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Knighthoods to Canadians

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KNIGHTHOODS TO CANADIANS

The British nobility is headed by the Queen (or King) and her children, who are princes and princesses. The five grades of the British nobility are: Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount and Baron. A Baronet is one rank below the peerage granted by the Sovereign and confers upon the person the right to be called Sir and to use the post-nominal letters **Bt.** Unless previously knighted, a Baronet is not necessarily a Knight Bachelor. A Knight Bachelor ranks behind a Baronet and confers the right to be called Sir and to use the post-nominal letters **Kt.** There are also six official British Orders of Chivalry. The two oldest, the Most Noble Order of the Garter and the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle both confer Knighthood and are often given to persons already belonging to the Royal Family or the British nobility. The remaining four Orders, The Order of the Bath, The Order of St. Michael and St. George, The Royal Victorian Order and the Order of the British Empire all have more than one class. The top two classes of each of these Orders confers Knighthood on the person.

Thus a person receiving a GCB, KCB, GCMG, KCMG, GCVO, KCVO, GBE or KBE is dubbed a Knight Bachelor before receiving the insignia of that Order and is entitled to be called Sir. The Order of St. Patrick was discontinued in 1921 when Ireland became an independent country.

Until 1919, Canadians could receive a British Knighthood. However, the Nickel Resolution of the Canadian House of Commons in 1919 prevented persons holding "Canadian citizenship" from receiving British Knighthood after that date. Prime Minister Bennett suspended the Nickel Resolution from 1933-1935 and nominated several persons who received Knighthood, but since 1934 no Canadian Prime Minister has nominated a Canadian for Knighthood. Thus Prime Minister Chretien refused to nominate Mr. Conrad Black to receive the title of Baron. Mr. Black relinquished his Canadian citizenship and took out British citizenship to qualify for the title. Persons born in Canada but who have taken out British citizenship have received British Knighthood or been made a member of the nobility since 1935. Prime Minister Bennett became only the third Canadian to be made a Viscount when he moved to Britain and was made Viscount Bennett in 1941. Thomas Hamar Greenwood and William James Pirrie were both born in Canada but received their title of Viscount after moving to England / Ireland for the work they did there. Mr. Roy Thomson was made Baron Thomson of Fleet (and later received the GBE) in 1964. Several persons born in Canada have received one of the four British Orders which confers Knighthood and examples of these are listed in the appropriate sections.

There have been the following awards to Canadians or persons born in Canada:

Number	Peerage/ Order	Example
3	Viscount	Viscount Bennett former Prime Minister
9	Barons	Lord Black of Crossharbour most recent
1	Baroness	Baroness Macdonald
22	Baronets	Sir William Osler
149	Knight Bachelors	Admiral Sir Charles Edmund Kingsmill
11	GCB	Admiral Provo William Perry Wallis
40	KCB	Commissioner James Howden McBride
16	GCMG	General Sir Arthur Currie
87	KCMG	Chief Commissioner Sir Arthur Sherwood
5	GCVO	Admiral, Sir Charles Carter Drury, RN
5	KCVO	Donald Alexander Smith, Lord Strathcona
7	GBE	Roy Thomson, Lord Thomson of Fleet
21	KBE	Dr. Sir Frederick Banting

BARONET BADGE of GREAT BRITAIN



TERMS

It was not until 1929 that a badge was granted by Royal Warrant to the Baronets of England.

DESCRIPTION

An oval badge with the Arms of Ulster on a silver field, a left hand gules surmounted by an Imperial Crown enclosed in an oval border and embossed with scroll work, varied so that there are roses for baronets of England (left), shamrocks for baronets of Ireland (right), roses and thistles for baronets of Great Britain (bottom) and roses, thistles and shamrocks combined for baronets of the United Kingdom

(top).

RIBBON

It is worn around the neck from an orange riband with a narrow edge of dark blue on both sides.

NOTE: There is no miniature medal and there is no ribbon worn in military undress uniform. It takes precedence over all neck badges except for the Order of Merit.

KNIGHT BACHELOR BADGE of GREAT BRITAIN

TERMS

In the British Empire (Commonwealth), a Knighthood is a dignity conferred by the sovereign entitling the possessor to have the title 'Sir' prefixed to his Christian name but is not a hereditary title such as the dignity of a baronet. The post-nominal initials Kt. are also used after the persons surname to distinguish them from a baronet who uses the post-nominal initials Bt. Knight Bachelors are not attached to any Order but are members of the ancient concept of knighthood and chivalry expressed in Chaucer's 'chivalrie, trouthe, honour and curtesie'. Every person who is appointed to be a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter or Thistle, or a Knight Grand Cross/Knight Commander of the Bath, of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, of the Royal Victorian Order or of the Order of the British Empire is first dubbed as a Knight Bachelor before being invested with the appropriate insignia of the order to which he has been appointed.

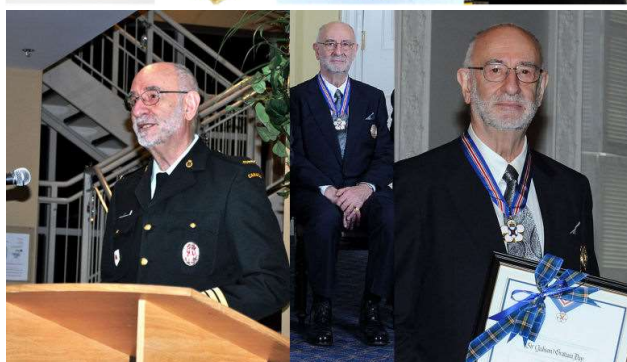
HISTORY of the BADGE

Prior to 1973, the Sovereign presented no insignia to the new Knight Bachelor. However, The Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor was founded in 1908, and in 1926 King George V granted permission for them to obtain (at their own expense) a badge, which was to be worn on the left side of the coat. This badge was an oval silver gilt plaque 76 mm high by 56 mm wide (reduced in 1933 to 63 x 47 mm). On a background of red enamel, within an ornamental scroll border, is a cross hilted sword, belted and sheathed, point downwards, between two spurs, rowels uppermost. **In 1973,**

the Queen authorized a new badge of similar design but without the elaborate borders, 48 mm x 32 mm to be worn at the neck from vermilion ribbon with gold edges.



The breast badge continues to be bought at personal expense and the only insignia presented by the Queen is the neck badge.



A miniature of the Knight Bachelor's badge may now be worn on formal occasion when miniatures are appropriate.

¹ Knight Bachelor neck badge and ribbon presented by the queen; breasts badge, Honorary Rear-Admiral Sir John Gosling, KCVO, Kt, RN wearing breast badge (Gosling is not a Canadian)
HCol Sir Graham Day, Kt, ONS, Colonel Commandant Canadian Forces JAG

VISCOUNTS

London Gazette	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
22/07/1941+	BENNETT Richard Bedford	Viscount	Prime Minister of Canada	KStJ
13/02/1937+	GREENWOOD, Thomas Hamar	Viscount	Treasurer British Conservatives	----
12/07/1921+	PIRRIE, William James	Viscount	Lord Lieutenant of Belfast	KP

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BARONS

Appointed by the Crown to CANADIANS

LG+/CG	NAME	TITLE	DECORATIONS /
23/01/1917+	AITKEN, William Maxwell	Lord Beaverbrook	Bt Kt ONB
30/10/2001+	BLACK, Conrad Moffat	Lord Black of Crossharbour	(OC rescinded)
04/08/1917	GRAHAM, Hugh	Lord Atholstan	Kt
26/06/1891+	STEPHEN, George	Lord Mount Stephen	Bt GCVO
14/06/1898+	HALIBURTON, Arthur Lawrence	Lord Haliburton	GCB (KCB)
14/08/1891+	MACDONALD, Susan Agnes	Baroness Macdonald	--
20/07/1906+	PIRRIE, William James	Lord Pirrie of Belfast	KP
26/06/1900+	SMITH, Donald Alexander	Lord Strathcona	GCMG GCVO (KCMG)
19/02/1916	SHAUGHNESSY, Thomas George	Lord Shaughnessy	KCVO Kt
10/03/1964+	THOMSON, Roy Herbert	Lord Thomson of Fleet	GBE

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For details on all the Viscounts, Barons, Baronets and Knight Bachelors, go to British Orders to Canadians on my site:
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CANADIAN AND SOVEREIGN ORDERS

THE ORDER OF CANADA CC / OC / CM

TERMS



The Order of Canada was established as the centrepiece of Canada's system of honours to pay tribute to those who exemplify the highest qualities of citizenship and whose contributions enrich the lives of their contemporaries. At first, only Canadian citizens were eligible to be members of the Order. In 1998 honorary awards were specifically allowed. The Queen of Canada is the Sovereign Head of the Order and the Governor General is the Chancellor and Principal Companion. The Order has three levels: Companion; Officer; and Member. On 22 April 2013, the Order was amended to allow for Extraordinary Members allowing members of the Royal Family to be appointed at all three levels and providing a place for the Governor-Generals and spouses to be listed.

COMPANION:

-- *For outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially service to Canada or to humanity at large.* A maximum of **15 Companions** may be appointed in any one year with a **maximum of 165** living Companions at any one time (an increase of 15 since 1998). The badge is suspended from a ribbon around the neck; women may wear the badge from a bow on their left shoulder. A Companion may use the post-nominal initials **CC**.



OFFICER:

-- For achievement and merit of a high degree, especially service to Canada or humanity at large. A maximum of **64 Officers** may be appointed per year (an increase of 18 since 1998) and there is **no maximum** to the number of Officers living at any one time. The badge is suspended from a ribbon around their neck; women may wear the badge from a bow on their left shoulder. An Officer may use the post-nominal letters **OC**.

MEMBER:

-- for distinguished service in or to a particular locality, group or field of activity. A maximum of **136 Members** may be appointed annually and there is **no maximum** number of Members living at any one time (an increase of 44 since 1998). Members wear their badge on the left breast; women may wear the badge from a bow on their left shoulder.



A Member may use the post-nominal initials **CM**.

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HONORARY:

-- Up to **five** non-Canadians may receive the Order of Canada at any of the three levels may be appointed annually.

Half of the new entrants to the Order are appointed each year in July and the other half in December. Awards may be made at any time during the year as special circumstances require. There are no posthumous awards; the instrument of appointment must be signed by the Governor-General prior to the death of the recipient. Recipient's names are published in the

² Medals of Colonel Tom Lawson, Royal Canadian Regiment Museum, London, Ontario

Canada Gazette. Members may be elevated to Officer and Officers to Companion but they hold only the rank of the elevation.

DESCRIPTION

A six-pointed snow flake, enamelled white and edged in gold (CC/OC) or silver (CM) with an annulus enamelled red with the motto **DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM** (*They desire a better country*) in gold (CC/OC) or silver (CM) lettering and surmounted by a St. Edward's Crown. In the centre is a maple leaf.

COMPANION: 57-mm across; enamelled white and edged in gold; maple leaf is red.

OFFICER: 48-mm across; enamelled white and edged in gold; maple leaf is in gold

MEMBER: 38-mm across; enamelled white and edged in silver; maple leaf is in silver.

OBVERSE

A maple leaf in red, gold or silver with an annulus which bears the motto **DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM**.

REVERSE

CANADA within a circle and a serial number in a box below.

MOUNTING

The Companion and Officer badges have a small link at the top of the upper arm with a small ring attached. A larger ring is attached to the small ring and the ribbon passes through this for wearing around the neck. The Members badge has a small link with a large ring attached through which the ribbon passes for wearing on the left breast. Awards to women at each level may be on a bow worn on the left shoulder.

RIBBON



A red ribbon, 38-mm wide, with a broad white centre (19-mm). In undress, the ribbon is worn with a red (CC), gold (OC) or silver (CM) maple leaf at its centre. Miniature medals are worn when evening dress is worn.³

³ Medals of General Charles Foulkes, CC, CB, CBE, DSO, CD on display at the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum in London, Ontario

ISSUED	COMPANIONS*	OFFICERS**	MEMBERS	TOTAL
Appointed	516	2,342	4,939	7,797
Elevations	209	128	----	337
Honorary (included)	5	12	6	20
Extraordinary	2	0	0	2
Removals	1 (Lord Black)	4	3	7
Terminated On Own	0	1	6	7

Numbers as of **Canada Gazette of 02 January 2021**

* includes 12 ex-officio (Governor-Generals and spouses and Honorary) and Prince Philip and Prince Charles as an Extraordinary Members

- Elevations are from OC to CC

** includes all Medal of Service awards

- Elevations are from CM to OC

All terminations were at their own request and were due to the appointment of Dr. Henry Morgantaler to the Order of Canada in 2008.⁴

NOTE:

All citations for the Order of Canada recipients may be found on the Governor-General of Canada website: www.gg.ca

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⁴ When asked as a Member of the Order of Canada my opinion as to whether Dr. Morgantaler (who championed abortions for women) should be admitted to the Order, I said that I believed he had done something which deserved admission BUT that his inclusion would make it difficult for some members of the Order to remain. He was apparently reviewed four times before the Honours Committee decided he could be admitted to the Order. Fewer people resigned than was anticipated.

⁵ The Medals of Brigadier-General Dennis Whitaker, DSO & Bar, CM, ED, CD with Belgian Order of the Crown at the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Museum in Hamilton, Ontario. Note Dieppe Raid insignia on the 1939/1945 Star which should be on the CVSM but who is going to argue with a BGen (and it looks better).

DATES

Instituted 17 April 1967 with the first members appointed 01 July 1967. The original Order had only Companions and a Medal of Service. On 01 July 1972, the Medal of Service was deleted and all holders were made Officers of the Order. The levels of Officer and Member were introduced on 01 July 1972.

NAMING

The badges are unnamed but each badge is numbered on the reverse.

Some Statistics on the Order of Canada

Based on 2014 data

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Category	& of Orders
Performing Arts	10.5
Health Care	9.8
Education	7.0
Public Service	6.4
Business / Finance	5.4
Literary Arts	4.4
Industry / Natural Resources	4.0
Law	3.6
Communications	3.3
Sports	3.2
Politics	2.8
Philanthropy	2.8
Social Sciences	2.5
Heritage	1.5
Environment	0.3
Not Identified / Others	32.5

Based on categories assigned by Rideau Hall

Home Province	& of Orders	Orders per 100,000 Population
Ontario	37.9	17
Quebec	23.8	18
British Columbia	11.8	16
Alberta	7.1	11
Nova Scotia	4.2	28
Manitoba	4.0	19
Saskatchewan	3.3	18
New Brunswick	3.2	26
Newfoundland and Labrador	2.3	28
Prince Edward Island	1.1	49
Yukon	0.4	77
Nunavut	0.4	74
Northwest Territories	0.4	57

An analysis done by the Ottawa Citizen newspaper shows:

Order of Canada awards since 1967 shows that the honour has been bestowed on fewer recipients from the Western provinces, relative to their population. In 2014, the data show, only 18 per cent of new recipients of the Order list Alberta, B.C., Saskatchewan or Manitoba as home, provinces that together account for 31 per cent of the Canadian population.

But Ontario and Quebec accounted for 74 per cent of the medals handed out in 2014 – higher than their 62 per cent of the population. Since the Order was created in 1967, only about 26 per cent of new inductees came from the four Western provinces. That proportion has remained steady even as their total population grew.

Alberta ranks dead last among all provinces and territories in per capita residents entitled to wear the medal on their lapels.

By contrast, Atlantic Canada has been sharply over-represented, on a per-capita basis, with 11 per cent of the Orders going to worthy candidates from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador – nearly twice as many as their populations would warrant. Per capita, the Atlantic Provinces lead all others in number of Order recipients.

The data also show the type of Canadian honoured with the Order has evolved since 1967. The proportion of Order of Canada recipients drawn from the performing arts sectors has consistently increased, while the share of educators, political figures and athletes has dropped.

By the end of last year, about 15 per cent of all Orders were collected by performers such as singers Bryan Adams and Céline Dion, dancers Margie Gillis and Karen Kain, and actors Donald Sutherland and Al Waxman. That's about 50 per cent higher compared to 1980.

Those from the health care field – former senator and cardiac surgeon Wilbert Keon and endocrinologist Michel Chretien included – account for the second-most honoured occupation after performers.

At the same time, the number of educators invested, such as St. Francis Xavier University chancellor Sean Riley, and those classified as doing public service, former bureaucrats Robert Fowler and Mel Cappe among them, have fallen off sharply.

Since 1980, the share of sports figures honoured has dropped by about 25 per cent. Former hockey stars Paul Henderson and Guy Lafleur are in, but a frequent complaint among critics is that commentator and former NHL coach Don Cherry has never been invested in the Order, despite his broad popularity.

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**ORDER OF CANADA
MEDAL OF COURAGE
CM**

TERMS

When the Order of Canada was introduced in 1967, a Medal of Courage was to be awarded to any person *who performs an act of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great danger*. The medal was never awarded as the advisory committee believed that one medal could not cover all cases from the highest gallantry to the just plain bravery. Thus in 1972, the Medal of Courage was removed from the Canadian order of precedence and replaced by the current three Canadian Bravery Decorations, the Cross of Valour, Star of Courage and the Medal of Bravery.

DESCRIPTION

A six-pointed snow flake, 38-mm across and gold in colour.

OBVERSE

The centre of the medal has a maple leaf surmounted by a St. Edward's crown.

REVERSE

An annulus in the centre bears the word COURAGE.

MOUNTING

A ball with a large ring through which the ribbon passes to wear on the left breast.

RIBBON

A red ribbon, 32-mm wide, with a white centre (16-mm wide). In undress uniform, a gold maple leaf would be worn on the ribbon.

DATES

Instituted on 17 April 1967 but never awarded and replaced by the current Canadian Bravery Decorations (CV/SC/MB) on 01 May 1972.

NOTE

The original membership of the Order of Canada in 1967 included the Medal of Courage. Had the medal been awarded, the recipient would have been a member of the Order of Canada. Recipients of the three bravery awards introduced in 1972, are **not** members of the Order of Canada. In effect, the original Order of Canada had three classes:

Companion	(CC)
Medal of Service	(SM)
Medal of Courage	(CM)

**ORDER OF CANADA
MEDAL OF SERVICE
SM**

TERMS

When the Order of Canada was introduced in 1967, its members were either Companions or recipients of the Medal of Service (or potentially the Medal of Courage). The Medal of Service was awarded *for achievement and merit of high degree, especially service to Canada or to humanity at large*. A maximum of **50** could be awarded annually, and Recipients could use the post-nominal letters **SM**. The Medal of Service was replaced by Officer of the Order of Canada in 1972 and all living recipients of the Medal of Service were made Officers of the Order of Canada.

DESCRIPTION

A silver, six-pointed snow flake, 38-mm across.

OBVERSE

A maple leaf in a circle in the centre of the snow flake is surmounted by a St. Edward's Crown.

REVERSE

An annulus in the centre bears the worn **SERVICE**. The recipients name was engraved in 2 lines on the lower arm.

MOUNTING

A ball on the top point is attached a large ring. The medal was worn on the left breast from a ribbon by men and from a bow on the left shoulder by women.

RIBBON

A red ribbon, 32-mm wide, with a white centre (16-mm wide). In undress uniform, a silver maple leaf would be worn on the ribbon.

DATES

Instituted on 17 April 1967 with the first recipients appointed 01 July 1967. On 01 July 1972, the medal was discontinued and replaced by Officer of the Order of Canada, all living recipients becoming Officers on that date.

NAMING:

The names were engraved in two lines on the reverse of the lower arm. For men, the first line had their initials and the second line their surname while for women, the first line had their given names and the second line their surname.



ISSUED

- 319 Medals of Service were nominated by the advisory committee.
- 32 Medal of Service Winners were invested directly as Officers of the Order of Canada in July 1972 and thus never actually received the medal.
- 284 Medals of Service were presented.
- 3 Medals of Service were not presented and the recipients later received the Officer of the Order of Canada (Stratas, Town and Hutchinson)
- 189 Medals of Service were destroyed on 23 February 1984 after being exchanged for Officer badges.
- 18 named medals were retained for display and 3 unnamed medals were also retained for display by the Chancellery. The RCMP Museum (Kyak), Glenbow Museum (Harvie), Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Museum and War Museum (O'Brien) have SM on display.
- 21 Medal of Service winners died before the Officer of the Order of Canada came into existence so technically were never Officers of the Order of Canada.
- 3 Medal of Service winners were elevated to Companion of the Order of Canada and thus technically also were never Officers of the Order of Canada (Cormier, Gingras, Ronning).
- 36 Medal of Service winners other than the three noted above have Been elevated to Companion of the Order of Canada.

For purposes of calculating the total number of Officers of the Order of Canada, the 319 Medal of Service winners named are included as Officers of the Order of Canada.

Medals of Captain **John Gibbons Counsell, OC, OBE, MC**

The Medal of Service awarded in December 1967 is on display in the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Museum. *Awarded for "A paraplegic through wounds received at Dieppe, he has devoted himself to the welfare and rehabilitation of others with similar disabilities"*⁶



⁶ Medals of Captain John Counsell, SM, OBE, MC at the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Museum, Hamilton, Ontario.

Note the Dieppe Raid clasp is correctly on the CVSM.

CANADA MEDAL

TERMS

The Medal was to have been awarded for *the recognition of meritorious services by citizens of Canada, whether civilian or members of the armed forces who rendered valuable and meritorious service.* The medal was never issued.

DESCRIPTION

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

A crowned effigy of King George VI, facing left, with the legend **GEORGIVS VI D. G: BR: OMN: REX ET INDIAE IMP:** around the edge.

REVERSE

Within a wreath of maple leaves, the Escutcheon of the Coat of Arms of Canada surmounted by a Crown. The word **CANADA** is on a ribbon scroll at the bottom.

MOUNTING

Two ornamental arms attach to a broad bar which bears the word **MERIT** on it (**MERITE** for francophone recipients).

RIBBON

A ribbon, 32-mm wide, with equal widths of red, white and red.

DATE

The medal was to be issued in 1943, but Prime Minister Mackenzie-King decided it was just another medal for those who already had medals and refused to sign the first list authorizing the award and it was never issued.

ISSUED

Nil - Fourteen medals were struck, 7 with **MERIT** and 7 with **MERITE** on the bar. All were stamped 'specimen' on the edge. At least one of the medals has found its way onto the market.

The then Princess Elizabeth, was to be one of the original recipients. Two medals are on display in the War Museum in Ottawa.

EXAMPLES NOMINATED

Acting LCol John West McCLAIN, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
Major Donald Fraser McRAE, MC, Stormont Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders and the Essex Scottish

THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT
CMM / OMM / MMM

TERMS



The Order of Military Merit was established to provide a worthy means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of the Canadian Forces (CF), both regular and reserve. The Queen of Canada is the Sovereign of the Order and the Governor-General is both Chancellor and a Commander of the Order. The Chief of the Defence Staff is, by virtue of that office, is the Principal Commander of the Order. The Order comprises three degrees: Commander (CMM); Officer (OMM); and Member (MMM).

In any year, the Governor General may appoint a number of eligible persons to the Order that does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.001) of the average number of persons who were members of the CF during the immediately preceding year. In 2008, the distribution was changed back to the original 1972 percentages of, up to 5% Commanders, 20% Officers, and 75% Members annually (it had been 6%, 30% and 64%). For 2008, this was 91 (6 - CMM; 32 - OMM; 68 - MMM). There is no overall maximum membership in any degree. Only members of the Canadian Forces (regular or reserve) are eligible for appointment to the order although there has been one Honorary Commander, General Richard Myers, USAF. Names are gazetted in the Canada Gazette. Awards are made only once per year and announced in January of that year.

The Order was intended as a mid-career award but has ended up being an end of career award with as many as 25% of recipients earning the honour after they retired and 50% of those receiving the award being within the last two years of service. The Canadian Forces began trying to get it back to a mid-career award in 2009. It is also the intention to not limit the levels to Flag Officers/Generals for the CMM, Majors to Captains (with the occasional CWO elevated) for the OMM, and the MMM for Junior Officers and Non-Commissioned members. The level of responsibility should be the determining criteria. However, the effect of this is that Brigadier-Generals now receive the OMM on a regular basis and the CMM is now almost always reserved for Rear Admirals / Major-Generals and above. There have still not been any elevations from MMM to OMM since Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Wayne Deslauriers (MMM at Master Warrant Officer) and Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Jean Dessauireault (MMM at Warrant Officer) were elevated in the July 2000 Canada Gazette list. The Order was amended in April 2013 to allow Extraordinary Members, such as the Royal Family and the Governor-Generals. Prince Philip was the first person invested into this category.

COMMANDER (CMM)

*Appointments are made for outstanding meritorious service in duties of great responsibility. To 2007 only General and Flag officers have been appointed at this level. This was changed from 2007 to 2020 but in 2020 it was confirmed that only General and Flag Officers may be appointed at this level. The badge is 50-mm wide. Commanders may use the post-nominal letters **CMM**.*

OFFICER (OMM)

*Appointments are made for outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibilities. To 2007 only Majors to Colonels were appointed with the occasional (11) Chief Warrant Officer / CPO1 elevations from MMM (and only one this century). In 2007, Brigadier-Generals and Commodores were allowed to be appointed at this level but that was changed in 2020 to only Majors to Colonels. Elevations from Member were also allowed but the 2005 list was the last time this occurred. The badge is 40-mm wide. Officers may use the post-nominal letters **OMM**.*



MEMBER (MMM)

*Appointments are made for exceptional service or performance of duty. This has been interpreted to mean Non-Commissioned Members (NCMs), Warrant Officers, Petty Officers and Commissioned Officers up to the rank of Army or Air Force Captain/Navy Lieutenant. From 2007 to 2020, Majors and Lieutenant-Commanders were also allowed to be appointed at this level but this was changed back to the original plan of only Captains/Lieutenant(N) allowed appointed at this level. The badge is 40-mm wide. Members may use the post-nominal letters **MMM**.*

A Member may be elevated to Officer and an Officer may be elevated to Commander. When this occurs, the individual holds only the higher appointment but may wear both miniature insignia on their ribbon in undress.



DESCRIPTION

The badge of the Order is a blue-enamelled, straight-end cross pattee (four arms narrow at the centre and expanding towards the ends). The badge is edged in gold (CMM/OMM) or silver (MMM). The maple leaf in the centre of the badge is red (Commander), gold (Officer), and silver (Member). The annulus is red with lettering in gold (CMM/OMM) or silver (MMM) and is surmounted by a St. Edward's Crown.

OBVERSE

A maple leaf in red, gold or silver within an annulus which bears the words **MERIT . MERITE . CANADA**.

REVERSE

Plain except a serial number is stamped on the reverse (into the edge of the lower arm until 1983).

MOUNTING

The Commander's badge has a small link with a small ring attached. A larger ring is attached to the small ring and the ribbon passes through this for wearing around the neck. The badge of an Officer or Members has a small ring at the top through which another small ring attaches to a ring at the bottom of a laurelled bar (3 rings in all). The laurelled bar is gold (Officer) or silver (Member). Officers and Members wear their badges on the left breast.

RIBBON

A blue ribbon, 38-mm wide, with gold edges (5-mm). After 1983, the lapel badge (blue cross with a maple leaf in the centre) is worn on the ribbon in undress with the maple leaf being red, gold, or silver to signify the level (until 1983, a maple leaf of red, gold, or silver was worn on the ribbon in undress uniform). Elevations within the order are indicated by the wearing of the lapel badge of the current and previous levels on a single ribbon.

DATE

Instituted 01 August 1972.

NAMING

Each badge is numbered on the reverse; no naming.

ISSUED

Numbers as of **01 January 2021 (71st List December 2020)**.

(including nine Governor Generals as Chancellors listed under Commanders)

	COMMANDERS	OFFICERS	MEMBERS	
Appointed:	291	1354	3732	
Removals:	0	2	1	
Extraordinary CMM	1	0	0	Prince Philip
Elevated:	107 *	17 **	--	

* = from OMM to CMM

** = from MMM to OMM (last one 2005)

There has been one resignation from the OMM Total and one removal.

One MMM removal.

PHOTO ⁷



⁷ Chief Warrant Officer Howie Dunbar, MMM, MOM, CD group (Chief Warrant Officer of the Army Reserves) - Author's Photo
The ORMM and OPMM photos are from the Office of the Governor-General of Canada

THE ORDER OF MERIT OF THE POLICE FORCES COM / OOM / MOM

TERMS

The Order of Merit of the Police Forces was established to provide a worthy means of recognizing *conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of the Canadian police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community*. The Queen of Canada is the Sovereign of the Order and the Governor-General is both Chancellor and a Commander of the Order. The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is, by virtue of that office, the Principal Commander of the Order. The Order comprises three degrees: **Commander** (COM); **Officer** (OOM); and **Member** (MOM).

In any year, the Governor General may appoint a number of eligible persons to the Order that does not exceed one-tenth of one percent (0.001) of the average number of persons who were members of the Police Forces during the immediately preceding year. Of those appointed, up to 6% are Commanders, 30% are Officers, and 64% are Members annually. For 2008, there were 60 (2 - COM; 15 - OOM; 43 - MOM). There is no overall maximum membership in any degree. Names are gazetted in the *Canada Gazette*. Awards are now made only once per year. There are no posthumous awards.



The only persons who are eligible to be appointed as Commanders, Officers or Members of the Order are Canadian citizens who are members or employees of a Police Service. Persons who are not Canadian citizens and who are members or employees of a police service of a country other than Canada are eligible to be appointed as honorary Commanders, Officers or Members of the Order (maximum one per year) - none as of 01 January 2016). Persons admitted to the Order must be a serving member of a Police Service effective December 31st of the year in which the nomination is made. Members of the Police Services in Canada and **members of the public** are invited to submit the names of nominees for admission to the Order.

Inspector Terry Koppan, OMM, MOM, CD raised the question about an entry that I had in previous editions of this book, that reserve members of the police forces are eligible for this award. I thus checked with the Chancellery in Ottawa and found that Terry was correct. A reserve member of a police force is not eligible unless they are working as a full-time, paid member. This is obviously different than the Order of Military Merit where Reserve members are eligible.

COMMANDER (COM)

Appointments are made *for outstanding meritorious service in duties of great responsibility*. The badge is 50-mm wide. Commanders may use the post-nominal letters **COM**.

OFFICER (OOM)



Appointments are made *for outstanding meritorious service in duties of responsibilities*. The badge is 40-mm wide. Officers may use the post-nominal letters **OOM**.

MEMBER (MOM)

Appointments are made *for exceptional service or performance of duty*. The badge is 40-mm wide. Members may use the post-nominal letters **MOM**.

Members may be elevated to Officer and Officers may be elevated to Commanders. When this occurs, the individual holds only the higher appointment but may wear both miniature insignia on their ribbon in undress. Chief Edgar MacLeod, COM, Cape Breton Police Service was the first person elevated.

DESCRIPTION

The badge of the Order is a blue-enamelled, straight-end cross pattée (four arms narrow at the centre and expanding towards the ends). The badge is edged in gold (COM/OOM) or silver (MOM). The maple leaf in the centre of the badge is red (Commander), gold (Officer), and silver (Member). The annulus is red with lettering in gold (COM/OOM) or silver (MOM) and is surmounted by a St. Edward's Crown. It is identical to the Order of Military Merit. Two Police Officers have been awarded the two orders.

OBVERSE

A maple leaf in red, gold or silver within an annulus which bears the words **MERIT . MERITE . CANADA**.

REVERSE

The serial number is stamped on the reverse.

MOUNTING

The Commander's badge has a small link with a small ring attached. A larger ring is attached to the small ring and the ribbon passes through this for wearing around the neck. The badge of an Officer or Members has a small ring at the top through which another small ring attaches to a ring at the bottom of a laurelled bar (3 rings in all). The laurelled bar is gold (Officer) or silver (Member). Officers and Members wear their badges on the left breast.

RIBBON

A 38-mm wide ribbon of three equal stripes: blue, gold, blue. The lapel badge (blue cross with a maple leaf in the centre) is worn on the ribbon in undress with the maple leaf being red, gold, or silver to signify the level. Unlike the Order of Military Merit where those elevated may wear two or in one case three emblems, only the current level emblem may be worn on the OMPF ribbon.



DATE

Instituted 19 March 2001. First presented on 17 May 2002. Commissioner Zaccardelli of the RCMP was the first Principal Commander. Commissioner Beverley Busson, COM, OBC, RCMP, Commissioner William Elliott, COM, QC, RCMP and Commissioner Paulson, COM, RCMP, have been the subsequent Principal Commanders.

NAMING

Each badge is numbered on the reverse; no naming.

ISSUED

To 15 September 2022 (CG 10 September 2022)

- 5 - Chancellors (GGs Adrienne Clarkson, Michaëlle Jean & David Johnston, Julie Payette, Mary Simon)
- 6 - Principal Commanders (1 elevation from OOM/MOM and 1 from MOM)
- 26 - Commanders (11 elevation from OOM including 4 Principal Cdrs)
- 231 - Officers (48 elevations from MOM)
- 836 - Members plus 1 Honorary Member in 2020

There has been **1 OMM + MOM** (Terry Kopan) and 2 MMM + MOM combinations. ⁸



⁸ Medals of Lieutenant-Colonel / Inspector Terry Kopan, OMM, MOM, CD (Terry is a Cadet Instructors Cadre Officer and an RCMP Officer in British Columbia)

THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER
GCVO / KCVO / CVO / LVO / MVO



TERMS

The order was established in 1896 by Queen Victoria and is conferred *for extraordinary or personal services to the sovereign or to the Royal Family*. This Order is included in the Canadian Order of Precedence because it is awarded as the personal prerogative of the Monarch and thus is awarded to Canadians by the Queen in her capacity as the Queen of Canada. The order has five grades, the first two conferring knighthood:

Knights (Dames) Grand Cross (GCVO);

Knights (Dames) Commanders (KCVO);

Commander (CVO); Lieutenant (LVO); Member (MVO).

The Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order was called Member, Fourth Class until changed to Lieutenant on 31 December 1984 and the Member was called Member, Fifth class, until that date, now just Member.

Canadian citizens are only allowed to receive the last three classes because the first two classes confer knighthood.

⁹

DESCRIPTION

A white enamelled Maltese cross of eight points, in the centre of which is an oval of crimson enamel with the Royal Cypher VRI (superimposed one letter on top of the other) in gold letters. Encircling this is a blue enamel ribbon with the name **VICTORIA** in gold letters, and above is the Imperial Crown enamelled in proper colours.

The GCVO badge is carried on the left hip, suspended from a large sash worn across the right shoulder. A star is also worn on the left breast. A KCVO has a large neck badge and a star on the left breast. The CVO badge is 51-mm wide and is worn as a neck badge. The LVO badge is 38-mm wide and is worn on the left breast. The MVO badge is 38-mm wide and is not enamelled white but is in frosted silver with the same enamelled centre as the other badges.

RIBBON

The CVO ribbon is 38-mm and the LVO/MVO ribbon is 32-mm.

The ribbon is blue with narrow red, white, red edges stripes.

⁹ Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order shown

DATES

Established in 1896. Several awards were made to Canadians up to the end of WWI and then only a few issued until awards to Canadians began on a regular basis in 1972 with Canadians receiving 1-2 CVOs, 2-4 LVOs, and 3 MVOs annually. Recipient's names are published in the Canada Gazette. The awards are often associated with a trip to Canada by the Queen.

ISSUED

5 - GCVO (Charles Douglas / Stephen / Drury / Donald Smith / Peacock)
5 - KCVO (Shaughnessy / Charles Stirling / Edwin Leather / Brigadier James Landon / Conrad Swan)
53 - CVO Ms. Sheila-Marie Cook, Secretary to the GG and Mr. Dwight MacAulay, Chief of Protocol Manitoba (most recent)
84 - LVO Most recent award is to Anthony Eugene George Hylton, Chief of Staff and Private Secretary to LG of Ontario, Canada, Sec'y LG of Sask.
67 - MVO Most recent award is to Ms. Cathy Lynn Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald and Principal Artist of the Canadian Heraldic Authority in December 2023.

214 in total to October 2023.¹⁰



¹⁰ Mr. Robert Watt, LVO, OSTJ, Rideau Herald Emeritus (Honorary Colonel 12 Vancouver Field Ambulance)
Superintendent Greg Peters, LVO, RCMP SSgt John Stewart, MVO, RCMP

ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL
RVM

TERMS

The medal is awarded to those below the rank of officers who perform personal services to the Sovereign or to members of the Royal Family. After, 31 December 1984, the post-nominal initials **RVM** were allowed to be used.

DESCRIPTION

A small, circular silver medal, 28-mm across. It can also be awarded as a gold or bronze medal but all medals to Canadians to date have been silver.

OBVERSE

The effigy of the reigning monarch with the normal inscription around the edge. The current medal has the uncrowned bust of Queen Elizabeth, facing, right with the inscription:

ELIZABETH.II.DEI.GRATIA.REGINA.F:D:+

One George V medal awarded, to Matron Tremaine, had the King George V coinage head, facing left with the legend: **GEORGIVS V BRITT : OMN : REX ET IMP:**

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher (EIIR or GVR) is in the centre with an ornamental cartouche around the edge and at the bottom, 3 ribband with the words: **Royal Victorian Medal.**

MOUNTING

A small ring at the top of the medal is linked to a larger ring through which the ribbon is threaded. The medal is worn on the left breast by men and on may be worn on the left shoulder from a bow by women.



RIBBON

The blue ribbon is 32-mm wide, with narrow red, white, and red bands on the edges.

ISSUED

25 to Canadians (1 George V bust / 1 George VI bust / 23 Elizabeth II bust) to **June 2021**.

¹¹ Medals of Joseph Herve Yves Chevrier, CM, RVM, CD, the Head of Rideau Hall for GG Vanier and Leger

ROYAL VICTORIAN CHAIN

TERMS

It was established in 1902 and is conferred as a *special mark of the Sovereign's favour*. It is given very rarely. Often considered the highest grade of the Royal Victorian Order, it has no official connection to the order.

DESCRIPTION

The chain consists of three Tudor roses, two thistles, two shamrocks and two lotus flowers, connected by a slender double trace of gold chain. At the bottom of the front loop is a centrepiece consisting of the Royal Cypher in red enamel surrounded by a wreath and surmounted by a crown. From this centre piece hangs a large replica of the badge of the Royal Victorian Order with the crown on the badge and the Victoria Royal Cypher in the centre in jewels. All Chains are numbered and must be returned to the Central Chancery upon the death of the recipient. There is no ribbon with this award and there are no post-nominal initials used to indicate this award. A miniature medal is not worn for this award.

DATE

Instituted 1902 by King Edward VII

ISSUED TO CANADIANS (2 only)

MASSEY, The Right Honourable Vincent
MICHENER, The Right Honourable Roland

PC CC CH GCStJ CD
PC CC CMM KStJ CD

The Right Honourable Michener's Chain is number 52, previously worn by the Rt Honourable Lawrence Roger (Earl of Scarborough) KG, GCSI, GCIE, GCVO, TD, who died on 29 June 1969. It has been returned to the Central Chancery.



THE ORDER OF MERIT OM

TERMS

It was introduced in 1902 as a *very special distinction to those supreme in the fields of arts, literature and science and occasionally to military leaders in times of war and to outstanding individuals*. The order does not confer knighthood and is limited to 24 members who are citizens of a country of the British Commonwealth. The Order of Merit and the Royal Victorian Order are the only two awards that are the personal prerogative of the Sovereign. Prince Phillip is the head of the Order and the youngest recipient (age 47).

DESCRIPTION

A gold convex, cross pattee, enamelled red and edged in blue. The cross is surmounted by a crown in gold with white pearls on the top of the crown. The military badge has crossed swords between the arms of the cross and the civil badge does not. The three awards to Canadian have been without the crossed swords. The badge is hung from a ribbon and worn around the neck.

OBVERSE

In the centre of the badge are the words **FOR MERIT** in two lines in gold on a dark blue enamel background which is surrounded by a circle of white enamel. The whole of this is surrounded by a wreath of laurel enamelled in green.

REVERSE

The Royal Cypher is in the centre of the badge in gold. The first award to a Canadian had the King George VI cypher, GVI, and the other two awards the Queen Elizabeth II cypher, EIIR.

MOUNTING

A large gold ring is attached to the top of the crown and through this ring passes a larger laurelled gold ring through which the ribbon passes.

RIBBON

The ribbon is 51-mm wide; the left half is blue (for the Order of the Garter) and the right half is red (for the Order of the BATH). Originally the ribbon was not worn in undress but it is now permitted. To show its high place of honour, the ribbon follows the GCB in the order of precedence in England.

ISSUED TO CANADIANS

4 (1 - George VI / 3 Elizabeth II)

The Right Honourable William Lyon Mackenzie KING, OM, PC, CMG
(1947 - GVI)

Dr. Wilder PENFIELD, OM, CC, CMG
(1953 - EIIR)

The Right Honourable Lester Bowles PEARSON, OM, PC, CC, OBE
(1972 - EIIR)

The Right Honourable Joseph Jacques Jean CHRÉTIAN, OM, PC, CC, QC
(2009 - EIIR)

Professor Margaret MacMILLAN, OM, CC, CH

WHERE DOES JEAN CRÉTIAN'S ORDER OF MERIT FIT IN THE CANADIAN HONOURS PRECEDENCE

For awards prior to 1972, the OM took precedence over the Companion of the Order of Canada. However, since there were no living holders of the Order of Merit for many years, it was dropped out of the Order of precedence for Canada. When Jean Chrétian received the Order of Merit in 2009, it was re-established as the Premier non-bravery honour to Canadians since it is the Queen of Canada's personal prerogative to bestow this order. ¹²

¹² Jean Chrétian, with his wife, receiving his medal from Queen Elizabeth II in 2009

General John de Chastelaine wearing his Companion of Honour
Wearing the Mess Kit of the PPCLI Colonel Commandant.



THE ORDER OF THE COMPANIONS OF HONOUR CH

TERMS

The order has one level and does not confer knighthood. It was introduced in 1917 *to honour conspicuous service of national importance*. It is limited to the Sovereign and 65 living members at any one time. For the first time in its 100 year history, there were 65 living members on 31 December 2017.

DESCRIPTION (OBVERSE)

The oval badge is gold, surmounted by an Imperial Crown, and has a blue border with the motto of the order: *IN ACTIONS FAITHFUL AND IN HONOUR CLEAR* in gold letters. In the middle of the badge is a rectangle on which is an oak tree with the shield of the Royal Arms hanging from one branch. An armed and armoured knight sits on a horse to the left of the tree.

REVERSE

The badge has a plain reverse.

MOUNTING

A large ring, through which the ribbon passes, has a small ring attached to it. This ring passes through a small ring at the top of the crown. The medal is suspended from a ribbon worn around the neck.

RIBBON

The carmine (red) ribbon is 38-mm wide, with borders of gold thread.

ISSUED

11 to Canadians (to July 2020)

ATWOOD, Margaret Eleanor

BEST, Dr. Charles Herbert

CRERAR, General Henry

(Photo below)

De CHASTELAIN, General Alfred John G.D.

DIEFENBAKER, The Right Honourable John George

MASSEY, The Right Honourable Charles Vincent

MacMILLAN, Professor Margaret

McNAUGHTON, General, The Honourable Andrew George Latta

PAWSON, Professor Anthony ('Tony') James

SMITH, Mr. Arnold Cantwell

TRUDEAU, The Right Honourable Pierre Elliot

CC, OOnt, CH

CC, CH, CBE

CH, CC, DSO, CD

OC, CMM, CH, CStJ, CD

PC, CH

CC, CH, GCStJ, CD

OM, CC, CH (OC)

CH, CB, CMG, DSO, CD

OC, OOnt, CH

OC, CH

CC, CH



ORDER OF ST. JOHN

GCStJ / KStJ / DStJ / CStJ / OStJ / SBStJ or SSStJ

(The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem)

TERMS

Persons may be admitted to the Order at any level, if they:

- a) recognize the Christian foundation upon which the Order was built (but do not have to be of the Christian faith);
- b) have performed or are prepared to perform good service for the Order;
- c) undertake to conform to the rules of the Order.

Prior to 1972, persons who were not Christians could be admitted to the Order but wore a white stripe in the middle of their ribbon. Today members of all faiths may be appointed to the Order.¹³

The Queen is the Sovereign Head of the Order and the Grand Prior of the Order is H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester. The Governor-General of Canada is the Prior for Canada. The Lord Prior of the Order is the most senior non-Royal member of the Order.

In 1990, the terms of the order in Canada were changed to make it a Canadian order. The Queen remains the Sovereign Head but the order is now a Canadian order with the Governor-General of Canada acting on behalf of the Queen in Canada. The names of the members being admitted or promoted each year are gazetted in the *Canada Gazette*.

There are five levels in the order (the Esquire level was dropped in 2005). The post-nominal letters shown at the top of the page are only for official correspondence within the Order and are not authorized for use otherwise. This book's author has chosen to include the post-nominal letters. The position of Esquire has been eliminated from the Order.

DESCRIPTION

The badge consists of a true Maltese cross, an eight-pointed cross in white enamel set in a base metal (silver until 1951). The cross is embellished in each of its principal angles with lions and unicorns, a lion being in the top left and bottom right angles. The obverse and reverse are the same except the lions are in different positions on the reverse. Serving Members (SSStJ and SBStJ) medal is silver in colour.



¹³ The first permanent resident of Canada to be appointed to the Order of St. John was Sir Allan Napier MacNab (a Knight Bachelor and later a Baronet). He was made a Knight of Justice of the Order in 1842 and a Bailiff Brand Cross of the Order in 1855. Sir Étienne-Pascal Taché was made a KStJ in 1858 followed by 3 others before Queen Victoria became the Sovereign head of the Order and thus made it part of the British Honours system. Dr. George Stirling Ryerson was made an Honorary Associate in 1892, later an Esquire and after the Boer War, a Knight of Grace. In 1907 the Dominions were allowed to gain more control over their own affairs within St. John. The Grand Prior of the Order moved to Canada in 1911 as the Governor General of Canada, The Duke of Connaught. There were less than 100 Canadians made Members of the Order in WWI. However, the Association ceased sending nominations to London after passage of the Nickel Resolution.

MOUNTING

The badges have a ring attached to the top through which the ribbon passes. On the neck badges, there is a larger elongated ring through which the ribbon passes.

RIBBON

A black watered ribbon, 38-mm wide. All levels wear a small silver cross on the 38-mm ribbon in undress.

The Bailiff Grand Cross wears the hip badge from a 102-mm wide ribbon and a Dame Grand Cross holder wears her badge from a 57-mm ribbon. The neck badge of Commander's and above is presented with a ribbon that is 51-mm wide. In the past, an Associate Member's ribbon had a narrow white centre stripe but there are no longer Associates.

BAILIFF or DAME GRAND CROSS

GCStJ

The Star, 92-mm across, is in white enamel set in gold and is worn on the left breast. It is not embellished (no lions or unicorn in the angles). The neck badge is 82-mm across, embellished and suspended from the ribbon by a large ring. It is worn on the left hip from a 102-mm wide ribbon that passes over the right shoulder (57-mm ribbon for women). GCStJ holders wear their KStJ neck badges on occasions when the sash is not appropriate. At any given time, there are only 12 male and 7 female GCStJ holders in the order and Canada usually has at least one.

ISSUED AND EXAMPLES

Canada has had 11 GCStJ holders (* two living Bruce & Mah):

Sir Allan Napier McNab, Kt, Bart, GCStJ	1855
Lieutenant-Colonel Eric Lawrence Barry, GCStJ, CD	
Brigadier George Edwin ('Ted') Beament, OBE, CM, GCStJ, ED, CD	
Chief of Brandon Police Frederick <u>Richard</u> Bruce, MOM, GCStJ	*
Mrs. Kathleen Gilmour, MBE, GCStJ	
Brigadier-General Cyrille J. Lauren, OBE, GCStJ	
Mlle Yvette Loiselle, CM, GCStJ	
Lieutenant-Colonel John Chew Mah, GCStJ, CD, QC (JAG)	*
Mrs. Margaret MacLaren, GCStJ	
Right Honourable Vincent Massey, CC, CH, GCStJ, CD	
RCMP Commissioner Leonard Nicholson, OC, MBE, GCStJ	
Robert Hector Neil White, GCStJ	

LCol Eric Lawrence Barry was the Lord Prior of the Order of St. John from 2002 to 2008.

LCol John Mah is a lawyer in Edmonton.

Chief of Police Richard Bruce, MOM, GCStJ, was the Chief of Police of the Brandon Police Services from 2001 to 2006

KNIGHT or DAME of JUSTICE versus Knight or Dame of GRACE

KStJ / DStJ

A person is brought into the Order or promoted within the Order as a Knight or Dame of Grace. To be re-classified as a Knight or Dame of Justice, he or she must be able to satisfy the Genealogist of the Grand Priory that he or she is (a) entitled to bear arms, or (b) is the Prior of a Priory.

The Governor-General of Canada is installed as Prior of the Priory of Canada and made a Dame or Knight of Justice. Lieutenant-Governors of each province and Commissioners of the Canadian Territories are installed as Vice-Priors or Territorial Commissioners and invested as Dames or Knights of Justice. The spouse of the Governor General is also made a Knight or Dame of Justice. (In the past, the spouse of the Lieutenant-Governor was made an Officers of the Order - OStJ. This seems to have stopped when the numbers admitted to the order were adjusted).

DESCRIPTION

The white enamel star is 76-mm across, set in gold for Justice (but not embellished) and set in silver (base metal since 1951) for Grace (and embellished). The white enamel badge is 57-mm wide (formerly 45-mm wide for Dames but all now the same size), set in gold for Justice and silver (base metal) for Grace, and is embellished.

The badge is suspended from a ribbon worn around the neck for males and may be worn from a bow on the left shoulder by women.

Until 2008, there were an average of 15 Canadians made Knights or Dames each year in addition to any Lieutenant-Governors or Governor-General and their spouse. However, the Priory of Canada reduced that number to 8 in 2008, 10 in 2009. It looked like 8 to 10 per year would be the new norm but in 2015, only 5 were appointed and 4 of them were automatic as Lieutenant-Governors (My colleague Herman Ho, KStJ, MB being the only non-Lieutenant-Governor). Most Knights/Dames are promotions from Commander and require a minimum of six years for promotion from Commander to Knight.

COMMANDER

CStJ

The badge of the Commander is white enamel set in base metal and is 57-mm across (previously 45-mm across for women but now all are the same size). The badge is embellished and is suspended from a 38-mm wide ribbon worn around the neck and can be worn from a bow by women. The Priory also reduced the approximately 40 Canadians appointed as Commanders each year until 2008 when only 13 new Commanders were appointed and 12 in 2009. It looked like the new norm would be 12 to 13 but in 2015, only 8 were appointed. This dropped to 2 in 2016! Most Commanders are promotions from Officer and normally requires a minimum of three years after becoming an Officer to be promoted.

OFFICER

OStJ

The badge is 45-mm across, white enamel set in base metal and embellished. It is worn on the left breast but may be worn from a bow on the left shoulder by females. The ribbon is 38-mm wide. In 2008, the approximately 100 per year annual appoints were reduced to only 26 and to 22 in 2009. This number dropped to 13 in 2015 and 10 in 2016.

SERVING BROTHER / SERVING SISTER (Serving Member)

SBStJ / SSStJ

There have been four patterns of badges in recent years for this level. The old badge was circular, 38-mm across, metal rim with a white cross elevated from a black enamel background. This was changed such that the cross was no longer elevated from the black enamel but was flush with the black enamel. There were embellishments on these medals. The back was plain metal.

A new pattern badge was introduced in October 1980. It is a simple St. John Cross with embellishments, 38-mm across, in flat matte-finished silver which appears grey. The silver was replaced in 1984 with a rhodium-plated medal which appears bright silver. The badge is worn suspended from a ring on the left breast and has embellishments.

The 250 annual appointments was reduced to 82 in 2008 and 54 in 2009 bringing the Order more in line with other Canadian Orders. Only 42 were appointed in 2015 and 41 in 2016.

There are approximately 5,500 Canadians who hold the Order of St. John but with the drastic reductions in the annual awards, this will decrease significantly over time. There were 68 appointments in total in 2015 with four of those being to Lieutenant-Governors and only 56 total in 2016.

ESQUIRE (Discontinued 2005)

A Knight or Dame of Justice or Grace was allowed to name two Esquires but this was discontinued in 2005.

INTERNET SITE:

www.sja.ca - the roll of the Order is found there (living members)

The Maple Leaf and the White Cross by Christopher McCreery tells the story of the Order of St. John and the St. John Ambulance Association.

ISSUED

	2020	2021	2022	
GCStJ	0	0	1	
KStJ/ DStJ LG*	4	1	1	*includes Commissioners and Lieutenant-Governors
KStJ/ DStJ	3	1	4	Non Lieutenant-Governors or Commissioners
CStJ	5	5	16	
OStJ	17	8	19	
MStJ	79	50	51	



¹⁴ Her Honour, the Honourable Janet Austin, DStJ, OBC - Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia is invested as a Dame of Justice in the Order
 Staff Sergeant-Major Bob Underhill, KStJ, RCMP (2 photos)
 Commander King Wan, CStJ, CD (retired Commissioner of St. John Ambulance in B.C.)
 Commissioner Herman Ho, KStJ, MB (Commissioner of St. John Ambulance in B.C. who was promoted to KStJ in 2015)
 (Photo of King Wan and Herman Ho by Bruce Holvick, OStJ, RN)

PROVINCIAL ORDERS

ORDRE NATIONAL DU QUEBEC

GOQ / OQ / CQ

TERMS

The order recognizes those in Quebec *who have made us known and revealed our identity through the concrete expression of thought or of humanitarian impulses in science, technology, art in all its forms, social action at home and abroad, or accomplishments that are admired by all.* The objective of the order is a testimony to the pride inspired by the outstanding work of a few for the benefit of all. The order is open to all residents of Quebec, without distinction, except members of the National Assembly. Posthumous appointments may be made. Anyone may submit the name of a Quebec citizen to the Secretariat of the order for consideration. The Premier of the province grants the honour rather than the Lieutenant-Governor as occurs with the other nine provincial orders. This order ranks first in the provincial orders as it was the first one created. The motto is **Honneur au peuple du Quebec**. There are three levels in the orders: Grand Officer (GOQ); Officer (OQ); and Knight (CQ). A member may be promoted within the order and the post-nominal letters **GOQ**, **OQ**, or **CQ** may be used. The title of the order should **not** be translated into English.



DESCRIPTION

The Geneva cross is formed from a 60 x 60 mm square of gold (GOQ) or silver (OQ) with a square (12 x 12 mm) removed from each corner. The medal is gold (GOQ) or silver (OQ). The insignia is suspended from a ribbon worn around the neck (GOQ / OQ). The Knight's badge is a circular, silver medal, 40-mm in diameter, which is worn on the left breast.

OBVERSE

A unique design, the cross represents three elements of the richness of Quebec: water, forests and the fleur-de-lis. The design represents a river, flanked by forests, with a fleur-de-lis at its mouth in the lower left of the cross, where the rivers opening is greatest; and covers the entire area of the obverse on a Grand Officer's or Officer's badge, and most of the obverse on a Knight's medal.

REVERSE

The words **HONNEUR AU PEUPLE DU QUEBEC** appear in one line near the upper third of the badge. The number of the medal (three digits) is centred in the lower third. There is a hall-mark near the bottom right corner.

MOUNTING

A half ring on the upper arm of the cross is linked with a larger oval ring through which the ribbon passes. The Knight's medal has a ball on top through which the ring passes.

RIBBON

The blue ribbon is 38-mm wide, with a white, 12-mm wide central stripe.



DATES

The Order, established by the National Assembly on 20 June 1984, was amended on 19 June 1985 such that the original **Recipient of the Medal of Merit** was redesignated a **Knight of the Order**. It was granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1991-841, 09 May 1991 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1724, 1991.

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NAMING

Each medal is numbered on the reverse, but is not named.

ISSUED

1,108 to Canadians (with 37 elevations)
82 to Foreign Citizens

GOQ	102 plus 8 Foreign awards	- 14 OQ to GOQ elevations
OQ	348 plus 37 Foreign awards	- 13 CQ to OQ elevations
CQ	611 plus 37 Foreign awards	- 7 CQ to GOQ elevations
		- 2 CQ to OQ foreign elevations
		- 1 OQ to GOQ foreign elevations

To 11 May 2021

Appointments are made in May/June each year.
There were no appointments in 2020 due to COVID-19.

INTERNET

www.ordre-national.gouv.qc.ca/

¹⁵ Mr. René Angélil, CM, OQ with his wife Celine Dion, CC, OQ. The CQ medal is shown in the right of the photo.

SASKATCHEWAN ORDER OF MERIT SOM

TERMS

To recognize individual excellence, achievement and outstanding contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of the province and its residents. The order highlights exceptional merit in such areas of endeavour as the arts, agriculture, business, industry, community leadership, the occupations or professions, public service, research, and volunteer service. A person or organization may submit nominations for the Order. Any present or long-term resident of Saskatchewan is eligible for nomination, with the exception of elected Members of Parliament or the Legislature or members of the judiciary while still holding office. The honour is limited to no more than 10 individuals in any year. An amendment in 2000 allowed posthumous awards within one year of the death of the nominee. Mrs. Sandra Schmirler was the first person honoured posthumously. Those awarded this honour may use the post-nominal letters **SOM**.¹⁶



Honorary awards were added in 2001, the two recipients being the Prince of Wales in April 2001 and the Earl of Wessex (Prince Edward) in 2005.

The Lieutenant-Governor is the Chancellor of the Order and thus a member of the Order. He or she wears a collar composed of a large circular medallion and 18 smaller medallions, all in white enamel and bearing the crest of the province, all linked by gold chains.

DESCRIPTION

A six-pointed star, 38-mm wide and 45-mm long, in the form of a stylized western red lily (the provincial floral emblem), white enamel set in silver with gold edging and gold lines running into the centre from all points and angles of the star.

OBVERSE

In the centre is the Saskatchewan shield of arms in red, green, and gold enamel, edged in gold and surmounted by a Crown in gold and red enamel.

REVERSE

The badge has a plain, silver reverse.

¹⁶ Dr. Michael Jackson, CVO, SOM, CD, Director of Protocol for Saskatchewan (retired)

MOUNTING

A gold ball at the top point of the upper arm of the star has a small gold ring attached and this is linked with a larger elongated gold ring through which the ribbon passes. The medal is suspended from a ribbon worn around the neck or can be worn from a bow on the right shoulder by a female.

RIBBON

The ribbon is 38-mm wide with three equal stripes of gold, green and gold. Before 2005 the ribbon colours were reversed, with green on the outside and gold in the middle.

DATES

Established as the Saskatchewan Award of Merit on 05 June 1985, it was renamed the Saskatchewan Order of Merit on 10 May 1988.

The Government of Canada granted status to the order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1991-841, 09 May 1991 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1724, 1991.

ISSUED

There were 251 to June 2021 including six Lieutenant Governors as Ex Officio members, two honorary awards (Prince Charles and Prince Edward) and three Posthumous Awards (Bruce Beatty in 2012, Courtney Milne in 2011, and Sandra Schmirler in 2000). Appointments are made in the late fall of each year. Usual number is 6 to 7 per year.



8 - 1985
0 - 1985 (LG Frederick William Johnson, ex Officio -
5 - 1986 \made a full member in 1991)
5 - 1987
6 - 1988 (new LG Sylvia Fedoruk not included as she is
5 - 1989 \ already a member of SOM in 1986)
5 - 1989
5 - 1990
6 - 1991
5 - 1992
6 - 1993
6 - 1994
1 - 1994 (new LG John E.N. Wiebe ex Officio)
6 - 1995
5 - 1996
6 - 1997
5 - 1998
7 - 1999
8 - 2000
1 - 2001 (new LG Lynda M. Haverstock, ex Officio)
6 - 2002
1 - 2002 (**Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales** - Honorary)
6 - 2003
7 - 2004
12 - 2005
5 - 2006
1 - 2006 (new LG Gordon L. Barnhart, ex Officio)

1 - 2006 (Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex - Honorary Appointment)
 7 - 2007
 8 - 2008
 12 - 2009
 7 - 2010
 9 - 2011
 8 - 2012
 1 - 2012 (new LG Vaughn Solomon Schofield, ex Officio)
 7 - 2013
 10 - 2014/2015
 9 - 2016
 10 - 2017
 6 - 2018
 7 - 2019 (Includes new LG Russell Mistry, MSM)
 10 - 2020

INTERNET

<http://www.ops.gov.sk.ca> and go to the Office of
 the Provincial Secretary ¹⁷



¹⁷ HRH Prince Edward (The Earl of Wessex) and HRH Prince Charles (The Duke of Cornwall)

ORDER OF ONTARIO

OOnt

TERMS



*Created to recognize people who have demonstrated excellence and achievement of the highest degree in any field of endeavour and whose contributions have enriched the lives of their fellow man and contributed to the betterment of their communities. Any person or organization may nominate a person who is a resident of the Province of Ontario for the award. No elected federal, provincial or municipal representative may be appointed to the order while such person remains in office. No person shall be appointed posthumously to the order unless the death of the person occurs after the Advisory Council recommends that the person be appointed to the Order. Persons awarded the Order may use the post-nominal letters **OOnt**.*¹⁸

DESCRIPTION

A stylized trillium (the provincial floral emblem) in white and green enamels edged in gold. The trillium is an inverted triangle with the centre of each side of the triangle indented and in each of the three indentations is a small triangle in green enamel. The trillium part of the badge is white enamel.

OBVERSE

The shield of arms of Ontario surmounted by a crown is in the centre of the trillium.

REVERSE

The reverse is engraved with the recipient's name and the year of investiture.

MOUNTING

The medals are hung from either a scapular collaret worn around the neck or from a bow worn in a brooch fashion (which is an option available for women recipients). The scapular collaret is sewn from the official ribbon, lined in white grosgrain and mitred at the front. The medal is hung from a fastener that is sewn to the back of the point of mitre. The bow is also fashioned from official ribbon with a fastener sewn on the front from which the medal is hung.

¹⁸ Lieutenant-General Richard Rhomer, OC, CMM, KStJ, OOnt, DFC, CD in new RCAF uniform. He was promoted to Lieutenant-General and made an advisory to the Chief of the RCAF. His OOnt is seen coming from his second button on his tunic as his other two Canadian Orders are more senior orders.

The badge has a small gold ring at the top. Through that passes a gold ring which is linked to the collaret or bow by a larger gold ring sewn into the bottom of the collaret or bow.

RIBBON

The 38-mm wide ribbon has red (11-mm) edges, and a narrow green centre strip (4-mm), on either side of which is a further white stripe (7-mm) with a gold stripe (1-mm) in the centre of the white. The red represents the flag of Ontario and the green, gold and white are the colours of the trillium.

DATES

The Order was created in 1986 by the Ontario Legislature. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council Order 1991-841, 09 May 1991 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1724, 1991.

¹⁹

ISSUED

There have been **798 awarded to 01 June 2021.**

1987 - 20 (1st Chancellor Lincoln Alexander made full OOnt 1992)
1988 - 18
1989 - 19
1990 - 20
1991 - 26 (2nd Chancellor Henry Jackman made full OOnt 1998)
1992 - 19
1993 - 21
1994 - 20
1995 - 19
1996 - 19
1997 - 25
1997 - 01 (LG Hilary Weston ex Officio)
1998 - 21
1999 - 22
2000 - 25
2001 - 27
2002 - 25
2001 - 01 (LG James Bartleman ex Officio)
2003 - 27
2004 - 29
2005 - 29
2006 - 0 (There were no awards in 2006)



¹⁹ Major-General Lewis MacKenzie, CM, SBStJ, OOnt, MSC & Bar, CD
Dr. Samantha Joan Nutt, CM, OOnt

2007 – 28 (Award date changed to January of following year
 2008 – 29 \ - included LG Robert Onley ex Officio)
 2009 – 29
 2010 – 30
 2011 – 27
 2012 – 25
 2013 – 26 (announced on 23 January 2014)
 2014 – 27 (announced on 03 February 2015) including LG Elizabeth Dowdeswell
 2015 – 25 (announced on 13 January 2016)
 2016 – 25 (announced on 14 December 2016)
 2017 – 23 (announced on 29 January 2018)
 2018 – 21 (announced on 27 February 2020)
 2019 – 22 (announced on 01 January 2021)
 2020 – 25 (announced on 01 January 2021)

In 2006, there were no awards announced. The announcement of the recipients for 2007 and beyond are made in January of the following year so the 2013 list came out on 23 January 2014.

INTERNET WEBSITE

www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/honours/



²⁰ Air Commodore Birchall, CM, OBE, OOnt, DFC, CD – Medals and Uniform Displayed at the Canadian Air Force Museum in Trenton, Ontario
 Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, OC, DSJ, OOnt

**ORDER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
OBC**

TERMS



The order recognizes *those persons who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Province of British Columbia or elsewhere.* The field of endeavour could include community leadership, business, volunteer service, labour, industry, the professions and other occupations, the arts, sports, culture, research, and others. The Order is awarded annually to the most outstanding British Columbians possessing the above qualifications. Federal, provincial and municipal elected representatives are not eligible for appointment to the order while in office. Any person or organization may submit to the Advisory Council nominations for appointment to the order. No person may be appointed to the Order posthumously unless, prior to the person's death, the Advisory Council has recommended the appointment to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

(Author above)

The medal is a six-petalled stylistic dogwood (the British Columbia provincial floral emblem), with the petals enamelled white and edged in gold with green leaves between the petals, also edged in gold, and with a thin gold vein in the centre of each green leaf.

OVERSE

In the centre of the dogwood is the British Columbia shield of arms in blue, red, and gold enamel on white enamel and edged in gold with a crown in gold and red on the top of the shield of arms.

REVERSE

The reverse is plain except for the numbering at the bottom.

MOUNTING

A small gold ring on the top of the badge is linked to a larger oval gold ring through which the ribbon, which is worn around the neck, passes. The medal may be worn on a bow on the left shoulder by a female.

RIBBON

The nine stripes of the 38-mm wide ribbon are: green (10-mm), white (3-mm) yellow (1-mm), white (3-mm), dark blue centre (3-mm), white (3-mm), yellow (1-mm), white (3-mm) and green (10-mm).

DATES

Bill 4 - 1989, Provincial Symbols and Honour Act was established 21 April 1989. The Government of Canada granted status to the order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medal by Privy Council Order 1991-841, 09 May 1991 and published in the Canada Gazette Part II, page 1724, 1991.

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INTERNET SITE

www.protocol.gov.bc.ca/protocol/prgs/obc/obc.htm

The site has all the citations and photos of the recipients.

ISSUED

A total of **459** have been issued to **01 January 2021**.

An average of 13 to 15 per year

1990 - 25	(David Lam LG and Chancellor, ex Officio - full OBC 1994)
1991 - 17	
1992 - 13	
1993 - 12	
1994 - 12	
1995 - 17	(Garde B. Gardom, LG & Chancellor)
1996 - 12	
1997 - 11	
1998 - 14	
1999 - 14	
2000 - 15	
2001 - 16	(Iona Campagnola, LG & Chancellor)
2002 - 10	
2003 - 14	
2004 - 14	
2005 - 15	
2006 - 13	
2007 - 15	(Steven L. Point, LG & Chancellor)
2008 - 15	
2009 - 13	
2010 - 15	
2011 - 14	
2012 - 15	(Judith Guichon, LG & Chancellor)
2013 - 13	
2014 - 25	Announced 28 May 2014
2015 - 16	Announced 15 May 2015
2016 - 16	Announced 14 June 2016
2017 - 16	Announced 30 November 2017 (due to change of government)
2018 - 16	
2019 - 15	
2020 - 13	Announced 03 August 2020



Appointments are announced in May / June with the Investiture in June/July.

²¹ Honorary Colonel John Helmut Eppich, CM, OBC, 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion (now 39 Brigade Service Battalion) and Honorary Colonel John Blatherwick, 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance at the Honorary Colonel's Mess Dinner in Ottawa in November 2009.

ALBERTA ORDER of EXCELLENCE

AOE

TERMS

To accord recognition to those persons who have rendered service of the greatest distinction and of singular excellence for, or on behalf of, the residents of Alberta. It is the highest honour accorded in the province. A Governing Council of the Order comprises prominent Albertans from a broad cross-section of society, and is appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. Any Albertan can nominate a person and a seconder for the nomination is required. A formal investiture is held on the third Thursday in October at Government House in Edmonton. The Lieutenant-Governor is the Chancellor of the Order. Recipients may use the post-nominal initials **AOE**. The Order follows the Order of British Columbia and precedes the Order of Prince Edward Island in the Canadian Honours list.



DESCRIPTION

A silver, gilt and enamel, 51-mm wide medallion, with four arms with rose leaves contained in the angles of the cross. The four translucent arms of the medallion are enamelled in blue and are convex, with gold detail underneath the enamel representing prairie wheat. The roses and rose leaves in the angles of the cross are part burnished gold and portray the floral emblem of Alberta. The coat of arms of Alberta is highlighted in the central circle which is surrounded by an enamel ring containing the title *The Alberta Order of Excellence*.

OBVERSE

The coat of Arms of the Province of Alberta is in the centre and is surrounded by an enamel ring containing the title **The Alberta Order of Excellence**.

REVERSE

The maple leaf emblem of Canada, supported by a wreath of wheat.

MOUNTING

A ball in the centre of the upper arm had a small gold ring attached which has a larger elongated ring through which passes the ribbon. The decoration is worn around the neck.

RIBBON

The ribbon is 38-mm wide with 10-mm royal blue edges, a centre white stripe with superimposed a 3-mm central burgundy stripes and two 1.5-mm gold stripes half way between the burgundy and royal blue.

DATES

The Order was accorded Royal Assent in the Alberta Legislature on 16 November 1979. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council P.C. 1998-591 of 02 April 1998 and published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II, page 1446, of 29 April 1998.

ISSUED

A total of 188 have been awarded to January 2021.

1981 - 1 (Ernest Manning) - (Frank C. Lynch-Staunton, LG & Chancellor)
1982 - 2
1983 - 3
1984 - 2 (W. Helen Hunley, LG & Chancellor)
1986 - 4
1987 - 2
1988 - 2
1989 - 2
1990 - 2
1991 - 1 (Gordon Towers, LG & Chancellor)
1992 - 1
1993 - 2
1994 - 1
1995 - 2
1996 - 2 (H.A. Bud Olson, LG & Chancellor)
1997 - 2
1998 - 4
1999 - 3
2000 - 3 (Lois Elsa Hole, LG & Chancellor)
2001 - 2
2002 - 3
2003 - 4
2004 - 5
2005 - 6 (Norman Kwong, LG & Chancellor)
2006 - 9 (70)
2007 - 7
2008 - 7
2009 - 8
2010 - 8 (Don Ethell, LG & Chancellor - Already an AOE)
2011 - 6
2012 - 8
2013 - 8
2014 - 8
2015 - 9 (Honourable Lois Mitchell, CM, DStJ, AOE)
2016 - 8 (27 June 2016)
2017 - 8
2018 - 8
2019 - 8
2020 - 7 Awards are made in April to June of each year with Investiture in October. ²²



²² Lieutenant-General Don Laubman, AOE, DFC & Bar, RCAF

INTERNET

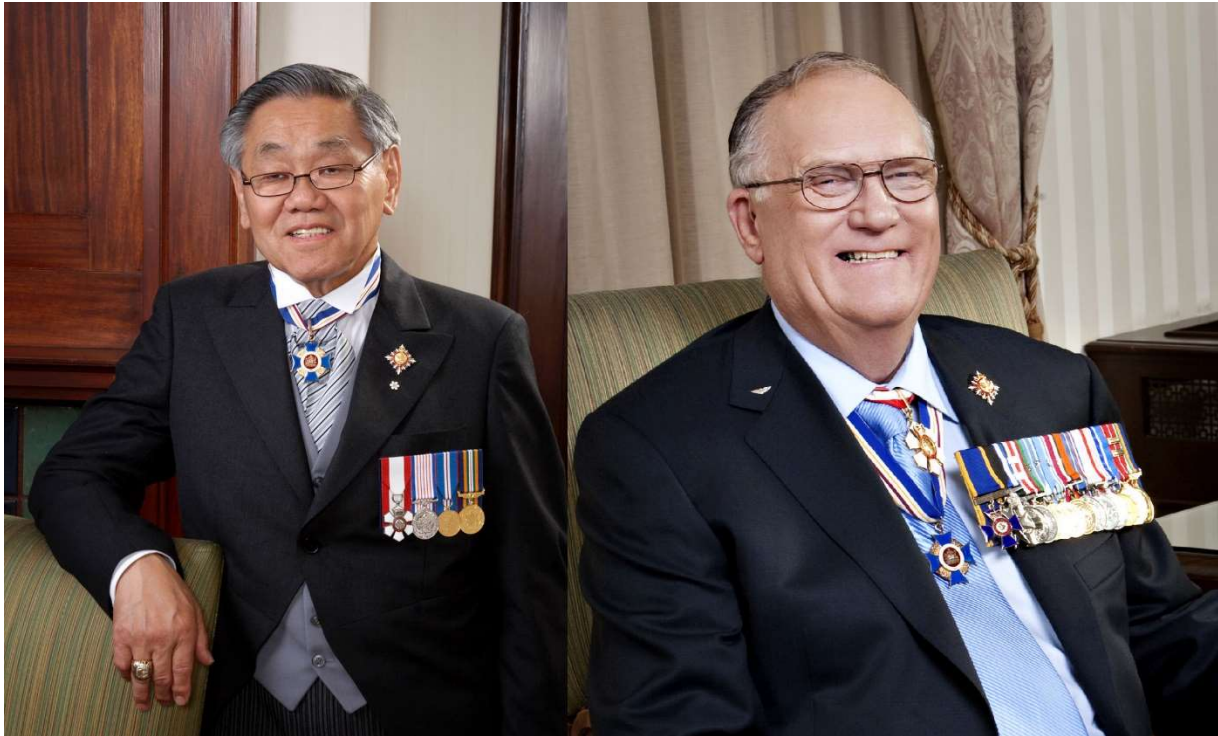
www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca/aoe/

The site contains all the citations for the recipients.

Photos show two Chancellors of the Alberta Order of Excellence

Lieutenant-Governor The Honourable Normie Kwong, CM, KStJ, AOE

The Honourable Don Ethell, OC, OMM, KStJ, AOE, MSC, CD



ORDER of PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND OPEI

TERMS



Awarded to citizens of Prince Edward Island as the highest distinction accorded to a citizen of the province in the name of the Crown. Its purpose is to recognize excellence and contributions to the social, cultural and economic life of the province and its residents. The Medal of Merit represents exceptional contributions in such areas of endeavour such as the arts, business and industry, community development, chosen professions or occupations, public service, research, or volunteer work.

Any individual or organization may submit nominations for the investiture in the Order of Prince Edward Island. Any present or former long-term resident of the province is eligible for nomination, with the exception of elected federal, provincial or municipal representatives, and members of judiciary, while still holding office.

Posthumous nominations are not accepted. An independent Advisory Council receives nominations and presents recipients to the Premier on an annual basis. The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island is the Chancellor of the Order and presents the honour in the name of the Crown. Recipients may use the post-nominal initials **OPEI**. The recipients are announced in June of each year and the medals presented in mid-September of each year.

DESCRIPTION

A circular badge, 51-mm in diameter, done in enamels and worn around the neck.

OBVERSE

In the centre is the provincial emblem done in red, gold, white, green and brown enamels, against a background of gold. A ring of blue enamel is around the emblem with the word **MERIT** (**MERITE** for francophone recipients) at the top in gold separated from the words **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND** (in gold) at the bottom by two gold dots.

REVERSE

The medals are numbered.

MOUNTING

A gold ring at the top with a hole aligned along the rim of the medal has a large gold ring attached, through which the ribbon attaches for wearing around the neck.

RIBBON

The ribbon is 38-mm wide with narrow white edges (3-mm each), and three central stripes, left to right, rust (13-mm), white centre (6-mm), and green stripes (13-mm).

DATES

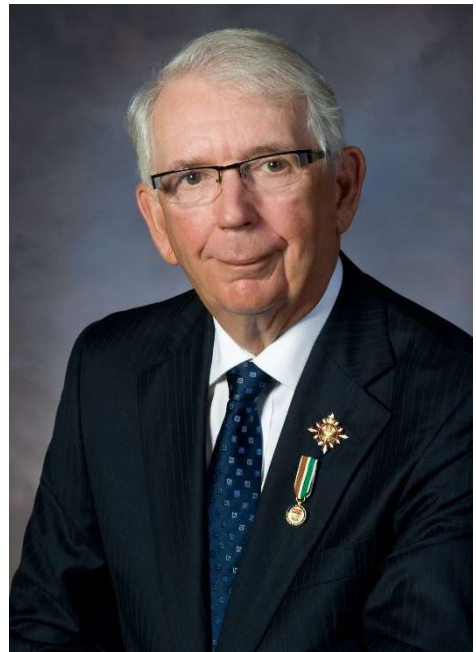
The Order was established in 1996 and formalized through passage of the Provincial Emblems and Honours Act by the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island in 1997. The Act (S.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. 36) was given Royal Assent on 29 May 1997. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals by Privy Council P.C. 1998-591 of 2 April 1998 and published in the **Canada Gazette**, Part II, page 1446, of 29 April 1998.

ISSUED

There have been 73 awarded to September 2017.

But one resigned leaving 72 recipients as of September 2017.

1996	-	6	
1997	-	3	
1998	-	3	
1999	-	3	
2000	-	4	
2001	-	4	
2002	-	3	
2003	-	3	
2004	-	3	
2005	-	3	
2006	-	4	
2007	-	3	
2008	-	3	
2009	-	3	
2010	-	3	
2011	-	4	(including LG Fred Lewis right)
2012	-	3	
2013	-	3	
2014	-	3	
2015	-	3	
2016	-	3	(John Joe Sark resigned in May 2017) 15 June 2016
2017	-	3	
2018	-	3	
2019	-	3	(Announced 28 June 2019; ceremony in September 2019)
2020	-	3	(Announced 13 July 2020; ceremony September 2020)



Total - 83 awarded with one resignation in May 2017

Date of announcements of the awards vary from June to August.

INTERNET: www.assembly.pe.ca/opei

ORDER of MANITOBA OM



TERMS

The Order was established *to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour benefiting in an outstanding manner the social, cultural or economic well-being of the Manitoba and its residents.* Any current or long-term resident of Manitoba is eligible for the award except Members of the Legislative Assembly, Canadian Senate or House of Commons, and judges of any court, while in office. The Order is not awarded posthumously except where the nominee dies after being recommended for investiture. By virtue of his/her office,

the Lieutenant-Governor is a member and Chancellor of the Order. A member is entitled to use the post-nominal initials **O.M.** 23

DESCRIPTION

An enamelled stylized crocus, the provincial floral emblem (a six petal flower).

OBVERSE

The coat of Arms of the Province of Manitoba surmounted by a crown is in the centre.

REVERSE

Plain with each medal numbered.

MOUNTING

The badge is suspended from a ribbon worn around the neck.

RIBBON

The white ribbon is 38-mm wide, with a 3-mm dark red stripe in the centre, and a 7-mm light blue stripes 5-mm from the edge.

DATES

The Order was accorded third and final reading in the Manitoba Legislature on 12 July 1999 and received Royal Assent on 14 July 1999. The Government of Canada granted status to the Order in the Official Precedence of Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals in 1999.

NOTE

OM is the post-nominal for the Order of Manitoba **AND** for the Order of Merit (but only four Canadians have received the Order of Merit).

²³ The Honourable John Harvard, CM, OM - Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba

ISSUED

289 appointed to June 2021

Approximately 12 per year

1999	-	01	(Peter Liba, LG & Chancellor)
2000	-	27	
2001	-	08	
2002	-	12	
2003	-	12	
2004	-	13	
2005	-	12	
2006	-	12	
2007	-	12	
2008	-	12	
2009	-	13	
2010	-	12	
2011	-	12	
2012	-	14	
2013	-	12	
2014	-	14	
2015	-	12	
2016	-	11	
2017	-	12	²⁴
2018	-	12	
2019	-	12	
2020	-	12	15 July 2020
2021	-	12	

Appointments to the Order are in May of each year with Investitures between May and July. ²⁵

INTERNET

www.lg.gov.mb.ca/awards/order/ordermb10.html



²⁴ My high school classmate, Bev Suek, received the OM in 2018 – we both graduated from Rideau High School, Ottawa in June 1963.

²⁵ Cindy Klassen, Clara Hughes and Jennifer Botterill – recipients of the Order of Manitoba and Olympic Gold Medal winners.

**ORDER OF NEW BRUNSWICK
ONB**

TERMS



*To recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement and who have made outstanding contributions to the social, cultural or economic well-being of New Brunswick and its residents. The Lieutenant-Governor is the Chancellor of the Order by virtue of his or her office. A member of the Order is entitled to wear the insignia of the Order as a decoration and to use the initials **O.N.B.** after his or her name.*

Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of New Brunswick are eligible to be nominated for and to receive the Order. Members of the Legislative Assembly, the House of Commons or the Senate and judges of any court are not eligible while holding office. The Order may be conferred posthumously if the person dies after his or her name is submitted by the council to the Executive Council and in any year, in exceptional circumstances, one individual may be nominated after his or her death (Max Aitken - Lord Beaverbrook only one to date).

Selection is made by a Council appointed by the Executive Committee for a three-year term and includes one of either the Chief Justice of New Brunswick or the Chief Justice of The Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick; the Clerk of the Executive Council; and one of the Presidents of The University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison, St. Thomas or the University de Moncton; plus, three to five other residents of New Brunswick.

In 2023, the legislature changed the number of recipients per year. From **2023 on, not more than five individuals** be submitted to the Executive Council each year for consideration as members of the Order of New Brunswick as opposed to the current 10. The changes also allowed the Clerk of the Executive Council to name a designate to participate in his/her place on the advisory council; and allowed the secretary, at the direction of the council, to establish specific criteria and guidelines to support the selection process of new members under extraordinary circumstances so that individuals who have contributed to the province in exceptional situations, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, can be recognized by this honour.

DATE

The bill announcing this Order came into effect on 1 January 2001 and first investiture was in late autumn 2002.

DESCRIPTION

A medal in the form of a stylized, five-petal violet (provincial floral emblem), in purple enamel and edged in gold.

OBVERSE

In the centre of the violet is the shield of arms of New Brunswick surmounted by the Crown. Mr. Robert Pichette of Moncton, working with the Chief Herald of Canada, Mr. Robert Watt, LVO, designed the medal.

REVERSE

The medals are numbered.

MOUNTING

The ribbon passes through a large gold ring which is attached to the medal by a triangle with the points joined to the medal at the 'V' of the top two petals. The medal is worn around the neck.

RIBBON

The gold ribbon is 38-mm wide with 8-mm red edges and a 4-mm central dark stripe.

ISSUED

211 to 01 January 2022 (7 Posthumous awards)

Normally not more than 10 per year (plus a new Lieutenant-Governor)

In 2023, the number changed to not more than 5 per year.

2002 – 11 * (The Honourable Marilyn TRENHOLME COUNSELL, LG & Chancellor)
2003 – 08 * (The Honourable Herménégilde CHIASSON, LG & Chancellor)
2004 – 09
2005 – 10
2006 – 09
2007 – 10
2008 – 10
2009 – 11 * (The Honourable Graydon NICHOLAS, LG & Chancellor)
2010 – 10
2011 – 10 including 1 Posthumous award to Lord Beaverbrook
2012 – 10
2013 – 10
2014 – 11 * Jocelyne Roy-Vienneau, LG and Chancellor
2015 – 10
2016 – 10
2017 – 10
2018 – 11
2019 – 10
2020 – 10 (Awarded on 18 December 2020 due to COVID-19)
2021 – 10 09 September 2021
2022 – 10 01 August 2022 – 03 November 2022
2023 –

* Includes new Lieutenant-Governor and Chancellor of the Order
Appointments announced in August with Investiture in the fall (October or November).

* Includes new Lieutenant-Governor and Chancellor of the Order
Announcement of the awards are usually in August with the investiture in the late fall. ²⁶

INTERNET SITE:



www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/order_of_new_brunswick.html

²⁶ 2012 Recipients

ORDER OF NOVA SCOTIA ONS

TERMS



The Order was established to honour Nova Scotians who do great good for their province and their communities. The arts, science, medicine, education and conservation are examples. It is awarded to five persons per year. The recipients may use the post-nominal letters **O.N.S.**

The award can be made posthumously but must be within a year after death. No sitting member of the legislature, the House of Commons, the Senate or a municipal council are eligible for the medal. Sitting judges also are excluded.

Selection is made by a council that includes the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia or a judge of the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal or the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia designated by the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia; a university president and a member of the Order and one other person appointed by the President of the Executive Council. One person is appointed by the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly and one person appointed by each leader of a recognized party in the House of Assembly, other than the leaders previously named. All members of the Advisory Council must be a resident of the Province. The Minister of Tourism and Culture is responsible for management of the Order.

The Lieutenant Governor is the Chancellor of the Order (and a member for life) and the Order consists of the Chancellor and the individuals who become members of the Order pursuant to the Order of Nova Scotia Act. All former Lieutenant Governors living on the coming into force of this Act is a member of the Order for life.

DATE

The Order of Nova Scotia was announced and received first reading in the Nova Scotia Legislature on 28 March 2001 and came into effect in June 2001. The first awards were made in 2002.

DESCRIPTION

A medal in the form of a stylized Mayflower (the provincial floral emblem), in white enamel, edged in gold with green leaves between each petal.

OBVERSE

In the centre of the violet is the shield of arms of Nova Scotia surmounted by the Crown (which fills the upper petal) done in gold, white, blue, green and red enamels.

REVERSE

The medals are numbered.

MOUNTING

The ribbon passes through a large gold ring which is attached to the top of the medal. The medal is worn around the neck.

RIBBON

The blue ribbon is 38-mm wide with a wide centre white stripe. The white stripe has a 4-mm central red stripe. There are also two 3-mm gold stripes 2-mm from the outside of the white stripe (inside the blue area).

ISSUED

104 to 01 January 2020

Honours are announced in the fall (September to November) of each Year.

Awarded to 5 persons per year ²⁷ (plus new Lieutenant-Governors)

2002 - 14 *	Myra A. Freeman, LG and Chancellor
2003 - 05	
2004 - 05	
2005 - 05	
2006 - 06 *	Mayann E. Francis, LG and Chancellor
2007 - 05	
2008 - 06	Sydney Crosby was under 25 years old
2009 - 05	
2010 - 05	
2011 - 05	
2012 - 06 *	BGen John James Grant, LG & Chancellor
2013 - 05	(one posthumous)
2014 - 05	
2015 - 05	
2016 - 05	Announced on 15 September 2016
2017 - 06	Honourable Arthur J. LeBLANC, LG & Chancellor
2018 - 06	Announced 05 October
2019 - 05	Announced 01 November
2020 - 06	Announced 09 November
2021 - 05	Announced 07 December 2021
2022 - 06	Announced 14 December 2022

INTERNET SITE

<http://novascotia.ca/iga/order.asp>

This site contains all the citations and photographs. ²⁸



²⁷ But 6 can be awarded if one of the recipients is between 16 and 25.

²⁸ BGen John James Grant, CM, CMM, KStJ, ONS, CD, The Honourable Myra A. Freeman, CM, KStJ, ONS and The Honourable Mayann E. Francis, KStJ, ONS

ORDER OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR ONL

TERMS



The object of the Order is *to recognize individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour benefiting in an outstanding manner the province and its residents.*

The Lieutenant Governor, by virtue of his or her office, is a member of the Order (for life) and is the Chancellor of the Order. A member of the Order may use the post-nominal initials **O.N.L.**

Canadian citizens who are current or former long-term residents of the province are eligible to be nominated and to receive the Order. Members of the House of Assembly or the Legislative Assembly of a province, or members of the Senate or the House of Commons of Canada, and judges of any court may not be made members while in office. The Order shall **not** be conferred posthumously except in the case of a nominee who dies after being recommended by the Council.

DESCRIPTION

A stylized pitcher plant (*sarracenia purpurea* Linnaeus, Newfoundland and Labrador's floral emblem. The green petals are of the provincial mineral, Labradorite, edged in gold. (The pitcher plant is found primarily in bogs and marshland throughout the province. It has a large wine-red flower with a red and gold centre, and hollow pitcher-shaped leaves are attached to the base of the stem. An insectivorous plant, it feeds off insects that become trapped inside when the leaves fill with water.)

OBVERSE

At its centre is the Arms of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, granted by King Charles I in January 1638, in white, red and gold enamels, surmounted by the Crown.

MOUNTING

The ribbon, which is worn around the neck, passes through a large oval ring; at the top of the badge is a small gold ring, and the two are linked by a third ring.

RIBBON

The 38-mm wide ribbon has green (7-mm) edges, and a narrow blue centre strip (4-mm), on either side of which is a further white stripe (10-mm) with a gold stripe (1-mm) in the centre of the white

DATE

The Order of Newfoundland and Labrador received Royal Assent on 24 May 2001 (Act c 0-7.1) with the first recipients announced on 16 June 2004 and invested on 08 September 2004.

ISSUED

142 including 4 Honorary & 4 Lieutenant-Governors to 31 December 2023
9 people per year plus an occasional Honorary and new Lieutenant-Governors

- 10 - 2004 Edward Roberts, LG & Chancellor
- 9 - 2005
- 9 - 2006 including one Honorary (Mr. Russ Howard)
- 9 - 2007 including one Honorary (Ms Shirley Brooks-Jones)
- 10 - 2009 including one Honorary \ John Crosbie, LG & Chancellor
- 0 - 2010 there were no awards made in 2010
- 9 - 2011 including one Honorary
- 8 - 2012
- 9 - 2013 including LG The Honourable Frank F. Fagan, CM KStJ ONL
- 0 - 2014 there were no awards made in 2014
- 9 - 2015
- 9 - 2016 10th Investiture
- 0 - 2017 No Awards
- 8 - 2018 11th Investiture
- 1 - 2018 The Honourable Judy May Foote, PC, DStJ, ONL LG May
- 10 - 2019 12th Investiture
- 8 - 2020 13th Investiture
- 9 - 2021 14th Investiture
- 8 - 2022 15th Investiture
- 7 - 2023 16th Investiture

General Rick Hillier, OC, CMM, OStJ, ONL, MSC, CD appointed 2013
Appointments are normally announced in December of each year with investiture in the same month (but none in 2008 and 2010).

INTERNET

<http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/onl/>
Site contains citations and photos

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²⁹ Chancellors of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador in the mess kit of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary
The Honourable Edward Roberts, CM, KStJ, ONL, QC and The Honourable John C. Crosby, PC, OC, KStJ, ONL, QC

ORDER of THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ONWT

TERMS



To recognize individuals who have served with the greatest distinction and excelled in any field of endeavour benefiting the people of the Northwest Territories or elsewhere. It is the highest honour awarded to NWT residents. Canadian citizens who are current or former residents of NWT are eligible to receive the Order and can be nominated by an individual or organization. A person who is not a Canadian citizen or who is not a current or former resident of the Northwest Territories may be invested with the Order as an honorary member of the Order on the

recommendation of the Council.

A maximum of ten people may receive the order in the first two years and up to three per year in subsequent years.

The following classes of persons are not eligible to receive the Order while holding office: members of the Legislative Assembly; members of the House of Commons; judges of any court of any territory or province or of Canada; elected leaders of aboriginal governments; or mayors and municipal councillors. The Order may be conferred posthumously on a person who died not more than one year after being nominated.

The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories is, by virtue of his or her office, a member of the Order and the Chancellor of the Order.

The Council of the Order is composed of:

- (a) the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, by virtue of his or her office;
- (b) not more than five members of the public appointed by the Legislative Assembly on the recommendation of the Board of Management; and
- (c) the Secretary to the Cabinet, by virtue of his or her office.

DESCRIPTION

The medal is eight petal stylistic flower, the petals enameled WHITE and edged in GOLD with GREEN leaves between each lateral petal, also edged in GOLD.

OBVERSE

In the centre of the dogwood is the Northwest Territories shield of arms in BLUE, RED, GREEN and GOLD enamel on WHITE enamel and edged in gold. On top of the shield are two gold narwals guarding a compass rose, symbolic of the magnetic North Pole. The upper third of the shield represents the polar ice pack and is crossed by a wavy blue line symbolizing the Northwest Passage.



A diagonal line separates the red and green segments of the lower portion of the shield reflecting the tree line. The green symbolizes the forested areas south of the tree line, while the red represents the tundra to the north. Minerals and fur, the important bases of the northern wealth, are represented by gold billets in the green portion and the amsk of the white fox in the red.

REVERSE

Numbered

MOUNTING

A small GOLD ring on the top of the medal has a larger oval GOLD ring pass through it. The ribbon passes through this larger ring. The medal is worn around the neck although a woman may wear it from a bow on the right shoulder.

RIBBON

A ribbon of five equal stripes, WHITE, Dark BLUE, WHITE, Dark BLUE, and WHITE with a narrow centre RED stripe.

DATES

2013 Established 2015 First Awarded

ISSUED

22 to June 2021 (No awards made in 2020)

Mr. Bruce Green of Hay River, ONWT



**Order of the Northwest Territories
Alphabetical**

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2017	ANDREW, Paul	Mr	Chief of Tulita and former CBC broadcaster Yellowknife	ONWT
2017	CARMICHAEL, Fred	Mr	Gwich'in Pilot / Pioneer of Northern Aviation Rainbow Air Inuvik	CM ONWT
2018	CARPENTER, Les	Mr	CBC Inuvik / CEO Native Communications Society (Deceased)	ONWT
2016	COURNOYEA, Nellie	Ms	Premier of the Northwest Territories / CEO Inuvialuit	OC ONWT
2018	ELIAS, Lillian	Ms	Specialist in Inuvialuit traditions / fluent Inuvialuktun interpreter	ONWT
2018	FIRTH, Sharon	Ms	Gwich'in First Nation Cross-Country Skier in four Winter Olympics	CM ONWT
2019	FULLER, Lyda	Mrs	Executive Director of the YWCA NWT	ONWT
2015	GREEN, Bruce	Mr	Elementary & High School Teacher in Hay River	ONWT
2015	JACKSON, Lucy	Mrs	Working on Medical Terminology for Aboriginal Languages	ONWT
2017	KING, Russell	Mr	Founder of Kingland Ford in Hay River	ONWT
2017	KOE, Lynda	Ms	Senior Care Yellowknife	ONWT
2015	MacDONALD, Sonny	Mr	Salt River First Nation Self-Taught Carver	ONWT
2019	McBRYAN, Joe	Mr	Owner of Buffalo Airways – Buffalo Joe - Pilot	ONWT
2017	PHILIPP, Jeff	Mr	Internet entrepreneur and founder of SSi Micro Yellowknife	ONWT
2015	PIN, Gino	Mr	Architect Unique Northern Designs / Yellowknife Concerned Citizens	ONWT
2015	SPENCE, Ruth	Mrs	Executive Director of the YWCA / Yellowknife City Council	ONWT
2016	STIRLING, Jan	Ms	Nurse in Charge of the Public Health Clinic Yellowknife	ONWT
2015	TUCCARO, George Lester	Honourable	Commissioner of the Northwest Territories	CStJ ONWT
2016	WHITFORD, Anthony W.J.	HonCaptain	MLA & Speaker NWT / 16 th Commissioner / Honorary Captain RCN	KStJ ONWT
2016	WILSON, Marie	Ms	CBC North Lifetime Achievement Award / Reconciliation Commission	CM ONWT
2015	ZOÈ, John B.	Mr	Senior Advisor for the Tłı̨ch̨ Government / Dogrib Archaeology	ONWT
2017	ZUBKO, Tom	Mr	Satellite Telecommunications Entrepreneur North's business base Inuvik	ONWT

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ORDER of NUNAVUT (ONu)

The objective of the Order is to honour individuals who have provided an outstanding contribution to the cultural, social or economic well-being of Nunavut.

The Order is the highest honour of Nunavut and takes precedence over all other orders, decorations or medals conferred by the Government of Nunavut. The **Order of Nunavut Advisory Council** recommends individuals for investiture into the Order. The members of the Advisory Council are the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, the Senior Judge of the Nunavut Court of Justice and the President of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated. The Commissioner of Nunavut is the Chancellor of the Order by virtue of his or her position and a member of the Order.



A maximum of three individuals may be invested into the Order each year. A Canadian citizen is eligible to become a member of the Order if, at the time of investiture, he or she is a resident of Nunavut or if he or she was formerly a long-term resident of Nunavut or the area that became Nunavut on April 1, 1999.

The following are not eligible for appointment to the Order while they hold office: Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut; Members of Parliament; mayors and members of municipal councils; judges of any court; members of the Advisory Council and the Secretary of the Council.

DESCRIPTION

The medal is a five petal stylistic flower (for the official flower of Nunavut the Purple Saxifrage (*Saxifraga oppositifolia*), the petals enameled dark pink and edged in gold with green leaves between each lateral petal, also edged in GOLD.



OBVERSE

The centre of the flower has an oval shape with flat top and bottom in shades of grey (lighter on the edges and darker in the center) with the crest of Nunavut in the center in enamels.

MOUNTING

A gold ring is attached to the top of the medal with a gold ring in a V shape attached to it which attaches to the bottom of the V in the ribbon.



RIBBON

Dark green with narrow white edges (**yy mm wide**) and in the centre three stripes of dark blue, light blue and dark blue each **XX mm** wide.

DATES

The **Order of Nunavut Act** was passed by the Legislative Assembly in December of 2009 and came into force on January 1, 2010. The first appointments were made in 2011. New members are announced in November and awarded the following year in March.

RECIPIENTS

24 to 01 January 2021



Mr. Red Pedersen, ONu 2017 Recipient

Commissioner Nellie Taptaqut Kusugak, ONu with Ludy Ludluk, ONu CD and Betty Brewster
Commissioner with the 2018 recipients

**Order of the Nunavut
Alphabetical**

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2013	ALAVAL, Jimmy Akavak	Sergeant	RCMP Member for 28 years / Community Policing	ONu
2013	ANGALIK Sr., Louis	Mr	Cultural & Heritage Advisor with the Department of Education.	ONu
2014	AMAGOALIK, John	Mr	'Father of Nunavut' for involvement in Creation of the Territory	ONu
2013	ARNAKAK, Davidee	Mr	Mayor of Pangnirtun / Activist for Disabled Persons	ONu
2012	ASHEVAK, Kenojuak	Ms (Posthumous)	Modern Inuit Artist from Cape Dorset	CC ONu (OC)
2018	BREWSTER, Betty	Ms	Speaks Many Inuit Language Dialects including Inuinnaqun	ONu
2015	CURLEY, Tagak	Mr	President of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada Creation of the Territory	CM ONu
2011	ELIAS, Edna Ekhiyalak	Ms	4 th Commissioner of Nunavut May 2010 to May 2014	ONu
2011	GARDENER, Michael	Reverend	Work as a Minister, Counsellor and Community Activist	CM ONu
2017	HAMILTON, Ellen	Ms	Artist / Founder Aaggiavut Society / Work on Aaggig Project	ONu
2011	KALLUAK, Mark Kalluak	Mr (Posthumous)	Author and Educator / Keep Inuit traditional knowledge	CM ONu
2016	KAMOOKAK, Louie	Mr	Oral Historian / Work on Arctic History of Gjoa Haven	ONu
2019	KUNUK, Zacharias	Mr	Ingloolik Filmmaker / Co-Founded Isuma Productions	ONu
2011	KUSUGAK, Jose Amaujaq	Mr	President of Nunavut / Advancement of Inuit Rights *	ONu
2014	KUSUGAK, Nellie Taptaqut	Ms	5 th Commissioner of Nunavut May 2014	OC ONu
2015	LECHAT, Robert	Father	Catholic priest Oblates of Mary Immaculate / 50 Years in North	ONu
2015	LYALL, William	Mr	President of the Ikaluktutiak Co-op in Cambridge Bay / MLA	CM ONu
2012	PANIGONIAK, Charlie	Mr	Inuit Singer, Songwriter and Guitarist	ONu
2017	PEDERSEN, Red	Mr	Speaker Legislative Assembly / Cabinet Member 1983-1991	ONu
2018	PUDLUK, Ludy	Mr	Former MLA (4 terms) and former Mayor of Resolute Bay	ONu CD
2019	KUNUK, Zacharias	Mr	Ingloolik Filmmaker / Co-Founded Isuma Productions	ONu
2020	TAPATAI, Peter	Mr	Peter's Expediting Ltd. Baker Lake / Inuit Broadcasting Corps	ONu

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Chancellors of the Order of Nunavut (ONu)

2011	ELIAS, Edna Ekhiyalak	Ms	4 th Commissioner of Nunavut May 2010 to May 2014	ONu
2014	KUSUGAK, Nellie Taptaqut	Ms	5 th Commissioner of Nunavut May 2014	OC ONu

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* Jose Kusugak was Commissioner Nellie Kusugak's husband (now deceased)

Order of the Nunavut By Year

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2011	GARDENER, Michael	Reverend	Work as a Minister, Counsellor and Community Activist	CM ONu
2011	KALLUAK, Mark Kalluak	Mr (Posthumous)	Author and Educator / Keep Inuit traditional knowledge	CM ONu
2011	KUSUGAK, Jose Amaujaq	Mr	President of Nunavut / Advancement of Inuit Rights	ONu
2012	ASHEVAK, Kenojuak	Ms (Posthumous)	Modern Inuit Artist from Cape Dorset	CC ONu (OC)
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2013	ALAVAL, Jimmy Akavak	Sergeant	RCMP Member for 28 years / Community Policing	ONu
2013	ANGALIK Sr., Louis	Mr	Cultural & Heritage Advisor with the Department of Education.	ONu
2013	ARNAKAK, Davidee	Mr	Mayor of Pangnirtun / Activist for Disabled Persons	ONu
2014	AMAGOALIK, John	Mr	'Father of Nunavut' for involvement in Creation of the Territory	ONu
2015	CURLEY, Tagak	Mr	President of Inuit Tapirisat of Canada Creation of the Territory	CM ONu
2015	LYALL, William	Mr	President of the Ikaluktutiak Co-op in Cambridge Bay / MLA	CM ONu
2015	LECHAT, Robert	Father	Catholic priest Oblates of Mary Immaculate / 50 Years in North	ONu
2016	KAMOOKAK, Louie	Mr	Oral Historian / Work on Arctic History of Gjoa Haven	ONu
2017	HAMILTON, Ellen	Ms	Artist / Founder Aaggiavuut Society / Work on Aaggig Project	ONu
2017	PEDERSEN, Red	Mr	Speaker Legislative Assembly / Cabinet Member 1983-1991	ONu
2018	BREWSTER, Betty	Ms	Speaks Many Inuit Language Dialects including Inuinnaqun	ONu
2018	PUDLUK, Ludy	Mr	Former MLA (4 terms) and former Mayor of Resolute Bay	ONu CD
2019	KUNUK, Zacharias	Mr	Ingloolik Filmmaker / Co-Founded Isuma Productions	ONu
2020	TAPATAI, Peter	Mr	Peter's Expediting Ltd. Baker Lake / Inuit Broadcasting Corps	ONu

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Commissioner Nellie Kusugak with Tagak Curley, Father Robert Lechat and William Lyall, 2015 Recipients

ORDER of YUKON (OY)

Terms

The Order will be the highest honour in Yukon. It will recognize individuals who make exceptional contributions to Yukon and recognizes excellence, achievement and contributions to the social, cultural and economic well-being of Yukoners. The need to include contributions to First Nations cultural and heritage endeavours was noted in creating the award.



The Commissioner of the Yukon is the Chancellor of the Order and will be advised by a Yukon Advisory Council for the purpose of recommending membership in the Order and recommending the termination of membership in the Order. There will be a Secretary of the Order for the purpose of supporting the work of the chancellor.

There are no posthumous awards and Members of Parliament, MLAs, First Nations Chiefs and Councillors, Mayors and Councillor, and judges are not eligible while they are in office.

The members of the Advisory Council are set out in the Order of Yukon Act.

The Chief Justice is the Chair. Other members are the Speaker of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, President of the Yukon College, and the Cabinet Secretary.

The Council of Yukon First Nations will recommend a member and the Commissioner, as the Chancellor of the Order, will choose two other members.

The Advisory Council draws on people from significant social institutions in Yukon and from members of the public and First Nations community. This make-up provides for a broad view of who are deserving Yukoners.

DESCRIPTION

The multi-coloured crest of the Yukon sits on four petals of the Yukon's flower, firewood. The petals are a bright magenta outlined in gold.

OVERSE

The multicoloured crest of the Yukon. The wavy vertical stripe on the shield stands for the **Yukon** River, the red triangles suggest mountains, and the gold disks refer to gold and other minerals. The Cross of St. George of England, plus the heraldic symbol for fur and the territorial flower (the fireweed), complete the coat of arms design. A silver Malamute dog surmounts the crest.

REVERSE:

Plain - numbered

MOUNTING

A small GOLD ring on the top of the medal has a larger oval GOLD ring pass through it. The ribbon passes through this larger ring. The medal is worn around the neck although a woman may wear it from a bow on the right shoulder.

**RIBBON**

The colours of the Flag of the Yukon:

$\frac{1}{4}$ Green; $\frac{1}{2}$ center white/ $\frac{1}{4}$ Blue.

DATES

Announced on 01 January 2018 by Premier

The government expects to table an act to create the Order during the spring sitting 2018. This will be the first step towards inducting members into the Order, which will be overseen by the Commissioner's office.

Commissioner received her medal in fall of 2019

02 December 2019 - first recipients announced

01 January 2020 - first investiture

ISSUED

21 in total announced to June 2021

(the first 11 were announced on 01 January 2020 and included the Commissioner of the Yukon)

**Order of the Yukon
Alphabetical**

YEAR	NAME	TITLE	POSITION	DECORATIONS /
2019	BELL, Doug Y.D.	Mr	Former Commissioner of the Yukon	CM OY
2019	BERNARD, Angélique	Honourable	Commissioner of the Yukon	OY
2020	BYRAM, Keith	Mr	Founder Pelly Construction / Support to Community Organizations	OY
2020	CABLE, Jack	Mr	Yukon Commissioner 1992 to 2000 / MLA 1902 to 2000	OY
2019	CHRISTENSEN, Ione	Ms	Former Commissioner of the Yukon	CM OY
2020	COOLEY, Bess	Ms	Master of the Tlingit Language and Genealogy of inland Tlingit	OY
2019	ELLIS, Patricia	Ms	Artist and Author	OY
2019	GINGELL, Judy	Ms	Former Commissioner of the Yukon/ Chair Council for Yukon Indians	CM OY
2019	HENRY, Percy	Mr	Respected Elder and former Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief	OY
2019	HEWITT, Gary	Mr	Long Time Arctic Winter Games Volunteer and Official	OY
2019	HOUGEN, Rolf	Mr	Founder Cdn Satellite Communications and Philanthropist	OC OY
2019	JOE, Dave	Mr	Lawyer / Chief Land Claims Negotiator for the Council of First Nations	OC OY
2019	JOHNSTON, Sam	Mr	Former MLA and Chief of the Teslin Tlingit Council	OY
2020	KLASSEN, William	Mr	RCMP Officer in Teslin / Deputy Minister with Yukon Government	OY
2020	MACDONALD, Sally	Dr	Family Physician Whitehorse / Delivered over 1,000 babies	OY
2020	MILLS, Agnes	Ms	Vuntut Gwitchin elder / First Nations elder Whitehorse Correctional Centre	OY
2019	MURDOCH, Lyall	Mr	Co-Founder of the Frantic Follies	OY
2020	PHILLIPS, Doug	Mr	Yukon Commissioner 2010 to 2019 / MLA 1985 to 2000	OY
2020	THOM, Gertie	Ms	Practical writing of previously-unwritten Northern Tutchone language	OY
2020	WOOLSEY, Frances	Ms	Ra;an Kwäch'än Ekder / Promotion of Indigenous Culture	OY
2020	VEALE, Ron	Honourable	Chief Justice of the Yukon / Initiated Civil Action against Residential Schools	OY

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The first recipients were in 2019:

Doug Bell, former commissioner of Yukon;
Ione Christensen, former commissioner and Yukon senator;
Patricia Ellis, artist and author;
Judy Gingell, former commissioner and chair of the Council for Yukon Indians;
Percy Henry, respected elder and former Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in chief;
Gary Hewitt, long time Arctic Winter Games volunteer and official;
Rolf Hougén, businessman and philanthropist;
Dave Joe, lawyer and former chief land claims negotiator for the Council of Yukon First Nations;
Sam Johnston, former MLA and chief of the Teslin Tlingit Council; and
Lyall Murdoch, co-founder of the Frantic Follies.

Several of them are already members or officers of the Order of Canada, including Bell, Christensen, Gingell, Hougén and Joe. Johnston received a Queen's Jubilee Medal in 2008.

