

Les Marmitons Winnipeg Chapter

Welcome to the web site of Les Marmitons Winnipeg. We are a group of gentlemen who appreciate and value camaraderie, food and wine. We are the 13th chapter of an organization called Les Marmitons International, whose motto is “**From Friendship to Gastronomy** “. (visit [Les Marmitons International.com](http://LesMarmitonsInternational.com)) Our chapter embraces and follows the traditions established by the Les Marmitons, when it was founded in Montreal, and perpetuated within the Les Marmitons International organization of chapters.

Our group gathers at least eight times a year (September to May) at the Breezy Bend Country Club 7620 Roblin Blvd., Headingley, Manitoba. The purpose of our dinner meetings, while enjoying each others company, is to prepare a four-five course meal under the guidance of an invited Chef. Chapter dinner meetings typically begin at 6 o'clock, with a glass of wine. Our guest Chef is introduced and we are briefed on the meal we will be preparing that evening. Team leaders are assigned to each course and chapter members and guests are assigned to each team. We begin food preparation at 6:30 P.M. and within a 2 hour time frame create our masterpieces for the evening. Teams not only prepare the food, but plate and serve the course they have created for the evening. The Chef will then critique each course noting quality, temperature, taste and presentation. The cost per dinner meeting is \$65.

Obligations of a member

Besides following a structured protocol for the dinner evening our members have obligations.

Members are required to attend at least 5 of the 8 events /year to be considered a member in good standing. Our year of activities typically begins in September and runs till May. Renewed annual chapter membership dues are \$50 payable at the 1st meeting in September.

We have a dress code for our dinner meetings jacket, toque, dark pants, apron, appropriate foot wear (no open toed sandals).

Members bring their own sharpened knives - a paring knife, chef's knife (suitably identified) typically in a case or wrapped.

Members are required to reserve their attendance at the monthly dinner meeting by promptly replying to the “Evite” announcement within 7 days of the invitation. A reservation is a commitment to attend and is financially binding as food and beverages are ordered accordingly.

After 7 days and if space is available, members are encouraged to invite a guest, however as cooking space is limited the number of guests is dependent upon the numbers of members attending. Members are responsible for introducing their guests, who typically bring their own apron and knives.

New members' first year dues are \$150, which includes an official Les Marmitons chef's jacket, toque and medallion which is presented during an induction ceremony.

Obligations of our Chapter

Annual dues (minimum of \$400 or \$10/member) are payable to Les Marmitons International in June.

Chapter representation is required at two events as follows:

An annual International Meeting of Les Marmitons is held every spring (hosted by a chapter) wherein members and their partners from all chapters are invited to uniquely experience the motto from "friendship to gastronomy". The executive of Les Marmitons International and each chapter meet to review chapter and organizational activities during the International Meeting.

In addition, a semi annual meeting of the International and Chapter executive is held in the autumn also hosted by a chapter. A highlight of this gathering is members from all the Les Marmitons chapters cooking together in a chapter's facility under the guidance of an invited guest.