

**JOINT TELECONFERENCE
DOMINION COMMAND C&L COMMITTEE AND
PROVINCIAL COMMAND C&L CHAIRS
21 MAY 2020, 1900 HRS
MEETING MINUTES**

In Attendance:	Jim Rycroft	Chair
	David Eaton	Vice Chair
	George O'Dair	Member
	Bill Chafe	Member
	Danny Martin	Committee Secretary
	Freeman Chute	Assistant Committee Secretary
	Bob Underhill	BC/YK
	Scott Sadler	AB-NT
	Peter Piper	SK
	Ernie Tester	MB & NWO
	Bruce McKittrick	ON
	Sylvain Hamel	QC
	Tom Eagles	NB
	Donna McCurry	NS/NU
	Dave Howatt	PE
	Aiden Crewe	NL
	Judy Miller	Eastern Zone USA
	Ronald Davidson	Western Zone USA
Absent:	Dan Saulnier	European Zone

1. OPENING

The meeting commenced at 1900 hours (eastern) by video conference.

2. GENERAL BY-LAWS (GBLs) 203 – STOLEN VALOUR

DEC passed an amendment to GBL 203 to include summary expulsion as a result of a conviction under section 419 of the Criminal Code in January 2020. As implemented it covers military honours/medals. However there is a need to modify the article below to include not just military medals but others that are awarded under the Canadian Honours System (i.e. The Canada 125th, Queen's Jubilee, Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation, etc) as well as wearing unauthorized badges, etc.

Additionally the wording of 203 was deemed to be restrictive based on the dependency of receiving a conviction.

CONSENSUS: It was concluded that article 203 should be revisited through a proposal drafted by the committee.

3. NAMING OF EXPELLED MEMBERS IN A LEGION ALL-BRANCH

Discussion focused on the need to identify those members who were expelled and to ensure branches had access to this information.

CONSENSUS: It was agreed that naming expelled members in a public forum would be fraught with privacy and legal repercussions. As such it was suggested that the Membership Committee be approached to maintain a list of expelled members accessible through the membership portal.

4. SUSPENSION OF GBL ARTICLE 3

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting closures of branches and the need to self-isolate the following temporary change to the GBLs was approved by DEC on 20 Mar 20:

Complaint Hearing Timelines: Effective immediately, all current and new complaints will be held in abeyance and GBL 308.d is amended to remove the 45 day requirement

RECOMMENDATION: DEC to set a national date/time for the reimplementation of the Article 3 complaint process guidelines on advice of the C&L Committee effective as of a future date yet to be determined.

5. ARTICLE 1001 OF THE GBLs

Provincial Command Presidents have been asked by the Dominion President to indicate what they are proposing as dates for their upcoming conventions. To ensure the proposals are not in contravention of GBL 1001, a voting member of the DEC is asked to make the following motion which gives Dominion Command (which is DEC between Dominion Conventions) the authority to determine what constitutes exceptional circumstances and to approve requests for a variation from the usual time interval between Provincial Conventions :

RECOMMENDATION: GBL 1001 be amended to:

“ A provincial convention for each Provincial Command shall be held annually or biennially as determined by the Provincial Command, at such time and place as the Provincial Command may decide. However, in exceptional circumstances with the consent of Dominion Command, the interval between provincial conventions may be extended as appropriate.”

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2015 hrs.

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**J. Rycroft
Chair**



**D. Martin
Coordinator**

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