



## Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



# Newsletter

## December 2024

**Winter has arrived; this is a good time to look back  
on our Branch different activities in 2024**

### Branch Reports

#### Activities Report:

- Our Branch was the sponsor of the 2024 Marion L. Phelps Lecture Series, a series of six lectures held by the Brome County Historical Society in January and February and given by historian Jimmy Manson. It was a success and as agreed Jimmy had as subject "The Loyalists" for one of the lectures. Our Branch will again be the sponsor for the 2025 Marion L. Phelps Lecture Series.
- On June 6, 7 and 8, 2024, branch member Michel Racicot and second-branch member Holly Haimerl participated at the 2024 UELAC Conference held in Cornwall, Ontario.
- The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and Luncheon was held on Saturday, June 12, 2024, at the Odd Fellows' Lodge in Knowlton, QC. Twenty-six members and guests were present for the luncheon which started at 12:15 p.m. followed by the Annual General Meeting.
- Reprint of the book "The Loyalists of Quebec-1774-1825-A Forgotten History" – first published in 1989 by Heritage Branch-Montreal. 300 copies of the book were reprinted and so far, more than 175 copies have been distributed to members, historical societies, libraries, etc. A few bookstores have the book on sale. In 2023, our Branch had reprinted 500 copies of the third edition of the book "Loyalist of the Eastern Townships" first published by our Branch in 1984 and reprinted in 1992. More than 300 copies have already been distributed. Branch member Ross Gledhill took charge of both projects by making the necessary arrangements with the printer and the distribution of both books.
- Branch members Arlene Royea and Ross Gledhill represented the Branch at the Townshippers' Festival that took place on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at the Brome County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- On Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the Odd Fellows' Lodge in Knowlton, QC, twenty-six members and friends participated at our Fall Luncheon. Our guest speaker was Heather Darch UE, project manager of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) and retired curator of the Missisquoi Museum. Heather gave us with a very interesting PowerPoint presentation based on her years of research on St. Armand's Black Community, presentation titled "In the Shadow of the Rock – Finding the Black Community of Missisquoi Bay".

### Membership Report:

- In 2024, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch had a total of 51 members: 42 regular members and 9 second-branch members.

### Genealogist Report:



New branch member Nolan Waterhouse's UE Certificate Application was approved on July 28, 2024, proving his line to Loyalist Philip Cook Sr. Congratulations Nolan!

**Genealogist Michel Racicot presenting to Nolan Waterhouse UE, his certificate.**

### Branch Project:

- An ongoing project is the upkeep of Sir John Johnson Burial Vault and site at Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Québec.

## In Memoriam

**This year we lost a dear friend, let us not forget him.**

We were saddened to hear the passing of our dear friend **Anthony Howard Eldridge UE**, an excellent amateur historian, on September 22, 2024, at the age of 86. Tony was a descendant of Loyalist Robert McGinnis. Our deepest sympathies to the Eldridge family.



*As the New Year approaches us, we wish all of you a Wonderful 2025. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and friendship over the years.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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## UELAC

### 2024-2025

Honorary President: **Sir Guy Johnson UE** Winchester, England

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Kathryn Jill Hodgson Heyligen  
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#### WEBSITES

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| Sir John Johnson Centennial | <a href="http://www.uelac.org/SirJohnJohnson">http://www.uelac.org/SirJohnJohnson</a> |
| UELAC Membership Website    | <a href="https://uelac.ca/">https://uelac.ca/</a>                                     |
| UELAC Website               | <a href="http://www.uelac.ca">www.uelac.ca</a>  |

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