



Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch
The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada



Newsletter

December 2021

Message from the President

For a second year in a row, the activities of our Branch have been greatly affected by the pandemic, and for a second year in a row, the board of directors of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch had to take the decision to postpone our 53rd Luncheon and Annual General Meeting that was originally planned to be held last June. We then looked at the possibility of holding our annual meeting in virtual mode but this solution proved to be quite simply impractical for many of our members and some of our directors.

As sanitary conditions seem to be improving, we tried to organize our general meeting during the fall months. It was to be a face-to-face meeting with a hot meal served at the table. Unfortunately, we once again encountered difficulties and yet again took the decision to postpone this activity until next Spring. We are hoping that physical gatherings will then be safer. You will be informed as soon as new plans are made and it is with great pleasure that you will be invited to participate.

I would like to thank all our members who have remained faithful to our Branch and all those who have joined us in these difficult times. Your support is greatly appreciated. We have now reached the time of the year when you can renew your membership. It can be done directly online at <https://uelac.ca/> or by mailing your cheque to our membership chair Adelaide Lanktree.

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Let us hope that 2022 will bring better days to all of us**

Michel Racicot, President

Message from the Genealogist

In 2021, one of our members obtained his UE Certificate.

On 20 April, the certificate application of **Craig Stephen Donais** UE, proving his Loyalist lineage to **Abner Wolcott**, was approved by the Dominion genealogists. Abner Wolcott was a Loyalist from Vermont. He hauled provisions for the British army. Taken prisoner in 1777, his property was confiscated. In 1778, Wolcott escaped to Canada. The certificate was mailed to Craig.

Congratulations Craig !

Michel Racicot, Genealogist

Membership Report

In 2021, Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch had a total of **59** members,
i.e. 52 regular members and 7 second-branch members
Thank you very much for this great support in this most difficult time.

Jo-Ann Savage UE

Recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Seniors Medal

In May 2020, our Branch treasurer, Jo-Ann Savage UE, received from the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec the "Seniors Medal" for her sustained voluntary action and her contribution to the well-being of her community.

Congratulations Jo-Ann!



Evelyn Lewis celebrated her 100th Birthday

Evelyn Beban Lewis, long-time member of Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch and for several years our Branch secretary, celebrated on 20 April 2021, her 100th Birthday Anniversary. On that day, Evelyn received hundreds of birthday wishes including greetings from the Prime Minister of Canada and also from the Queen. It was a birthday she will never forget.



In Memoriam

Carol Joyce Sager Soule UE (1927-2021)

An active member of our Branch for more than 30 years, Carol Joyce Sager Soule UE, a descendant of Loyalist George Hauck, passed away on 7 March 2021, surrounded by her family, at the Century House in Mystic, Quebec.



For several years, Carol and her husband Stanley participated in almost all the activities of our Branch. After her husband passed away in 2007, Carol continued being very interested, always eager to help us.

Carol will be truly missed and long remembered.

Charles Harbec (1929-2021)

Charles Harbec died at the hospital in Granby Quebec, on 12 August, 2021 at the age of 91. Charles was one of the founding members of the “Société de restauration du patrimoine Johnson” in 1998. The mission of this association was the restoration of the burial vault of Sir John Johnson and his family, at Mont-Saint-Grégoire, Quebec.



Charles, as well as the late Richard Eldridge, represented our Branch in this association. From 1998 until 2014, the restoration of the Johnson family burial vault was the top priority of our Branch and all through those years, Charles was a great asset in the restoration project which became a reality in August 2014. When Charles left all of us last August, he was still an active member of our Branch vault committee whose mission is to ensure the upkeep of Sir John Johnson burial vault and its promotion.

Charles will greatly be missed by all of us.

Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch

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2021-2022

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

Executive Committee:

Past President: **The Late Gerald Thomas**

President: **Michel Racicot**

1st Vice President: **Vacant**

2nd Vice President: **C. Ross Gledhill**

Secretary: **Vacant**

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Dear Member,

**Annual fees for the year 2022 are due by 31 December 2021
Prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.**

Name	
E-Mail	
Address	Phone

**Annual Regular Membership: Individual \$40.00 _____
Family \$55.00 _____**

**Second-branch Membership: Individual \$10.00 _____
Family \$15.00 _____**

MAKE CHEQUE PAYABLE TO: Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch

If you have selected a family membership, please provide the names of other family members.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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