



The Royal Canadian Legion - General Nelles Branch #124

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Branch 124's Fall/November Newsletter

Clubroom Hours Changes

We apologize for any inconvenience/confusion regarding the constant changes of times and protocols and appreciate your continued support as we navigate this revolving, difficult and unprecedented time.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm

Hours:

Sunday/Tuesday 2pm-6pm

Thursday/Friday 3pm-8pm

Saturday 2pm-8pm

Monday/Wednesday Closed

Clubroom Activities have been welcomed and are helping the members/branch deal with the isolation we're all feeling, by providing a safe place to see familiar faces.

Clubroom Current Covid Procedures

Newer, more restrictive protocols have come into effect as Niagara is now in Stage Orange-Restrict. Everyone entering our branch, must sign the Covid-19 register and use hand sanitizer, must also record what time you arrive and depart, as well as your contact number for tracing purposes. You must now give an attestation that you do not have any symptoms, have not been outside Canada in the last 14 days, and that you will be sitting with people from your household only. Members who live on their own may sit with a social caregiver. Masks must be worn at all times while inside the building, Only to be removed when you are seated at your table. Only one person at a time permitted in the washrooms. Tables are not to be moved or extra chairs added. Please follow the floor markers when going to the bar. Anyone who is NOT complying by the rules will be asked to leave. Please sanitize your hands at every opportunity, as there is a sanitizer at every table. Maximum of 50 people inside/outside the licensed area. We are all doing our very best to get through this trying time. If we all work together and follow these protocols, our Branch will continue to be a safe place to relax and enjoy each other's company.



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Ways & Means -

No more Saturday BBQs, Saturday Activities are ongoing. The BBQs were also welcomed by our Saturday patrons - members & their guests - this summer. A huge thank you to Paul, Moe, Richard, Diane and Linda (among others), for making it work.

Fish Fry

*Members can order inside the bar and eat-in or takeaway to skip the car line! Unfortunately, the bar has been suffering on Thursdays since the nice weather is out of season. Unsure how long the Fish Fry will be able to continue due to weather, we thank those who have supported us each week and encourage everyone to keep an eye out for more information on our Facebook Page.

Our Fish Fry is what is keeping our branch afloat, being able to survive winter.

#ShopLocal - Still Take Out, Drive Thru and Cash Only.

Hour Change - Now serving you a half hour earlier! 4pm - 630pm

Note: There will be NO Fish Fry on Dec 24th or 31st.

Financials

Being a branch that has been rebuilding our finances due to the financial strain of Covid this year, thanks to our Fish Fry, we are in a much better position than many other branches. Both of the Branch's Financial Reviews for the 2019-2020 year have been successfully completed/filed. Thank you to the Financial Review Committee of Lou Anne Cairns, Janet Abrahamse and John MacBeth for their assistance, and to Brad Kempston, Ken Moody, and Michelle Lemoine for their assistance as the Poppy Financial Review Committee. There is Funding available from Command from the Province we will be applying for. We will be applying for financing on renovating our Air Filtration System (approx. \$5,000). *Please be advised over the winter months the Executive will be reviewing a cost/income analysis on branch prices to ensure future profitability.



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Events

- Thanksgiving Ham & Turkey Roll is Cancelled (Covid) *alternatives being discussed
- Christmas Parade Event Day is Cancelled (due to Covid)
- New Years Levy --Stay tuned for more information

Merchandise - Available in the Bar or email Legion124@gmail.com to order! Masks Back in Stock for \$10 - Poppy Pins for \$2 and Winter Wears available to order.

Outreach -

Connections have been made with the local museum in regards to preparations and assistance with next year's Remembrance Service and Memories Project.

Winter / Christmas Plans - December is going to be much different than in past years. For several years now, we've had an incredible Christmas potluck, featuring tables loaded with all kinds of tasty treats courtesy of our members. Unfortunately, that won't be the case this year. With no live music events, the usual parties are also on hold. There may be a New Years Eve event, which might involve counting down the year! Details will be coming soon.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and help flatten that curve!

Membership - We are working to increase membership benefits, and please note that membership dues are mostly sent back to Command as approximately \$5 is withheld for branch initiatives. Membership dues are due for 2021 -Membership Dues are still \$40.00 (lowest around) and we are currently at 260 members! (\$47.50 one time fee - for new members) *Please Support Your Local Branches*

Recycling

We are trying to be responsible with our waste management and recycling and trying to divert what we can from the garbage. Beer & pop cans are sorted and returned for deposit or scrapped for weight. Donations are accepted - we will take your pop cans , empties and bottle cap collections. Thanks to Mark Gaspich for his help with returns. * Textile Waste Collections is also available behind the branch.



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Poppy

Looking for Committee members/volunteers for the 2021 Poppy Committee. Our Remembrance Service was Live-Streamed and can is still viewable on our Facebook Page or our Website at www.legion124.ca/Remembrance

Poppy Campaign *Please see Poppy Campaign Newsletter
(6 pages with photos!)

From the Padres of the RCL Branch 124

What a year we have had with so many things changed for all of us, one thing that stayed was our faith in the Lord.

With this in mind I have had calls to be part of the celebration of life for members and would like everyone to know that we are prepared to assist families with their needs in all matters, celebration of life, a wedding, Baptism.

The honorarium will be donated to the Legion to assist our members in need. We were part of the Remembrance events, both on Tuesday where the wreaths were placed at the cenotaphs in Queenston and Niagara on the Lake and both Padres, Judy and Sheldon were at the Remembrance Day at the Legion.

It was quite amazing that many who drove by stopped and stood a distance apart but became part of our moment of remembrance and prayer.

We are honoured to be a part of the Branch 124 group that serve our members and their spirit.

With Blessings,

Padre's Sheldon & Judy

Sports – While we are under Stage Orange there are no sports allowed to be played at the branch. Under Stage Yellow darts, pool, shuffleboard and cards will be allowed to resume.

Ladies Auxiliary - Going to be holding another one of their Christmas Gift Card Giveaways! This time with a Real Hand-Made Wreath, tickets available at the bar - to be drawn December 19th. (more to come for LA in December's Newsletter)



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Grants -

Rhys Beak is applying for both the funding available from the Government/Command as well as making a Trillium Fund application for the cost of renovating the branch with a proper lift for the second floor to be better accessible. Elizabeth is waiting for further response from funding applied before proceeding with Volunteers/Seniors Program.

Social Media -

We now have/had Two (2) Legion Branch Social Medias -
Please review the distinction:

Facebook **Page**:

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124 www.facebook.com/legion124

Official Branch/Business Information (ONLY Branch Posts) with 550+ Likes/Follows
*will say Posted directly by 'Royal Canadian Legion Branch 124'

AND

Facebook **Group**:

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Community Sharing/Commenting (NOT Branch Posts)

*any members can post/comment

-For such things as Remembrance Post sharing or relevant videos/info on FB.

*Small Public Group w/ 40+ members

Example: *will say Posted/Shared by Mo Pam's personal account

***Facebook Rules/Guidelines To Follow on next page**



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Legion Branch 124 Facebook Page/Group 4 Simple Participation Rules:

- 1. Be Kind and Courteous** We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.
- 2.No Hate Speech or Bullying** Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.
- 3. No Promotions or Spam** Give more than you take to this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed.
- 4.Respect Everyone's Privacy** Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group.

Branch Calendar

December 2020				Legion Br 124 - NOTL		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Clubroom Hours 2pm-6pm	2 Closed	3 Clubroom Open 3pm-8pm Fish Fry 4pm-630pm	4 Clubroom Open 3pm -8pm	5 Clubroom Open 2pm-8pm + Saturday Activities
6 Clubroom Open 2pm-6pm	7 Closed	8 Clubroom Hours 2pm-6pm	9 Closed Executive Meeting @ 1	10 Clubroom Open 3pm-8pm Fish Fry 4pm-630pm	11 Clubroom Open 3pm -8pm	12 Clubroom Open 2pm-8pm + Saturday Activities - No Parade
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20 Clubroom Open 2pm-6pm	21 Closed	22 Clubroom Hours 2pm-6pm	23 Closed No General Meeting	24 No Fish Fry Christmas Eve	25 Closed Christmas Day	26 Closed Boxing Day
27 Clubroom Open 2pm-6pm	28 Closed	29 Clubroom Hours 2pm-6pm	30 Closed	31 No Fish Fry New Year's Eve		