



**The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada  
La Société royale héraldique du Canada**

**Annual Report of the Society**

**Submitted 26th April, 2025**

**Respectfully Edited and Submitted by**

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**The President's Report**  
*(to be inserted after annual meeting)*

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**1st Vice President's Report**  
*(to be inserted after annual meeting)*

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**2nd Vice President's Report**

Over the past year, two events transpired following the Annual Meeting which coloured the affairs of the Society in the months that have followed. First was the resignation of the Society's President. Second was response by members to the presentation of an unaudited financial statement which was tabled at last year's meeting that raised questions about some aspects of the Society's finances.

As your Vice President I have endeavoured to ensure that the interests of you, the members, are upheld and that the Society employs best practices for nonprofit organizations in its operational and financial affairs. I have pressed for the Society to produce regular financial statements. I also requested that members be shown a budget, something that has not been presented to AGMs in recent years. I have pressed for the Society to use its committees as a way of engaging members in the Society's work and decision making, and as a means to identify new leaders. I have worked with others to see the Society adopt a Code of Ethics.

As your Vice President I helped to re-activate the Education Committee whose report appears as a separate document. I also I would ask that in receiving this report, this meeting affirm its wish that the Society ensure that its financial affairs are on a firm footing, as together we undertake the important work of promoting the art and science of heraldry among Canadians.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dr. Charles Maier  
Second Vice President

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**Treasurer's Report**  
*(to be inserted after the annual meeting)*

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**The Membership Report**  
*(to be inserted after the annual meeting)*

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**Nominations Committee**  
*(to be inserted after the annual meeting)*

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**Report of the Honours and Awards Committee**

There have been no changes to the membership of the Fellows, nor any meetings of the H & A Committee, as I have received no recommendations or new appointments or changes to H & A that are within the gift of the H & A Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert D. Watt, FRHSC, LVO, AIH, FHS, FHSS  
Chair

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**College of Fellows**

No report received

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**Education Report**

Last year the Society's Education Committee was expanded by the Board. Its members were directed to undertake a review and adapt its education policy, as it had been more than twenty years since the Committee had been engaged to do this. The Committee held two formal meetings via Zoom and members also met informally as a working group.

During the year 2024, seventeen persons (including five from one family) registered for the Heraldry Proficiency Programme Level 1, two registered for Level 2 and one for Level 3, the Licentiate. Five persons achieved Level 1, two Level 2, and no Licentiates were awarded.

More than a dozen candidates are presently registered in the Licentiate stream, and providing supervision for them in their chosen field of study has been a priority addressed by members of the Committee, three of whose members have taken over this work aimed at clearing the backlog of candidates.

The existence of a multi-year backlog of Licentiate candidates underscored the need to revise, streamline and simplify various aspects of the programme's policies, and to create structures to expand the pool of persons able to supervise Licentiate candidates. The Committee have worked to undertake these revisions in a way that does not jeopardise the academic standards which have been the Licentiate's hallmark.

Those administering the programme met as a sub-committee to examine various past proposals as well as fresh ideas to create a framework for moving forward. The names of around a dozen licentiate candidates awaiting a response was reviewed, assigned a supervisor, and each has now been contacted, with most now moving ahead with their submissions. The full committee met to review and approve the work of that sub-committee's its proposals including some minor Bylaw changes, and revised Policy and Procedure documents.

The re-structuring envisages leaving Level 1 and Level 2 largely unchanged, providing a syllabus and examination regime to give candidates a basic grounding, culminating in the award of a Certificate in Heraldry.

Requirements for achieving the Licentiate in Heraldry have been simplified without reducing the programme's rigour. Candidates will have the option as in the past, of qualifying based on their work as heraldists assisting in the successful petition of public bodies to obtain a lawful coat of arms, or by engaging in original research and the writing of an academic essay. Added to the programme is the provision of an artist's stream to the Licentiate, along with the intent to link the art based licentiate to the bursary programme the Society offers in arts colleges across Canada.

To accomplish these objectives, it is proposed that the work of the programme, which has at least on paper, been entrusted to the Chief Examiner and Registrar alone, be shared by a Chief Examiner, with there being a separate appointment of a Registrar, and additionally, a Dean of Heraldic Studies. It is also proposed that those completing the Licentiate commit to assisting in the supervision of future candidates seeking a Licentiate in their field of heraldic expertise. The revised structure also envisages creating a Convocation of Licentiates to serve as a body that might meet to participate in the award of new Licentiates, and to serve as a repository of expert knowledge to be drawn on as the programme develops and for the benefit of the Society.

Implementation will require minor changes to the Bylaw and, revisions to the Society's Education Policy, along with the adoption of operational procedures, all of which have been drafted. \

The Committee recommends these changes to the Board.

Chair

The Rev'd Canon David Bowyer, FRHSC

Members

Dr. D'Arcy Boulton, FRHSC

Dr. Charles Maier, FRHSC

Mr. Steve Cowan, FRHSC, LRHSC

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### **Report of Chief Technology Officer**

The website server stats from January 2024 as compared to January 2025 indicates a general increase in website usage and accesses. It is difficult to differentiate between human accesses and bot accesses, although accesses from sites in Russia and Kazakhstan would be mostly bots. It is likely that most of the unique user agents (browsers type and version) are most likely human accesses to the website.

General updates to the site are typically sourced from the Secretary, although, updates to the members roll of arms continue to be sourced from Peter Hannen. The CTO works closely with the Secretary on matters of the membership admin and back-office tasks on RIMS (RHSC Info Management System).

#### **General website statistics of interest**

Disk space utilization: 8.2 GB of unlimited storage capacity.

Bandwidth consumed: 9.7GB of unlimited bandwidth available

### **Monthly Statistics for January 2025 (Jan 2024 values in italics for comparison)**

Total Hits <sup>1</sup>	<b>1,129,380</b>	<i>421,081</i>
Total Files	<b>1,043,256</b>	<i>321,905</i>
Total Pages	<b>989,910</b>	<i>301,216</i>
Total Visits	<b>73,976</b>	<i>31,091</i>
Total KBytes	<b>32,938,280</b>	<i>15,011,714</i>
Total Unique Sites <sup>2</sup>	<b>25,622</b>	<i>17,571</i>
Total Unique URLs <sup>3</sup>	<b>8,011</b>	<i>8,158</i>
Total Unique Referrers <sup>4</sup>	<b>2,720</b>	<i>4,254</i>
Total Unique User Agents <sup>5</sup>	<b>476</b>	<i>407</i>
.	<b>Avg</b>	<b>Max</b>
Hits per Hour	<b>1,517</b>	<b>30,141</b>
Hits per Day	<b>36,431</b>	<b>102,981</b>
Files per Day	<b>33,653</b>	<b>99,049</b>
Pages per Day	<b>31,932</b>	<b>99,344</b>
Visits per Day**	<b>826</b>	<b>4,607</b>

\*\* Refers to the total number of unique visitor accesses to the Society's website during the time interval indicated.  
These could be humans and/or bots.

### **Top 4 URLs accessed**

- Members armoury
- Naval armoury
- educational institutional arms
- Home Page (splash page)

### **Browsers**

- Chrome, Firefox: 88.21%
- Opera: 0.37%
- MS Edge: 0.6%

Respectfully submitted,



David M. Cvet, FRHSC  
Royal Heraldry Society of Canada

<sup>1</sup> Refers to the total number of file requests made to the Society's website's server within the period indicated. This includes every request for elements on a page like HTML code, images, CSS files and scripts, all counted as hits. For example, the website's home page would count as 12 hits.

<sup>2</sup> Refers to the number of distinct IP addresses that have accessed the Society's website during a given period.

<sup>3</sup> Refers to the total number of distinct Society's web addresses (URLs) that were accessed by visitors.

<sup>4</sup> Refers to the total number of distinct websites or web addresses that have sent traffic to the Society's website (in the case of [www.heraldry.ca](http://www.heraldry.ca), 87% are direct requests, 0.54% via google, some from bing, yahoo!, the rest sourced from Russia and Kazakhstan a few from wikipedia and reddit.

<sup>5</sup> Refers to the number of distinct browser types and versions that have accessed the Society's website.

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## **By-Law Committee Report**

No activity to report

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## **Report of the Heraldic Arts Committee**

No Report Received

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## **Report of the Heraldic Bursary Committee**

Report: Our Claire Boudreau Memorial Bursary Program continues to support the authorized number of four educational institutions. As a reminder, our bursary amounts are \$5,000 per university allowing for four students being awarded \$1,250 each. The current five-year program runs through to the 2026-27 academic year.

We have signed agreements with the following institutions:

1. Ontario College of Arts and Design (OCADU) in Toronto ON;
2. Emily Carr University of Art and Design (ECUAD) in Vancouver BC;
3. Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts) in Calgary AB; and
4. Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University (NSCADU) in Halifax NS.

I have been liaising with our RHSC Education Committee to work together to promote our three-level education program with our bursary partners. This also includes how we can encourage heraldry to be included in the bursary institution syllabus of the different art and design disciplines. The idea is to develop a scholarship program for 3<sup>rd</sup> - and 4<sup>th</sup> -year students to replace the bursary of the 1<sup>st</sup> - and 2<sup>nd</sup> -year students. We are looking at how scholarship submissions could apply to our level three licentiate achievement

While a heraldry course at these institutions is currently unlikely, having the students aware of heraldry included in all aspects of art and design will also expand their career opportunities. The desire is to create more heraldic artists and calligraphers that can also be a resource for the Canadian Heraldic Authority. More awareness of heraldic options with the students and faculty will also include awareness of student and general membership in our society.

I have been assisted by member John Cave-Browne-Cave in working with our Emily Carr University of Art and Design, in Vancouver BC, to research and develop heraldry with the different disciplines. Our next branch-supported activity is a Lunch & Learn session at ECUAD in the autumn.

To expand our awareness of heraldry within our bursary program I need our members

to help with liaising with the other institutions across Canada. If you are interested, please drop me a line.

Steve Cowan, C.D., U.E., F.R.H.S.C., L.R.H.S.C.  
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### **Report of the French Services Committee**

Over the last year, Henry Levasseur, Dominique Vallée and myself have handled 32 requests including; translation of level 1 (exam A) RSHC Heraldic Proficiency program, Society publications, multiple meetings minutes, bylaws and correspondences. We had high period demands with breaks in between. We also had our annual Committee meeting as a team building exercise and to discuss expectation / process.

Through our own research and with the help of the Saguenay Herald and other members of CHA , we are building a list of French reference material. We are also working on a database of terms ‘unique’ to our organization to be passed on.

AI was once again identified as a great tool to start the translation process but failed when used on its own. There are multiple possible explanation for this:

☐ Protection of Universities integrity (A text written by AI can be easily notice due to obvious misuse of key words and/or verbs)

☐ Heraldic language is unknown to AI (ie Arms = Bras instead of Armoiries, Branch = Branche instead of Section)

☐ Canadian French has its own specificity.

I must add that AI is quickly learning from our interaction as I noticed by always using the same App for my work, but as Heraldry is not a current occurrence for such Apps, it may take a while before they can master this unique language and place it into context.

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Finally as stated before:

We would be more than happy to do a quick review of any translation before publication (as needed). I would also appreciate if all future correspondences in addition to a due date, include a clear description in the emails titles (for faster retrieval).

Devoir avant tout!

Guy Larocque MStJ, CD

French Services Committee President



Président du comité des services francophones

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### **Report of the Communications Committee**

No Report Received.

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### **Report of the Committee of Advisors of *Alta Studia Heraldica***

1. I have made good progress on my own parts of *Alta Studia Heraldica* — two long articles — but have no submissions from other writers, mainly because we have not had a single thesis completed for a couple of years. I shall invite submissions from some of my colleagues in the profession, along with reviews of books, and obituaries for colleagues who die since the last issue.

2. In my other capacity as what has been renamed the “Dean” of the Licentiate programs, there is some hope, because my colleagues on the Education Committee and I have been looking into reviving theses proposed but not actually completed. You will hear more about these developments from the other members of the Committee.

Warmest regards,  
D’Arcy

D’Arcy Jonathan Dacre Boulton, UE, MStJ, FRHSC

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### **Editor, *Heraldry in Canada***

As noted in my editorial for the first issue of *Heraldry in Canada* for 2025, this year has been one of change – not least due to your editor’s impending departure for northern Spain towards the end of this year. This change has been a retirement objective for some time, although I understand the idea is now becoming quite popular among a certain section of Canada’s winter sun-loving population! The current issue of the journal has been proofed and by the time of circulation of this notice will have gone to press. I hope you enjoy reading it. As mentioned previously, articles on heraldry or heraldry-related themes are always welcome for inclusion in a forthcoming issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Neill, Editor

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### **Editor, Gonfanon**

Gonfanon is being published in a single column, online format via Constant Contact for digital distribution. This Constant Contact digital format consists of approximately 1-3 articles per bi-monthly issue. In addition, a PDF format of Gonfanon continues to be produced. It is used as source material which can be uploaded to Constant Contact for e-distribution. The PDF format better allows for recording within the RHSC's archives and with Library and Archives Canada.

This effectively allows us to leave a permanent printable record of the publication. This PDF format can be distributed to the members upon request. The PDF source material will continue to be bound together twice a year into full, bi-annual PDF editions released in Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall.

In summation, and in accordance with my mandate as editor of Gonfanon, I have gathered source material for the Society's Newsletter, written or caused to be written editorial material for the newsletter, edited the selected text and illustrations and assembled the aforementioned into newsletter form for publishing online via Constant Contact. Further, I have liaised with the proofreaders, and abided with the periodicals policies of the Society.

I am producing a copy approximately every two months. I have appointed Assistant Editors, Volunteer Correspondents, Graphic Designers and Peer Reviewers to assist with the Publication. As editor of Gonfanon the publication has achieved its' goal of being a fully French / English bi-lingual publication through the assistance and superior bi-lingual translation skills of Guy Larocque and his dedicated team, the French Services Committee.

Moving forward, it would be beneficial to have access to a shared office suite document program such as (Microsoft 365, etc...) or other program deemed acceptable to the French Services Committee. This would greatly facilitate streamlined collaboration, communication and the sharing of documents and files between the French Services Committee and other members of the Gonfanon team for timely communication and publication.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff King, Editor

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### **Master of the Roll**

No Report Received.

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### **Librarian and Archivist Report**

This year the Society has received 3 book donations. One of them unsolicited. Due to the limitations imposed by Carleton University we can no longer encourage book donations and my be very circumspect about the books we receive and whether or not they fit in with Carleton's requirements.

We are waiting upon Carleton U to let us know when we can move items there.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Murray, Librarian and Archivist.

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### **Social Media and Marketing Report**

The RHSC has established a comprehensive presence across multiple social media and digital platforms to enhance engagement, visibility, and outreach. Below is a summary of the status and strategy for each channel:

1. Instagram – A primary focus for growth, with multiple branch accounts managed independently. Some branches still require designated admins. Content is actively being seeded.
2. Facebook Page – Created to facilitate Instagram management, distinct from the active Facebook Group. A strategy for integrating this with existing engagement efforts is under development.
3. Facebook Group – A well-established and active community platform for discussion and knowledge-sharing among heraldry enthusiasts.
4. Pinterest – In development as a potential visual archive for Canadian arms. Efforts are underway to create a shareable Canadian Heraldic Dictionary.
5. (Twitter) – Currently inactive, but planned for structured content release, including bi-weekly heraldic insights once the Pinterest repository is complete.
6. Bluesky & Threads – Reserved but inactive, with potential to serve the same function as in the future.
7. LibraryThing – Established for cataloging heraldic book collections. Plans to encourage members to contribute to highlight key books of interest.

8. YouTube – Identified as a major growth opportunity for long-form educational content, including potential documentaries and analysis of heraldry in current events and pop culture.

9. LinkedIn – Maintained as a professional network for showcasing RHSC members and achievements. Growing at a swift organic pace given no spend, 2000+ followers.

10. TikTok – Reserved but inactive. Identified as a potential outreach tool, with opportunities to collaborate with heraldry influencers.

11. Blogspot – Exists but has been inactive for over a decade. Could be revived for in-depth society content, potentially requiring a dedicated content writer.

12. Reddit – Currently used for event announcements but has potential for more active engagement with the heraldry community.

13. Steam – Recognized as an avenue for reaching younger history and strategy game enthusiasts, though requires a structured approach for engagement.

14. Linktree – In place to streamline access to RHSC’s multiple platforms, with plans to integrate a branch directory.

Overall, RHSC’s digital presence is well-positioned for growth, with an opportunity to develop content strategies targeting groups (nationally and internationally) with a natural interest in heraldry. This content would include, but not be limited to, developing video content on YouTube, activating for regular updates, collaboration with artists and other organizations on platforms like Instagram, and increasing community interaction. Goals for the next year should be channel growth, content creation, exploring influencers that would target a younger demographic, and after the launch of the website, strongly focusing on membership growth. Further digital marketing efforts should be developed post web launch, including SEM spend to promote the membership and the licentiate program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Singer

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**Director of Ceremonial Report**

No change from last year's report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maj. Terry Byrd

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### **Report of the Mace Bearer**

As your honoured Mace Bearer, I am pleased to report another successful year. The Argent Mace has patiently awaited our annual AGM but is now starting to get a bit excited about its upcoming travels and adventures. The Argent Mace and I are looking forward with great anticipation at attending The AGM in Victoria this coming April. The Argent Mace is even starting to make noises in the home box in preparation of travelling and being able to perform its honoured duties. We are both looking forward to seeing and being with everyone, either in person or virtually.

Kindest regards to all,  
Debbie Morgan-Greenshields  
Mace Bearer

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### **Report of the Programming Officer**

The second lecture of the 2024 series, featuring Prof. Ann Marie Rasmussen, received 83 signups and around 35 attendees. Prof. Rasmussen's honorarium has been paid in full, and a recording of her lecture has been uploaded to YouTube.

The third lecture of the 2024 series, which featured Prof. Laurent Hablot, received 16 signups and around the same number of attendees. This was the first French lecture in the series, so I worked closely with Guy Larocque to ensure our promotional materials were fully bilingual and enlisted his help to give the French introduction and assist with moderation during the Q&A portion of the event. The full recording is available on YouTube. Unfortunately, Prof. Hablot's honorarium payment has been delayed due to issues with transferring USD to overseas bank accounts. From my understanding, Ferguson Mobbs is currently working to either send Prof. Hablot a check or transfer the money using the BIC code he provided, but I have yet to receive confirmation that this has been completed.

The first lecture of the 2025 series featured Dr. Adrian Ailes. It received 39 signups and around 30 attendees. The lecture was not recorded at Dr. Ailes's request due to the use of copyrighted material. Mr. Mobbs is currently working with Dr. Ailes to process the honorarium payment, but it has not been completed yet to my knowledge.

The second lecture of the 2025 series will take place on June 8 th at 4:30pm EST and will feature Sean Belair, the Associate Conservator of Arms & Armor at The Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Mr. Belair has declined to receive an honorarium because he is a representative of the institution. The third lecture of this year's series will take place in October. The speaker will be confirmed in May and officially announced in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ganzel

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## **Branch Reports**

### **BC and Yukon Branch**

Report: As outlined by Society bylaw section 10 – Branches, 10.7, our 2024 Branch Annual Report with financial statements was distributed on January 24, 2025.

Membership: We concluded 2024 with some 86 members across BC, Yukon, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba as well as the USA, Australia and New Zealand. As 2025 membership renewals are being processed, a summary of membership numbers has not been prepared.

Publications: Two issues of our branch publication, The Blazon, were sent to members. Issue volume 19 number 1 (summer) in August 2024 and issue volume 19 number 2 (autumn winter) in December 2024. Issue number 2 was via e-mail only because of the Canada Post strike. Besides BC and Yukon members, our publication was also distributed to the former Vancouver and Prairie branch members. The next issue will be volume 20 number 1 (spring) in May 2025.

Activities: No in-person member functions were held in 2024 due to the lack of funds available for the branch. The unannounced cancellation of the COVID fund stopped the reimbursement of two 2023 activities causing a reduction of our available funds.

The branch 2025 Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, February 2025 in Sidney BC. The AGM was followed by a luncheon and guest speaker.

The branch plans to participate in the Victoria highland games in May 2025 and Campbell River highland games in August 2025.

The branch is assisting our national bursary activity by arranging and promoting heraldry at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design (ECUAD). Two development visits have been conducted (October 2024/March 2025) to have heraldry included in the disciplines. The branch will conduct a Lunch & Learn session at ECUAD in October 2025.

The branch board has not determined additional events or functions for 2025.  
Branch Board: At our AGM a full board of nine executive and directors was approved.  
Branch Planning: With the expansion of our membership due to the closure of Vancouver and Prairie branches, this branch awaits the details of the national finance committee on the transfer of branch fees and membership details as well as details of any available funds for branch projects.

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### **Vancouver Branch Report**

No Report Received

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### **Toronto Branch**

Reflecting on 2024, I recognize that it was a year of challenges for our branch. We faced financial uncertainties with delays in receiving membership dues from national, which tested our resources and resilience. Additionally, our attempts to organize events this past year were met with difficulties, culminating in several cancellations due to insufficient registrations. We also experienced challenges in maintaining an engaged and robust board, which directly impacted our initiatives and support for our beloved branch.

Looking ahead, I am filled with hope and enthusiasm. The struggles we encountered have equipped us with valuable lessons, and our commitment to the goals of the Society remain steadfast. With new ideas, renewed energy, and a focus on rebuilding our community, I am confident that 2025 will be a year of growth and revitalization for our branch.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Laveault, CD, MHumRights, MLAW  
Branch President Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, Toronto Branch

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### **BRANCH EVENTS**

Event 1: Host of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada National AGM Conference  
Date: 7-9 th of June, 2024

Venue: Royal Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, ON

Summary: The 58th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the society was hosted by the Toronto branch, showcasing its organizational capabilities and commitment to the society's mission. The event brought together members for discussions, networking, and decision-making, reflecting the branch's dedication to fostering engagement within the organization.

The Toronto branch effectively coordinated the event, ensuring a well-structured agenda, engaging speakers, and seamless logistics. Their efforts contributed to a successful gathering that strengthened member connections and highlighted the branch's leadership in supporting the society's goals.

Event 2: Medieval Times Family Event

Date: 30th November, 2024

Venue: Medieval Times, Toronto, ON

Summary: The Toronto Branch had planned an exciting Medieval Times dinner and show offering members a unique opportunity to connect while enjoying a lively historical experience. Despite efforts to promote the event, low registration numbers ultimately led to its cancellation. While disappointing, this outcome highlights the importance of member engagement in social activities, and the branch remains committed to organizing future events that align with members' interests.

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### **Ottawa Valley Report**

No Report Received.

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### **Laurentian Branch**

Rapport du président 2024 - Section Laurentienne

Après l'effervescence de l'AGA nationale de 2023, la section a connu à nouveau une bonne année en 2024.

Nous sommes revenus quelque peu au programme établi qui consiste en deux présentations en ligne à saveur plus académique, les Rendez-Vous Héraldique, qui ont été animées par Marc Beaudoin, AIH. Dans l'une, nous avons discuté des armoiries des Chevaliers de St-Louis en Nouvelle-France, tandis que l'autre a abordé le sujet de personnages qui ont été répertoriés dans l'Armorial d'Hozier ayant une connexion avec la Nouvelle-France. Les deux ont été suivis par une douzaine de participants.

Ce qui est maintenant devenu notre événement phare, la présentation et le cocktail de Noël, comprenaient une présentation sur l'Aviation royale canadienne qui était coanimée par Charles Maier, de l'Athabasca Herald et Christophe Stevenson. Une tombola a aussi été organisée avec un grand prix consistant en une fin de semaine à Charlebois généreusement offerte par Voyages Centaure. La participation a dépassé



les attentes avec 35 participants, au sommet des niveaux pré-Covid.

Et surtout, notre secrétaire, Christophe Stevenson, a publié trois é très colorés de notre bulletin La Laurentienne/The Laurentian, qui, en soi, valent la cotisation annuelle.

Pour 2025, nous prévoyons poursuivre avec un programme similaire.

Il y aura cependant quelques changements au niveau du conseil d'administration puisque Jocelyne Biron et Jacques Duchesneau ont décidé de prendre du recul. Cette situation nous rappelle l'importance d'avoir une relève. Par chance la section est bien gérée et le programme est stable ce qui facilite notre tâche bénévole et surtout celle à venir. Donc n'hésitez pas à vous manifester. Il en va de notre pérennité.

Le nombre de membres s'est maintenu en 2024 mais il faudra voir si l'augmentation des frais aura un impact en 2025.

Eric Saumure, FRHSC

Président

#### President's 2024 Report – Laurentian Branch

Following the 2023 national AGM effervescence, the branch had again a good year in 2024.

We reverted somewhat to the established program which consist of two online presentations with a more academic flavour, the Rendez-Vous Héraldique, which have been hosted by Marc Beaudoin, AIH. In the first one we discussed the Chevaliers de St-Louis in New France while the second one covered the subject of armigers in the Armorial d'Hozier who had a connection with New France. Both were attended by about a dozen participants.

What has now become our main event, the Christmas presentation and cocktail, featured a presentation about the Royal Canadian Air Force which was cohosted by Charles Maier, forms Athabasca Herald and Christophe Stevenson. A raffle was also organized with a grand prize consisting of a weekend in Charlebois generously offered by Voyages Centaure. The attendance surpassed expectations with 35 participants, at the high end of pre-Covid levels.

Least but not least, our Secretary, Christophe Stevenson again published three highly colourful newsletters, La Laurentienne/The Laurentian which, in themselves, are worth the membership fee.

For 2025, we expect to continue with a similar program.

There will be some changes however at the board level as Jocelyne Biron and Jacques Duchesneau have decided to take a step back. This situation reminds us of the importance of having successors. Luckily, the section is well managed, and the program is stable, which makes our volunteer task easier, especially the ones to come. So, do not hesitate to come forward. Our sustainability is at stake.

Our membership was stable in 2024 however the impact of the fee increase in 2025 remains to be seen.

Eric Saumure, FRHSC

Président

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