

**WELCOMING CEREMONY** : (Based on Ch.4, Ritual, Awards and Protocol Manual)**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Sergeant-at-Arms, please assemble the member(s) for this ceremony.  
(When the member(s) are in position)

Comrade Membership Chairman, please present the member(s)

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:**

I am pleased to present to you \_\_\_ name(s) \_\_\_ for initiation into the Royal Canadian Legion as a member/as members of Kanata Branch # 638 .

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

Your application(s) for membership in to Kanata Branch # 638 of The Royal Canadian Legion has/have been reviewed and approved. The purposes and objects of the Legion are to constitute an association of those who have served or are serving in Her Majesty's armed forces or any auxiliary force and others who support the purposes and objects of the Legion.

The Legion shall stand for strong and united comradeship among all members and those that have served or are serving, so that their rights nor their interests are forgotten, and that their welfare and that of their dependants, especially the dependents of the disabled, the sick, the aged and the needy may always be safeguarded.

The Legion shall encourage, promote, and engage in or support all forms of national, provincial, municipal or community service, or any charitable purpose. Having heard the purposes and objects of this great organization, are you prepared to subscribe to them and labour to advance the Legion's cause, including active participation in Poppy campaigns?

**NEW MEMBER(S):** I am.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

I now declare you duly admitted to membership in The Royal Canadian Legion, subject to all obligations contained within the organization's By-Laws.

Comrade(s), it gives me great pleasure in extending to you the right hand of comradeship and present you with your Legion badge.

It is important that new Legion members become aware of the meaning and significance of our Legion Emblems. The explanation of our Legion Emblems may be found in Section 405 of our Ritual, Awards and Protocol manual.

Option: Ask the new member to say a few words about who they are and why they joined.

Comrade Sergeant-at-Arms, please conduct the member(s) to their seat(s).

This completes the Welcoming Ceremony.

#### OPTIONAL ADDITION TO WELCOMING CEREMONIES

The welcome ceremony may also include a brief talk outlining information specific to the Branch such as: when established; all volunteers; no paid staff; mortgage paid off; year-round program of events; annual poppy trust contribution to the community; other contributions to the community and their costs; the services provided to veterans; visits, luncheons, veterans comforts, remembrance services in retirement homes, Branch service officer, celebration of life services.