

## *Gananoque war memorial.*

*In the foreground is a cairn honouring*

*Private Harry Brown, Victoria Cross.*

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*THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD,  
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD.*

*AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM,*

*NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.*

*AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN*

*AND IN THE MORNING,*

*WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.*

*Laurence Binyon, September 1914*



## THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION COLONEL R.H. BRITTON BRANCH 92

### HOUSE RULES

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#### GENERAL

1. It is expected that these House Rules will be interpreted with common sense and discretion.
2. Members are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the By-Laws of Branch 92 as well as the By-Laws of Ontario Command and Dominion Command.
3. In keeping with the Legion's philosophy of "Service before Self", all members are expected to volunteer their time on Branch projects, and in particular to support the annual Poppy Campaign.

#### ADMISSION TO THE BRANCH

4. Admission to the Branch is subject to the following categories and restrictions:
  - a) Members of Branch 92 and the Ladies Auxiliary of all categories including Ordinary, Associate, Life, and Affiliate Voting;
  - b) Spouses/Partners and Children of Members, Persons in this category need not be signed-in but must leave when the member does;

- c) **Invited Guests of Members:** Persons in this category are the responsibility of and must be signed in by the sponsoring member and must leave when the member does.
- d) **Members of other Royal Canadian Legion Branches or United States Posts and their guests:** Persons in this category must sign the guest book indicating their Branch/Post number, sign for their guests, and, if requested, show their membership card to the duty bartender.
- e) **Participants in Branch Organized Events:** e.g. sports leagues: Persons in this category need not be signed in, but are the responsibility of the host member and are restricted to participation in the scheduled events and bar privileges only.
- f) **Private Functions:** (e.g. Wedding receptions, Funeral receptions etc.) Persons in this category are restricted to the area of the private function and will not enter other areas of the Branch except to avail themselves of bar services. Conversely, members are not permitted to enter the private function or otherwise interfere unless invited to do so by the host of the event.
- g) **VIP Guests of the Branch:** VIP's invited to attend the Branch as speakers or guests at special events are the responsibility of the Branch Executive Committee.
- h) **Guests during Branch Open House Events:** Guests at an Open House event, such as Remembrance Day, need not be signed in. All members are expected to act as hosts at such events and to be prepared to welcome and monitor the activities of these guests. Members noting any lapses in conduct by these guests should refer the matter to a member of the Executive or to the duty Bartender.

#### **HISTORY: Col. R.H. Britton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 92 Gananoque**

Before the First World War Gananoque was the home of a militia field artillery battery. Canada entered the war on 3 August 1914. Three weeks later 130 men marched out of town led by Russell Britton, owner of a large local business and the artillery battery commander. He was killed in action 3 May 1917.

In 1914 Gananoque had a population of about 3,500 people. About 550 men and women enlisted during the First World War, which claimed the lives of 58 men. Virtually all were volunteers, as Canada did not introduce conscription until near the end of the war. Among the dead were a soldier age 15, one age 50, a father of 12, and four sets of brothers. Private Harry Brown posthumously was awarded the Victoria Cross for his valor at Hill 70 in August 1917. A cairn in the Gananoque Town Park describes the action which earned him the highest bravery award in the British Commonwealth. Veterans returning to Canada after the end of the First World War established various veterans associations, which in 1926 joined to establish the Royal Canadian Legion. Branch 92 was established in 1927.

The Gananoque Legion has one of the best military medal collections in Eastern Ontario. It includes Military Crosses for bravery awarded Doctor William Hale, medals awarded 15 year old William Dailey, 'Widow's Pennies' which are large bronze plaques bearing the name of the deceased soldier, and Memorial Crosses awarded mothers and wives of deceased soldiers.

Our American visitors may be interested in seeing a medal issued to a local man. In 1888 he received the Khandahar medal for service with the British army in Afghanistan. During the past few Canadians have been serving at Khandahar airfield and 80 Canadian service personnel have died in Afghanistan. Among them was Corporal Randy Payne of Gananoque.

The medal display also includes a Fenian Raid medal, which marks the last time there was a conflict along our common border. The medal was issued to soldiers who repulsed attacks from northern New York State by Irish-Americans seeking to create conflict between the U.S. and Britain. One of the Fenian attacks was made against Gananoque in 1866.

25. The following dress is NOT acceptable:

- a) Any dress which exposes a person's body beyond acceptable social norms, or displays vulgar wording or illustrations;
- b) Short shorts (e.g. track shorts or bathing suits);
- c) Unfinished cut-off jeans and
- d) Bare feet (except with sandals)
- e) HEADDRESS: The only exceptions to the headdress rule are as follows:
  - (1) When required for religious reasons;
  - (2) By lady patrons provided the headdress is appropriate and "lady-like" (e.g. baseball hats or similar headdress is not permitted)
  - (3) When specifically authorized by the Executive Committee for a special occasion such as St Patrick's Day, Canada Day, New Years Eve, etc. Headdress worn on these occasions must be in keeping with the event or theme; and
  - (4) Trade/delivery persons while performing their duties.

Persons who do not remove their headdress may not be aware of our policy, and are to be politely asked to remove their headdress, and explain that this has been a longstanding Legion tradition.

### **Approval:**

These House Rules were approved at an Executive Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

j) Minors: Minors are the responsibility of the sponsoring member. Minors are not permitted at the bar at any time.

5. The Legion welcomes new members. Visiting privileges for "frequent visitors" will be reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee in order to determine whether the guest should be invited to apply for membership or denied further visiting privileges.

### **BAR OPERATIONS**

6. The bar will be strictly operated in accordance with the regulations of Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario. In the event of any variation between these House Rules or any other Branch regulations and the Liquor Licensing Act (LLA), the provisions of Act will apply.
7. Bar Staff have the authority under the LLA to refuse service of alcoholic beverages to patrons who are or appear to be intoxicated or are in contravention of the LLA or House Rules.
8. The only acceptable proof of age are an "Age of Majority" card, photo drivers' license, passport or citizenship card, or military ID card. Health Cards are not an acceptable proof of ID unless they have a photo of the individual.
9. Unauthorized alcoholic beverages shall not be brought into the Branch or onto Branch property and alcoholic beverages shall not be removed from the premises.
10. Patrons are requested to return their empty bottles and glasses to the bar.

## **Conduct and Discipline:**

11. All patrons are expected to respect the rights and privileges of others and will not interfere with the social past-times of others unless specifically invited to do so.
12. All members and their guests are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the purposes and objects of the Royal Canadian Legion and are expected to uphold the spirit of Comradeship and refrain from personal attacks, altercations of any kind, loud or obnoxious behavior, foul or abusive language or any like behavior.
13. Bar Staff and Branch Officers are authorized to enforce LLA Regulations and House Rules, and are empowered to close the bar, evict offenders, and summon police assistance as necessary.
14. Patrons causing willful damage to Branch property will be expected to reimburse the Branch for all expenses incurred in the repair and or replacement of such property, and may be subject to disciplinary action.
15. No animals, other than "seeing eye" or "hearing assistant" dogs are permitted in the Branch.
16. Only Branch authorized lottery or raffle tickets may be sold on Branch premises.
17. Participation in Branch draws is restricted to Branch 92 and LA paid-up members of any category. Members must personally sign the draw sheets. Proxy signatures, for any reason, are not permitted. In the event that the name of a person whose membership is not current has been drawn,

that person's name tag will be removed from the container until the dues are paid, and the draw will continue until the name of an eligible member has been drawn. A limit of \$1000 applies after which names will be drawn until there is a winner.

18. Other than the sale of authorized tickets as noted above and any authorized games of chance, gambling activities of any kind are forbidden.
19. Except in the performance of authorized duties, the areas behind the bars, storage rooms, cleaning rooms and the kitchen are OUT OF BOUNDS to all patrons.
20. The Duty Bartender controls the TV, and the channel is determined by patron majority.
21. The Duty Bartender will record all disciplinary infractions in the Incident Book, and record witnesses. Incidents will be dealt with by the Executive Committee.
22. All complaints must be submitted in writing, signed by the complainant, and submitted in accordance with Section 303 of the General By-Laws.

## **Dress Regulations:**

23. The Branch Executive Committee reserves the right to establish and enforce dress regulations which may be of a higher standard than those of other establishments.
24. Any dress regulation laid down by the Executive Committee to cover a specific social event (e.g. New Years Levee) shall take precedence over the normal dress regulations and will be enforced.