



**Newsletter of the
Steinbach Branch #190
April 2017**

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- Thursday April 20th:** **7:00pm Paint Night Fundraiser with Colleen Watchorn**
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- Saturday April 29th:** **8:30am-11:30am Pancake Breakfast**
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- Monday May 1st:** **7:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
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- Tuesday, May 2nd:** **7:30 pm Branch General Meeting**
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- Saturday May 13th:** **9:00 am – 3:00 pm Ladies Auxiliary Craft and Bake Sale**
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- Wednesday May 24th:** **7:00pm Paint Night Fundraiser with Colleen Watchorn**

2017 Branch Executive and Committee Chairs

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Welcome Back to all our snowbirds. We missed you and look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting or one of our planned events. Or just stop by to say hello because.....

Marguerite Cote has volunteered to open the hall every Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's been quite amazing how many people just stop by to view the kitchen and hall, or call about services and rentals. When she has time, Marguerite also cleans, sets up for rentals, takes deliveries and more. We are very grateful for her volunteer services and can't thank her enough!!

NEW COMMERCIAL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT



After successfully applying for a Grant from MB Agriculture, we have purchased a new stand-up freezer, a large mixer, and a sheeter (this rolls out pizza or perogy dough, etc.) for our commercial kitchen. Many thanks must be extended to the great folks at MB Agriculture (Joy Lorette, Jayne Kjaldgaard) for the advice and support in making this all come together. The Ladies Auxiliary also applied for a Grant with MB Ag to purchase new commercial ovens, and hope to hear soon whether their application has been successful. These Grants are not free, as they only cover 75% of the purchase costs. The LA have agreed to pay the remaining 25% on both Grants. Further to the kitchen upgrades, we have received instructions from the Health Inspector that the floors in the kitchen must be replaced. The Branch will cover the cost of replacing the floors.

We have already received multiple enquiries about rentals of our commercial kitchen. Many commercial kitchens in Winnipeg are rented overnight and we're told there is a very real shortage of availability – so we are hopeful that we will see a big increase in kitchen rentals.



SICK & VISITING



It is in great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Cde. Lehman. As many of you may recall Cde. Lloyd Lehman had received the Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour Medal in May 2017 at the Steinbach Legion.



With heartfelt sadness, we announce the passing of Cde. John Richard Baker, much loved husband, dad and grandpa, and long-time legion member.

WAYS AND MEANS

Paint Nights have been very successful and we will be hosting more. The next one is on Thursday, April 20th, led by Colleen Watchorn. Come on out for wine and paint and a wonderful time!



We will be holding another **Meat Draw**. Last year was a great success, so watch for more on this. Who doesn't need BBQ supplies, with the weather warming up!!!

Cribbage is back up and running. Tables have been full. The cribbage night for April 21st has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Watch the event sign on the hall, the website, or our Facebook page for upcoming dates.

We are currently planning on a **Veterans Evening** on June 2nd. The plans are not yet finalized but will include entertainment (you won't want to miss it!!!!). Information will be coming out as soon as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

There have been some problems with missing 2017 membership cards. Dominion Command has advised us that there is a new process for printing membership cards when dues are not received by June. If you are missing your 2017 membership card and your dues are currently up to date, contact Darryn and he will arrange for a card to be issued. If you are waiting for your 2017 card to pay your dues, you must pay prior to receiving it. All dues paid by June will automatically have a 2018 membership card issued with the renewal cards.



Welcome new Members
Cde. Tammy Spicer and
Cde. Jamie Bilbey

LEGION SUPPLY ORDERS



In honour of Canada 150, RCL has issued a commemorative Canada 150 medal that is available for the low purchase price of \$25. You can take a look at <http://www.legion.ca/members/shop/> .

Please contact Rob if you are interested in buying one. They really are beautiful!

LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding their annual spring Craft and Bake Sale on May 13, 2017 from 9am-3pm. Homemade and handcrafted products and all day canteen featuring hot meals and freshly baked pies!

BOOKINGS



Bookings – March was very busy for bookings! We are always looking for volunteers to open, set up, close and clean for renters, so please give Jen or Audrey a call if you are available.

We have also developed a list of members who are willing to help out and will be giving them a call on those dates we need them.



to everyone who has put their name forward.

100 YEARS SINCE THE VICTORY AT VIMY RIDGE



The Canadian Corps attacked Vimy Ridge 100 years ago. The German position had successfully resisted earlier Allied attacks, and it was heavily defended. But the Canadians took the ridge and in the process made the Corps' great reputation.

By 1917, Canadians had been fighting for two years. The raw levies that held the Germans off at Ypres in April 1915 now were experienced soldiers. But the key to the success at Vimy came when Byng sent General Arthur Currie of the First Canadian Division to study the methods of the French. Currie learned they emphasized reconnaissance and used air photos extensively, distributing them widely. When they attacked, their objectives were geographical features, and the French rehearsed their tactics. Currie recommended the Canadians, like the French, follow suit. In the battle for Vimy Ridge, Currie's ideas played the decisive role.

Every man at Vimy knew his task. Pte. Ronald MacKinnon of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry wrote to his father:

"We have a good bunch of boys to go over with and good artillery support so we are bound to get our objective alright. I understand we are going up against the Prussian Guards."

When the assault troops went over the top at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Monday, they attacked in snow and sleet, the wind driving into the enemy lines. Their attack began with "the most wonderful artillery barrage ever known in the history of the world," one officer wrote. Behind the barrage, the men moved forward over the badly broken ground, "now walking over the open in all directions," wrote Padre F.G. Scott. "German prisoners were being hurried back in scores."

Stunned by the Canadians' success, the Germans retreated. The Corps, having sustained 10,602 casualties, dug in after a gain of 4,500 yards.

Byng received a promotion to command Britain's Third Army. Replacing him was the 41-year-old Currie, the first Canadian to command Canada's army in the field.

J.L. Granatstein OC, FRSC

Historian J.L. Granatstein is former director of the Canadian War Museum

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Correspondence

At the April General Meeting it was noted that we will be putting all correspondence on the website to save time and paper. If there are important items that need discussing at the meeting this will still be brought up for discussion.

