

# 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 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.*



*"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."*



## President's Remarks:



I do hope all members are doing well and keeping well in these difficult times. With the promise of vaccines becoming more widely available, perhaps the Pandemic will finally be behind us and life will return to some kind of normal in the near future. It has been some time since I last put my fingers to the keyboard and there are items about which you should be informed hence this Special Edition. Please note we do need a Newsletter Editor.

First, let me express my appreciation and the gratitude of the executive to those who decided to donate their rebate funds from last year's registration to the Branch. The total funds donated amounted to some \$650.00 and was much valued. These funds will be used to continue programs and activities in the Branch.

Our Regional Vice President has called for nominations for her position and that of the Regional Councillor, as required each year before the Annual General Meeting of the Association. I have been asked to be the administrator and forward all nominations received from our Prairie Region Branches to Dominion Headquarters by 27 March. Currently both incumbents are allowing their names to stand for re-election. If there are any nominations from our Branch, please contact me and I will provide you with the information and forms required.

COVID restrictions have forced the Association to look at other means of communicating as an alternative to in-person meetings. One of these methods is Zoom, a procedure whereby many members can be present at a virtual meeting but physically distant in the same city or across the country. This has changed the way we think about meetings and Dominion as well as many Branches have already adopted the practice as a cost saving measure. Your Executive is looking into the costs associated and our ability to host such meetings. One concern that has been expressed is that this could further isolate the older, non-computer literate generation of our membership, something your executive is very hesitant to do. It is however much better than doing nothing at all. More will follow on this matter over the next few weeks.

Some time ago the late Vera Chisholm UE donated a banker's box filled with patterns for colonial clothing and for the last several years it has laid unused in the various repositories of the Branch. In trying to ensure this valuable resource gets utilized, I am looking for someone to take the box and perhaps help Branch members effectively create their own costumes for themselves and their children. If someone does not come forward, I believe the best course of action would be to offer the box to other Branches in the Association. My preference would be to see all the members of our Branch in period clothing during events.

On a final note, I wanted to let members know that my wife and I are moving to an acreage some distance west of the city. At this point it is unknown how this will affect the Branch as the speed of the internet at our new home may well determine the level of my participation in Branch activities. More on this to come.

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## Highlighting Branch Activities:

We have had little success in moving forward with the project of revising and expanding our book “*Loyalist Descendants to Alberta*” second edition. If this project is to move forward, we are in need of a coordinator to arrange the current files and work on the expansion of material from new and future members of the Branch in Alberta. This is a work in progress that needs your support.



## Financial Report:

**United Empire Loyalists Association  
Edmonton Branch  
Financial Statement  
Year Ending 2020**



**Opening Bank Balance**  
\$720.75

### INCOME

Dues	\$10.00	
Donations	\$35.00	
Penalty	\$10.00	
Ins. Rebate	\$82.50	
Certificates	\$210.00	
Certificates	\$430.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1477.50</b>	<b>\$1477.50</b>
		<b>\$2198.25</b>

### EXPENSES

UELAC Dues (Toronto)	\$375.00	
Insurance	\$450.00	
Certificates	\$210.00	
Bank Charges	\$113.77	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1148.77</b>	<b>\$1148.77</b>
		<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>
		<b>\$1049.48</b>

### ASSETS

1. GIC \$2734.28
2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE                      \$190.00 from Dominion                      E. Fladager  
Treasurer



## Certificates Presented:

Well, we have not done much in the way of presenting certificates this past year due to the pandemic, but we did manage to set a record for the number of applications submitted to Dominion office. Since 2010 we have applied for some 130 certificates, an average of 13 per year with a previous high of 20 in the years 2010 and 2012. Last year the number was 23, a new record high. Of that number 15 have yet to be presented.

## UELAC Promotions:

UELAC Medals for Loyalist Ancestors and War of 1812 Participants.  
Cost \$20.00 each including one bar, extra bars \$2.00 each.  
Contact [patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.groom.uel@gmail.com)



## GenFair Alberta 2021:

*Face masks* 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.

Colours available: White or Black — *Be sure to specify the colour[s] and the quantity of each when you order! Order from [UELAC.org](http://UELAC.org)*

Cost: \$10.00 ea. (tax included)

### **Shipping:**

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



## GENFAIR 2021

CELEBRATING THE PAST,  
THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**

SENIORS CENTRE, 5216 – 54 STREET, WETASKIWIN

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

**COST: \$20 PER PERSON – INCLUDES SPEAKERS,  
A CATERED LUNCH, SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS  
THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

**AGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—3 :00 PM.**

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## UELAC Conference & AGM:



### REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15, 2021





[www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021](http://www.uelbridgeannex.com/2021)







We're excited to announce that the interactive map for UELAC 2021 Conference & Historical Event is now LIVE!

You can explore all the EXPERIENCES we have in store through videos and/or information at each stop. We suggest starting at the WELCOME tab for conference schedule (downloadable),



Our ALL-ACCESS Pass makes UELAC 2021 fun & affordable.

#### UELAC 2021: Schedule of Events

	Time	Event
Thursday, May 27	8:30 am	Welcome to UELAC 2021! Expanded 2021 Website content (upload*)
	10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat
	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	UELAC Genealogists Meeting
	1:30 - 3:00 pm	UELAC Membership Chairs Meeting
	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Taste of New Johnstown: Cooking Demo (upload)
Friday, May 28	7:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Stuart Manson presents <i>Loyalist Cemeteries in Stormont, Dundas &amp; Glengarry</i> ; Q&A to follow <i>Registration Required</i>
	8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload/LIVE event)
	11:00 am - 2:00 pm	UELAC Annual General Meeting (AGM)
	8:30 am	Special Content on Military History (upload)
	10:00 am - 11:00 am	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Ask a Genealogist: 1-hour open LIVE chat
Saturday, May 29	3:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Virtual Tour Q&A onsite!   Cornwall & Stormont County (incl: the Lost Villages) <i>Registration Required</i>
	7:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Nathan Tidridge presents <i>The Relationship Between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Crown</i> ; Q&A to follow <i>Registration Required</i>
	8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload and/or LIVE)
	8:30 am	Special Content on Discover Your Loyalist Roots (upload)
	10:00 - 10:30 am	Church Service (upload)
Sunday, May 30	1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>LIVE Event:</b> In Conversation with Steve Fulton, Past-President Ontario Genealogical Society (OGS) Intermediate-Advanced Level; Q&A to follow <i>Registration Required</i>
	7:00 - 8:00 pm	<b>LIVE Event:</b> Jennifer DeBruin presents <i>Traitors, Spies &amp; Heroes: Loyalist Espionage during the American Revolution</i> ; Live Q&A to follow <i>Registration Required</i>
	8:30 pm	Legends, Lore & Haunted History (upload and/or LIVE)
	8:30 am	Special Content on Colonial History (upload)

\*All times listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST) | Schedule Subject to change | \*Upload to page stated

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

## Prairie Regional Conference:

Hi everyone,

I have been in conversation with Liz Adair regarding a plan to hold a Prairie Regional ZOOM meeting on Saturday, April 10th. We will plan to begin the meeting at 11:00 am CDT and keep our time together to a three-hour maximum.

Back in the day, we would meet over a weekend and it was wonderful to get together to share ideas, learn from some great presentations and most importantly enjoy time together. I have recently been looking back at the itineraries of our gatherings in Brandon, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Calgary and the interesting speakers and tours that we were privy to. Great memories!

Finances and distance have been roadblocks over the past number of years to those types of gatherings, but I feel strongly that it is important that we gather as a Region in whatever manner that is available to us. COVID (that we would like to see the back of sooner rather than later) has forced us to look at platforms such as ZOOM that enable us to meet in a safe and inexpensive manner.

Currently I am putting an agenda together and extending invitations to President Sue Hines and Senior VP Patricia Groom to offer presentations. It is my hope that as many members of our five Branches as possible will consider taking part.

More details will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendars, save the date, and encourage your Branch members to engage in the event.

Loyally,  
Barb Andrew  
Prairie Regional Vice-President



**NOTE: For Edmonton, this meeting will take place at 10:00 MDT on 10 April 2021.**

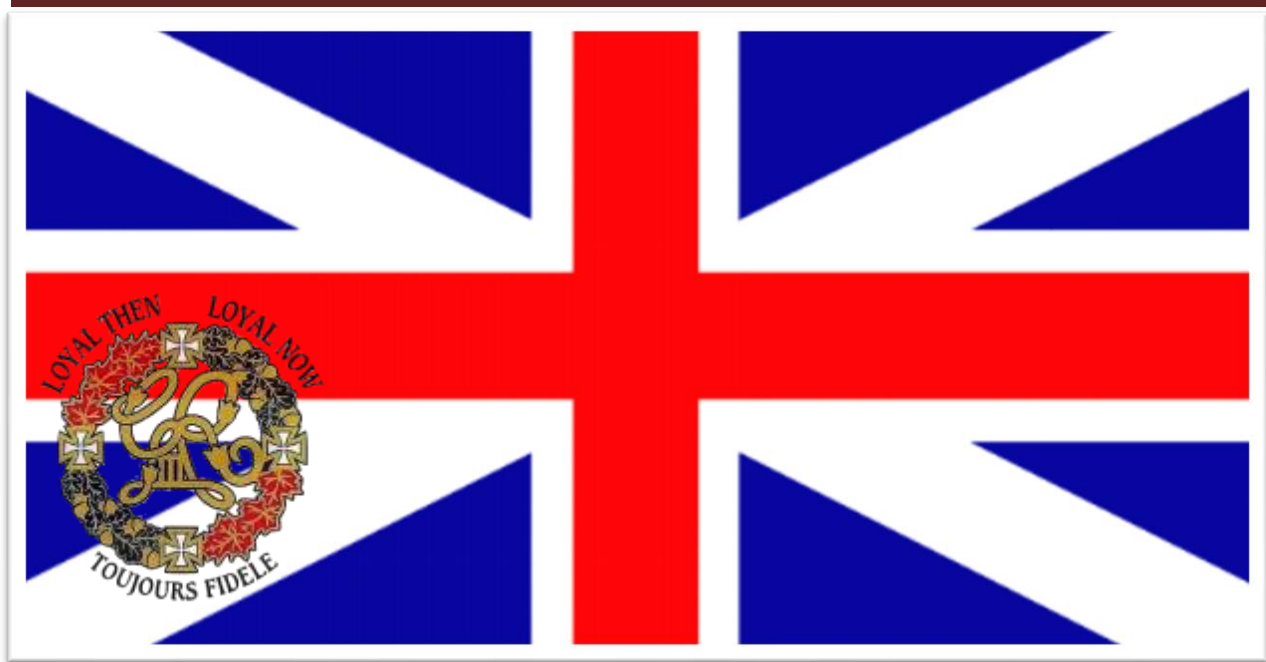
## Current Branch Statistics:

At this point our membership numbers are one member less than the total for last year and we are grateful for being able to retain members in spite of this COVID pandemic. We do have six members that did not renew from last year, but I am continuing the follow-up in case they still want to be members. At the same time, I wish to welcome five new members to the Branch: Stuart Loomis, Marcia McLean, Amber Richards, Jessie Snow, Richard Wood. I look forward to getting to know each of you when we eventually get to have face-to-face or Zoom meetings. For those who wish to become members, our application form is located on our web page [www.ueledmonton.ca](http://www.ueledmonton.ca)



	<u>2021 Membership</u>	<u>2020 Membership</u>
Individual Memberships:	25	26
Family:	13	13
Branch Friends	01	01
Total Memberships	39	40
Representing:	68	69 Members

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## UELAC Edmonton Executive

President: Robert J Rogers UE  
Vice President: Chris Rogers UE  
Past President: Len Thornton  
Secretary: Dorothy Rogers  
Treasurer: Earle Fladager  
Genealogist: David Rolls UE  
Newsletter: **Vacant**  
Membership: Betty Fladager UE  
Webmaster: Chris Rogers UE  
Social Committee:  
Dorothy Rogers & Gillian Rolls  
Projects: **Vacant**



***It's Still  
Winter***



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Alberta Genealogical Society: <http://www.abgenealogy.ca>

## Honourary Patron:

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

## UELAC Regional Representation:

*Prairie Vice President: Barb Andrews UE  
Prairie Councillor: Elizabeth Adair UE*

