

August 2019

Preliminary Study on Remembrance Day Observances Options  
for Ottawa District 2

AIM

1. The aim of this paper is to discuss Remembrance Day Observance Options for Ottawa District 2 and to recommend courses of action/options for further discussion.

BACKGROUND

2. Remembrance Day is a ceremony that profoundly acknowledges the sacrifices made by the men and women who served Canada in war and in peace. Ceremonies are held all over the nation by governments, organizations and individuals with the goal of ensuring that we will never forget those sacrifices. The Masons of Ottawa District 2 mirror the reverence of this important event and hold ceremonies in keeping with the finest traditions of remembrance. District 2 lodges co-located in valley communities have a public presence, and they are not considered in this study.
3. Some city Masons participate as private individuals in their local public ceremonies and their lodges hold special ceremonies in lodge during the month of November. The ceremonies held in District 2 lodges range from just observing a moment of silence to some elaborate in-lodge ceremonies. With one exception, these District 2 ceremonies are closed to the public. There are some Grand Lodge sanctioned events in the city where members attend as Masons in full regalia – such as the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre Remembrance Day Ceremony, but that is really seen as an informal District 1 event with no meaningful District 2 participation.
4. At the June 2019 District Meeting, Right Worshipful Brother Kenneth Brinston, DDGM Ottawa District 2 outlined his concern over the lack of a District level event in the Nation's Capital to observe Remembrance Day. He commended the valley lodges for their ongoing and enduring commitment to their local ceremonies and encouraged them to continue with their good work in that regard. However, the city lodges public presence remains a concern. With the consent of the meeting attendees, the DDGM recommended that a study be conducted to make recommendations on courses of action that could be taken to give the city lodges more of a presence in the public on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The results of the study would be presented at the August 2019 District Meeting.

DISCUSSION

5. The Ottawa Region encompasses a large land mass that is shared between Ottawa District 2 and Ottawa District 1. The City of Ottawa has many public Remembrance Day ceremonies that range from the National Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

to simple ceremonies held in local school yards. There are public ceremonies in the surrounding communities conducted by the many levels of government, service clubs, organizations and the general public. A list of Ottawa neighborhoods is included at Annex to illustrate the outstanding potential for the District to consider for a public ceremony.

6. The Royal Canadian Legion has a large footprint in the city of Ottawa covered by two Zones:
  - a. Zone 5 - Encompasses the city of Ottawa and area branches (including Rockland). Within Zone G5 there are ten Legion Branches:
    - i. Montgomery 351 (Downtown);
    - ii. Eastview 462 (Vanier);
    - iii. Westboro 480;
    - iv. Rockland 554;
    - v. Bells Corner 593;
    - vi. Strathcona 595 (Bank at Hunt Club);
    - vii. Stittsville 618;
    - viii. Richmond 625;
    - ix. Orleans 632;
    - x. Kanata 638; and
    - xi. Barrhaven 641.
  - b. Zone 3 - Encompasses communities south of the main city site and include:
    - i. Manotick 314;
    - ii. Osgoode 589;
    - iii. Russell 372; and
    - iv. Greely 627.
7. Each Legion Branch holds a Remembrance Day ceremony. Some are the most basic of services, other are quite elaborate (Manotick, for example has a rather involved ceremony including a composite (Legion, military, cadets, police and fire services) marching contingent, vigil and saluting gunfire) and a contingent of older veterans who are driven to the cenotaph). Many of the ceremonies are well attended by the general public but communities located outside of the main city of Ottawa experience fewer attendees – in some cases because their ceremonies are held days or the day before or after the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.
8. While some District 1 lodges in the city hold ceremonies in public, there are none in District 2 outside of the Walkley Road Temple. There no truly District 2 public event, but there is no shortage of opportunities for District 2 to participate in public events on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Consideration of continuing the status-quo will not be examined in

this study. Note that all of the recommended options may have a cost involved (time, expenses, volunteer work, etc.), which is unknown at this time, but will have to be investigated once options have been selected.

9. Several public involved options exist for the District to consider including:
  - a. Conducting an open-air ceremony at the Walkley Road Temple grounds;
  - b. Conducting an open ceremony inside the temple at Walkley Road;
  - c. Join District 1 in providing monetary support to their event at the Pearly-Rideau Veteran's Health Centre;
  - d. Join an existing Legion Ceremony;
  - e. Join an existing municipal Ceremony;
  - f. Conduct an open ceremony at a recognized venue (War Museum/Aviation Museum/National Cemetery, etc.);
  - g. Conduct a ceremony at a local war memorial monument (<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/art-monuments/monuments.html> has an extensive list of monuments that may or may not have a ceremony attached to them – further research is required to determine their status);
  - h. Join a ceremony in a church with a war memorial plaque, window, pew etc.;
  - i. Conduct a ceremony in a church with a war memorial plaque, window, pew, etc; (further research is required, however, <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/memorials/national-inventory-canadian-memorials/results> provides the location of many war memorials in the Ottawa region – 26 pages of examples exist).

## CONCLUSION

10. There are plenty of opportunities to give the public a look at a Masonic Ceremony of Remembrance during the run up to and conclusion of Remembrance Day. However, any decision to hold a public ceremony will incur costs as invited guests will want to warm up/socialize after a ceremony – particularly if it is held outside on a cold day. Once a course or courses of action are selected from the list in paragraph 9. (or other suggested options), site reviews, costs and logistic arrangements will have to be determined, and funds will have to be budgeted for the event.

11. All that remains is to make the decision on options, conduct a review of the time and cost for the event, and then conduct the event. Regardless of the venue, it is important that we as Masons demonstrate to the public our commitment to “Never Forget”.

## RECOMMENDATION

12. It is recommended that:
  - a. a process to select the way ahead be identified – presumably with the city lodges;

- b. a process to assign a lodge or a committee as lead organizer be identified;
- c. the committee/lodge determines the cost of such an event;
- d. a funding model be developed; and
- e. the District start with a small and simple ceremony in the first year.

Submitted in Good Faith

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Ottawa District 2

## Annex A

### Central Ottawa

- [ByWard Market](#)
- [Centretown](#)
- [Centretown West](#)
- [Downtown](#)
- [The Glebe](#)
- [Golden Triangle](#)
- [LeBreton Flats](#)
- [Lower Town](#)
- [Old Ottawa East](#)
- [Old Ottawa South](#)
- [Sandy Hill](#)

### East end

- [Castle Heights](#)
- [Forbes](#)
- [Lees Avenue](#)
- [Lindenlea](#)
- [Manor Park](#)
- [New Edinburgh](#)
- [Overbrook](#)
- [Rockcliffe Park](#)
- [Vanier](#)
- [Viscount](#)
- [Alexander Park](#)

### South end

- [Airport-Uplands](#)
- [Alta Vista](#)
- [Billings Bridge](#)
- [Confederation Heights](#)
- [Ellwood](#)
- [Elmvale Acres](#)
- [Greenboro](#)
- [Hawthorne Meadows](#)
- [Heron Gate](#)
- [Heron Park](#)
- [Hunt Club](#)

- [Riverside Park](#)
- [Riverside South](#)
- [Riverview](#)
- [Mooney's Bay Park](#)

- [Sheffield Glen](#)
- [South Keys](#)

### West end

- [Ambleside](#)
- [Bel-Air Heights](#)
- [Bel-Air Park](#)
- [Braemar Park](#)
- [Britannia](#)
- [Britannia Bay](#)
- [Britannia Heights](#)
- [Carlington](#)
- [Civic Hospital](#)
- [Carleton Heights](#)
- [Central Park](#)
- [Copeland Park](#)
- [Courtland Park](#)
- [Glabar Park](#)
- [Hampton Park](#)
- [Highland Park](#)
- [Hintonburg](#)
- [Kenson Park](#)
- [Island Park](#)
- [McKellar Heights](#)
- [McKellar Park](#)
- [Mechanicsville](#)
- [Lincoln Heights](#)
- [Ottawa West](#)
- [Queensway Terrace North](#)
- [Michelle Heights](#)
- [Qualicum](#)
- [Rideau View](#)
- [Redwood](#)
- [Tunney's Pasture](#)

- [Westboro](#)
- [Woodpark](#)
- [Woodroffe North](#)
- [Whitehaven](#)

### Gloucester

- [Beacon Hill](#)
- [Blackburn Hamlet](#)
- [Blossom Park](#)
- [Carlsbad Springs](#)
- [Carson Grove](#)
- [Cedardale](#)
- [Chapel Hill](#)
- [Chateau Neuf](#)
- [Convent Glen](#)
- [Cyrville](#)
- [Edwards](#)
- [Elizabeth Park](#)
- [Ficko](#)
- [Findlay Creek](#)
- [Gloucester Glen](#)
- [Hiawatha Park](#)
- [Honey Gables](#)
- [Johnston Corners](#)
- [Kempark](#)
- [Leitrim](#)
- [Limebank](#)
- [Manotick Station](#)
- [Orleans](#)
- [Orléans Village](#)
- [Orléans Wood](#)
- [Pineview](#)
- [Piperville](#)
- [Ramsayville](#)
- [Riverside South](#)
- [Rothwell Heights](#)
- [South Gloucester](#)
- [Victory Hill](#)
- [Windsor Park Village](#)

## Kanata

- [Beaverbrook](#)
- [Bridlewood](#)
- [Glen Cairn](#)
- [Harwood Plains](#)
- [Kanata](#)
- [Kanata Lakes](#)
- [Kanata West](#)
- [Kanata Estates](#)
- [Katimavik-Hazeldean](#)
- [Lakeside](#)
- [Malwood](#)
- [Marchhurst](#)
- [Marchwood](#)
- [Morgan's Grant](#)
- [South March](#)
- [South March Station](#)
- [Strathearn](#)
- [Town Centre \(Kanata\)](#)

## Nepean

- [Arbeatha Park](#)
- [Arlington Woods](#)
- [Barrhaven](#)
- [Bayshore](#)
- [Bells Corners](#)
- [Belltown](#)
- [Borden Farm](#)
- [Boyce](#)
- [Briargreen](#)
- [Carleton Heights](#)
- [Cedarhill Estate](#)
- [Centrepointe](#)
- [City View](#)
- [Clearview](#)
- [Country Place](#)
- [Craig Henry](#)
- [Crestview](#)
- [Crystal Bay](#)
- [Crystal Beach](#)
- [Davidson Heights](#)

- [Fallowfield](#)
- [Fisher Glen](#)
- [Fisher Heights](#)
- [Fraservale](#)
- [Graham Park](#)
- [Grenfell Glen](#)
- [Hearts Desire](#)
- [Hillsdale](#)
- [Jockvale](#)
- [Knollsbrook](#)
- [Leslie Park](#)
- [Longfields](#)
- [Lynwood Village](#)
- [Manordale](#)
- [Meadowlands](#)
- [The Meadows](#)
- [Merivale Gardens](#)
- [Navaho](#)
- [Orchard Estates](#)
- [Parkwood Hills](#)
- [Pheasant Run](#)
- [Pineglen](#)
- [Qualicum](#)
- [Rideau Glen](#)
- [Rocky Point](#)
- [Ryan Farm](#)
- [Shirleys Bay](#)
- [Skyline](#)
- [Stonehedge](#)
- [Tanglewood](#)
- [Trend Village](#)
- [Twin Elm](#)
- [Valley Stream](#)
- [Westcliffe Estates](#)

## Cumberland Township

- [Avalon](#)
- [Bearbrook](#)
- [Beckett Creek](#)
- [Bella Vista](#)
- [Burromee](#)
- [Canaan](#)
- [Chaperal](#)
- [Chartrand](#)
- [Chatelaine Village](#)

- [Cumberland Village](#)
- [Cumberland Estates](#)
- [Fallingbrook](#)
- [French Hill](#)
- [Leonard](#)
- [Martins Corners](#)
- [Notre-Dame-des-Champs](#)
- [Navan](#)
- [River Walk](#)
- [Sarsfield](#)
- [Town Centre \(Orleans\)](#)
- [Queenswood Heights](#)
- [Queenswood South](#)
- [Queenswood Village](#)
- [Vars](#)

## Goulbourn Township

- [Amberwood Village](#)
- [Ashton](#)
- [Bryanston Gate](#)
- [Dwyer Hill](#)
- [Fringewood](#)
- [Healey's Heath](#)
- [Mansfield](#)
- [Munster](#)
- [Old Stittsville](#)
- [Red Pine Estates](#)
- [Richmond](#)
- [Stanley Corners](#)
- [Stapledon](#)
- [Stittsville](#)
- [Woodside Acres](#)

## Osgoode Township

- [Belmeade](#)
- [Dalmeny](#)
- [Greely](#)

- [Herbert Corners](#)
- [Kenmore](#)
- [Marionville](#)
- [Marvelville](#)
- [Metcalf](#)
- [Osgoode](#)
- [Pana](#)
- [Reids Mills](#)
- [Spring Hill](#)
- [Vernon](#)
- [West Osgoode](#)

### **Rideau Township**

#### **Marlborough**

- [Baxters Corners](#)
- [Becketts Landing](#)
- [Burritts Rapids](#)
- [Goodstown](#)
- [Malakoff](#)
- [Mills Corners](#)
- [Moores Corners](#)
- [Pierces Corners](#)

#### **North Gower**

- [Carsonby](#)
- [Kars](#)
- [Manotick](#)
- [Reevecraig](#)
- [North Gower](#)
- [Watterson Corners](#)

### **West Carleton Township**

#### **Fitzroy**

- [Antrim](#)
- [Fitzroy Harbour](#)
- [Galletta](#)
- [Kinburn](#)
- [Marathon](#)
- [Marathon Village](#)
- [Marshall Bay](#)
- [Mohr Corners](#)

- [Panmure](#)
- [Quyong Ferry Landing](#)
- [Smith's Corners](#)
- [Vydon Acres](#)
- [Willola Beach](#)
- [Woodridge](#)

### **Huntley**

- [Carp](#)
- [Corkery](#)
- [Huntley](#)
- [Huntley Manor Estates](#)
- [Manion Corners](#)
- [Westmont Estates](#)
- [Westwood](#)

### **Torbolton**

- [Baskin's Beach](#)
- [Buckhams Bay](#)
- [Constance Bay](#)
- [Crown Point](#)
- [Dirleton](#)
- [Dunrobin](#)
- [Dunrobin Heights](#)
- [Dunrobin Shore](#)
- [Kilmaurs](#)
- [MacLarens](#)
- [McKay's Waterfront](#)
- [Torwood Estates](#)
- [Woodlawn](#)