

Celebrating EXCELLENCE!



Fall 2015

I'm very pleased to share some great news with all of you: we're renewing and enhancing the Canadian Honours System! That means expanding the reach of some of our existing programs—including the Order of Canada—as well as broadening our focus to take in several new fields of endeavour. The new Polar Medal, first awarded during a ceremony in Whitehorse in July of this year, is one example. Her Majesty The Queen has also graciously agreed to the creation of a new Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This medal will mark a transformation of the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award and will first be presented in April 2016.

New honours are created very rarely—in fact, the last such change was in 1972, when the Order of Canada was revised to comprise three levels. The current expansion and renewal of the honours system is intended to give greater recognition to the wide range of Canadian achievement, as well as to better reflect and represent this country's remarkable diversity. We're also aiming to modernize and simplify our system of public nominations through the introduction of an online portal. What won't change is the non-partisan, merit-based appointment process that has made the Order of Canada and the entire Canadian Honours System widely respected at home and abroad.

As governor general, and as chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order of Canada, I couldn't be happier with the changes taking place. The honours renewal is one of a number of exciting events and initiatives taking place in our office. Notably, work is well underway on initiatives to mark the 50th anniversary of the Order of Canada in 2017. Our signature project is a full-colour, hardcover book that profiles 50 members of the Order with the aim of fostering pride and encouraging other Canadians to aspire to the motto of the Order. We've also established partnerships to increase the visibility of the Order through public lectures and exhibits in communities across the country.

One final note: we're also looking to renew our approach to communicating with the Order of Canada community, so this will be the final print edition of the newsletter. Based on your feedback, we will identify ways for us to strengthen our connection to one another. You will even have a chance to do so in person, as we plan to bring Canadian honours closer to Canadians by holding some ceremonies in cities across the country starting next year. Our goal is to foster greater dialogue and collaboration among us. I encourage you to get in touch with the Chancellery if you have innovative ideas or suggestions and to consult our online Members' Corner.

I truly believe we can achieve great things together in this time of renewal and change. Let's seize this opportunity to reimagine the possibilities of the Order of Canada community.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.
Governor General of Canada

On July 8, 2015, the Governor General presided over the inaugural presentation ceremony of the newly created Polar Medal at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History in Whitehorse, Yukon.



Photos: Sgt Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall

2015: THE YEAR OF SPORT IN CANADA

Canada's Year of Sport seeks to highlight key moments in our nation's history and showcase Canadian contributions to the world of sport. This year, Canada has played host to a number of major international sporting events including the Pan Am Games, the FIFA Women's World Cup and the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championships. In honour of the Year of Sport, here are the stories of just a few sporting greats who have been recognized with the Order of Canada.



Photo: Courtesy of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

Paul Beeston, C.M.

Known as the first employee of the Blue Jays, Paul Beeston helped build one of the most successful sports franchises in the country and brought the excitement of winning back-to-back World Series championships to Blue Jays fans. He also became president of the Toronto Argonauts, before going on to serve as president of Major League Baseball, becoming the highest-ranking Canadian in the history of this organization. He will be retiring from the presidency of the Blue Jays this fall. Admired for his affability, natural optimism and leadership, he has gone beyond his professional commitments and given unstinting personal support to the wider community, including the Stratford Festival and the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Foundation. In addition, he has made dreams come true

for youngsters at the Bloorview Children's Hospital, where the highlight of his regular visits is the annual game for the Beeston Cup in wheelchair hockey.



Photo: MCPJ Dany Veillette, Rideau Hall

William Scott Bowman, O.C.

Scott Bowman is the winningest coach in the National Hockey League. He served behind the bench of several teams, notably the famed Montreal Canadiens during its dynasty of the 1970s. His championship record of 9 Stanley Cups in 13 finals appearances is unsurpassed by any other North American coach in professional sport. He continues to support youth programs such as his Scotty Bowman As Your Coach Contest and to fundraise for various charitable causes.



Photo: Courtesy of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

Anthony C. Golab, C.M., C.D.

Called the "Golden Boy" of Canadian football, Anthony Golab demonstrated achievement and dedication of the highest order throughout his extraordinary career as a professional athlete. He played for the Ottawa Rough Riders during the 1940 Grey Cup championship, and was an Eastern All-Star five times. A distinguished member of the Armed Forces and a dedicated public servant, he has been recognized for his service and sportsmanship by such diverse organizations as NORAD, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall

Arnold Boldt, O.C.

Arnold Boldt is a model of excellence in sport. After a farm accident cost him his leg, he embarked on a career as a track and field athlete that saw him win gold medals at five successive Paralympic Games and set world records as a one-legged high jumper and long jumper. An iconic figure to Paralympians, he returned to the Games in 2012, as a member of Canada's para-cycling team. His story of achievement also extends to his professional career, where he serves as associate vice-president of the Learning and Teaching Division at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall

Hiroshi Nakamura, C.M.

At the age of 26, Hiroshi Nakamura arrived in Canada and immediately began to make his mark in the sport of judo. Since then, he has played a foundational role in the development of the sport in Canada. As the national coach for 5 Olympic Games and 13 World Championships, he has guided numerous Canadians to medals in international competition. He is also credited with fostering interest in the sport in Quebec as the founder, head coach and technical director of the successful Shidokan Judo Club in Montréal—the largest of its kind in Canada and home to the judo national training centre. His influence has extended to the wider community through self-defence classes for women and programs for at-risk youth.



Photo: Cpl Dany Veilleux, Rideau Hall

Chantal Petitclerc, C.C., C.Q., M.S.M.

Chantal Petitclerc is a model of determination and excellence. At the age of 13, an accident left her with a damaged spinal column and at the age of 18, she took part in her first wheelchair race. Although she finished last, she fell in love with racing. Since then, she has won the most medals in Canadian track and field history, with a total of 21 medals from five Paralympic Games. She also holds four world records and five Paralympic records. A spokesperson for Défi sportif and a sought-after guest speaker, she motivates people to conquer adversity and contributes to the development of handisports. Known for her achievements and as a role model for others, she has won the Laureus World Sports Award and was the first female Paralympic athlete to win the Lou Marsh Award as Canada's Athlete of the Year.



Photo: MCpl Paz Quillie, Rideau Hall

Sandra Post-McDermid, C.M.

One of the greatest Canadian women golfers, Sandra Post-McDermid has distinguished herself in international tournaments, and as an ambassador and role model for the sport. Canada's first player on the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour, she won several major tournaments during her professional career. Named Canada's Athlete of the Year for 1979, she was later inducted into the Canadian and Ontario golf halls of fame. Beyond her notable sporting accomplishments, she has been an active supporter and fundraiser for many community and charitable causes.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

On July 1, 2015, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, announced 100 new appointments to the Order of Canada.

The appointments listed below are those confirmed at the time of publication.

Companions

The Honourable Robert Keith Rae, P.C., C.C., O.Ont.

For his contributions to public life in Canada and for his enduring commitment to strengthening ties between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in our country.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Janet Rossant, C.C.

For advancing the global understanding of embryo development and stem cell biology, and for her national and international leadership in health science.

Officers

Sandra Black, O.C., O.Ont.

For contributing to improved diagnosis and treatment of vascular dementia, Alzheimer's disease and stroke.

Stephen Cook, O.C., O.Ont.

For his seminal contributions to theoretical computer science and mathematics, including his contributions to complexity theory.

Kenneth Denton Craig, O.C.

For providing a new model for the assessment of pain as a global leader in the field of pain research.

Daniel J. Drucker, O.C.

For his contributions to the development of medicines used around the world to treat diabetes and intestinal disorders.

Mary Gospodarowicz Evans, O.C.

For contributing to improved cancer radiotherapy and for her leadership in advancing cancer care around the world.

Paul D. N. Hébert, O.C.

For his achievements as an evolutionary biologist, notably as a pioneer of DNA barcoding.

The Honourable Allen Linden, O.C.

For his contributions to jurisprudence as a judge and scholar.

Linda F. Nazar, O.C.

For her contributions as a materials chemist who has developed advanced battery systems for clean energy storage.

The Honourable Louise Otis, O.C., O.Q.

For her contributions to expanding the administration of justice in Canada as a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, and for having created and established judicial mediation systems.

James Thomas Rutka, O.C., O.Ont.

For his contributions to advancing treatment for pediatric brain tumours and for his international leadership in neurosurgery.

Stephen Toope, O.C.

For his leadership in post-secondary education and for his scholarship in the fields of international law and human rights.

Members

Ida Albo, C.M.

For her contributions to the vitality of her city as a respected business and civic leader.

Aubie Angel, C.M.

For his contributions to endocrinology and to the establishment of health organizations in Canada.

Kenneth MacClure Baird, C.M.

For his contributions to science, notably for improving the way we measure the speed of light.

Pierre Bergeron, C.M.

For his contributions as a champion of Ontario's Francophone community, and for his efforts to build bridges between communities as a journalist and administrator.

Daniel Bertolino, C.M.

For his contributions as an explorer, producer and documentary filmmaker whose works have given us a multitude of windows onto the world.

William A. Black, C.M.

For his contributions as a corporate and community leader, and for his outspoken engagement in Nova Scotia's public policy debates.

Nathalie Bondil, C.M., C.Q.

For her contributions to the promotion of the arts and culture as a museologist and administrator.

Josiane Boulad-Ayoub, C.M.

For her contributions to philosophy, particularly with respect to the history of philosophy and the philosophy of law.

Beverley Boys, C.M.

For her contributions to the sport of diving as an athlete, coach, official and judge.

Blake Brooker, C.M.

For his creative contributions to theatre in Alberta, notably as a co-founder of the One Yellow Rabbit theatre company.

Bruce D. Campbell, C.M.

For his entrepreneurship in agribusiness and for his generous support of innovation and education in Canada's agriculture industry.

Pat Capponi, C.M., O.Ont.

For her contributions as an important voice for the homeless and for those living with mental illness.

Serge Chappelle, C.M.

For his contributions as one of Canada's most innovative and respected cartoonists.

Martin Chernin, C.M.

For his contributions to the development of Cape Breton Island as both a businessman and civic booster.

Wayne Suk Wing Chiu, C.M.

For his contributions as a corporate leader and as a champion of innovation and social entrepreneurship in western Canada.

John V. Cross, C.M., S.O.M.

For his achievements as a pioneer in Saskatchewan's biotechnology industry and for his extensive civic engagement.

Jagannath Prasad Das, C.M.

For his internationally recognized work in the field of cognitive psychology, notably in the development of a new theory of intelligence.

Lisa de Wilde, C.M.

For her contributions to public broadcasting, notably for her transformative leadership at TVO.

James F. Dinning, C.M.

For his public service, notably as Alberta's minister of Finance and provincial treasurer, and for his corporate and civic engagement.

Madeleine Dion Stout, C.M.

For contributing to the development of Aboriginal health care in Canada as a nurse, researcher and advocate.

Elaine Dobbin, C.M.

For her support of various causes in her province, notably in the areas of health care research and community-based care for individuals living with autism.

The Honourable Joyce Fairbairn, C.M.

For her commitment to the people of her province and for her staunch support of the Paralympic movement.

Michèle Fortin, C.M.

For her contributions to the vitality of French-language and educational television, notably as the head of Télé-Québec.

Margaret Fountain, C.M.

For her philanthropic support of provincial and national arts organizations focused on music, dance, theatre and arts education.

Douglas Edgar Fregin, C.M.

For his innovative advancements in communications technology and for his many philanthropic endeavours.

Linda Gaboriau, C.M.

For her contributions as a translator who has brought French-Canadian theatre to a broader English audience.

David Roy Gillespie, C.M.

For his contributions as an entomologist who has worked to reduce the use of pesticides on agricultural products.

Graham Greene, C.M.

For his achievements as a pioneering and versatile actor of the stage and screen.

Yolande Grisé, C.M.

For her contributions to the promotion of French language and culture in Canada, and to the advancement of knowledge and research as president of the Royal Society of Canada.

Kathryn Jane Nightingale Hannah, C.M.

For her efforts to promote the use of information technology to enhance nursing care in Canada and abroad.

Carolyn Hansson, C.M.

For her contributions as a materials engineer whose efforts have reduced corrosion and improved the performance of reinforced concrete structures.

Stewart Harris, C.M.

For his contributions to the development of strategies to manage and reduce diabetes in Aboriginal communities and other vulnerable populations.

Bill Henderson, C.M.

For his contributions to the Canadian music industry as a musician, singer, songwriter and copyright advocate.

Lawrence Hill, C.M.

For his contributions as an author and activist who tells the stories of Canada's Black community and of women and girls in Africa.

Paul James Hill, C.M.

For his achievements as a business leader and for his generous contributions to community and education initiatives.

Leah Hollins, C.M.

For her contributions to health care in British Columbia as a public servant, and for her efforts to improve organ donation in Canada.

Mel Hoppenheim, C.M.

For his contributions to the vitality of movie-making in Canada and for his support for a wide variety of educational and community organizations.

Russ Howard, C.M., O.N.L.

For his contributions to curling as an athlete, mentor and builder of the sport.

Sandra Irving, C.M.

For her contributions as a philanthropist and community volunteer who supports educational, social service and youth organizations across Atlantic Canada.

Jacques Israelievitch, C.M.

For his contributions to music as a violinist, as an educator and as a champion of Canadian musical creation.

Tetsuo Theodore Itani, C.M., O.M.M., C.D.

For his contributions to global humanitarian and disaster relief operations, and for his leadership in peacekeeping as a practitioner, advisor and educator.

Monique Jérôme-Forget, C.M., O.Q.

For having served the public interest in Quebec with great dedication, and for her role as a mentor to women.

Donna Soble Kaufman, C.M.

For her contributions to the field of corporate governance and for her pioneering work promoting women in Canada's business community.

Frances Oldham Kelsey, C.M.

For her efforts to protect public health, notably by helping to end the use of thalidomide, and for her contributions to clinical drug trial regulations.

Jay Keystone, C.M.

For his contributions as a clinician and educator who has expanded the discipline of tropical and travel medicine.

Douglas Knight, C.M.

For his service to the arts community and for his leadership as a media publisher.

Julia Koschitzky, C.M.

For her dedicated promotion of education and interfaith dialogue.

Johann Olav Koss, C.M.

For his achievements in Olympic speed skating and for founding Right to Play, a non-profit organization that helps disadvantaged children in developing countries.

This is an honorary appointment.

Arthur Alexander Kube, C.M.

For his contributions to the labour movement and for his voluntary service to senior citizens.

Ginette Laurin, C.M.

For her achievements in contemporary dance as a performer, choreographer and instructor.

Ophelia Lazaridis, C.M.

For her contributions as a community leader and philanthropist who focuses on education and the arts.

Marie-Nicole Lemieux, C.M., C.Q.

For her achievements in Canada's opera community as a renowned contralto.

Adeera Levin, C.M.

For her leadership in the treatment of kidney disease.

H. Susan Lewis, C.M., O.M.

For her commitment to the well-being of her community as a leader of social innovation and as the head of the United Way of Winnipeg.

J. Mark Lievonen, C.M.

For his achievements in the pharmaceutical industry and for his public engagement in health policy and research.

Judy Loman, C.M.

For her service to the arts community as one of Canada's renowned harpists.

Michel Louvain, C.M., C.Q.

For his contributions to popular music in Quebec as a singer, and for his dedication to various charitable causes.

Christine Magee, C.M.

For her entrepreneurial contributions to the Canadian economy and for her commitment to corporate citizenship.

Lynn McDonald, C.M.

For her contributions as a feminist scholar and social activist, notably for her role in passing Canada's first non-smoking legislation.

Jack Mintz, C.M.

For his contributions as an advisor on fiscal and tax policy at the national and international levels who is widely sought after by governments, businesses and non-profit organizations.

The Honourable John Wilson Morden, C.M.

For his contributions to the administration of justice in Ontario and for his commitment to protecting the public interest.

Fiona Nelson, C.M.

For a life of volunteer work devoted to the well-being of children, notably in the fields of education and health.

Frank Newfeld, C.M.

For his transformative impact on Canadian publishing and on the field of graphic design, notably through his imaginative book designs.

Anthony Phillips, C.M.

For his achievements in the field of neuroscience, notably for his research on addiction and mental health.

Vivian Morris Rakoff, C.M.

For his contributions to psychiatry as an educator and clinician, and for his role in founding the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

Mohamed Iqbal Ravalia, C.M.

For his contributions to rural medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador as a family physician, mentor and community leader.

Garry L. Rempel, C.M.

For his contributions to the field of chemical engineering, notably for advancing research in rubber technology.

John Carman Ricker, C.M.

For his contributions to the teaching of Canadian history as an author, educator and administrator.

Fran Rider, C.M.

For her contributions to the development of women's hockey, both at the national and international levels.

Lawrence Rossy, C.M., O.Q.

For his contributions to the retail sector in Canada, and for his support of health care and social service organizations.

Mary Rozsa de Coquet, C.M.

For promoting capacity building and good management practices among arts organizations in Alberta.

Hubert Sacy, C.M., C.Q.

For his leadership in the prevention of alcohol abuse, notably as director general of Éduc'alcool.

Sandra Scarth, C.M.

For her commitment to children and youth, and for her work on adoption and adoption counselling.

Barbara Kristina Schmidt, C.M.

For her contributions to advancing the standard of care for critically ill newborns in Canada and abroad.

Bonnie Schmidt, C.M.

For her leadership in fostering science literacy among primary and secondary school students across Canada, notably as the founder of Let's Talk Science.

François Schubert, C.M.

For his contributions to the advancement of pharmaceutical care in hospital pharmacies, and for his leadership in this field.

Marla Shapiro, C.M.

For her contributions as a family physician and as a trusted source of health information who communicates both the medical and human impacts of health care concerns.

Susan Sherwin, C.M.

For her contributions as a scholar, mentor and leader in the field of feminist bioethics, notably through her writings on discrimination in health care.

E. Leigh Syms, C.M.

For his contributions to preserving Aboriginal artifacts and for his efforts to advance public awareness of archeology in Manitoba.

Don Tapscott, C.M.

For his leadership in the field of business innovation, notably for his research on the economic and social impact of information technology.

Serge Patrice Thibodeau, C.M.

For his contributions to Acadian literature as a poet and as director of Les Éditions Perce-Neige.

Morley Torgov, C.M.

For his contributions to Canadian literature as a humourist and storyteller.

Barbara Turnbull, C.M.

For her contributions to spinal cord injury research as an author, speaker and advocate.

V. Prem Watsa, C.M.

For his achievements as a business leader, and for his work as a volunteer and philanthropist.

Carolyn Ruth Wilson, C.M.

For her contributions to improving primary care in Ontario and for her leadership in family medicine.

Martin Yaffe, C.M.

For his groundbreaking research in breast cancer screening and for his commitment to improving women's health.

Phyllis Yaffe, C.M.

For her leadership in Canada's cultural industry, as well as for her community service, notably as the founding chair of Women Against Multiple Sclerosis.

TRAVELLING EXHIBIT'S CROSS-CANADA JOURNEY REACHES ITS FINISH LINE

It's An Honour!, the travelling exhibit about the Canadian Honours System, concluded its successful cross-Canada journey in Peterborough, Ontario, on July 31, 2015. On the road since July 2013, it covered more than 50 000 kilometres; visited 144 communities in all 10 provinces, Yukon and the Northwest Territories, and welcomed more than 79 000 visitors from across Canada.

For the last two years, the exhibit travelled to small towns and large cities, visiting schools and community centres, and participated in special events across the country with the goal of connecting with and inspiring visitors of all ages. Along the way, its crew heard and shared remarkable stories of achievement, bravery, valour and service from honours recipients, community members and students. The Governor General's hope is that visitors were motivated by what they experienced and that they, in turn, will nominate deserving Canadians from their communities.

The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General and the Rideau Hall Foundation wish to thank The Taylor Family Foundation (TTFF) for providing the vision and generosity that made the travelling exhibit possible. Through TTFF's leadership, the exhibit was able to pay tribute to Canadian women, men and youth whose achievements, courage and dedication to service exemplify the heart and soul of our nation.

Two visitors at the last stop in Peterborough, Ontario, test their skills at the iPad station after touring the exhibit.



Road manager François Grenier (right) and tour operator Anthony Rivard (left), brought the exhibit to Canadians from one side of the country to the other.

Photos: Rideau Hall



ORDER OF CANADA INVESTITURE CEREMONIES

February 13, 2015, at Rideau Hall



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall

Front row (left to right): Joan F. Ivory, C.M.; Karen Goldenberg, C.M.; Mary Elyse Allan, C.M.; Denise Robert, C.M.; Ron Burnett, C.M.; Donald Malcolm McRae, C.C.; His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C.; Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, C.C.; James Douglas Fleck, C.C.; Frank L. McKinnon, C.M.; Kimberly Pate, C.M.; Veena Rawat, O.C.; Denise Desautels, C.M.; Patrick Dolan Darrah, C.M., O.N.B.

Second row: Carol Martin, C.M.; Robin Williams, C.M.; Douglas Letson, C.M.; David Jenkins, O.C.; Catherine Anita Hankins, C.M.; Juri Peepre, C.M.; Irene Fraser, C.M.; K. Barry Marsden, C.M., O.B.C.; Marcia Ann Boyd, C.M.; Jean-Marie De Koninck, O.C., C.Q.; John Barker Lawson, C.M.; Brigadier-General Pierre G. Boutet, C.M., C.M.M., C.D. (Ret'd); Barry Downs, C.M.; Shana Poplack, C.M.

Third row: Mavis Staines, C.M.; Harold John Jennings, O.C.; Mona Nemer, C.M., C.Q.; Roger Greenberg, C.M.; James Edward Clark Carter, O.C.; Allison McCain, C.M.; Fawn Wilson White, C.M.; Michel Phaneuf, C.M.; Norman Campbell, C.M.; Susan French, O.C.

Fourth row: Stephen Ralls, C.M.; Bruce Ubukata, C.M.; Earlane Collins, C.M.; Ramona Lumpkin, C.M.; Paul Gross, O.C.; René Simard, C.M.; John P. Smol, O.C.; Karl Siegler, C.M.

May 8, 2015, at Rideau Hall



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Front row (left to right): Lisa Brown, C.M., M.S.M.; Marion Bogo, O.C.; Ronald Jamieson, C.M.; Dorothy Grant, C.M.; Guy Breton, C.M.; Richard W. Pound, C.C., O.Q.; His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C.; Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, C.C.; David Cronenberg, C.C., O.Ont.; Kim Baird, C.M.; Shirley Marie Tilghman, O.C.; Donna Eileen Stewart, C.M.; Vickie Cammack, C.M., M.S.M.; Allan Etmanski, C.M., M.S.M.

Second row: Andrew Chang (son of the late G. Raymond Chang, O.C.); Marcia Hampton Rioux, C.M.; Ronald Rosenes, C.M.; David F. Blair, C.M.; Christiane Germain, C.M., C.Q.; David F. Denison, O.C.; George Cope, C.M.; Ross Gaudreault, C.M., O.Q.; James William Leech, C.M.; François Dompierre, C.M., C.Q.; Norman B. Keevil, O.C.; Victor Davies, C.M.; Philip Branton, O.C.; Jean Giguère, C.M.; Patrick Delamere Lafferty, O.C.

Third row: James D. Irving, C.M.; Morton Doran, C.M.; Jean Chamberlain-Froese, C.M.; The Honourable William C. Graham, P.C., C.M.; Sheldon Kennedy, C.M.; John R. Porter, C.M., C.Q.; Ricardo Larrivée, C.M.; Ian Tannock, C.M.; H. Wayne Hambly, C.M., O.P.E.I.; Jocelyn Greene, C.M.; Catherine Zahn, C.M.; John M. Thompson, O.C.

Fourth row: Steve Paikin, O.C., O.Ont.; The Honourable Edward Lumley, P.C., C.M.; Charles Foran, C.M.; Terrence Donnelly, C.M., O.Ont.; Timothy Casgrain, C.M.; Alan Robert Twigg, C.M.; Norman Willis, C.M.; Diane Morin, C.M.; Malcolm Bruce McNiven, C.M.; David Goldbloom, O.C.; Tym Frank and Ryan Frank (sons of the late Cyril Basil Frank, C.M.)



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Front row (left to right): Frank Neufeld, C.M.; Nancy Margaret Reid, O.C.; Eleanor Wachtel, O.C.; Adèle M. Hurley, C.M.; Suzie LeBlanc, C.M.; Chantal Kreviazuk, C.M.; His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C.; Her Excellency Sharon Johnston, C.C.; John Carman Ricker, C.M.; Raymonde Gagné, C.M.; O.M.; Brenda Clark, C.M.; Jean-Pierre Andrieux, C.M.; Constance Sugiyama, C.M.; The Honourable Peter Milliken, P.C.; O.C.

Second row: Madeleine Gagnon, C.M.; O.Q.; Alba DiCenso, C.M.; Louise Dupré, C.M.; M. Joanne Douglas, C.M.; Jeremy Nichol McNeil, C.M.; Raine Maida, C.M.; Frederick (Fred) William Gorbet, O.C.; Susan McGrath, C.M.; The Honourable Jean-Louis Baudouin, O.C.; G.O.Q.; Sarah Polley, O.C.; Anthony N. Doob, C.M.; Tim Cook, C.M.; Deborah Cook, O.C.

Third row: Julia E. Foster, C.M.; Shaf Keshavjee, O.C.; O.Ont.; Normand Laprise, C.M.; C.Q.; Robyn Tamblyn, C.M.; Michael I. M. MacMillan, C.M.; Richard (Rick) Vincent Mercer, O.C.; Alexander Peter Pauk, C.M.; Robert Mellin, C.M.; Michael Phillips, C.M.; David K. Elton, C.M.; Eric Robert Walters, C.M.; Simon Durivage, C.M.; Serge Chapeau, C.M.; Wally Buono, C.M.

HER MAJESTY'S HISTORIC REIGN

Their Excellencies hosted a special event at Rideau Hall on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest-reigning sovereign in Canada's modern era. On that day, the reign of Her Majesty reached 23 226 days, 17 hours and 23 minutes in duration—more than 63 years—surpassing the reign of her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

On this occasion, the Bank of Canada, Canada Post and the Royal Canadian Mint respectively unveiled a commemorative bank note, stamp and coin to highlight the historic milestone reached by Her Majesty. "These lasting items, created with such care and attention, symbolize the trust we place in Her Majesty, and which she places in us," said the Governor General. "They move quietly among us, perhaps unnoticed at times, yet are a constant and reassuring presence we rely upon."

As a gesture of admiration, Canada's viceregal family also sent a statement of loyalty to The Queen. This document, signed by His Excellency and by each provincial and territorial lieutenant governor and commissioner, was a reaffirmation of their loyalty and respect. "The event was a perfect opportunity to celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable work and outstanding dedication, as well as the heartfelt connection she has had to Canada throughout her incredible reign," added the Governor General.

Three commemorative pieces were unveiled on this special occasion. The Governor General and Richard Wall, Chief of Currency of the Bank of Canada, unveiled a new \$20 polymer bank note.

His Excellency then helped Siân Matthews, Chairperson of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Strategic Initiatives Oversight of Canada Post, unveil a commemorative stamp.

Finally, the Governor General and Claude Bennett, Member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Canadian Mint, unveiled a new coin commemorating this historic reign.



Photos: MCAJ Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall



PRIVATE INVESTITURE CEREMONIES

The late James Low, C.M.



Photo: Courtesy of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

On January 11, 2015, Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the insignia of Member of the Order of Canada to James Low, during a private ceremony in Kingston, Ontario. Mr. Low was honoured for his contributions as an academic and as the founder of the Museum of Health Care, which preserves the history and artifacts of Canada's health care pioneers. He passed away on February 15, 2015, at the age of 90.

Russell Morrison, C.M.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Durhane, Rideau Hall

On April 15, 2015, the Governor General presented the insignia of Member of the Order of Canada to Russell Morrison during a private ceremony in Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Morrison was recognized for his pioneering contributions to Canada's investment industry and for his philanthropy in education and community-building initiatives.

The late Frances Oldham Kelsey, C.M.



Photo: Courtesy of the Kelsey family

On August 6, 2015, Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the insignia of Member of the Order of Canada to Dr. Frances Oldham Kelsey. The private ceremony took place in London, Ontario. Dr. Kelsey was honoured for her efforts to protect public health, notably by helping to end the use of thalidomide, and for her contributions to clinical drug trial regulations. She passed away on August 7, 2015, at the age of 101.

The late Jacques Israelievitch, C.M.



Photo: Courtesy of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

On August 14, 2015, Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, presented the insignia of Member of the Order of Canada to Jacques Israelievitch, during a private ceremony in Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Israelievitch was recognized for his contributions to music as a violinist, as an educator and as a champion of Canadian musical creation. He passed away on September 5, 2015, at the age of 67.

RENEWAL AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE CANADIAN HONOURS SYSTEM

The Government of Canada recently mandated the most significant renewal of the Canadian Honours System in more than 40 years, further strengthening one of the world's most respected and merit-based honours systems. The Office of the Secretary to the Governor General is currently in the process of implementing the major elements of this renewal process, as outlined below.

New Honours

- Creating the **Polar Medal** to incorporate and replace the **Governor General's Northern Medal** with an official honour granted by Her Majesty The Queen with which to recognize individuals who render extraordinary services in the polar regions and Canada's North.
- Creating the **Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers** to incorporate and replace the **Governor General's Caring Canadian Award** with an official honour granted by Her Majesty The Queen with which to honour deserving volunteers.



SOVEREIGN'S MEDAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Meritorious Service Decorations

- Reintroducing the civilian division of the Meritorious Service Decorations, which has been in abeyance since 2006, to allow more recognition of deserving and dedicated individuals. Created in 1984 by Her Majesty The Queen, in 1984, to recognize an individual for a remarkable deed accomplished over a short period of time, these decorations include both a military and a civilian division.
- Increasing public awareness of the civilian division and the number of nominations and recipients.

The Order of Canada

- Resourcing for outreach and promotion tools to encourage Order of Canada nominations from under-represented groups, and to increase engagement with the membership of the Order.
- Increasing the membership of the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada to include two additional members appointed by the Governor General from within the membership of the Order of Canada.
- Recognizing meritorious individuals who are not Canadian citizens by making use of the existing provision for Honorary appointments in the Constitution of the Order.

Modernization

- Creating an online national honours platform to make the nomination process simpler and more accessible to the public.

Bringing Rideau Hall to Canadians

- Staging of investiture and presentation ceremonies across the country to bring the Rideau Hall experience to Canadians.
- Making honours ceremonies accessible to Canadians and to recipients' friends and families through live webcasting.

NEWS FROM THE CHANCELLERY OF HONOURS

About the Order of Canada certificate

At every investiture ceremony, each member of the Order of Canada receives a certificate signed by the governor general. These certificates are the result of a handcrafted process that forms part of a long tradition.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau, Rideau Hall

The certificates are printed in Canada on the finest papers comprised of materials from stewarded forests and recycled content. They are foil-stamped and embossed. First, the Seal of the Order is carved by hand onto a brass plate. The raised areas of the paper reflect the recessed areas of the carved plate. When the paper is placed between the plate and the press, the paper is pressed into the recessed areas of the plate, creating an embossed image.

Each colour in the seal and in the text is individually stamped, one color at a time, on one certificate at a time. Gold foil is applied. The colours and the foil must all align perfectly, or else the certificate is rejected.

The certificates are then given to a calligrapher who writes each recipient's name by hand. They are signed by the secretary general of the Order of Canada and then presented to the governor general, who personally signs each certificate. During the signing stage, the certificates are handled using gloves to ensure that the ink does not smudge. The ink is of archival quality and will not fade over time.

At the end of each investiture ceremony, after the recipients have received their insignia from the governor general, they are also presented with the certificate bearing their name.

New Members of the Advisory Council

We are delighted to announce that five new members are bringing their expertise to the Advisory Council of the Order of Canada:

Kim Baird, C.M., former chief (1999-2012) of the Tsawwassen First Nation in British Columbia; **Monique Frize, O.C.**, biomedical engineer and professor emeritus at the University of Ottawa; **Jean-Marie de Koninck, O.C., C.Q.**, professor, Université de Laval; **Elizabeth Cannon**, Chair of the Board of Universities Canada, and president and vice-chancellor of the University of Calgary; and **Pierre Lassonde, O.Q.**, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Canada Council for the Arts.

Dr. David T. Barnard, Chair of the Board of Directors of Universities Canada, and president and vice-chancellor of the University of Manitoba, will be leaving the Advisory Council this fall. We would like to thank him for his years of service and his thoughtful advice.



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