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**To: All PAC / PEC Members and All Branches**

**Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Subject: Meetings / Elections / Nominations**

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The Government of Ontario has indicated restrictions will be loosened effective on the dates as follows:

**Effective February 21, 2022, Ontario will lift public health measures, including:**

- Increasing social gathering limits to 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Removing capacity limits in indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required, including but not limited to restaurants, indoor sports and recreational facilities, cinemas, as well as other settings that choose to opt-in to proof of vaccination requirements.
- Permitting spectator capacity at sporting events, concert venues, and theatres at 50 per cent capacity.
- Limiting capacity in most remaining indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is not required to the number of people that can maintain two metres of physical distance.
- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies limited to the number that can maintain two metres of physical distance, with no limit if proof of vaccination is required.
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25 per cent in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs, wedding receptions in meeting or event spaces where there is dancing, as well as bathhouses and sex clubs.

Enhanced proof of vaccination, and other requirements would continue to apply in existing settings.

**Effective March 14, 2022, Ontario will take additional steps to ease public health measures, including:**

- Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings. Proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings in addition to other regular measures.
- Lifting remaining capacity limits on religious services, rites, or ceremonies.
- Increase social gathering limits to 50 people indoors with no limits for outdoor gatherings.



The Provincial Administrative Committee has continued to monitor and review the current and forecasted pandemic impact, including all applicable protocols. With the above announced plans, it is now of the opinion that all levels of the Command will be able to return to normal operations bearing in mind that there may be the continuation of some restrictions imposed by Government and local Health Units within communities.

Therefore, under the authority of Section 505., pursuant to Section 418.a. of The General By-Laws, I am issuing the following for the good of the Legion:

**DECLARATIONS**

All currently active Declarations will be hereby rescinded effective as of midnight on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

- AND FURTHER-

**DECLARATION NO. 10 – 2022**

Effective as of midnight on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022, the abeyance of Elections and Nomination Meetings (if applicable) will be rescinded thus permitting these Meetings to be held in accordance with the applicable Branch Regulations.

- AND FURTHER-

Any biennial Branch Election (odd numbered years), and Nomination Meeting (if applicable), that would have previously been scheduled for 2021 and subsequently suspended due to COVID-19 may be rescheduled to the appropriate date(s) in 2022 pursuant to their applicable Branch Regulations and thus permit these Branches to return to their normal odd numbered years schedule after serving a one (1) year term ending as of the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023.

**NOTE 1:** Pursuant to Section 918. of The General By-Laws of Ontario Provincial Command and Section 802. of The General By-Laws for Branches of the Ontario Provincial Command, all Branch Members must be notified of the date of the first in-person General Meeting occurring after the most current suspension of such Meetings.

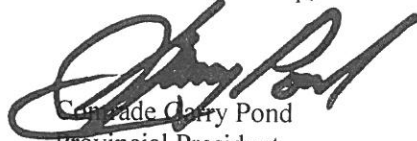
**NOTE 2:** Branches with either provision under Section 404. (2) activated in their Branch Regulations, will be permitted to include General Meetings held in-person or virtually in their calculations as referenced below:

Branches holding Annual Elections will be permitted to calculate eligibility by referencing all General Meetings held since June 1, 2019, up to the Date of Election in 2022;

- or -

Branches holding Biennial Elections will be permitted to calculate eligibility by referencing all General Meetings held since June 1, 2018, up to the Date of Election in 2022.

Yours in Comradeship,

  
Comrade Gerry Pond  
Provincial President  
Ontario Provincial Command