally, we requested Dominion Council review the lack of activity in the various Branches due to the pandemic and consider a rebate of a portion of the funds paid for membership. I am pleased to report that they have come up with a formula based on the income levels of the Branches and for our Branch the amount will be approximately 50% of the funds you paid last year. This rebate will be issued by the Branch over the coming weeks once we receive the funds from Toronto and upon your registration for the coming year. Should you not wish to take the rebate, the funds will be absorbed into the general fund. If you desire a tax receipt, you will have to take the rebate and forward it to Dominion for the Edmonton Branch and you will receive a tax receipt. Registrations for the next year are now open online and by mail. I have included a registration form for those who wish to use the old method and instructions for those who wish to do things electronically in this newsletter.

Other bright spots for this year include some 23 new certificate applications, the largest number in any single year since 2009. Our Genealogist will have more to say about this in the newsletter. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a calendar of events for 2021. Please note that everything is subject to change until this pandemic is under control. AGS is planning a GenFair in Wetaskiwin which should be interesting for those who wish to attend. I have also recently been informed that our Annual Conference in Cornwall will now be a virtual conference so no travel will be necessary.

If we are unable to see each other before the end of the year, I would like to wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the coming year. Stay Home and Stay Safe.



President

Calendar of Events 2021

Date	Event	Location
1 Jan 2021	➤ New Year's Levee	Government House
20 Feb 2021	➤ Branch Annual General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
17 Apr 2021	➤ Branch Spring General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
24 Apr 2021	➤ Genfair 2021	Wetaskiwin, Alberta
15 Aug 2021	<i>Formation of the King's Rangers ~ 1779</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
4 May 2021	<i>Loyalist Landing 1783 ~ Shelburne, Nova Scotia</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
18 May 2021	<i>Arrival of the Spring Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
27-30 May 2021	➤ UELAC National Conference ~ (Virtual Conference)	Cornwall, Ontario
16 Jun 2021	<i>Adolphustown Landings ~ 1784</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
19 Jun 2021	<i>Formation of King's Royal Regiment of New York ~ 1776</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
26 Jun 2021	➤ Loyalist Day Luncheon and Tree Visit	Picnic in the Park
17 Jul 2021	➤ Branch Summer BBQ	Home of President
15 Aug 2021	<i>Formation of the Queen's Rangers ~ 1776</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
15 Sep 2021	<i>Formation of Butler's Rangers ~ 1777</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
18 Sep 2021	➤ Branch Fall General Meeting	Church at 6919-83 Street
16 Oct 2021	➤ Branch Annual Banquet	Woodvale Clubhouse
17 Oct 2021	<i>Arrival of the Fall Fleet at St. John ~ 1783</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
9 Nov 2021	<i>Lord Dorchester's Order in Council ~ 1789</i>	<i>Anniversary</i>
11 Nov 2021	➤ Remembrance Day Parade	TBD

11 Dec 2021	➤ Branch Christmas Function (Potluck)	Church at 6919-83 Street
1 Jan 2022	➤ New Year's Levee	Government House
2022	➤ UELAC National Conference	Winnipeg, Manitoba
2023	➤ UELAC National Conference	Vancouver, BC

From the desk of the Genealogist

Congratulations to New Members and Recent Certificate Applicants

When branch meetings are able to resume there will be a number of certificates to present to our members. There are currently twelve certificates to present and another four awaiting approval.

Michelle Noble has three applications at Dominion for ancestors Jehiel Hawley, George Finkle Sr. and George Finkle Jr. Victoria Robillard has submitted an application for Richard Fenton.

The Dominion office is now open however things are not back to normal just yet and there is still the threat of more lockdowns.

Many members like to present a certificate to a family member as a Christmas gift. If that is your plan for this year complete the paper work as soon as you can as time is getting short.

The way this pandemic is going the winter of 2020/2021 could mean lots of time at home. Remember the branch genealogist is also home so if you have questions or brick walls let me help. Ask for the booklet "How to Prepare a Certificate Application."

Dave Rolls UE
Edmonton Branch Genealogist
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New Official Canadian Portraits of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip

The official portraits are available at the Government of Canada website –

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/royal-portraits/order-download-portraits.html>



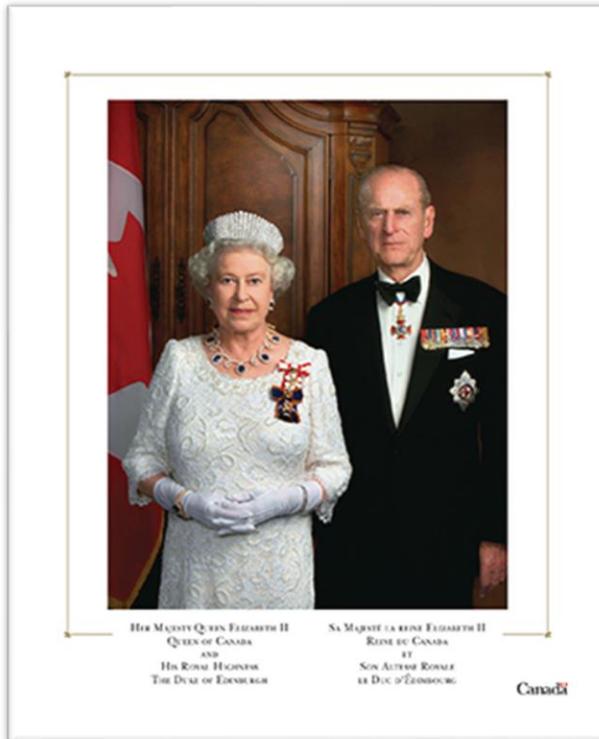
The official Canadian portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was taken at Windsor Castle in March 2019. Her Majesty is wearing her Canadian insignia, as Sovereign of the Order of Canada and the Order of Military Merit.

Digital version

[14 X 17 inches \(PDF format, 3.1 MB\)](#)

Print version

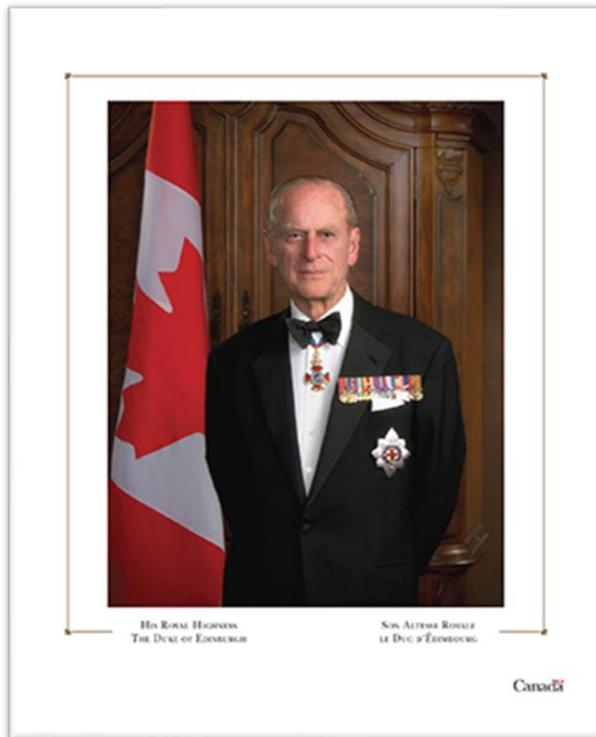
You can obtain a print version of the official Canadian portrait of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by placing an order online with [The Monarchist League of Canada](#), an independent organization. Shipping fees will apply.



The official Canadian portrait of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was taken during the 2005 Royal Tour of Canada, on the occasion of the celebrations marking the centennial of Saskatchewan and Alberta's entry into Confederation.

Digital version

[14 X 17 inches \(PDF format, 2.9 M\)](#)



The official Canadian portrait of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was taken during the 2005 Royal Tour of Canada, on the occasion of the celebrations marking the centennial of Saskatchewan and Alberta's entry into Confederation.

Digital version

[14 X 17 inches \(PDF format, 4.5 MB\)](#)

Lord Dorchester and the Dorchester Proclamation



This proclamation by Sir Guy Carleton, 1st Baron Dorchester, is not only the main reason that the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada exists but it set up land board and the foundation of good municipal government. Who was Guy Carleton and what exactly did this proclamation say?

Guy Carleton was born on September 3rd, 1724 in County Tyrone, Ireland. At the the age of seventeen in 1742, he was commissioned as an ensign into the British Army's 25th Regiment of Foot. This began a lifetime of service to the British army and a slow steady rise to the rank of Major General.

Carleton became friends with James Wolfe who, after Carleton has served in Flanders in 1747, recommended him as a guide to the 3rd Duke of Richmond on his tours of Flanders. Wolfe and Richmond both played important roles in his future career.

James Wolfe, now a Major General, was given command of the upcoming campaign against Quebec and appointed Carleton as the quarter-master general, given command of 600 grenadiers, responsibility for provisioning of the army and the placement of cannons for the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

Over the next few years, Carleton served in battles against the French and Spanish. Then on April 7th, 1766 Carleton was named acting Lieutenant Governor and Administrator of Quebec and commander-in-chief of troops stationed in Quebec. It is likely that the Duke of Richmond

who was now Secretary of State of North American colonies had some influence in the appointment.

Carleton returned to England for consultations in August 1770 and didn't return until 1772. While in England Carleton, age 48, married Lady Maria Howard age 19. They had 11 children, 9 boys and 2 girls. Of the seven boys that survived to adulthood six served in the army and one joined the church. Carleton and Maria returned to Quebec in 1774 to oversee the implementation of the Quebec act that was based on his recommendations.

The First Continental Congress denounced the Quebec Act as undemocratic and for allowing Catholics to hold civil service positions. In May 1775 Carleton received notice of the start of the rebellion. He sent two regiments to Boston leaving only 800 regular soldiers in Quebec. His attempt to raise a militia was unsuccessful as neither the ethnic French nor English residents were willing to join. The natives were willing to join but Carleton forbid any native action outside of Quebec.

Carleton directed the defence for the Battle of Quebec and the attack on Trois-Rivieres. He commanded British naval forces in the Battle of Valcour Island on Lake Champlain. Carleton now a Lieutenant General, asked to be relieved of command in 1777 and returned to England. In 1781 Carleton was back as commander-in-chief of the war effort, when informed in 1783 that Britain would grant the United States independence.

He met with George Washington to arrange the evacuation of New York according to the treaty of Paris. Carleton refused to return former slaves to the Americans but proposed a registry so that former owners might be compensated. He declared that it was a breach of faith not to honour the pledge of freedom for former slaves. He proposed a registry of all former slaves called the "Book of Negroes." The Americans agreed to this but as far as can be determined, compensation was never paid.

Carleton returned to England but was back to Quebec in 1778 as Governor-in-Chief. In August 1786 he was raised to the Peerage of Great Britain as the 1st Baron Dorchester. The Constitutional Act of 1791 split Quebec into Upper and Lower Canada with Sir Alured Clarke, Lieutenant Governor of Lower Canada and John Graves Simcoe, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada. Carleton left for Britain in August 1791 but was back in August 1793 to resume his duties. Robert Prescott was appointed as Carleton's replacement in 1796 and he sailed from Canada in July never to return.

Sir Guy Carleton, Lord Dorchester, died suddenly November 10th, 1808 at the age of 84.

Lord Dorchester's Proclamation

At the Council Chamber at Quebec,
Monday 9th . November 1789.
Present,

His Excellency the Right Hon^{ble}. LORD DORCHESTER.
The Hon^{ble}. WILLIAM SMITH, Esquire, Chief Justice.
HUGH FINLAY,) GEORGE POWNALL,)
THOS. DUNN,) HENRY CALDWELL,)
EDWD. HARRISON,) WILLIAM GRANT,)
JOHN COLLINS,) FRANCOIS BABY,) Esquires.
ADAM MABANE,) CHARLES DE LANAUDIERE,)
J.G.C. DELERY,) LE CTE. DUPRE',)

His Lordship intimated to the Council, that it remained a Question, upon the late Regulation for the Disposition of the Waste Lands of the Crown, whether the Boards, constituted for that Purpose, were authorized to make Locations to the Sons of Loyalists, on their coming of full Age and that it was his wish to put a Mark of Honour upon families who had adhered to the Unity of Empire, and joined the Royal Standard in America before the Treaty of Separation in the year 1783.

The Council concurring with His Lordship, it is accordingly ORDERED,

That the several Land Boards take Courfe for preserving a Registry of the Names of all Persons, falling under the aforementioned, to the End of their Posterity may be discriminated, from future Settlers, in the Parish Registers and Rolls of the Militia, of their respective Districts, and other Public Remembrancers (sic) of the Province, as proper Objects, by their preserving in the Fidelity and Conduct, so honourable to their Ancestors, for distinguished Benefits and Privileges.

And it is also Ordered, that the said Land Boards may, in every such Case, provide not only for the Sons of those Loyalists, as they arrive to Full Age, but for their Daughters also, of that Age, or on their marriage, affigning to each a Lot of Two Hundred Acres, more or less, provided nevertheless that they respectively comply with the general Regulations and that it shall satisfactorily appear, the there has been no Default in the due Cultivation and Improvements of the Lands already affigned to the Head of the Family, of which they are Members.

Williams C.C

Accompanying the resolution to London to be presented to the king, was attached a "Form of militia roll for the western districts to discriminate the families before mentioned" which included the following....

"N.B. Those Loyalists who have adhered to the unity of the Empire, and joined the Royal Standard 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."

Why did S used to look like f?

It may look like an "f," but that is a "long s" in "Congress." ... The long s can be traced back to Roman times when the lowercase s typical took an elongated form in cursive writing in Latin.

Time to Renew Your Branch Membership

There are two ways to renew –

- 1. Filling out the following form and mailing it to the address shown along with your cheque payable to **UELAC Edmonton Branch**
- 2. Use the online registration at <https://uelac.ca/> and use the electronic transfer option

**THE UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
EDMONTON BRANCH**

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM

Membership Form for Year commencing January 1, 2021

(Please Circle Appropriate Type)

NEW
RENEWAL
BRANCH ONLY

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

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ home _____ work _____ cell _____

E-Mail: _____

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

Edmonton Branch Individual & Institutional membership: (single) \$ 55.00 _____

Half-year Membership: (after June 30) \$ 30.00 _____

Edmonton Branch Student membership: (age 25 or less & full-time student) \$ 30.00 _____

Half-year Membership: (after June 30) \$ 15.00 _____

Edmonton Branch Family Membership: (list family members on back) \$ 75.00 _____

Half-year Family Membership: (list family members on back) \$ 35.00 _____

Friends of Edmonton Branch: \$ 15.00 _____

(Branch only membership ~ must be a member of another branch)

Gift to Edmonton Branch: _____

(for charitable tax receipt, donations must be sent directly to and processed by Dominion HQ, at
50 Baldwin St., Suite 202 Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1L4 Telephone: (416) 591-1783)

Late Payment on Renewal: (renewal after 31 December) \$ 5.00 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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

**UELAC Edmonton Branch
ATTN: Treasurer
PO Box 68029 Bonnie Doon
162 Bonnie Doon Shopping Cr
Edmonton, Alberta, T6C 4G0**

*Please make cheques payable to EDMONTON BRANCH UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
(DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL)*

Branch Use Only:

Cheque # _____ Cash: _____ Receipt # _____ card issued _____ date: _____

Membership: Individual (R/AF/AS): _____ Student: _____ Family: _____ Institutional: _____ Branch Only: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE BACK OF THIS FORM

(REVISED 14 November 2013)

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For Family Memberships: – Please list spouse and all family members living at same address:

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Do you possess any skills, or have an occupation, that would be of use to the Branch and be willing to volunteer your time and skills to the Edmonton Branch? (some examples: research, website maintenance, communications, organizing social events, sewing, teaching, public speaking, picture taking, writing, inserting clip art and pictures into documents, computer skills such as Word, Excel, Power Point, telephone committee work, etc.).

Are you willing to serve on the executive of the Branch? _____

What position might be most appealing to you? _____

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLIES TO YOU:

- I would like to attend meetings but need transportation to get there.
- I can offer transportation to meetings for local members who need it.
- I would be interested in giving a talk or presentation.
- I would be willing to assist others with their family researches.
- I would be willing to phone local members about branch activities.

Privacy Statement:

Effective January 1, 2004, all organizations that collect personal information about members are subject to Privacy Legislation. The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC), Edmonton Branch collects names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for members, spouses and children. This information will only be used by UELAC and Edmonton Branch to communicate with members through mail distribution of publications like the Loyalist Northern Lights and the Loyalist Gazette, through letters, through telephone and email. No membership information will be published in any publication or on any web site without written permission nor is information provided to any other organization or commercial entity. Any concerns you may have should be raised with a member of the executive or at a regular meeting.

Are you willing to have your name and personal information entered into the Branch database?

YES NO

For New Members:

Please let us know how you heard about the United Empire Loyalists' Association and the Edmonton Branch: (Circle any applicable)

Family members/ relations Friends Edmonton website Dominion Website Parades AGS
Business Contacts Peoples of the North Saskatchewan School Programs Other: _____

The information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge and reflects my wishes.

Submitted and signed by:

_____ Signature _____ Date

Membership Additional Information, please contact:

UELAC Edmonton Branch

ATTN: Membership Chair

E-mail: UEL.Edmonton@gmail.com

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UELAC Annual Conference

Conference planning is underway for the next three conferences. It is not too early for members to start planning to attend.

The first one coming up will be held in Cornwall, Ontario in May 2021. This may possibly be held as a virtual conference. Winnipeg is the site for the 2022 conference and Vancouver for 2023.

More details will be available as we get closer to the scheduled dates.

Show Your UELAC Pride

NEW UELAC PROMOTION ITEMS!

The 1812 Family Name Ribbon is perfect for honouring your 1812 Veteran. \$20.00 and includes 1 blank bar (holds up to 5 bars). Extra bars are \$2.00. Engraving can be done at your local engraver or done through promotions at 60¢ per letter.

Finally available again is the updated computer bag. With the new UELAC logo, and a padded section for your laptop, as well as another section for papers or booklets, this bag, at \$30.00, is perfect for the UELAC member on the go.

Stickers are now available!
3x7 \$2.50 and
1.5x2 \$1.00

TO ORDER CONTACT
PATRICIA GROOM UE:
PROMOTIONS@UELAC.ORG

Visit the [promotions page](#)

and place your order with Patricia Groom UE at

promotions@uelac.org

<http://www.uelac.org/promotion/catalogue.php#Books>



Description: Face mask adorned with the UELAC logo.

The masks are made in Markham, Ontario. Both the mask and the elastic are soft and comfortable to wear. The mask has a pocket to insert a filter. Filters are available at drug stores or online, for example at Amazon.

Cost: **\$10.00** ea. (tax included) — [How to place your order](#)

Shipping:

- in Canada: **\$3.00** (up to 3 masks)
- to USA: **\$5.00** (up to 3 masks)

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UEL Edmonton Executive 2020

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Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

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