



The Monarchist League of Canada

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A suggested Order of Events for a 15-20 minute event and a few suggestions for planning

- The Mayor welcomes those present and invites them to join in singing the National Anthem
- The Mayor, Town Crier or a federal/provincial elected official reads the Proclamation
- The Mayor reads the Message sent from the municipality to The Queen, together with any reply that has been received
- A guest speaker delivers a 5-minute tribute to The Queen
- A Citizenship Judge or other official leads those present in re-affirming their Allegiance (NB - it may be that a Citizenship Judge could use the occasion to swear in new citizens, and then invite the audience to re-affirm their own Allegiance, especially appropriate in that persons born in Canada may never previously had the opportunity to do so. Local Members of Parliament are generally very happy to organize citizenship ceremonies.)
- A local religious leader offers a brief non-denominational prayer for Her Majesty
- The Mayor concludes the ceremony by inviting everyone to join in singing the Royal Anthem (NB - on this occasion it might be appropriate to sing two verses of the Anthem, attached. If so, you will need to copy and distribute them.)
- Refreshments follow if budget/volunteers and time permit

Planning Tips

- On September 9, the school year will have only recently begun in many locations. It may be wise to contact a local principal now re: possible availability of a school band to accompany the Anthems. In any event, it would be ideal for principals to arrange to bring or encourage their students to attend the ceremony - or if this is not feasible, to organize their own in their assembly hall.
- Distributing timely media releases encourages citizen participation and might result in service club or local businesses offering to provide/serve simple refreshments.
- Have a rainy day plan for outside celebrations
- Resist the temptation to add a string of speeches or other features to a ceremony designed to reflect the simplicity of our Monarchy and the limited time availability of many potential attendees at lunchtime. If you wish to add an element to the suggested program, then you might consider omitting another.
- Something to keep in mind: an unmiked strong voice to begin the singing is always preferable to a "soloist" quality voice for the Anthems. Especially if a soloist sings into a mike, many attendees will not themselves sing.



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Draft of a Message to The Queen

Name of Municipality, date

Formal salutation: Most Gracious Sovereign OR May it Please Your Majesty
Less formal salutation: Your Majesty OR Dear Queen Elizabeth

We, the Mayor, Council and residents of Name of Municipality, will be gathering at noon on September 9th to celebrate the singular longevity of your Reign as Queen of Canada, (to renew our Allegiance to you) and to reflect on all you mean to us as Monarch and friend during so many decades. (We remember with pride your presence in our community in Date/Event). That you may enjoy many more years of health and happiness is the heartfelt wish of every one of us. Name of Mayor.

If this is sent directly to the Palace (The Private Secretary to The Queen, Buckingham Palace, London SW1 1AA, United Kingdom) **well in advance** (preferably 2-3 weeks) there is a good chance that a reply will be received in time to be read at the event.



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A PROCLAMATION

We, as proud Canadians, composed of the residents of _____ gathered at _____ at Noon on the 9th of September, 2015, celebrate the momentous day when our Queen, a Mother of our Confederation, becomes the longest-reigning Sovereign of Canada. During more than 63 years as our Monarch, The Queen has united Canada by her example of inclusiveness, dedication and selfless service, of which we are deeply proud; and which we pledge to try to mirror in our own lives. We send Her Majesty today our loyalty and love, together with the hope that she will reign in health and happiness for many years to come. God Save The Queen!



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Draft of remarks about The Queen

We are gathered today to mark The Queen's reign as Monarch of Canada having become the longest in modern history. With each other, our fellow Canadians and many people throughout the Commonwealth, we honour a Monarch who embodies the Canadian state, and a woman of faith and principle whom we deeply admire.

As our Monarch, The Queen is part of Parliament, ensuring that we are a nation governed by law and not by the whims of a dictator, nor even of an elected leader subject to the shifting sands of popularity: for their power is lent by the Crown on behalf of us all, and according to the rules we have made. She guarantees a neutral judiciary, and enhances national identity in countless ways. Her image appears on all our coinage, as well as many postage stamps and bank notes. She sets a tone of stability, one reinforced as we look forward in the fullness of time to the reigns of her successors, Charles, William and George. Entrenched in our Constitution, she is at once a human being and the incarnation of a bedrock institution of Canada, giving authority to both the federal government and the provincial governments. She is the fount of Honour, recognizing Canadians for their good deeds, and encouraging others to do the same.

As our friend, The Queen exemplifies the ideal of service, freely given. As a figure of unity, she denies herself the expression of personal opinions in favour of listening what we have to say. She is the particular friend and trusted Ally of our First Nations peoples. She defies stereotypes of age, continuing at age 89 to show that a busy schedule, interest in others and engagement with communities is a recipe for happiness and longevity we might all wish to emulate. She does not follow style nor seek to be a "personality" - she is herself!

She has been with us in Canada from sea to sea to sea, in large cities and rural hamlets, meeting us, encouraging us, spreading happiness and a sense of common values and shared purpose wherever she journeys. She has been and in memory remains forever a central part of every significant occasion in our national life, from the Opening of the St Lawrence Seaway in 1959 to Expo '67 to the Montreal Olympics, the final Patriation of our Constitution, Canada 125, the Anniversaries of D-Day and Vimy and recently of Ypres; and, God willing, she will join us in the great party for Canada 150 in 2017.

First coming to Canada as Princess in 1951 when Vincent Massey was Governor General, and Louis St Laurent her Prime Minister, she has known all their successors, and met many of us who see in her, yes, the mysterious enchantment of monarchy; but much more the down-to-earth hard work of a woman whom we admire - a granny and great-grandmother now - but always, a Mother of our Confederation and constant companion in the ups and downs of our nation's life. "I am no fair weather friend," she once observed on Parliament Hill. How true!

She is the only Monarch most of us have ever known - how fortunate we are! What a challenge to all her fellow Canadians that we might live our lives inspired by her good example. And that, in a nutshell, is why we are gathered here today. To say thank you, and well done and long life - God bless and keep her!



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The Oath of Allegiance

NB: The Oath is an individual act. So while on this occasion it may be recited corporately, it is subscribed to individually - thus the "I" with "my name" rather than "we" as its form. The choice of swearing or affirming respects the scruples of individuals who have a religious or other objection to "swearing" an oath. The concluding words may be omitted by some for similar reasons.

I, MY FIRST AND LAST NAME, do solemnly swear (OR affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors. (So help me God.)



The Royal Anthem of Canada

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God Save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to Reign over us:
God Save The Queen!

Dieu protège la reine
De sa main souveraine!
Vive la reine!
Qu'un règne glorieux
Long et victorieux,
Rende son peuple heureux.
Vive la reine!

Our loved Dominion bless
With peace and happiness
From shore to shore.
And may our peoples be
Loyal, united, free:
True to Herself and Thee
Forevermore.

Notre pays benisse
Avec bonheur et paix:
Parmi nos mers.
Et que nos peuples soient
Loyaux, libre et uni,
Fidèles à Reine et Toi:
Ainsi notre prière!



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Materials you may request at no charge

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CANADIAN HERITAGE

REQUEST FROM:

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- copies of A Crown of Maples - a glossy-paged and copiously-illustrated with excellent text about the role of the Canadian Crown
- the Diamond Jubilee Canadian Official Portrait of The Queen, a litho on heavy paper suitable for framing or dry-mounting for public distribution.
Canadian Heritage additionally MAY be able to supply hand-held paper Canadian Flags on sticks and Canadian Flag pins. You will need to inquire of Andrée.

FROM THE MONARCHIST LEAGUE OF CANADA

REQUEST FROM:

domsec@sympatico.ca

Requests will be compiled nationally and delivered to you by the last week of August

- copies of Monarchy, the Canadian Way - a colour flyer with basic information about the Canadian Crown (probably the most suitable item to distribute at a public event)
- copies of The Canadian Monarchy - an illustrated booklet about the role of the Canadian Crown, simpler and less heavy in weight than A Crown of Maples
- if your city/town Hall does not display a current picture of The Queen, we have a limited supply the Diamond Jubilee Canadian Official Portrait, a litho on heavy paper suitable for framing or dry-mounting. 1 or 2 per municipality: unfortunately we cannot supply copies for public distribution.