THE RITUAL OF THE CALLING OF AN ENGINEER

Information Briefing for 2024 Ceremony

Camp 5

Corporation of the Seven Wardens

I acknowledge that today we are meeting on the unceded traditional and ancestral territories of the Coast Salish Nations, including the Squamish, Musqueam, Tsleil-Watuth, Katzie and Kwantlen nations.

We are grateful for the opportunity to speak, learn, play and practice engineering on these lands.

Briefing Agenda



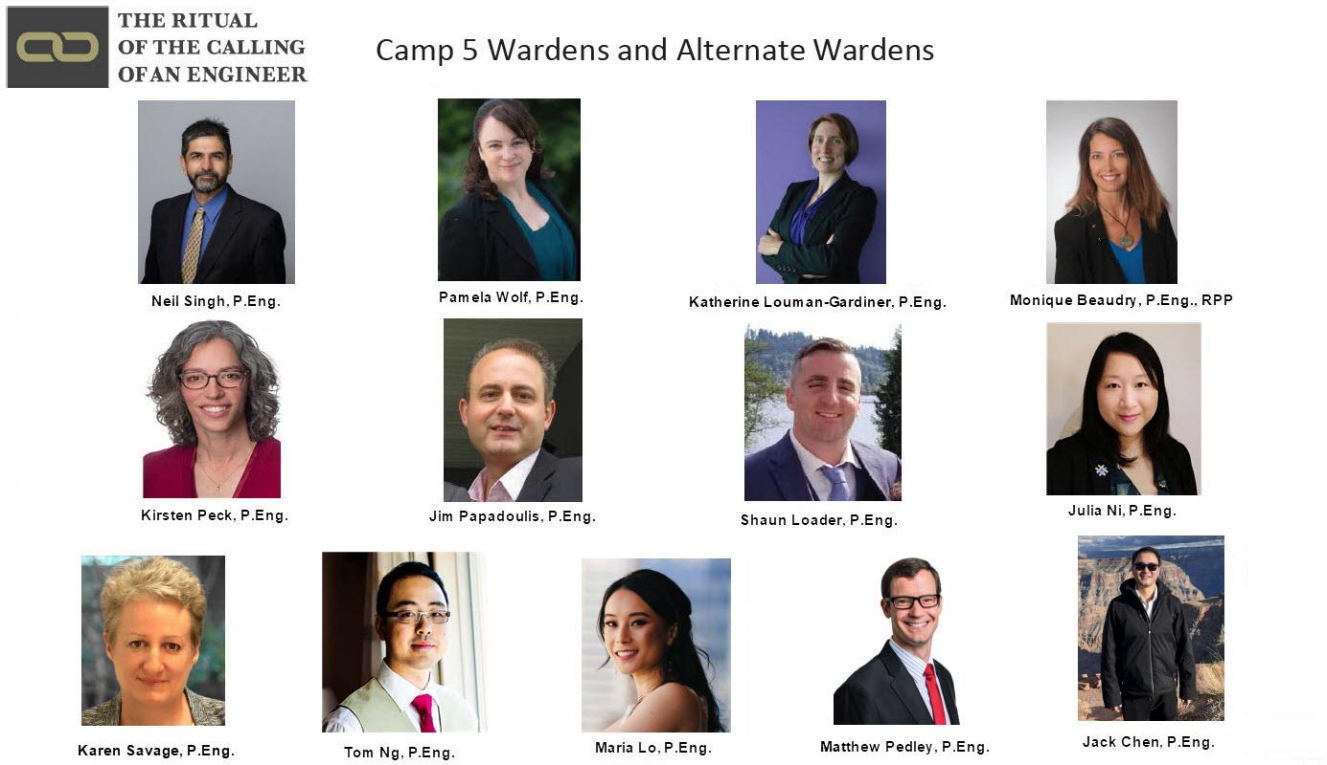
- Corporation of the Seven Wardens, Camp 5 and the Iron Ring
- History of the Ceremony
- What to prepare for – What is the Obligation?
- Date, Location, Time and additional details of the ceremony
- Contact Information
- Questions?

Opening Comments

- Introductions.
- Organizational Structure – Corporation of the Seven Wardens / Camp 5 / Wardens, Alternate Wardens, Honorary Wardens.
- 28 camps across Canada. Some differences, but the core ceremony is the same.
- The ceremony is not about the ring. **It's about the Obligation.**

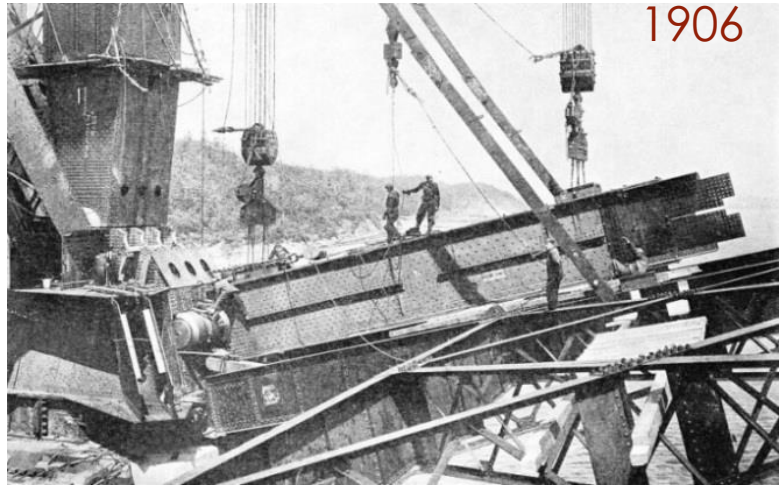
Introductions – Wardens and Program

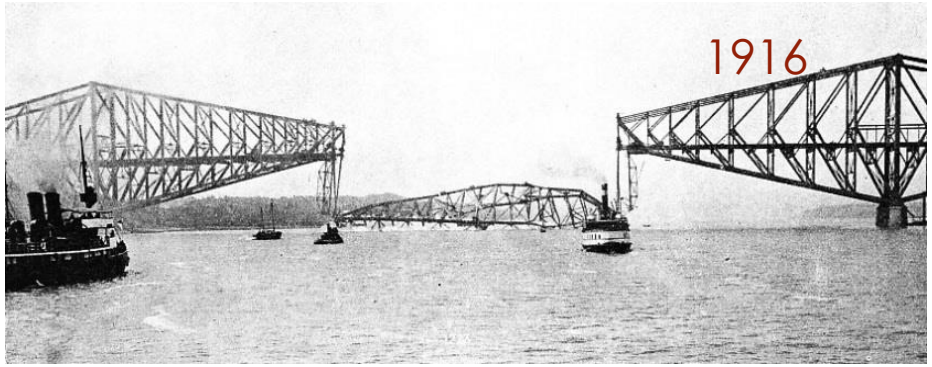
- Run by Professional Engineer volunteers
- 28 independently operated camps across Canada
- Camp 5 Founded in 1930 – BCIT, SFU, and UBC and Lower Mainland based engineers.
- 1000 to 1100 candidates annually

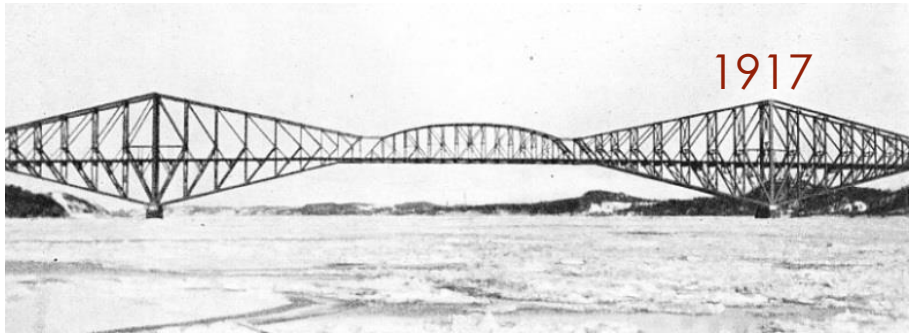


Introductions – Brief History

- 1906 – Quebec Bridge construction linking Moncton to Winnipeg was built to be "best and cheapest" (*mismanaged responsibilities among a young engineering graduate, a retiring experienced engineer versus the construction firm, and unassumed judgement and design assumptions)* – 75 people died
- 1916 – Following repairs, collapsed again when cantilever span was hoisted – 10 people died
- 1922 – Group of Montreal engineers met to consider the solidarity, professional duty, and obligations of professional engineers. The Corporation of the Seven Wardens was formed.
- Ceremony written in 1923, and first conducted on May 1, 1925







The Obligation

- Not an oath. It is a solemn promise on your honour, with cold iron as the symbol and reminder of that promise.

- *"The Ritual has been instituted with the simple end of directing the (new) engineer towards a consciousness of (their) profession and its significance, and indicating to the (more experienced) engineer (their) responsibilities in receiving, welcoming and supporting the (new) engineers in their beginnings."* You will repeat the obligation out loud together with your peers.

- Taking obligation and receiving the ring are voluntary – you are not required to wear a ring to practice engineering in Canada. However, you must take the obligation and adhere to it to receive and wear the ring.

- The main text and ceremonial aspects have been updated to provide inclusivity and gender balance.

The Ring

- Ring symbolizes: Your commitment to your personal and professional life by working responsibly and to hold ourselves to a high standard of professional conduct
- Wrought unplaited iron with rough edges, like you, young engineers. The rough edges to be smoothed by wear and use and experience over time.
- Rings may be returned to the camp if you do not go into engineering practice or retire from your calling – practically though, engineers continue to wear the ring throughout their lives.
- Please consider yourself honour bound to return the ring, if for any unfortunate reason you do not graduate.

What Is Coming Next?



1. Ceremony Application is Open!

Deadline to apply is Jan 7

- Undergrads or Post-Graduates from Summer/Fall 2023 or May 2024, *PLUS* one guest or presenter
- Presenter must be previously obligated

- $40 fee for registrant and $20 per guest – ring and venue cost

What Is Coming Next?





2. Additional Guest Application Open

Apply Jan 15 to Feb 29

- Depends on seating availability
- $20 fee
- preference to obligated engineers.
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- Guests will be seated in the balcony section of the Theatre

What Is Coming Next?







3. Ceremony Briefing

Recorded version online for those who are unable to attend in person

- Please direct your colleagues to the online recording prior to the ceremony.

What Is Coming Next?

4. Ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre

March 27, 2024; 4:30 pm – 7:30pm

- Door opens at 4:30. CLOSE at 5:45 pm. DON'T BE LATE
- Proceed to the table of your school and discipline.
- There will be a table for senior candidates (graduates from previous years) as well.
- You will receive a package including the certificate and the ring.
- Try the ring on, if it fits – put it back in the envelope and take a seat. If it doesn't, proceed to the ring exchange table.
- Candidates and Presenters proceed to the main orchestra level.
- Guests proceed to the balcony.

What Is Coming Next?

4. Ceremony (continued)

March 27, 2024; 4:30 pm – 7:30pm

- You do not have to wear a mask, but feel free to wear one if you prefer.
- Exchange available before (but not after) ceremony.
- Ceremony begins promptly at 6 pm (to 7:30 pm)
- No exit of obligants after entry until after the ceremony.
- Business attire and professional behaviour
- Only registered obligants, presenters and guests may attend
- Don't bring bags or packs, no bag check.

What Is Coming Next?







5. Free Ring Exchange

Available from April 1 to April 30

(after this date there will be a charge of $10 plus postage)

We may host on-campus exchanges, to be determined, otherwise contact us by email.

There will NOT be an exchange after the ceremony on March 27 (only before).

What We Need You to Do

1. Register, then Graduate! If you can't graduate, please apply next year
2. Measure your ring size **today**: *pinky finger of dominant hand*
3. Register online and pay your fee
4. Save the Date! March 27, 2024



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A few more points...

- Guest presenters must be obligated engineers and must also enter before 5:45 pm.
- A private and individual matter, not meant for publicity, but not a secret either. Something to celebrate.
- Other Guests will sit in the upper balcony. Ring presenters will sit with the candidates.
- No cameras or recording in the theatre (in the lobby is fine)

During the Ceremony

The Ringing:

- You will take the obligation while holding “cold iron of honorable tradition.”
- Keep the ring in your envelope, until instructed to take it out during the ceremony.
- If you don’t have a guest presenter, don’t worry! The wardens and other obligated engineers will ring you.

I can't make it on March 27, 2024

- Apply in Fall 2024
- Register Spring 2025
- Apply to other camps in Canada



Contact Information

- Website: https://camp5ironring.ca/ (go here first please!)
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