

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



**56th National Conference &
Annual General Meeting**

May 26-28, 2023



Laurentian Branch -- Forget House

1195 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal

Special Guests

Beley Lecture

Marc Beaudoin, AIH

Marc Beaudoin is an historian and heraldist. He is associate member of the International Academy of Heraldry (AIH) and member of the Laurentian Branch of the Royal Heraldic Society of Canada. Since his retirement from the Quebec public service in 2010, he has been active in researching coats of arms of historic figures and heraldic art. He was also one of the founding members of the heraldry committee of the Société de généalogie de Québec, President of the Société historique de Québec, the Association des archivistes du Québec and the Fédération History Quebec. In addition to training and conferences, he is the author of some sixty articles on historical coats of arms in *L'Héraldique au Canada*, as well as in *L'Ancêtre de la Société de généalogie de Québec* and *Mémoires de la Société généalogique canadienne-française* and other historical publications.

Wilkes Lecture

Robert Boily, KStJ, CQ, Ph.D., FRSC, FEIC, FAPS, FInstP, FIET, FAAAS, SMIEEE

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Christian Samoisette, CD, M.Sc.

Mr. Robert Boily will be the principal speaker at our Saturday banquet at the Officers Mess of the The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment). Mr. Robert Boily is an internationally recognized scientist. He specializes in physics, electro-optics and education which earned him a Ph.D. He held positions with Eastman Kodak, the Centre de recherche Industrielle du Québec and founded the scientific and technological research firm Inforex. He currently sits on the Royal Society of Canada selection committee, conducts peer reviews for the *Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences* and serves as a director of Sigma Xi Scientific Society (USA). Among his other appointments, he is member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science nominations committee and serves as the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie science expert. He is also Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada as well as of the American Society of Physics, of the Physics Institute, Institution of Engineering and Technology, World Academy of Arts and Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also currently Vice-Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Malta Canadian

Association and a Knight of St. John as well as of the Ordre du Québec, of France's Ordre des Palmes académiques and of the Ordre de la Pléiade.

Mr. Christian Samoissette is Montreal and Quebec City region Vice-President of the Sovereign Order of Malta Canadian Association. He earned a master's degree in management and organizational development, as well as a bachelor's degree in Nursing Sciences. After 16 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces, he joined the Quebec Health Network where from 2008-2014 he served as Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Coordinator. Mr. Samoissette is currently employed as an Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Advisor for the West-Central for the University of Montreal Health Center. A keen history buff, he has been involved in the Order of Malta since 2004. He was invested as a Knight of Magistral Grace in 2008, in the Canadian Association. In 2013, he established a Training Program for the postulants, as well as for the volunteers of the Order of Malta, which earned him internationally accolades from that organization. Since then, he has undertaken responsibility for training for both the Montreal and Quebec City regions for the Order of Malta.



Main Events

Friday, May 26

The conference will open on Friday evening at Forget House with the Vice-President's Reception, sponsored by the Laurentian Branch. Attendees will be treated to sparkling wine.

This event will also set the stage for our first of the formal presentations being hosted over the course of this weekend: The Beley Lecture on the arms associated with Samuel de Champlain.

Saturday, May 27

The Saturday program will begin in the morning at Forget House with the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada.

After the AGM, there will be a lunch break for those who wish to eat. After lunch, we will gather at the steps of Forget House for the heraldic walking tour in the Golden Square Mile and adjacent area.

Our formal festivities will resume at 6 p.m., with the President's Reception with a cash bar at the The Black Watch Officers' Mess. The regimental piper will then lead us to the dining area for the banquet and the subsequent Wilkes Lecture on the Order of Malta as well as some presentations that will be made to members of our Society, followed by the investiture of Fellows of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada.

We invite you to bring your table banner to display at the banquet. If you wish to bring a full-size banner, please remember to bring your floor stand.

Dress code is formal (black tie, mess dress for men; evening or cocktail dress for ladies). Collars, orders, tiaras, and miniatures may be worn.

Sunday, May 28

There is no set programme of events for non-executive members, but we can offer suggestions to those delegates and their guests who would like to take the opportunity to explore Montreal more thoroughly and take in the attractions of this wonderful city.



Menu for the Saturday Banquet

Hors d'œuvre

(Served during cash bar, 18:00-19:00)

Smoked salmon rosette in cucumber cup
Orange-Sriracha chicken meatballs
Crostoni with ricotta, roasted tomatoes, & balsamic glaze

Salad

Arugula with roasted beets, parmesan, & lemon-thyme vinaigrette

Main course

Quebec duck breast with cherry-port sauce
or
Baked salmon filet with Pernod & fennel
or
Vegetarian

Dessert

Lemon cheesecake with berries

Red and white wine will be served at dinner followed by port for toasts,
coffee and tea will be served with dessert.

A cash bar will also be available throughout the event.

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Agenda

Friday, May 26

Time	Event
15:30	Outgoing Board of Directors Meeting
19:00	Vice-President's Reception
19:30	Beley Lecture

Saturday, May 27

Time	Event
9:00	56 th Annual General Meeting of the Society
11:30	Meeting of the Faculty of Fellows
12:00	Lunch Break
13:30	Heraldic Walking Tour (rain or shine)
15:30	Free time
18:00	President's Reception
19:00	Banquet of The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada
20:30	Wilkes Lecture by Dr. Robert Boily OQ and M. Christian Samoisette on the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta

Sunday, May 28

Time	Event
10:00	Incoming Board of Directors Meeting

Events Locations

Forget House

1195 Sherbrooke West

The Laurentian Branch will hold all AGM meetings at its Head Office located at the historic Louis-Joseph Forget House, depicted pictured on the front page. The building is located on the last surviving block from the legendary era when Montreal's Golden Square Mile was the epitome of luxury and wealth. It was originally the home of 19th-century business magnate Senator Louis-Joseph Forget. After World War I, it became the United Services Club, serving thousands of returning Canadian veterans who needed a place to socialize with their peers. In the 1990s, the MacDonald Stewart Foundation bought and then restored the building to its pristine mid-19th-century condition. Our activities will take place in the various ground floor reception rooms. Please note that Forget House has capacity constraints and should attendees be more numerous than expected, some activities may be moved to the next door Le Cantlie Suites hotel. You will be advised accordingly.

Black Watch Armory

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The closing banquet on Saturday night will be held in the Officers' Mess at the impressive Black Watch Armory. The Black Watch Armoury is a Scottish baronial-style building in Montreal, completed in 1906 to house the 5th Regiment of the Royal Highlanders of Canada, now known as The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada. The premises were declared a National Historic Site in 2008. The armory is located diagonally opposite the Place des Arts Metro station and street parking is available in the vicinity.



Hotel Accommodation

We have secured an excellent deal at the Hotel Le Cantlie Suites for out-of-town attendees. The hotel is located a short walk from Maison Forget.

Details:

Hotel Le Cantlie Suites, 1110 Sherbrooke West

Room: \$179 + tax per night ((with kitchenette and one king or two queen beds; single or double occupancy; \$25 per extra person, up to four people per room).

Optional extras:

American Breakfast (7-11 a.m.): \$32.50 per person per day (includes tax and service)

Parking: \$35.00 per day (24 hours. Note that limited SUV spots are available, please advise hotel upon reservation if you require one.)

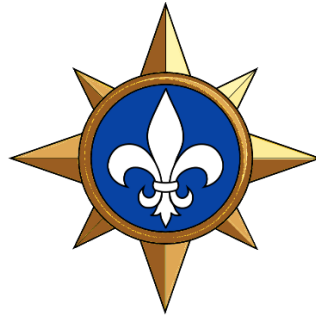
The hotel has set aside a block of 20 rooms until May 5, after which it will attempt to accommodate you on a best-effort basis.

To avail yourself of this great deal (it's not available via the website), contact Samantha or Anna:

1. By email ventescoord@hotelcantlie.com
2. Or phone 1-800-567-1110 extension 2802

Be sure to mention that it's for the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada.

See you then!!



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Full Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name of Guest(s): _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 17 MAY 2023

Options	Number of guests	Price per Person	Total Amount
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<p align="center">Full Conference Registration</p> <p>Vice-President's Reception & Beley Lecture Heraldic Tour President's Reception, Banquet & Wilkes Lecture</p>		\$225.00	
<p align="center">Banquet Only</p> <p>President's Reception, Supper & Wilkes Lecture</p>		\$175.00	
<p align="center">Conference without Banquet</p> <p>Vice-President's Reception, Beley Lecture, Tour</p>		\$50	

Meal Selection for Banquet	Qty	Dietary concerns
Duck		
Salmon		
Vegetarian		

RSVP

By email: RSVP.Laurentian@gmail.com, Interac payment instructions will follow.

By mail: Send this form with your cheque payable to The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada to:

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