



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

Annual Report of the the Society

Submitted 30th April, 2023

Respectfully Compiled and Submitted by

**Stephen R. A. Murray, BA, CPPA, TESL, FRHSC
Hon. Secretary**

Note: This report will be posted to the Society's website before the Annual Meeting and will be deposited to the Society's Archives

The President's Report

Dear members and friends of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada,

I am suddenly facing a strange reality as in the next short while, I will be ending my term as President of the RHSC. It has been both very rewarding and frustrating, as many of the activities we tried to hold in the past four years were more virtual than in person, but things are changing happily for the better, as the COVID threat is steadily dissipating. That being said, please be sure to follow your locality's health advice and take all recommended precautions.

Despite having been confined to our homes over most of the past few years, our Society has remained in very good shape, thanks mainly to the generosity and creativity of our membership. We were able to pivot to virtual meetings quickly and whenever things got better, we adopted the hybrid model to consider every participant's comfort levels. The Zoom platform as well as its other iterations allowed us to connect with members across the country and even beyond our borders, so much so that I suspect we will continue that format until Star Trek's transporter becomes an option we can use regularly (and for not much cost...), but I digress. This situation has allowed our relationships with other heraldry societies around the world to improve in a way that we never imagined, and we all benefit from such a closer relationship. The fact that our very good friend Robert Watt (who as we all know was Canada's first ever Chief Herald) was until recently President of the Association Internationale Héraldique, has certainly been a wonderful example of closer cooperation and collaboration between the two organizations. While we expected to lose some members due to the lack of activities, many of you were extremely generous, sending us donations to support the Society in these difficult times.

Among the highlights of the recent past, I am delighted to remind those who knew, and inform all those who may not know, that Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Mary Simon, accepted to be our Patron. This is wonderful news as we have been greatly honoured to have every Governor General - since Roland Michener - as Patron. This greatly helps us as we continue to have excellent relationship with Rideau Hall, the Chancellery of Honours as well as the Canadian Heraldic Authority. Speaking of which, we are in touch with some of the national museums to see how we might celebrate the 35th anniversary of the CHA, so watch this space.

Speaking of celebrations, the next big celebration will be in 2026, when the RHSC turns 60. We are in discussions again with the national museums in Ottawa, where we will hold our AGM in 2026, to see how we might collaborate with them to celebrate appropriately our coming of age in 3 years' time. I look forward to a wonderful turnout for the Society's big birthday.

Early in May, we formally inaugurated the Group Study Room at Carleton University's MacOdrum Library. The turnout was great, as you can see in some of the pictures which were published. Our ongoing relationship with the Chancellery of Honours and the CHA continues to grow and collaboration between us is at an all time high. We are benefitting from this relationship by nominating as many of our members who qualify for the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, and if (and that is still a big if for now) the rumours turn out to be true, the Society may also be in a position to recommend worthy members for the King's Coronation Medal. This opportunity comes on top of the Board's decision to change the Fellowship program such that everyone is a Fellow, neither an honorary nor a full, but simply and finally a Fellow of the RHSC.

I would like to end with two appeals: the first is to encourage one and all to recruit new – and younger - members. Our Very Humble Secretary can provide the exact age breakdown, your Executive is conscious of it being at the higher end of the scale, thereby requiring us to inject fresh blood into the Society. Hopefully our work with the Arts and Design Colleges will yield some results but each and every one of us is the Society's best ambassador and lobbyist, so get out there and recruit a new member (or even several). My other appeal is to encourage one and all to write articles in our various publications. Each one of you is an expert in his or her own area of knowledge, so why not share that expertise with our members, many of whom are also our friends.

Thank you, may the Society be around for another 60 years, and it was an great honour and wonderful privilege to serve in this role.

Chers membres et amis de la Société royale héraldique du Canada,

Je suis soudain confronté à une étrange réalité : dans peu de temps, mon mandat de président de la SRHC terminera. Ce fut à la fois très gratifiant et frustrant, car bon nombre des activités que nous avons tenté d'organiser au cours des quatre dernières années étaient plus virtuelles que réelles, mais les choses changent heureusement pour le

mieux, car la menace COVID se dissipe peu à peu. Cela étant dit, veuillez à suivre les conseils sanitaires de votre localité et à prendre toutes les précautions recommandées.

Bien que nous ayons été confinés chez nous pendant la majeure partie de ces dernières années, notre Société est restée en très bonne santé, principalement grâce à la générosité et à la créativité de nos membres. Nous avons pu passer rapidement aux réunions virtuelles et, lorsque la situation s'est améliorée, nous avons adopté le modèle hybride afin de tenir compte du niveau de confort de chaque participant. La plateforme Zoom ainsi que d'autres applications similaires nous ont permis de nous connecter avec des membres à travers le pays et même au-delà de nos frontières, à tel point que je soupçonne que nous poursuivrons ce format jusqu'à ce que le téléporteur de Star Trek devienne une option que nous puissions utiliser régulièrement (et pour un coût modique...), mais je m'éloigne du sujet. Cette situation nous a permis d'améliorer nos relations avec d'autres sociétés héraldiques dans le monde à tel point que nous n'aurions jamais pu imaginer, et nous bénéficions tous de ces relations plus étroites. Le fait que notre cher ami Robert Watt (qui comme nous le savons tous a été le tout premier Héraut d'Armes du Canada,) était jusqu'il y a peu le président de l'Association Internationale Héraldique, a certainement été un merveilleux exemple de coopération et de collaboration plus étroites entre nos deux organisations. Alors que nous nous attendions à perdre quelques membres en raison du manque d'activités, beaucoup d'entre vous se sont montrés extrêmement généreux en nous envoyant des dons pour soutenir la Société en ces moments difficiles.

Parmi les faits marquants de ces dernières années, j'ai le plaisir de rappeler à ceux qui le savaient, et d'informer tous ceux qui ne le savent peut-être pas, que Son Excellence la Gouverneure générale du Canada, la très honorable Mary Simon, a accepté d'être notre présidente d'honneur. C'est une excellente nouvelle, car nous avons été très honorés d'avoir tous les gouverneurs généraux - depuis Roland Michener - comme présidents d'honneur. Cela nous aide grandement à maintenir d'excellentes relations avec Rideau Hall, la Chancellerie des distinctions honorifiques et l'Autorité héraldique du Canada. À ce propos, nous sommes en contact avec certains musées nationaux à Ottawa pour voir comment nous pourrions célébrer le 35e anniversaire de l'AHC.

En parlant de célébrations, la prochaine grande fête aura lieu en 2026, lorsque le SRHC aura 60 ans. Nous sommes à nouveau en discussion avec les musées nationaux à Ottawa, où nous tiendrons notre AGA en 2026, pour voir comment nous pourrions collaborer avec eux pour célébrer comme il se doit notre anniversaire dans trois ans. Je m'attends à ce qu'il y ait beaucoup de monde pour le grand anniversaire de la Société.

Au début du mois de mai, nous avons officiellement inauguré la salle d'étude de groupe à la bibliothèque MacOdrum de l'université Carleton. L'assistance était nombreuse, comme

le montrent certaines des photos publiées. Notre relation avec la Chancellerie des distinctions honorifiques et la SHC ne cesse de se développer et la collaboration entre nous n'a jamais été aussi forte. Nous profiterons de cette relation en nommant le plus grand nombre possible de nos membres qui remplissent les conditions requises pour recevoir la Médaille du Souverain pour les Bénévoles, et si (et c'est encore un grand si pour l'instant) les rumeurs s'avèrent vraies, la Société pourrait également être en mesure de recommander des membres méritants pour la Médaille du Couronnement du Roi. Cela vient en plus de la décision de notre conseil de changer le programme des Fellows de sorte que toute personne admise est dorénavant et en toute simplicité un Fellow, et non plus « un Fellow entier » ou « honoraire ».

Je voudrais terminer en lançant deux appels : le premier est d'encourager tout le monde à recruter de nouveaux membres - et des membres plus jeunes. Notre très humble secrétaire peut vous fournir la répartition exacte des âges, mais votre comité exécutif est conscient qu'elle se situe à l'extrémité supérieure de l'échelle, ce qui nous oblige à injecter du sang frais dans la Société. Espérons que notre travail avec les écoles d'art et de design donnera des résultats, mais chacun d'entre nous est le meilleur ambassadeur et lobbyiste de la Société, alors allez-y et recrutez un nouveau membre (ou même plusieurs). Mon autre appel est d'encourager tout le monde à écrire des articles dans nos différentes publications, chacun d'entre vous est un expert dans son propre domaine de connaissance, alors pourquoi ne pas partager cette expertise avec nos membres, qui sont aussi nos amis ?

Merci, et en souhaitant que la Société perdure durant les prochaines 60 années, et ce fut un grand honneur et un énorme privilège de la servir.

Vicken Koundakjian

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report will be posted separately on the website and then attached to this report afterwards.

Membership Report

Membership Report - Annual Meeting 2022

As Secretary and Chair, Membership Committee I am pleased to present the Membership Report of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The membership in the Society for the year ending December 31, 2021 stood at 397. This is the highest the Society's membership has been since 2006. There are many reasons for this high number and I would caution all members to not get their hopes up that this will be maintained in the coming year. It should be remembered that in 2021 the Society did not charge any fees at all and flipped all existing members to the 2021 membership year. There is usually attrition each year and many of those are non-renewals that would happen in a normal year. Despite this caution I am optimistic that our membership will continue to grow as it has at a steady pace over the last 8 years.

The Society's current up-to-date membership is 322, with 75 non-renewals so far. This is actually quite a good number. I've set a goal of membership by the end of the year to be 365. This number takes into account permanent non-renewals as we return to more normal operations as the pandemic winds down.

This year a revision is proposed to the Society's By-Laws to allow for Household/Family membership. This category is quite common in organizations and will allow spouses and children to become part of the Society's family without having to pay the full fee. The amendment also allows for Life Memberships to continue and clarifies the Institutional Exchange category which had been missing from the By-Law that was passed in 2013. I encourage all members to support these changes.

I am going to propose a new fee structure if the By-Law amendments regarding membership pass. They will be lower than pre-pandemic levels. This will take into account changes in the way the Society operates. I will also ask the Branches to review their fees to see if the current levels are in line with their operations. An announcement with regards to the fees will come by September to take effect next January 1st.

I have included some statistics for members reference on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Murray, FRHSC(Hon.)
Secretary, and Chair, Membership Committee

Year	Regular	Students	Institutional	Life/ Honorary	Institutional Exchange	New	Not Renewed	Base
2022	271	13	15	16	7	63	75	322
2021	347	9	18	18	7	63	0	397
2020	283	10	19	17	6	23	10	335
2019	270	6	18	18	6	24	12	318
2018	265	11	18	18	6	27	44	318

Note: The 2022 figures are as at May, 7, 2022.

Also, the 2021 and 2022 New members are the result of them joining in both years and being carried over. The "0" number in Not Renewed is because all members were automatically renewed due to the pandemic.

Average Age of Membership: 66

Note: This statistic reflects those that gave their year of birth when joining. We are missing many members birth years in our records. But, this has dropped from 69 two years ago.

Members Gender: Male 91% Female 9%

Note: This is actually an improvement of 5 per cent from previous years, but obviously not where we'd like to be.

Branch Numbers:

BC & Yukon	51
Vancouver	32
Prairie	35
Toronto	144
Ottawa Valley	56
Laurentian	58

*Note: Many members of the Society belong to multiple Branches.
76 Members of the Society do not belong to any branch.*

*Note: The Honorary, Life and Institutional Exchange Members pay no fee.
There is one Life Member remaining. (These were discontinued in the 1980's)*

Honorary Members include the Governor General, Canadian Heraldic Authority, and several members who have been honoured with this membership. They all receive the Society Journals. The Commonwealth Arms Granting Bodies are in this category.

Institutional Exchange Members will from this year only receive electronic journal except for the major Commonwealth Society's such as the English and Scottish Society's.

If members have any questions on this please contact me, Stephen Murray at:

secretary@heraldry.ca

Report of the Nominations Committee

The Report will be submitted at the Annual Meeting and then attached to this report later.

Honours and Awards Committee Report

Year 2022-2023

The Committee had limited activity in the past year. There were no in person meetings, and one on line consultation. The recommendation from that consultation will be considered by the Executive of the Board. In the final meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

The chair wishes to thank the Committee members for their time and expertise . As well, he wishes to express his regret for the work and support of the late Roger A. Lindsay, Fellow of the Society, who died his past 30 March. His championing of Canadian heraldry and his service to the Society were legendary and exemplary.

At this time, it is a pleasure to advise that Mr. Lindsay's place on the Committee has been filled by Ted McNabb of Ottawa, FRHSC, immediate Past President of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Watt, LVO,
Chair of the Committee

College of Fellows Report

As Dean of the College it is a pleasure to submit the summary of the year's activities, which has been prepared by Dr. Christopher McCreery, MVO, Vice Dean and Registrar of the College. This gives a welcome opportunity to thank Dr. McCreery for his careful attention to the work of the College and to its records. He and I will be planning an early zoom meeting post this year's RHSC AGM to consider several proposals for additions to the, membership.

Report from the Vice Dean and Registrar

During the last year the College of Fellows was restructured with the merging of the Honorary Fellowship division into the general Fellowship division.

Three new Fellows were appointed:
Carl Larsen, BA, FRHSC
Gary A. Mitchell, MAS, ERM, FRHSC
Captain Jason Charles Burgoin, MStJ, CD, FRHSC, FSA (Scot)

The Vice-Dean and Registrar of Fellows has updated the register of Fellows and has added in relevant post-nominals, publications and other details relevant to the members of the College of Fellows.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Watt, LVO
Dean of the College of Fellows

Education Committee Report

Heraldry Proficiency Programme - 2022 Report

Level 1 Number registered in 2022: 7

Level 2 Number registered in 2022: 2

Level 3 Number registered: 2

Level 1 Certificates issued: 3

Level 2 Certificates issued: 2

Level 3 Certificates issued: 1

Respectfully submitted,
David Bowyer,
Chief Examiner

Society Technology Group Report

Developments

There hasn't been much change as compared to last year's figures. There's been no new development, however, some content updates have been applied over the past year. The website experienced approximately the same number of visitors (traffic) to the website over the same period in 2023. The statistics have been fairly stable over the past number of years. General behaviour of accesses does depict a spike in May this year as is last year, probably due to interest in AGM materials.

General website statistics of interest

Disk space utilization: 7.9 GB of unlimited storage capacity.

Bandwidth consumed: 9.7GB of unlimited bandwidth available

Monthly Statistics for March 2023 (March 2021 values in italics for comparison)

Total Hits 291,804 *206,882*

Total Files 267,194 *180,519*

Total Pages 172,475 *67,548*

Total Visits 21,428 *25,009*

Total KBytes 11,313,565 *16,700,396*

Total Unique Sites 13,138 10,978
Total Unique URLs 7,720 7,742
Total Unique Referrers 3,154 2,833
Total Unique User Agents 333 284
. Avg Max
Hits per Hour 392 22,727 278 4,294
Hits per Day 9,413 32,487 6,673 9,805
Files per Day 8,619 31,864 5,823 8,629
Pages per Day 5,563 27,572 2,178 5,995
Visits per Day 691 977 806 1,478

Top 4 URLs accessed

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

Browsers (sourced from google analytics)

- Chrome: 57.27%
- Safari: 26.36%
- Firefox: 7.73%
- MS Edge: 5.91%
- Amazon Silk: 1.36%

Sessions by OS (sourced from google analytics)

- Windows: 42.73%
- iOS: 18.64%
- Android: 15.91%
- Macintosh: 14.55%
- Chrome OS 4.09%
- Linux 3.18%

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Cvet, FRHSC
Royal Heraldry Society of Canada

By-Law Committee Report

There has been no activity for this Committee for the last year.

Vicken Koundakjian
Chair

Heraldic Arts Committee

Heraldic Arts Committee Report 2022-2023

Coronation of Their Majesties the King and Queen

Allan created an illuminated certificate expressing congratulations from the Society and the membership on King Charles III's coronation. It will be sent to him after the May 6 coronation.

Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

The production of the Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Medallion, designed by Allan in 2022, was completed.

A Municipal Coat of Arms Manual 2nd

Edition (Poplarville)

The manual has been updated to produce a second edition. A transcript of the text will be provided to National to be translated into French. Allan will then create a French edition.

Merchandise Artwork

Drafts of artwork for final confirmation was provided for three items: membership cards, book marks and post cards.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Ailo, FRHSC
Chair, Heraldic Arts Committee

Heraldic Bursary Report

Report: The 2022-23 academic year is the first year of our revised five-year bursary program. And this has been renamed the Claire Boudreau Memorial Bursary in honour of our late Fellow and former Chief Herald of Canada. While a new agreement has been completed with our previous sole educational institution, the Ontario College of Arts and Design in Toronto, the board had approved an expansion of our bursary program to allow for a total of four institutions. This also includes an increase in the bursary amount, from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per university allowing for four students being awarded \$1,250 each.

To date the following has been arranged:

- Ontario College of Arts and Design (OCADU) in Toronto,
- Emily Carr University of Art and Design (ECUAD) in Vancouver.

Awaiting completion of the relevant gift agreement is:

- Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts) in Calgary.

This leaves one more arts school to be researched and contacted. The desire is to have an arts institution in Quebec to enable French language students to participate in our bursary program. I anticipate that the fourth educational institution will be arranged by the end of 2023.

Steve Cowan, Chair
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stevecowanartist@yahoo.ca

French Services Committee

Once again it was a busy year for the Committee. Articles, email messages, letters were efficiently translated to French by the Committee. Special note is the condolence letter to His Majesty the King on the death of Her Late Majesty, and the message that will be sent to His Majesty on the occasion of his coronation.

I'd like to once again thank Johanna Raso, Gilles LeVasseur, and Guy Larocque for all their good work.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Murray
Chair, French Services Committee

Communications Committee

No report received.

Ad-Hoc Heraldic Arts Symposium and Exhibit Planning Committee

No report received.

Committee of Advisors of Alta Studia Heraldica

See Editor's report.

Ad-Hoc Committee for the 2022 Platinum Jubilee Planning

No report received.

Ad-Hoc Committee on the Society Tartan

There has been no activity for this committee in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Murray, Chair

Editor, Heraldry in Canada

As the operation of our Society returns to a new ‘normal’ after COVID, with the first in-person national conference since Calgary in 2019, publications remain the principal method whereby the Society communicates with the membership. During this time, I have endeavoured to produce two editions of each publication *Gonfanon* and *Heraldry in Canada* during the year and later in 2023, we can look forward to a special edition of *Heraldry in Canada* when Society member and Chief Herald of Canada, Dr. Samy Khalid will provide a selection of articles written in celebration of the 35 th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Heraldic Authority in 1988.

As always, I encourage members and any others interested in our unique hobby to submit articles or items of interest to the editor mountneill@gmail.com

Respectfully,

John W. Neill FRHSC
Editor, *Heraldry in Canada* and *Gonfanon*

Editor, *Gonfanon*

See above report for *Heraldry in Canada*.

Editor, *Alta Studia Heraldica*

No report received.

Master of the Roll

No report received.

Chief Examiner & Registrar

See Education Report.

Librarian & Archivist Report

As Librarian and Archivist of the Society I am pleased to present the Report on the Library and Archives of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada for the year 2022 - 2023.

There were several donations of books donated to the Society. Recently we were contacted by a member who has donated over 8 boxes of heraldry books to the Society. We will be cataloguing them and sorting them.

Currently Carleton University has not said how they are going to deal with books. We are hoping they will take them and build a heraldry collection. It is the plan to have a meeting with them over the summer months to work out the details of both the Library and Archives side of things.

Because we may receive books we do not need, or we may receive heraldic items we cannot use I propose that the Society do several things with excess collections

- 1) Offer the Books to the Branches so they can establish a branch library.
- 2) Sell off all surplus items and raise funds for the Society.

In light of the above proposals I also recommend that a Library and Archive Fund be established. The funding of this can come from the sale of items. The Fund can then finance the purchase of desired books or heraldic items or be used for the Society’s Education purposes. It can even be used to support our Library and Archive Collection at Carleton University.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Murray, FRHSC
Librarian and Archivist

Marketing and Advertising Officer

Since our last AGM, I raised the possibility of having the Arms of the Prime Ministers of Canada painted, mounted, and hung by their portraits on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. I have been working with Vicken on this, with a few challenges.

Not all PMs have Arms (something we might wish to advocate for); the Centre Block has been undergoing renovations; our contact to help us navigate through this process has been ill. However, we charge forward and will soon create a team to help us undertake the task.

As we all know, the Society has undertaken the GG's Arms project over the past years. This is to paint a shield of each GG with their Arms, and hang them in St. Bartholomew's church in Ottawa, near Rideau Hall. At the writing of this report, we do not know if this has been undertaken. If not, we shall undertake the project and arrange an official ceremony for hanging the Arms. If it has been completed, would someone kindly inform me. As the King's Coronation approaches, we may wish to create a memento in celebration of this significant moment for The King of Canada. A special coin, medal or other artifact would be a wonderful way for the Society to engage the entire membership.

Always open for suggestions. You may reach me at:
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Robbie Sprules

Gift Planning and Donations Officer Report

Position vacant, no report

International Correspondent Report

Position vacant, no report

Social Media Officer Report

No report received.

Facebook Page Administrator Report

As of April 16, 2023, the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada Facebook group has 1,507 members. Over the past year, members and visitors viewed the group 31,757 times.

During the previous 90 days, 150 members added 36 posts and 174 comments in the group; additionally, members and visitors reacted to posts and comments 1,352 times.

Allan Joseph Medwick, EdD
RHSC Facebook Administrator

Director of Ceremonial Report

List of Society Regalia

Ceremonial Stock: Dated 1 May 2020		
Quantity	Item	Description
1	Suitcase	Black (Rolling)
1	Pillow	Kneeling Pillow
2	Cdn Flag	Gov't Canada Envelope
1	Banner	Red & White - Maple Leaf
2	Cdn Flag	Ceremonial w/Tassel Trim
5	Flag Stand	Metal (Silver Coloured)
14	Flag Pole	Aluminium Poles
3	Pole	3 Separate Poles Wooden
1	Spearhead	Gold (Brass) for Wood Flag Pole
2	Quaich	Silver (2x Purple Bags)
13	Caps	Gold (Brass) Coloured Plastic
1	Lanyard	White Tassle (Rope)
1	Lanyard	Red Tassle (Rope)
1	Lanyard	Yellow Tassle (Rope)
1	Lanyard	Gold Tassle (Rope)
2	Goblets	Silver (Metal)

Inventory has not changed.

Maj. Terry Byrd

Media Relations Officers Report

Position vacant, no report.

Mace Bearer of the Society Report

Dear Fellow Heraldry Members,

As your honoured Mace Bearer, I am pleased to report a successful, yet quiet year again, due to Covid. But both the Argent Mace and I are looking forward with great anticipation & joy with being able to physically attend the AGM in Montreal this coming May. The Argent Mace is even starting to make noises in his home box in preparation to being allowed to travel again & perform his honoured duties. We are both looking forward to seeing everyone present, either in person or virtually.

Kindest regards to all,

Debbie Morgan-Greenshields
Mace Bearer

Mail Administrator Report

Position vacant. Vicken Koundakjian has kindly taken on this task until a more permanent mail solution can be found.

Branch Reports

Note: Branches are required each year to submit a short report on activities for the last year and also a financial statement.

BC & Yukon Branch Report

2023 AGM Annual Report of 2022 from BC/Yukon Branch

This branch continues to strive to achieve the Society's aim of promoting heraldry to Canadians with the following activities completed in 2022:

March 12, 2022 – The branch AGM was an online event. The Guest speaker was Dr. Charles Maier, C.D., F.R.H.S.C. who gave a presentation on the heraldry of Sir Winston Churchill;

May 21-22, 2022 – The branch operated its heraldry booth at the Victoria Highland Games in Victoria BC;

August 6-7, 2022 - The branch operated its heraldry booth at the Campbell River Highland Games in Campbell River BC;

October 1, 2022 – The branch held a public lecture at the St. Peter and St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Esquimalt BC. This was an in-person presentation by Dr. Charles Maier, C.D., F.R.H.S.C. and the presentation was on naval heraldry. In attendance was our Yukon Distinguished Patron, The Honourable Angélique Bernard, O.Y., Commissioner of Yukon;

October 1, 2022 – The branch held a members and guests black tie dinner at the Union Club in Victoria BC. In attendance was our Yukon Distinguished Patron, The Honourable Angélique Bernard, O.Y., Commissioner of Yukon. The after-dinner presentation was, appropriately, on the arms of Yukon given by Dr. Charles Maier, C.D., F.R.H.S.C., who was Athabaskan Herald (1988-2001); and

October 20, 27 and November 3, 2022 – The branch conducted a three-class course on heraldry with the Elder College at the North Island College in Campbell River BC.

The Branch also published issues of the branch publication, The Blazon;

Volume 17 number 1, Spring 2022;

Volume 17 number 2, Summer 2022; and

Volume 17 number 3, Autumn 2022

The branch also achieved two Vice-Regal Proclamations in 2022 from:

Province of British Columbia for “Heraldry Week” March 14 to 20, 2022; and

Territory of Yukon for “Heraldry Week” June 4 to 11, 2022.

At the branch AGM of April 1, 2023, the 2023 Board consists of:

President: Steve Cowan Vice-President: Tom Mercer

Treasurer: Brian Hutchison Secretary: Gary Mitchell

Directors: Terms ending in 2024 David Hjalmarson and Lesley Patten

Directors: Terms ending in 2025 Lee Van Horne, Darren George and Don Mayers

Supernumerary Board Member: John Neill (appointed by the Board – Bylaw 5.3)

Steve Cowan

Branch President

BC/Yukon Branch R.H.S.C.

Vancouver Branch

No report received.

Prairie Branch

The year of 2022 for the Prairie Branch was very quiet, to say the least. No meetings were held, although some members participated in various virtual meetings online. Personally I have had some interesting email and telephone contact with some of the RHSC members.

This past month (March 2023) we lost a long time member, George Lucki. His passing has affected all of us.

The Prairie Branch AGM will be held on a Zoom meeting on 15 April 2023. At that time it is hoped that some plans for the future of the Branch can be formulated.

Submitted 1 April 2023

David Hongisto
Prairie Branch President

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Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
Prairie Branch
Financial Statement
For the Year Ended December 31,

2022

Receipts

Branch Dues

\$ 380.00

Total Receipts

\$ 380.00

Disbursements

Bank Charges 59.40

59.40

Excess Receipts

Bank Account 31 Dec
2021

1,810.77

Bank Account 31 Dec
2022

\$ 2,131.37

Toronto Branch

No report received.

Ottawa Valley Branch

2023 Treasurer's Report

A. Assets (Bank Balance)

B.

Opening Balance	(1 April 2022):	\$4,675.43
Closing Balance	(4 March 2023):	\$4,111.45
Receivables		\$ 510.00
Gain (Loss)		\$ (53.98)

B. Income / Loss Statement

Revenues:

1. Membership Fees:	\$ 660.00
2. Interest Income:	\$ 0.32
3. Transfer from National from previous years:	\$1660.00

4. Sales of tickets for October Greek Dinner Event	\$2800.00
5. Grant from National for Greek Dinner Event:	\$3000.00
6. Sales of tickets for March Heraldry Day Dinner (Including cheques not yet deposited)	\$1870.00
 Total Revenues:	 \$ 9960.32
 Expenses:	
1. Bank Fees	\$ 44.75
2. April 2022 AGM Expenses (hall rental, equipment, refreshments Gift for departing OVB President)	\$324.35
3. August Garden Party Expenses (Food and Refreshments, payment to the Saint Lawrence Sword Fighters Guild for demonstration of Historical European Martial Arts)	\$552.67
4. October Greek Dinner at Chateau Laurier (room rental, dinner, gift for dinner speaker)	\$7273.67
5. Christmas Card design, printing and postage	\$ 349.16
6. March Heraldry Day and AGM Hall Rental Christ Church Cathedral	\$1500.00
 Total Expenses:	 \$10044.30
 Net Income (loss)	 \$ (53.98)

Laurentian Branch Report

Annexe C
Rapport du président
31 décembre 2023

Annex C
Report from the President
31 December 2023

L'année 2022 en a été une où le monde commençait à se désactiver du mode pandémie. Cependant les ondes de choc pouvaient encore se faire sentir ; les gens sont restés prudents et

semblaient tout à fait satisfaits du confort de leurs maisons. La Section Laurentienne n'était et n'est pas à l'abri de ce phénomène. En effet, le conseil a travaillé sur 2 événements dans la seconde moitié de l'année. Le premier, un vin et un fromage, était prévu pour septembre. Néanmoins, bien qu'il fût gratuit, on a pu constater un manque général d'intérêt de la part de nos membres, car seulement trois unités familiales eurent confirmé leur présence. La décision a donc été prise de l'annuler. Le deuxième événement, notre désormais célèbre Cocktail Champagne de Noël, a eu plus de succès avec 25 personnes présentes alors que dans le passé l'affluence approchait habituellement 35 personnes. Le prix a été délibérément maintenu bas et les fonds accumulés pendant COVID ont été utilisés pour subventionner le tout. En fin de compte, ce fut un autre succès que nous chercherons à répéter en 2023. Christophe a également été un champion de la régularité avec notre bulletin de la Section et mérite toutes nos félicitations pour ses efforts. Il a également pris l'initiative d'envoyer des copies à Sa Majesté le roi Charles III qui avait fait l'objet d'un article à l'automne.

The year 2022 was one where society in general was slowly deactivating from the height of the pandemic. The ripples could still be felt however as people remained cautious and appeared to have been quite content to settle down in the comfort of their homes. The Laurentian Branch was and is not immune to this phenomenon. The executive worked on 2 events in the second half of the year. The first one, a wine and cheese, was scheduled for September. However, despite being free, there was a general lack of interest from our members as only three family units confirmed. The decision was thus taken to cancel the

event altogether. The second event, our now famous Christmas Champagne Cocktail, was more successful as 25 people attended while the usual crowd approximated 35 people in the past. The price was purposely kept low and accumulated funds over COVID were used to subsidize it. In the end, it was another success which we are looking to repeat in 2023.

Christophe has also been a champion of regularity with our Branch newsletter and deserves our commend. He also undertook the initiative of sending copies to His Majesty King Charles III who had been the subject of an article.

Notre position en matière de trésorerie reste enviable. Des changements dans la redistribution interne nationale, un montant forfaitaire en échange de frais de section moins élevés, devraient nous être bénéfiques car le point zéro est de 75 membres, nombre que nous n'avons jamais atteint pour autant que je sache. En parlant d'adhésion, nous avons 5 nouveaux membres mais en avons perdu 6, laissant 49 membres non institutionnels. Malheureusement 2022 nous a enlevé un président, Peter Hogan, et un ancien président, Mark Macpherson, deux personnes qui nous manqueront profondément. Ainsi, les 5 dernières années ont vu

Our treasury position remains good while changes in internal redistribution from National, a lump sum in exchange of lower branch fees should be beneficial to us as the breakeven is 75 members which we never attained as far as I know. Speaking of membership, it stands at 49 paying members. We lost 6 but gained 5 new ones. Sadly 2022 also took away from us a president, Peter Hogan, and a past-president, Mark Macpherson, two individuals who will be

deeply missed. So, the last 5 years saw 4 of our past presidents pass away (adding Okill

4 de nos anciens présidents décéder (en ajoutant Okill Stuart et Barbara Zaharescu). Cela laisse seulement Bruno Pereira, Johanna Raso et moi-même avec de l'expérience dans ce poste. J'ai eu l'occasion de travailler avec toutes ces personnes qui ont chacune apporté des idées et une expérience précieuse au conseil et à la Section.

Stuart and Barbara Zaharescu). That leaves Bruno Pereira, Johanna Raso, and me with experience in that position. Since 1998 I had the opportunity to work with all the above individuals who each brought valuable experience to the Board and the Branch.

Pour ce qui est de l'avenir, nous sommes toujours à la recherche de bénévoles pour le conseil d'administration. La plupart des administrateurs actuels sont là depuis un certain temps, et il est important qu'un roulement ait lieu afin d'avoir plus de membres au courant de la mécanique et qu'ainsi la Section reste vigoureuse. Le travail ne demande pas beaucoup mais il doit être fait. De plus, comme le membership, la planification d'événements et les finances sont robustes, c'est une période idéale pour s'impliquer !

Looking ahead, we are always looking for volunteers for the board. Most current directors have been there for a while, and it is important that a turnover takes place, so more people are aware of the mechanics involved so the branch remains alive and healthy. The work is not very complex or time consuming but needs to be done. Moreover, membership, event planning and finances are in good shape, so now is a great time to get involved!

Enfin, 2023 nous verra accueillir l'AGA nationale. L'événement n'échappe pas à l'ombre covid et il n'est toujours pas clair combien de membres de l'extérieur de la province nous rendront visite. Cependant, cela ne devrait pas empêcher nos membres locaux de confirmer leur présence en grand nombre et apprécier ce qui sera un grand événement qui, espérons-le, nous fera oublier les dernières années !

Finally, 2023 will see us host the national AGM. The event does not escape the COVID shadow and as such, it remains unclear how many out of province members will visit us. However, this should not distract our local members from showing up and appreciate what will be a great event that will hopefully make us forget the last two years.

Merci donc à vous, et tout spécialement les membres du conseil, pour votre soutien indéfectible !

So, thank you all, and especially the board members, for your ongoing support.

Eric Saumure, FRHSC

Président, Section Laurentienne President, Laurentian Branch

Note: Many of the reports received were longer or in a different format, for brevity's sake they have been edited. All original reports will be deposited to the Society's Archives at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Murray,

Secretary