



Branch 322



2007 Membership Renewal Information

Our 2007 Membership Renewal Program Begins

Friday, September 1st, 2006

Our Early Bird Campaign Runs from

September 1st, 2006 until November 30th, 2006.



<p>2007 Dues - \$52.50 Early Bird - \$47.50 (Ends November 30th) Seniors - \$30.00</p>



Each Month, During the Early Bird Campaign, Two draws of \$50.00 each will be made for those who have purchased their 2007 membership.

Your chances of winning one of the draws increases the earlier you purchase your 2007 membership.

If you purchase your 2007 membership in September, you will be eligible for all 3 draws !!!!

October only 2 draws, November only 1 draw.

The sooner you renew your membership for 2007, the better your odds of winning !!!!

During busy times at the Branch, membership committee members should be available to process your 2007 dues. During other times, you may pay your membership dues to the on duty Bar Steward. Please include your name (please print clearly), membership number and phone number along with your dues in the envelope provided. You can pick up your new membership card and key card after processing by the membership committee, at the Bar. This should only take a couple of days.

The Books of Remembrance

The seven Books of Remembrance lie in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. Together, they commemorate the lives of more than 118,000 Canadians who, since Confederation, have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in uniform.

The Peace Tower and the Books of Remembrance

It was on July 1, 1917, that Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden dedicated a site in the Centre Block of the Houses of Parliament. He said the new structure would be a *"memorial to the debt of our forefathers and to the valour of those Canadians who, in the Great War, fought for the liberties of Canada, of the Empire, and of humanity."* It was two years later that the Prince of Wales laid the corner stone of "The Tower of Victory and Peace," which today is known as the Peace Tower. When the Peace Tower was first created, the intention was that all names of Canadians who died during the battles of the First World War would be engraved on the walls of the Memorial Chamber. However, it was soon realized that there would not be enough space on the walls to contain the more than 66,000 names of those who died.

So began the process of brainstorming for a solution. Eventually, one came from Colonel A. Fortesque Duguid, DSO. He is credited with suggesting the idea for a Book of Remembrance. The plan was accepted and minor alterations were made to the Memorial Chamber to accommodate the Book.

The Prince of Wales returned to Canada on August 3, 1927, to unveil the altar -- a gift from the British Government -- upon which the First World War Book of Remembrance would rest.

First World War Book of Remembrance

The first Book of Remembrance created, and the largest of the Books, is the First World War Book of Remembrance. It contains more than 66,000 names. At that time, it was expected that the First World War Book of Remembrance would take five years to complete and would cost \$35,000. However, the Book was not completed until 1942, 11 years after the committee was formed.

Second World War Book of Remembrance

The Second World War Book of Remembrance contains more than 44,000 names. In 1948, it was decided that a Book of Remembrance would be created to commemorate the Canadians who lost their lives in the Second World War. The Second World War Book of Remembrance was placed in the Memorial Chamber on Remembrance Day 1957.

Newfoundland

The Newfoundland Book of Remembrance commemorates the men and women of Newfoundland who gave their lives in defence of freedom during both the First and Second World Wars - before Newfoundland became a province of Canada on April 1, 1949. Those listed are from all three branches of the military - the Navy, Air Force and Army. The book includes memorials to First World War campaigns, including Gallipoli and Beaumont-Hamel, and Second World War campaigns, including North Africa and Italy, and Northwest Europe. The Newfoundland Book of Remembrance, containing more than 2,300 names, was installed in the Memorial Chamber of Parliament in 1973, and a replica was placed in the Confederation Building in St. John's.

The Korean War

The Korean War Book of Remembrance commemorates those Canadians who gave their lives during the Korean War (1950-1953). On June 25, 1950, the forces of North Korea crossed the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea. This marked the beginning of hostilities which were to rage for more than three years, throughout the country known to its people as the *Land of the Morning Calm*. The Canadian casualties numbered more than 1,500, including 516 who lost their lives. The names of those lost are inscribed in the Korean War Book of Remembrance, which includes a page decorated with the United Nations symbol surrounded by the Arms of the 17 countries which participated in the United Nations Forces.

South African War / Nile Expedition

The South African War / Nile Expedition Book of Remembrance commemorates Canadians who died during the South African War (1899-1902) and the Nile Expedition (1884-1885). The Nile Expedition in 1884 marked the first time Canada took part in a war overseas. Four hundred volunteers skilled in river navigation served in the expedition; sixteen gave their lives. The South African War broke out on October 11, 1899. This war marked the first occasion in which large contingents of Canadian troops served abroad. More than 7,000 Canadians volunteered to fight in the South African War. Approximately 267 names are listed in the South African War / Nile Expedition Book of Remembrance.

The Merchant Navy

The Merchant Navy Book of Remembrance commemorates the men and women of the Merchant Marine who gave their lives while serving Canada at sea during both the First World War and the Second World War. In addition to the names of those lost, this Book includes poetry, maps and ocean-related images.

The Merchant Navy Book of Remembrance was dedicated in 1993.

The Seventh Book, "In the Service of Canada"

At the time of its dedication, the Seventh Book of Remembrance lists the names of more than 1,300 members of the Canadian Forces (Navy, Army, Air Force) who have died while on duty in Canada or serving abroad since October 1, 1947, with the exception of those who are commemorated in the Korean War Book of Remembrance. This includes those who died in times of conflict, or during peacetime training exercises, peacekeeping deployments abroad or other military duty.

The Book begins with the date of October 1, 1947, the day after eligibility for entry in the Second World War Book of Remembrance closed.

The Memorial Chamber

Each year, more than half a million visitors view Canada's seven Books of Remembrance in the Memorial Chamber on the second level of the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

The Memorial Chamber remains a beautifully crafted room with a vaulted ceiling, stained glass windows and intricate carvings depicting Canada's record of war. The centerpiece of the Chamber is the main altar for the First World War Book of Remembrance. The steps on which the altar rests are made of stone quarried from Flander's Fields. Inlaid into the floor surrounding the steps are brass nameplates, hand-crafted from spent shell cases found on a battlefield, recording the major actions in which Canadian's took part in during the First World War.

Upon the altar is a glass-topped case of finely tooled brass with small statuettes of angels kneeling at each corner. Within this case rests the First World War Book of Remembrance, set on a special balancing lectern so that the pages are always level and easily readable through the protective glass. The remaining six books are displayed, resting on their respective altars around the room

Conclusion

The Books commemorate Canada's young soldiers, nurses, sailors, merchant mariners, and Air Force men and women who lost their lives during times of peace and conflict. They are testaments to the valour, sacrifice and selflessness of those Canadians who have died in military service.