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Business Meeting Ceremonies

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BUSINESS MEETING PROCEDURE

Optional: *The Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) may request the Lodge room be set up as per Section 4 - Formal Meeting Procedures.*

The Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) will call the meeting to Order with one rap of the gavel. The Officers will put on their collars.

Introductions may be omitted if there are no visiting dignitaries. If introductions are necessary, see Section 4 Formal Meeting Procedures.

If desired, Lodge may place a small Canadian Flag by the Secretary.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - I now proclaim _____ Lodge No. _____ of the Canadian Royal Purple open for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary shall prepare the members Register according to the Lodge Resource Manual.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Secretary, you will call the Roll of Officers and Members present from the Members’ Register:

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY)

Perform Service for Deceased Member(s) if applicable

READING OF THE MINUTES

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Secretary, you will read the minutes of our last regular, and if any, special meetings.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - You have heard the reading of the minutes of our last regular (or special) meeting. Are there any errors or omissions? (pause) If not, they stand approved.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Secretary, they are approved as read (or corrected).

TREASURER'S REPORT/READING OF BILLS

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Treasurer, you will give your report and present the bills.

No motion is necessary to adopt this report.

After the bills are presented, the Treasurer or a Member of the Finance Committee makes the motion that the bills be paid.

Initiation of new members and Pansy Ceremony, if applicable.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Secretary, you will read the communications

REPORTS

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - Are there any reports?

Officers, Standing and Special Committee Reports are to be presented.

SUNSHINE REPORT

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - Are there any reports of Sunshine, Sickness, or Distress? (pause) Conductress/Conductor you will collect the Sunshine donations and deliver them to the Treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) shall present such unfinished business as on the agenda and upon completion of such unfinished business shall say:

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – Secretary, do you know of any unfinished business?

SECRETARY -There is none (or report if there is).

NEW BUSINESS

The Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) shall present new business.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - Is there any further new business?

GOOD OF THE ORDER

i.e. Expressions of thanks, presentations, guests invited to speak.

CLOSING CEREMONY

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) –Officers and Members, do you know of any business neglected or left undone?

1st VICE PRESIDENT (ASSOCIATE ROYAL LADY) - The work is finished.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) – We will join hands and repeat the Mispah Benediction together:

MISPAH BENEDICTION

*May the Lord watch between me and thee,
while we are absent one from the other*

I now declare _____ Lodge No. _____ of the Canadian Royal Purple closed until its next regular session unless sooner convened in Special Meeting by my order.

INITIATION - (after Opening Lodge/Roll Call)

Prospective Member(s) are in front of the President/Honoured Royal Lady and she/he asks the following question:

LODGE PRESIDENT/HONOURED ROYAL LADY: Are you prepared to obligate yourself to the laws and principles of the Canadian Royal Purple Society? (If so, answer, I am)

PROSPECTIVE MEMBER(S): I am

LODGE PRESIDENT/HONOURED ROYAL LADY: Place your right hand over your heart and repeat after me the following Obligation, using your name where I use mine.

Together the Members and Prospective Member(s) will repeat the Obligation

OBLIGATION

I, _____, promise to be true to the laws of Canada, and to the laws of the Canadian Royal Purple Society. 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.

CHAPLAIN: Almighty God, the reader of our minds and hearts, you have heard the promises made by our Members; give them strength and courage to go forward in the great work for which we stand. **AMEN.**

LODGE PRESIDENT/HONOURED ROYAL LADY: Remember well these words you have spoken. Let them dwell in your hearts, never to be forgotten.

Chair Officers will stand and remain standing until the welcoming of new members.

ASSOCIATE ROYAL LADY - The principle of Charity is a two-fold blessing, it blesses those who give and those who receive. Wherever a need arises, there will be work for a Member of the Royal Purple.

LOYAL LADY - Justice is the principle which teaches us to deal fairly with others and respect the democratic process. As a member of this organization, you are entitled to all its right and privileges.

LECTURING LADY - Love is an important principle in our Society. Love is associated with honour and truth. It is sincere and compassionate and given without looking for return.

LODGE PRESIDENT/HONOURED ROYAL LADY: Service is the principle of dedication. Remember that in our service to others life will be more rewarding and the world will be a better place in which to live. It is a pleasure to welcome you as a Member of the Canadian Royal Purple

**You may now welcome the new Member(s) of the Canadian Royal Purple.
New member(s) will be presented with bylaws.**

PANSY CEREMONY

Optional: Prior to the opening of the meeting, a candle may be placed in front of each Officer:

Associate Royal Lady, Loyal Lady, Lecturing Lady, President/Honoured Royal Lady and by the Bible.

The candles will be lit prior to the start of this ceremony with the Chaplain lighting the candle by the Bible. A diamond pansy chain may be displayed in the diamond format on a flat surface in the centre of the room or the centre of a table.

When the Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) calls "Justice" the Loyal Lady will immediately stand, as will the other two Officers as their principles are called.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - I ask you to listen attentively while JUSTICE, CHARITY, LOVE and SERVICE give to each one of us an understanding of the importance of our principles.

When all chair Officers are standing, they shall, in unison, pick up their Pansies and stand in front of their chair. The Pansy is held with the right hand, with the flower resting on the palm of the left hand. If available, appropriate soft music may be played.

LOYAL LADY - I hold in my hand the floral emblem of our Order, a purple Pansy, and pray that at all times JUSTICE will prevail and shine forth in all our actions.

ASSOCIATE ROYAL LADY - As the gentle rain beautifies this Pansy, let us remember that the greatest of all virtues is CHARITY and that it should be practiced in all our undertakings.

LECTURING LADY - All nature changes, even this Pansy, but our LOVE is made stronger in the knowledge that by our actions cheer and happiness are brought into the lives of others.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - As I hold this Pansy, I pray that our lives will be lives of service, that we will be faithful to our Obligation and act towards each other with JUSTICE, CHARITY, LOVE and SERVICE. May God bless this Lodge.

When the Lodge President (Honoured Royal Lady) finishes their verse, all four Officers place the Pansies on the surface in front of them.

Immediately after this, "Blest Be the Tie" is sung or repeated in unison. .

BLEST BE THE TIE

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love.

God, who this diamond keeps,
He slumbers not nor sleeps

The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

In perfect peace keep Thee and
Me, through all eternity.

DRAPING OF THE CHARTER

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - We are draping the Charter in memory of our beloved Member(s), _____, who passed away on _____ (date).

The Chaplain will reverently place a drape over the Lodge Charter and return to her position. The Eulogy may be given at this time by a member, family or friend if Lodge desires.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) –Secretary, you will call the name of our departed Member(s).

The Secretary calls the name three times. In the event of the death of more than one Member, the Secretary calls each name once.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY) - It is our custom to pause, that we may in solemn hush pay sweet tribute to the sacred memory of our Member(s) who has (have) answered the call of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and we, as Members of this Lodge, mourn their passing. In the garden of our memories will always remain a bright recollection of their stay with us.

We will have one minute silence in memory of our departed members.

LODGE PRESIDENT (HONOURED ROYAL LADY):

**They never quite leave us,
our Members who have passed.
A thousand sweet memories
are holding them fast.**

A song or hymn may be sung or repeated by the Members.