



MEMBERS GUIDE

Mission Statement:

To provide like-minded people a forum-to come together
to make a difference in their community.

Vision Statement:

To be fun-Loving, Dynamic, Dedicated Volunteers;
helping Children and our Communities.

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Member's Name: _____

Date: _____

Welcome to Canadian Royal Purple Society!

- ❖ Our obligation sign is right hand over heart.
- ❖ Our dress colors are purple and white.
- ❖ You are entitled to receive a copy of your Lodge Bylaws.
- ❖ Please advise your secretary of address and email changes.
- ❖ National Constitution is available on our website:
www.canadianroyalpurplesociety.org

OBLIGATION

I, _____, promise to be true to the laws of Canada

And to the laws of the Canadian Royal Purple.

I will uphold and endeavor to promote the principles of

JUSTICE, CHARITY,

LOVE and SERVICE.

All this I promise to fulfill to the best of my ability.

MISPAH BENEDICTION

May the Lord watch between me and thee,

While we are absent, one from the other.

CLOSING ODE

God be with you 'til we meet again,

By his counsel guide, uphold thee,

With his sheep securely fold thee,

God be with you 'til we meet again.

❖ **Under the CRPS Constitution; you are a Class A member.**
All classes of membership are defined here:

ARTICLE 2 of the constitution reads as follows:

1 Membership Qualifications: A member of the Canadian Royal Purple Society must be a person who has reached a minimum age of 14 years, is a resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen, has paid the annual membership fee where applicable, and is a supporter of the purposes and objectives of the Organization.

2 Membership Classes: Membership Classes are:

a. **Class A Members** - Individuals as Members

i. Class A voting membership shall be available only to individuals who are at least 14 years old, who are a

resident of Canada or a Canadian citizen, and who have applied, paid the annual membership fee and have

been accepted for Class A voting membership in the Corporation.

ii. The term of membership of a Class A voting member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation. Each Class A voting member is entitled to receive notice of, attend and

vote at all meetings of members; and each such Class A voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.

b. **Class B Members** - Past Presidents as Members:

i. Class B voting membership shall be available only to individuals who are Past National Presidents of the Corporation or Past Supreme Honoured Royal Ladies of the Royal Purple of Canada, who are residents of Canada or Canadian citizens and who have applied and have been accepted for Class B voting membership in the Corporation.

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ii. The term of membership of a Class B voting member shall be a lifetime term.

iii. As set out in the articles, each Class B voting member is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of members and each such Class B voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings.

iv. Past National Presidents will not be required to pay national membership fees.07/19)

c. **Class C Members** - Provincial Associations as Members:

i. Class C voting membership shall be available only to not for profit corporations who have a statement of purpose similar to the statement of purpose found in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, have membership classes that do not conflict with the membership classes of the Corporation, have By-Laws that do not conflict with the By-Laws of the Corporation, represent the provincial membership of a distinct province of the Canadian Royal Purple Society, sign and deliver a consent and agreement to give the Corporation reasonable and appropriate access to the members records, and who have applied and have been accepted for Class C voting membership in the Corporation.

ii. Only one Class C member can be accepted by the Board of Directors for each of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.

iii. Each Class C member that has within its geographic boundaries a combination of 4 to 39 Class D members will have the right to elect a minimum of one director of the Corporation. (07/2018) Each Class C member that has within its geographic boundaries 40 or more Class D members will elect two directors of the Corporation. Class C members with fewer than 4 Class D members may agree by ballot to combine to form a region for the purpose of electing a director. The Director or Directors so elected by a Class C member must be a resident of the region which the director represents. (07/19)

iv. The term of membership of a Class C voting member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.

v. Each Class C voting member is entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of members and each such Class C voting member shall be entitled to one (1) vote at such meetings. The one (1) vote will be cast by the President or her representative who represents the Board of Directors of the provincial corporation.

d. **Class D Members** - Lodges as Members:

i. Class D non-voting membership shall be available to unincorporated and incorporated organizations that have a statement of purpose similar to the statement of purpose found in the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation, have membership classes that do not conflict with the membership classes of the Corporation, have By-Laws or governance documents that do not conflict with the By-Laws of the Corporation, are current members of a Class C member, and who sign and deliver a consent and agreement to give the Corporation reasonable and appropriate access to the members records, and who have applied and have been accepted for Class D non-voting membership in the Corporation.

ii. The term of membership of a Class D non-voting member shall be annual, subject to renewal in accordance with the policies of the Corporation.

iii. Subject to the Act and the articles, a Class D non-voting member shall not be entitled to receive notice of, attend or vote at meetings of the members of the Corporation.

iv. Obtain and maintain a Lodge charter as described in Section 4, Article 1.1.(a).

e. **Class E Members** - Honorary Members:

i. Class E non-voting membership shall be available to individuals who are least 14 years old, who are residents of Canada or Canadian citizens, who have made special contributions to the Corporation as determined by the Board of Directors, who the Board of Directors nominate by a special resolution of the directors and who accept the membership. (07/19)

ii. A Class E Honourary Membership may be purchased by a member and/or their lodge recognizing the member's years of service and their membership within the organization. They may retire and a Class E Honourary membership may be purchased after reaching the age of 80 years and 50 years or more of service. The one time fee was established at the National Annual General Meeting of the Society (07/19)

iii. Term of membership of a Class E non-voting member shall be a lifetime term.

iv. Subject to the Act and the articles, a Class E non-voting member shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend and not vote at meeting of the members of the Corporation.

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING

1. Opening of Lodge
 - ❖ Meeting is called to order
 - ❖ Obligation
2. Introduction of visiting members and guests.
3. Lodge business
 - ❖ Reading of minutes
 - ❖ Treasurer's report
 - ❖ Communications
 - ❖ Reading of bills
 - ❖ Reports
4. Sunshine
 - ❖ Report of sunshine
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
7. Good of the Order
 - ❖ Presentations
 - ❖ Thank you's. Birthdays
8. Closing ceremonies
 - ❖ Mispah benediction
 - ❖ Closing Ode

AGENDA OPTIONS ON NEXT PAGE....

AGENDA WITH OPTIONS

(Lodge decides the format to be followed)

1. Opening of Lodge

- ❖ Meeting is called to order
- ❖ Seating of the Officers
- ❖ Presentation of Canadian Flag
- ❖ Sing O' Canada
- ❖ Obligation

2. Introduction of visiting members and guests by Conductress.

3. Roll Call

4. Lodge business

- ❖ Reading of minutes
- ❖ Treasurer's report
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Reading of bills
- ❖ Reports

5. Sunshine

- ❖ Report of Sunshine
- ❖ Sunshine march

6. Unfinished business

7. New business

8. Good of the order

- ❖ Presentations
- ❖ Thank you's, Birthdays

9. Closing ceremonies

- ❖ Forming of diamond
- ❖ Mispah benediction
- ❖ Closing Ode
- ❖ Retiring of flag
- ❖ Officers retiring march

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

An Overview of

Parliamentary Procedure: Advantages of Parliamentary

Law:

1. The right of every Member to be heard, is respected.
2. Matters that affect the common good of all can be discussed in a courteous, dignified and competent manner.
3. Discussion is limited to one issue at a time.
4. Group decisions can be reached in a reasonable period of time.
5. The will of the majority prevails, however, the minority has ample opportunity to voice its viewpoint.

Order of Business:

An Order of Business/Agenda is important for productive meetings.

The Chair is responsible for preserving order, which includes advising a Member when their conduct, proposal or method of debate is Out of Order. A Member should take care not to interrupt the meeting.

Constitution, Bylaws and Regulations:

The Constitution/Bylaws/Rules of Order of an organization are its highest authority and take precedence over Robert's Rules of Order whenever there is a conflict. An organization may put anything it wishes in its Bylaws that does not conflict with the Constitution. All Members should have a copy and be familiar with the contents of their Constitution, their Lodge Bylaws and Rules of Order.

Duties of the Chair:

The duty of the Chair is to facilitate the handling of business by an organized group and to ensure all Members are treated equally. The Chair should have a thorough knowledge of parliamentary procedures, which should be enforced within the group. Formal rules, however, should not be allowed to slow progress or discourage debate.

The Chair should:

- Acquire a working knowledge of parliamentary procedure and an understanding of the Constitution, Lodge Bylaws, and Rules of the organization.
- Arrive to allow adequate time prior to the meeting to be fully prepared.
- Have a committee list handy as a guide when calling for reports or making appointments.
- Announce all business, unless otherwise stated in the organization's Bylaws.
- Be informed on communications.
- Entertain only one main motion at a time and state all motions properly.
- Permit no one to debate motions before they are seconded. Discussion to follow.
- Encourage debate and recognize each speaker in turn.
- Put all motions to vote and give the result to the members.
- Be absolutely fair and impartial.
- Extend every courtesy to both the supporters and opponents of a motion.
- Sign all items that are necessary as required by the organization.
- Perform such other duties as are prescribed in the bylaws.

Points to Remember:

- Start the meeting on time (a quorum being present). The Membership will note that meetings start on time and will respond accordingly.
- While you are in the Chair, be sure to listen to the opinions of others.
- **Duties and Rights of Members:**
- Arrive at the meeting on time. You may be needed to complete a quorum.
- When making a motion, say, "I move that" and state your motion clearly.
- When seconding a motion, wait to be recognized.
- Take part in the debate if you have a viewpoint to express, or to request information or ask for parliamentary assistance.
- Allow others to speak a first time before claiming the floor for a second time. Express your views during the meeting and accept the decisions made during this democratic process.
- Pay your fees on time. Payable to your treasurer November annually.
- Accept an Office only if you are willing to assume the responsibilities of that Office.

Making a Motion

There are eight steps required for the presentation and consideration of a motion:

1. Address the Chair.
2. Be recognized by the Chair.
3. Make the motion.
4. Another person seconds the motion.
5. The Chair states the motion to the Assembly.*
6. The Assembly discusses or "debates" the motion.
7. The Chair takes a vote.
8. The Chair announces the results of the vote.

*A motion is only debatable after the Chair has stated it to the Assembly.

1. Make a motion:

When the Presiding Officer requires a motion, rise and address the Chair. After being recognized say: "I move that_". Do not give a preamble before making a motion. You will be given the first opportunity to speak to your motion after it has been seconded.

2. To change a motion, amend it:

Friendly amendments may be made when the mover/seconded/assembly all agree. A motion may only be changed providing the amendment is closely related to the main motion and only two amendments may be made to any one motion. New subject material may not be introduced under the pretext of being an amendment. There are three basic processes to amend a motion, each having two (2) forms:

- To insert or add either
 - a) Words
 - b) Paragraphs
- To strike out either
 - a) Words
 - b. Paragraphs
- A combination of processes 1 and 2 as follows:
 - a) To strike out and insert (applies to words only).
 - b) To substitute (to strike out a paragraph or the entire text of a resolution or main motion and insert another)

3. To Defer Action:

When you feel the assembly needs more information before they vote, say: "I move that this question be referred to a Committee (specify which one, either a Standing Committee or a Committee appointed by the Presiding Officer), and that the Committee investigate and report at the next meeting."

4. To reopen discussion on a question already adopted:

When a motion has passed which you feel should not have passed or needs more discussion, if you voted on the prevailing (winning) side, you may say: "I move that we reconsider the vote on the question of changing our meeting day." This motion can only be made on the day the other motion was adopted. If the motion "to reconsider" is carried, you can discuss the entire question again just as if it had never been voted on. After discussion, another vote is taken. You cannot then again move to reconsider a second time - the assembly has decided.

5. Required Vote:

Any motion that restricts the privileges of the Members requires a 2/3 vote. All other motions require a majority vote (50% + 1). This applies to those Members present and voting.

Members should not decline to vote without good cause. When a vote is called, the decision to carry or defeat a motion is based on the **number of Members present and voting** - for example 20 Members present for the vote, 10 Members abstain, 6 Members vote in favor of the motion and 4 against the motion. The motion has been carried by a majority of the Members voting. Only 30% of those in attendance have made the decision.

6. Negative Motions:

While negative motions may be acceptable, when made they cause much confusion as to what has been decided. If we vote to NOT do an action, and the motion is defeated, does that mean we DO the action? For clarity purposes, it is more sensible and wise to make a positive motion and have the motion either Carried or Defeated. This tells us very clearly the wishes of the assembly.

7. Elections:

Elections (and nominations) must conform to the procedure outlined in the Constitution. Nominations do not require a seconder.

8. General Consent:

General Consent is a method of voting without taking the steps of stating the question and putting the motion to a formal vote. It is recommended only in those cases where there seems to be no opposition in approving routine business or those questions of minor importance (see Robert's Rules of Order If anyone calls "I object", the Chair then states the question, asks for debate and takes the vote.)

Summary:

Group Leadership is an art that ANYONE CAN LEARN, first by learning Parliamentary Procedure, and second by practicing the art of leadership.

HISTORY OF THE CANADIAN ROYAL PURPLE

The Royal Purple has moved from a modest beginning to a forward-thinking progressive organization.

The organization was established as a Federally Incorporated not for profit society in 2014. Retaining many of the rich traditions of the Royal Purple of Canada the membership of the newly formed Canadian Royal Purple Society has embarked on a bold path of modern volunteerism.

Incorporating Nationally and in five Canadian provinces, the men and women who form the membership carried on a brisk growth, adding one new provincial association and three new lodges in its first full year of existence. We are excited this growth continues.

Concentrating on being a forum through which a community can organize and meet its needs, the Canadian Royal Purple Society has adopted the tagline, "Your Cause is Our Cause". The volunteer work being done serves each lodge and provincial needs with great enthusiasm and renewed success.

The purple pansy was chosen as the national emblem for two reasons: first, because the pansy grows all across Canada and, second, because it means 'pleasant thoughts' which fits in very well with the Principles of the Royal Purple which are Justice, Charity, Love and Service.

Since inception, National AGM has been held at:

2015 – Kenora, Ontario

2016 - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2017 – Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

2018 – Winnipeg, Manitoba

2019 – Prince George, British Columbia

2020 - Regina, Saskatchewan