

DOMINION RITUAL AND AWARD COMMITTEE MEETING

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MEETING MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS:

Blaine Kiley	-	Chair
Mary-Ann Latimer	-	Vice-Chair
Ernie Tester	-	Member
Gerald Budden	-	Member
Antonin Chevalier	-	Member
Charls Gendron	-	Committee Coordinator

1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING RITUAL

The meeting commenced at 11:06hrs EST on 27 March 2025 via videoconferencing . The Chair opened the meeting with a land acknowledgment and conducted the opening ritual.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION: It was moved that the Agenda of the Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MOTION TO DEVIATE

MOTION: It was moved to deviate from Agenda if so required.

CARRIED

4. OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcome all since this has been two months since the last zoom meeting of the Committee. He noted that the next DEC meeting is fast approaching and that a four-days schedule has been published.

5. CORRESPONDANCE

Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee Coordinator stated that the April DEC Report will be submitted by 28 March 2025.

7. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of January 30th, 2025 were distributed and reviewed. It was noted that at Para 10, the abbreviation should read EDI vs ADI. This will be noted for the future, but no amended Minutes will be republished for this change only.

MOTION: To approve the Minutes dated 30th January 2025.

CARRIED

8. CANADIAN VETERAN TARTAN PROPOSAL

An unsolicited submission was received by the RCL for adopting a "Veteran Tartan". The Chair presented arguments based on historical and used of this item of dress. The Committee also noted that the RCL dress policies are meant for RCL members and not individual on their own based on their status. The RCL membership is made up of more than Veterans and therefore should not have dress article that would not be available for wear to certain group within the Legion. The membership agreed that this endeavour, albeit well meant, is not one that the RCL can support. With the Committee membership in agreement, the Chair will forward the recommendations to the National Executive for a response.

9. LEGION DRESS

The Chair brought this point as information only. Queries to have changes made to the RCL dress, protocol or other topics related to Ritual and Award have often tried to make their way to the Committee by way of telephone or email means versus being staffed thru using the proper and official Resolution process. The Chair reiterated that no such request will be entertained or discussed unless they are received thru the proper channels set by the RCL By-Laws and policies.

10. PORTRAITS

A query was made as to an RCL policy that dictate the display of a poppies on the frame of a Past President that have passed (as done at legion House) or Maple Leaf for Associate Members. The Chair confirmed that there is no such specific policy and what is done is on an historical and traditional basis. The Committee is unanimous in carrying this practice and no formal policies are required to be developed on this topic.

11. CENTENARY

The Chair mentioned that the final design of the RCL centennial medal has been completed, and draft circulated before being formally adopted by DEC.

12. CANADIAN UNITY PROPOSAL

An unsolicited submission was made to the Committee following the wave of Patriotism now predominant throughout the country considering the difficult relationship presently experienced between Canada and the United States. To that end, it was requested to approve the wearing of a Canada Flag pin on Legion Dress for a period to come. The Committee was unanimous in support of this submission and will present a motion for DEC decision at the April meeting.

13. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

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14. NEW OR GENERAL BUSINESS

Comrade Mary-Ann mentioned that the Beechwood Military Cemetery will be having an event titled "Under the Maple Leaf – Respecting the Canadian Flag: A New Tradition of Dignity and Pride" meant to provide a dignified way to retire a Canadian flag. Details can be viewed at the following web-link:

<https://beechwoodottawa.ca/en/blog/under-maple-leaf-respecting-canadian-flag-new->

tradition-dignity-and-pride

15. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next virtual Committee meeting will be held on 29th May 2025. Award submissions for April will be processed electronically with a deadline for returns by members of April 27th, 2025.

16. CLOSING REMARKS

The Chair thanked all for their participation and input and looks forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming DEC meeting in April.

17. MOTION TO ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

18. CLOSING RITUAL

The business being concluded; the meeting was adjourned at 11:55hrs.

The contents of Committee minutes are subject to the approval of Dominion Executive Council, or Dominion Convention as appropriate.

Blaine Kiley



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Chair

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Coordinator

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