

A Ceremony of Remembrance



Never Again



Never Forget

~ *Thursday November 8th, 2001* ~

~ 10:25a.m. ~ 11:31a.m. ~

*Ceremony held in the
Science Building Court Yard*

The Faculty, Staff, and Students of
Wilfrid Laurier University
Welcomes
The Honourable Hilary M. Weston,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

**Musical Performances by Students of the
Wilfrid Laurier University
Faculty of Music:**

Vocalists:

Soprano: Courtney Cain, Rosaland Pichkett, Naomi Williams

Alto: Dan Cabena, Tricia Castanos, Erin Lawson

Tenor: Thomas Leslie, Brandon Leis, Adam Luther

Bass: Ben Covey, Calvin Powell, Mike Uloth

Instruments:

Bagpipes: Matthew Richardson

Drums: Evan Mitchell

Brass Quintet: Rachel Leblanc, Kim Henderson, Marcie Adair,
Mike Hadden & Mark Preece

A Canadian Perspective on Remembrance Day

✿ John McCrae served as a Brigade Surgeon during the First World War. He took with him his horse, Bonfire, & sent his young nieces letters supposedly written by Bonfire & signed with a hoof print. Of course, John McCrae is famous for his composition of "In Flanders's Fields", which is a common reading during Ceremonies of Remembrance around the world.

✿ Canada entered the First World War in 1914 where 620,000 Canadian men & women served at a time when the population of the country was only a few million.

✿ The first Remembrance Day took place throughout the Commonwealth on November 11, 1919. It was held to commemorate the end of the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11:00 a.m. In 1931, M.P. Allan Neill introduced a bill in the House of Commons to hold Armistice Day on a fixed day - November 11. During the bill's introduction, the word "Remembrance" replaced "Armistice". The bill passed & Remembrance Day was first conducted on November 11, 1931. Canadian Thanksgiving, which at that point had been in November, was then permanently moved to October.

✿ Over 3,000 of Canada's Nursing Sisters volunteered their services at the start of the First World War. They worked close to the front and at hospitals throughout Europe, tending to the wounded. During the Second World War, over 4,400 Canadian Nursing Sisters again answered the call of duty. They also provided invaluable assistance during the Korean War.

✿ The Merchant Navy was made up of vessels that were used for shipping in peacetime. As the First & Second World Wars escalated, these ships moved millions of tonnes of food, munitions, petroleum, & troops.

✿ Lester B. Pearson, Canada's 14th Prime Minister, is known as the Father of Peacekeeping. In 1956, he suggested that the United Nations send peacekeeping troops to prevent war in the Middle East. For his efforts, he was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize.













✿ During the first half of this century, some 1.5 million Canadians were called upon to defend peace & freedom around the world. Over 110,000 Canadians died. Following these terrible conflicts, Canada began looking for ways to prevent war. Contemporary peacekeeping is a natural extension of Canada's longstanding commitment to the principles of peace & freedom.

✿ The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was placed at the National War Memorial in May 2000. An Unknown Canadian Soldier who died at Vimy Ridge during the First World War is interred in this special tomb & represents our country's commitment to peace & freedom in the past, in the present, & in the future. The Tomb provides a focal point for the commemoration of roughly 19,000 Canadians who died in service to our country & who rest unknown in foreign lands or beneath the sea.

✿ The Poppy is the symbol of Remembrance. It is chosen as the symbol because during the Napoleonic Wars, the poppy drew attention as the mysterious flower that bloomed over the graves of fallen soldiers.












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-  **The Processional ~ The March-in of the Platform Party & Colours**
-  **The Vice Regal Salute**
-  **Inspection of the Honour & Colour Guards by Her Honour**
-  **Opening Remarks**
Mr. Jeffrey Kroeker, Master of Ceremonies,
Member of the Board of Governors & Senate
-  **Remarks by Her Honour**
The Honourable Hilary M. Weston,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
-  **A sojourn to a fallen a friend... a Veterans Perspective**
Mr. Tony Warnholtz, Veteran of the 1st Hussars Tank Regiment
-  **Musical Interlude: Johnny has gone for a Soldier**
Students of the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Music
-  **Canada at War - Whom Do We Remember?**
Dr. Barry Gough, Professor of History in the Faculty of Arts Senior Researcher
at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic & Disarmament Studies
-  **In Flander's Field**
Mr. David McMurray, Dean of Students
& Associate Vice President: Student Services
-  **Last Post & Flags Lowered**
-  **Silence ~ Two moments of silence shall be observed**
-  **Reveille**

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-  **Commemorative Wreath Laying**
Bagpipes will play Flowers in the Forest
-  **A Response to Flander's Fields**
The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of the Environment
& MPP for Kitchener-Waterloo
-  **A Story of Remembrance**
Jeffrey Kroeker, Master of Ceremonies & Member of the Board of Governors
-  **Why We Wear Poppies**
Ms Kristi Edwards, Senator & Vice Chair of the WLUSU Board of Directors
-  **Musical Interlude: In Remembrance by Eleanor Daley**
Students of the Wilfrid Laurier University Faculty of Music
-  **Denouement Remarks**
Dr. Rowland Smith, Vice President: Academic
-  **Benediction**
Reverend Dr. Delton Glebe, Principal Emeritus, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
-  **The Act of Remembrance**
Mr. Gerry Such, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 530
-  **God Save the Queen**
-  **O Canada**
-  **The March Out of Her Honour, the Platform & the Colours**

God Save the Queen

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.

O Lord, our God, arise,
Scatter thine enemies,
And make them fall:
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On thee our hopes we fix:
God save us all.

[Refrain]

O Canada

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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The Platform Party:

- ☞ The Honourable Hilary M. Weston, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
- ☞ Dr. Robert Rosehart, President & Vice Chancellor
- ☞ Dr. Fred Binding ~ The University Marshall
- ☞ Dr. Jane Rutherford ~ The University Bedel
- ☞ Dr. Rowland Smith, Vice President: Academic
- ☞ Mr. Jerry Young, Chair of the Board of Governors
- ☞ Mr. Jeffrey Kroeker, Master of Ceremonies,
Member of the Board of Governors & Senate, Past President of WLUSU
- ☞ Dr. Barry Gough, Professor
- ☞ Her Worship Lynn Woolstencroft, Mayor of the City of Waterloo
- ☞ The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of the Environment
& MPP for Kitchener/Waterloo
- ☞ His Worship Carl Zehr, Mayor of the City of Kitchener
- ☞ Mr. Devin Grady, 1999-2000 President of WLUSU
- ☞ Dr. Delton Glebe, Principal Emeritus, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
- ☞ Dr. Robert Campbell, Dean of the Faculty of Arts
- ☞ Mr. Robert Byron, Executive Director of Finance & Administration
- ☞ Mr. Arthur Stephen, Vice President: University Advancement
- ☞ Dr. Scott Carson, Dean of the School of Business & Economics
- ☞ Mr. David McMurray, Dean of Students
& Associate Vice President of Student Services
- ☞ Mr. Luke Fusco, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work
- ☞ Dr. Charles Morrison, Dean of the Faculty of Music
- ☞ Representing Officer of the Royal Highland Fusiliers
- ☞ Mr. Gerry Such, President of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 530
- ☞ Mr. Tony Warnholtz, Distinguished Veteran of
the 1st Hussars Tank Regiment
- ☞ Chief Larry Graville, Chief of Police for
the Waterloo Regional Police Service
- ☞ Mr. David Prang, President & CEO of the Wilfrid Laurier
University Students' Union
- ☞ Mr. Paul Tambeau, Chair of the Board of Directors for
the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union
- ☞ Ms. Kristi Edwards, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors for
the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union
- ☞ Mr. Ron Billing, Manager of the Laurier Bookstore & Event Sponsor

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A special note of gratitude from the Organizer:

For some five years now, I have undertaken the task of organizing the Ceremony of Remembrance for Laurier. In those five years, the Ceremony has grown in size and prominence from under 25 people in attendance in 1997 to well over 400 last year. As a university community, it is important that we come together and pay homage to those who have sacrificed to give us this place of debate, free thought and exchange of ideas. The sacrifices of our veterans so many years ago have laid the foundation for the principles of this institution where free thought and ideas flourish as free as did their commitment and loyalty to their country. The growth of this ceremony is a testament to the Laurier community's belief that remembering the sacrifices of our veterans is indeed important.

Realizing the importance of this ceremony is a group of people whom without their support this event would not be possible. Therefore I would like to thank Dr. Bob Rosehart, Dr. Rowland Smith, Mr. Arthur Stephen, Mr. Bob Byron, Mr. Ron Billing, Dr. Gough, Mr. Phil Champagne, Ms. Brenda Burns, Ms. Marilyn Jacobs, Ms. Debbie Currie, Mr. Jack Lucas, Mr. Dan Dawson, Dr. Fred Binding, Mr. Michael Strickland, Ms Kathy Litchi and Ms. Mary Basler for their unwavering, diligent and loyal support over the past many months and years. Correspondingly, I would like to make special mention about the co-coordinator who put in exceptional time, effort and planning - Mr. Paul Tambeau. Paul will be taking responsibility for this event in the years to come and he will undoubtedly grow the ceremony to newer and even more dignified heights.

Of course, special thanks must also go to our veterans who left to us this marvelous country called Canada. Let us not take our country for granted and Lest we forget.

In honour of their valour...

Yours truly,

Jeffrey Kroeker.