

## **Membership Report for the Annual Meeting 2025**

As Secretary and Chair, Membership Committee, I am please to present the Membership Report of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada for 2025.

The Membership of the Society for the year ending 31st December, 2024 stood at 428. This is the highest it has been since 1992. While these numbers look impressive I caution all member that we are still coming out of the pandemic and those that joined during that time have not been renewing. Having said that I am optimistic for the future membership growth of the Society.

The Society's current paid up membership is 324, and their are 106 that have not renewed this year so far. These numbers are actually excellent and puts us on track to have about 420 members by the end of the year. My membership goal for this year is 412. This is in line with my target of a 3% year growth in the membership.

The addition of the Household/Family membership has become very popular and currently stands at 21. This category allows spouses/partners/family members to join the Society without having to pay the full Regular fee and therefore duplicate the sending of journals.

Later this year we will be finalizing the the details of the Life Membership category. The plan is to have it introduced with the new website. This will allow interested members to take out a life membership and will benefit them and the Society.

The proposed Membership Booklet is delayed and will be taken up again in the summer months.

I have included some statistics with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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1st Vice President, Hon. Secretary, and Chair, Membership Committee

Year	Regular	Students	Institutional	Household /Family	Life/ Honorary	Institutional Exchange	New	Not Renewed	Base
2025	353	17	18	21	14	7	6	106	430
2024	341	12	18	21	15	7	26	95	414
2023	335	17	18	12	15	7	32	45	404
2022	349	13	15	0	16	7	63	33	400
2021	347	9	18	0	18	7	63	6	399
2020	283	10	19	0	17	6	23	10	334
2019	270	6	18	0	18	6	24	14	318
1997	218	15	67	0	24	23	34	239	347

***Note:** The 2025 figures are as of June 5, 2024. The Not Renewed for this year should not be added to the Base, but they are part of the base which is 430. Renewal notices are sent out regularly.*

*The other years figures are as of the 31st of December of that year.*

#### **Average Age of Membership: 66**

***Note:** This reflects the year of birth provided by the members. Some members have not provided this. But, this has dropped from a high of 69.*

**Members Gender: Male 89.5%**

**Female 7%**

**Not Given 3.5%** (This is the Institutional and Institutional Exchange)

***Note:** The rate of female membership has been slowly rising each year.*

#### **Branch Numbers:**

BC & Yukon 64

Vancouver 25

Prairie (Branch suspended in 2024)

Toronto 129

Ottawa Valley 75

Laurentian 53

***Note:** Many members of the Society belong to multiple Branches.*

*141 members are not affiliated with a Branch.*

*Also several memberships are for administrative purposes such as the Secretary of the Society.*

**Note:** *Honorary, Life and Institutional Exchange pay no fee.*

*Honorary Members include the Governor General, Canadian Heraldic Authority and several members who have been honoured by the Society.*

*Institutional Exchange Members from this year will only receive electronic journals.*