



ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING OF ORLEANS BRANCH 632
THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

April 21, 2015

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PRESENT: Comrades Ken Green, Marty Keates, Ray Plourde, Myles Gallant, Marta Nuijten, Jim Ferguson, Susan Ierfino, Bob Butt, Jeanine Mader, Len Marks, Jacques Levesque, Vern Veinot, Paul Larocque, David Ballman, Frank Stacey, Garth Mader, Betty Ringrose, Jean Beck, Barb Johns and Manager Tom Peel

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Comrades Steve Sauve, Jim Grant, Manon Pilote, Bob MacDonald, Bud Dion, Wendy Fortier and Doc Hopper

PLEASE LIST OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING ATTACHED

1. Call to Order & Opening Ceremonies as per Legion Ritual

Comrade Ken Green called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Chairman:

- a. *The meeting will come to order*
- b. *Comrades, please stand*
- c. *We will now sing "O Canada"*
- d. *Before we proceed to the consideration of the business that has brought us together, let us pause to think reverently of those of our comrades who by sea, by land and in the air, laid down their lives for their Sovereign and their country. Their sacrifice will ever inspire us to labour on, to the end that those who survive and need our aid may be assured of our assistance, and that the country in which we live, and for which they died may ever be worthy of the sacrifice they made.*
- e. *During The Silence, we will remember our fallen comrades and those who have passed on since we last gathered together.*
- f. *The Silence (Moment of Silence)*
- g. *The Act of Remembrance* **Chairman:**

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Members: *We will remember them.*

Chairman: *Please be seated, I now declare the meeting open.*

2. Motion for Deviation from the agenda / Initiation of New Members

This action was deferred to later in the meeting.

3. Sgt-at-Arms attendance report and announcement of guests.

There were 71 Branch Members, 19 Executive Members and 1 Guest present. Please see list attached.

4. Roll Call

The roll was called with 16 of 19 voting members present.

5. Minutes of the last General Meeting, Executive Meeting(s) and any Special General Meeting held since the last General Meeting.

The minutes of the last General meeting held in January 2015 were sent out for review. Any and all errors and omissions were noted and once approved a copy will be placed in the binder upstairs.

Comrade Marta Nuijten moved the approval of the minutes of the January General Meeting be accepted. Seconded by Jeanine Mader.

CARRIED

6. Business arising from the Minutes and unfinished business

There was no business arising from the previous General Meeting.

7. President's Annual Report (Comrade Ken Green)

Comrade Ken Green thanked everyone for coming out to this General Election Meeting.

This past year as your President has been a challenging one and a big learning experience and I wish to thank the Executive for their assistance.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and seconded by Comrade Frank Stacey that the President's report be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

8. Treasurer's Report

a. **Break Open Tickets** (Comrade Jim Grant)

No report at this time

b. **Financial Statements** (Comrade Myles Gallant)

Please see Financial page attached.

Moved by Comrade Myles Gallant and Seconded by Comrade Jeanine Mader that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented – subject to audit - **CARRIED**

9. Deviation -

Comrade Ken Green introduced Deputy Zone Commander Shirley Munroe who will preside over our elections this evening.

We will now proceed with the election of the Orleans Legion Branch 632 Executive.

The results of the election are:

President – Comrade Marty Keates

1st Vice - Comrade Len Marks

2nd Vice - Comrade Ray Plourde

3rd Vice - Myles Gallant

Secretary - Comrade Sherri McInnis

Treasurer – Comrade Sandy Dewar

Executive Members Comrades Jeanine Mader, Garth Mader, Bud Dion, Chris Huck, Kim Levesque, Margo Tremblay, Paul Larocque and Neil Wolf.

10. Correspondence : (Comrade Marta Nuijten)

There have been 59 emails from Comrades Kathy Johnston and Blaine Kiley, as well as notifications announcing various events held at and sponsored by other local Branches. All items have been copied and placed in the correspondence binder and stored on the off-site thumb drive.

11. Chairman Reports under President (Comrade Ken Green)

a. **Memorial Walk** (Comrade Frank Stacey)

One more stone has been purchased and should be here within the next week. There will be a Dedication/Re-dedication Service on 02 May 2015 at 1:00pm. All the folks who have stones now have been called to let them know about the Service. Please pass the date and time along to anyone you may know or come in contact with.

b. **Service Officer** (Comrade Frank Stacey)

This will be the last report for this term. I have enjoyed working with members and veterans to assist in filling out applications for Veterans' Affairs. So far, I have helped 39 Veterans and 5 widows. Sixteen Veterans were helped in their homes. At Christmas, I assisted one Veteran who was suffering from PTSD. At Christmas, I had very nice visits with Veterans and helped them have a good Christmas. I took one Veteran and his family to visit and tour the Perley Rideau Veteran Health Centre. While touring the Centre, this Veteran met another Korean War Veteran that he had worked with in Korea and had not seen him since then! Lest we Forget.

c. **Ladies Auxiliary** (Comrade Wendy Fortier)

At our Meeting last week, Frank Allard was our guest speaker. He attended, along with his wife and his dog Molly to speak about and answer some of our questions about his experience with his Service Dog helping him with his PTSD. The Ladies would like to make a contribution to PAWS, the group which helped him and helps others with PTSD obtain service dogs. Many thanks to Jim Ferguson for setting up this event for us. We enjoyed it very much.

On that note, at the Honours and Awards in May we will be making a donation to the Branch which we hope you will enjoy. We know you will use it to do whatever is most needed but we would like to suggest buying some coat racks as the present ones are in very bad shape and make a poor first impression, and we would so much like a fridge downstairs that we could use for our Tea and Remembrance Day as we always have trouble on these days. At Honours and Awards we will also present the award to our Lady of the Year.

This weekend Lucie Goderre and I will attend our Zone Convention in Stittsville. Next month we will hold our elections. Jim Ferguson will be our scrutineer - many thanks again Jimmy. The LA will have a new President.

d. **Branch Manager** Tom Peel)

Nothing to report at this time.

e. **Housing** (Comrade Garth Mader)

Since March I have been busy converting lights to LED and moving dimmer switches behind the bar to a more accessible location.

We have been able to take advantage of the 60% discount on light bulbs as a result of the Target store closing sale.

f. **Entertainment** (Comrade Ken Green)

I am in the final stages of arranging entertainment for the balance of the year. Thank you to the members for their feedback regarding the quality of the groups performing.

This is about 90% complete and I had to recently deal with 2 last minute cancellations which were filled fairly quickly.

I will be stepping down as Entertainment Chairman but will be willing to get the incoming Chairman up to speed.

g. Poppy Chair (Comrade Susan Ierfino)

Thank you to everyone for your support during my time as Poppy Chair especially Comrades Barb Johns, Jean Beck, and Jim Duncan. I will be stepping down as Chair and remind everyone (in particular the incoming Poppy Chair) that the campaign starts in August so it is up and running smoothly in October.

h. Poppy Trust (Comrade Barb Johns)

To date, \$112,246.78 has been received and deposited in the Poppy Trust Fund Account.

As at February 28, 2015 all Poppy Invoices received and confirmed have been paid for a total of \$28,271.36

Including all outstanding cheques, the balance in the Poppy Trust Fund Account is \$89,601.29. All cheques for the large donations, approved at the last general meeting, have been written.

They include:

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| • Army Cadets | \$ 5,910 |
| • Air Cadets | \$ 5,910 |
| • MFRC | \$ 5,000 |
| • Ont. Command Homeless Vets | \$ 5,000 |
| • Zone G-5 Hospital Visits | \$ 2,000 |
| • Zone G-5 Poems, Essays | \$ 500 |
| • Ont. Command Charitable Fund | \$ 5,000 |
| • Ont. Service Bureau Assistance Fund (PSO- Eastern Region) | \$15,000 |
| • Shepherds of Good Hope | \$ 2,000 |
| • Ottawa Mission | \$ 2,000 |
| • Salvation Army | \$ 2,000 |

For total donations of **\$50,320.00**

The Independent Financial Review of last year's Poppy Trust Account ending September 30, 2014 is now underway, but has not yet been received.

I will be stepping down as Poppy Trust Treasurer but will be participating in the review of the books which will take place in September.

i. Kitchen (Comrade Ken Green)

Peter has started preparing breakfast now on Saturday mornings and while there are a couple of bugs to iron out things are going well. Peter is looking @the furniture warehouse for a large fridge/freezer which he has found for \$1500.00. We are waiting to hear the outcome of his shopping.

Comrade Ken is waiting to hear from the Breakfast Club as to how their efforts had done financially.

j. Breakfast Club (Comrade Ken Green)

We are waiting to hear from the Breakfast Club how successful their endeavours were on behalf of the Branch.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and Seconded by Comrade Jacques Levesque that the reports of the Committees under the President be accepted as presented - **CARRIED**

12. Chairman Reports under Past President (Comrade Jim Ferguson)

a. Future Planning Committee

Nothing to report at this time

b. Election Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

Moved by Comrade Jim Ferguson and Seconded by Marta Nuijten that the reports of the Committees under the Past President be accepted as presented. – **CARRIED**

13. Chairman Reports under 1st Vice President (Comrade Marty Keates)

a. Bylaws, Regulations and Rules (Comrade Bud Dion)

Nothing to report at this time.

b. Training and Organizational Development (Comrade Bud Dion)

Nothing to report at this time.

c. Inventory (Comrade Paul Larocque)

Comrade Paul Larocque advised that the inventory of the building is up-to-date; however the shed and trailer have yet to be completed. These will be done in the next couple of weeks.

d. Scrapbook (Comrade Betty Ringrose)

Comrade Betty Ringrose continues to work on the Scrapbook. All comrades in charge of an event are requested to forward a copy of their poster, some pictures and a short write-up to Comrade Betty.

e. Hospital Visiting (Comrade Bob Butt)

Cards have been sent to Diane Bowles, Robbie Robertson, and the Harper and Benic families, Jeannine St. Louis, Angie Hendrick and Marta Nuijten

f. Banner (Comrades Sandy Dewar and Marta Nuijten)

Our volunteer editor, Comrade Sandy Dewar, continues to work on the Banner. All comrades in charge of an event are requested to forward a copy of their poster, some pictures and a short write-up to both Comrade Sandy and Comrade Marta. Next deadline is May 15th, 2015.

g. Veterans & Aging (Comrade Marty Keates)

Nothing new has taken place – I am still trying to arrange last of Christmas deliveries to Blackburn Lodge and Madonna Nursing Home as a result of outbreaks and my recent illness.

We are responsible for the Bingo at the Perley on May 6, 2015. We are required to bring a cake and volunteers. The LA and Mader's Rangers will be volunteering. May 20th is pub Night. Comrade Gord Atkinson and some of the Jamboree folks will be providing entertainment while the LA and Legion volunteers will assist with the "comforts" and the snacks. All volunteers are requested to be at the Perley by 6:30pm for both events.

h. Legion Seniors (Comrade Marty Keates)

The Legion Seniors are very active – Recently they had a beef-stew dinner, followed by an afternoon of military whist. Two weeks ago they had an outing to a Sugar Bush and the St. Albert Cheese factory.

Moved by Comrade Marty Keates and Seconded by Comrade Paul Larocque that the reports for the Committees under the 1st Vice be accepted as presented – **CARRIED**

14. Chairman Reports under 2nd Vice President (Comrade Ray Plourde)

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Comrade Ken Green for his hard work and dedication to the day-to-day running of the Branch.

a. Cadet Liaison (Comrade Vern Veinot)

Air Cadets – On March 10th President Ken Green presented Major McCauley with a cheque from the Poppy Fund. The Air Cadets will hold their final parade at the Navan Arena on May 30th.

Army Cadets – On April 15th Comrade Vern Veinot present Major Sloan with a cheque from the Poppy Fund. The Army Cadets will hold their final parade on June 7th, at the Cumberland arena.

b. Honours and Awards (Comrades Jim Ferguson and Bob MacDonald)

The selection of those receiving awards has been completed and all forms sent to Zone, District and province.

The awards presentations will take place on 3 May 2015 in the upper lounge. The format for the event is as follows.

1200hrs Bursary Awards

1300hrs (1PM) LA Awards

1400hrs (2PM) Legion Awards (from March)

c. Youth Education (Comrade Jeanine Mader)

We were able to present an award to a student who had been unable to attend the April 8th presentations.

d. Membership (Comrade Jacques Levesque)

Nothing to report at this time.

e. Bursary (Comrade Jean Beck)

27 applications were received of which 20 were approved for financial assistance, Letters have been sent to the unsuccessful applicants.

A request for cheques for the successful applicants has been requested from the Poppy Trust Fund and covering letters for those 20 cheques will be prepared for presentation on May 3, 2015.

f. **Sgt.-at-Arms** (Comrade David Ballman)

Nothing to report at this time.

g. **Bar Officer** (Comrade Len Marks)

The inventory was completed on April 1st and the value reported to the treasurer. The final inventory will be done on June 1st. Thank you to Ken Pierce, Wayne Edwards, Paul Larocque and Jim Grant who braved the cold in the refrigerators to conduct the counts.

Moved by Comrade Ray Plourde and Seconded by Comrade Ernie Robichaud that the reports of the Committees under the 2nd Vice be accepted as presented. - **CARRIED**

15. **Chairman Reports under 3rd Vice President** (Comrade Steve Sauve)

a. **Public Relations** (Comrades Jean Beck and Myles Gallant)

Comrade Jean Beck stated she hadn't had much luck on events postings as she has not been receiving pertinent information as to start and end dates etc.

b. **Special Events** (Comrade Manon Pilote)

Peter Loan will be serving a Mother's Day brunch with two sittings and there will be Canada meals as well. Please watch for more information

c. **LA Liaison** (Comrade Jim Ferguson)

Nothing to report at this time

d. **Sports** (Comrade Steve Sauve)

Nothing to report at this time.

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and Seconded by Comrade Jim Ferguson that the reports of the Committees under the 3rd Vice be accepted as presented. – **CARRIED**

16. **Reports of Special Committees (if any)**

No special committee reports.

17. Motions or Special Business for which Notice was previously given (if any)

None.

18. General and New Business - to include matters respecting of the Legion or the Branch

The Knights of the Round Table will be conducting their annual ceremony at the Residence St. Louis to commemorate the crash of an Air Force jet into the building which resulted in many deaths both civilian and military. All are welcome to attend this ceremony. Comrade Bob Clarke requested Legion assistance for this annual event. Comrade Ray Plourde spoke in support of this request.

Comrade Padre Bill Regler spoke of the "Wreaths Across Canada" project and that they are looking for an Ottawa coordinator for Beechwood Cemetery. Please see Padre Bill Regler for more information.

Comrade Jim Ferguson brought to the attention of the meeting that in accordance with the Branch and Legion Bylaws the for the nominees positions of President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, and 3rd Vice must have been on a previous Executive in order to be elected. Comrade Jim now leaves the Executive and congratulates the exiting and incoming Executives.

Comrade Ken Green spoke about our financial situation and that our Provincial Member of Parliament Marie-France Lalonde had been approached regarding the hydro bill in particular and she has agreed to investigate on our behalf. She will also be investigating the fact that we are constantly receiving "estimated" readings despite the automatic device located on the premises which should be providing the exact information monthly.

The Provincial Convention will be in Niagara Falls this May and 4 members will be attending. Two members supported by the branch and two members supported by Zone and District respectively.

Thank you to Jim Ferguson for all his support over the past year.

Congratulations to all the new Executive.

19. Tabling of Notices of Motion (if any)

None.

20. Installations

Comrade Shirley Munroe and Comrade Doug Munroe proceeded with the installation of the new Executive

Moved by Comrade Ken Green and seconded by Comrade Frank Stacey that the Sgt-at-Arms destroy the ballots. - **CARRIED**

21. Motion for Adjournment

Moved by Comrade Sandy Dewar and seconded by Comrade Bob Butt that the meeting be adjourned. - **CARRIED**

22. Closing Ceremony

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ceremony at 8:56 pm.

Chairman:

- a. *The meeting will stand at attention.*

- b. *The business of this meeting being concluded let us, as we part, remember our duty to our Branch, our comrades, our country and our Sovereign. May we ever strive to promote unity and the spirit of comradeship, never forgetting the solemn obligations we have assumed as members of The Royal Canadian Legion and remembering them, may we ever pray.*

Members:

- c. *Lord God of Hosts,
Be with us yet,
Lest we forget,
Lest we forget.*

Chairman:

- d. *We will now sing "God Save the Queen"*

- e. *I now declare this meeting closed.*

April 21/15.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 632
Cash Position as at April 20, 2015 Close of Business

Cash	TD Bank Debit Machine	\$181.37
	Scotia Bank General Account	\$6,630.60
	Scotia Bank Savings Account	<u>\$4,560.08</u>
	Available to pay bills	<u>\$11,372.05</u>
	Scotia Bank Allocated Account	<u>\$42,867.00</u>
	Total Cash	<u><u>\$54,239.05</u></u>

Note: Included in Allocated is a
Government Grant of \$24,459.00

Loan The loan is currently at \$315,122 in April declining at a rate
of \$1,994.44 per month.

Hall Rentals The lower hall has 21 Saturday rentals booked from the beginning
of May to the end of October. This is 77% occupancy.
There are 6 Saturdays available for rent
The hall rents for \$625.00 including set up before bartender costs and HST.
There are other days rented also but Saturday is the most profitable with
Wedding Receptions, Anniversaries, Birthdays etc

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General Membership in Attendance

Gord Atkinson
Jean-Claude Boily
Diane Bowles
Earl Campsail
Richard G. Currie
Lucie Goderre
Herman Gordon
Lena Harrison
Michael G. Harrison
Michel L. Jacob
Kenneth P. Lehman
Errol E. Patrick
Frank J. Pelletier
William A. Reed
William Regler
Judy Rousson
Robert E. Ruthvan
Elizabeth Sauve
Barbara A. Shier
June Smith
Mike Weiss
Stephan Plourde
John E. Andrews
Nancy Ballman
Jacques Beaudet
Mac Casselman
Robert Clarke
John M. Daley
Gilbert DesBecquets
Sandy Dewar
John J. Donnelly
Gayle Downing
Bill Gloss
Marie Green
George C. Hamilton
John Heyden
Stuart s. G. Higdon
Harry B. A. Hopps

Betty E. Jackson
Donald R. Johns
Christine Kennedy
Gerry Keough
Kimberley Levesque
Allan D. MacDonald
Frances MacDonald
Mark A. MacNamara
Suzanne Marks
Stan Martens
Donna McCloskey
David McElrea
Sherri McInnis
Molly M. A. Miller
Hugh Morrison
Cynthia G. Muir
Wayne D. Phillips
Kenneth W. Pierce
Andrew Proulx
Ross E. Reed
Ernest E. Robichaud
Bob R. C. Sabourin
Jennie E. Sabourin
Garnet F. Sauve
Ray M. St. Louis
Jeannine St. Louis
William G. Sundman
Chuck Taylor
Kenneth Vowles
Robert M. Wadden
George A. Williston
Neil E. Wolf
Laura Young
William Young

