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Governor General Announces 100 New Appointments to the Order of Canada as Canada Turns 150

OTTAWA—His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, today announced **100 new appointments** to the Order of Canada. The new list includes **3 Companions (C.C.), 22 Officers (O.C.) and 75 Members (C.M.)**. Recipients will be invited to accept their insignia at a ceremony to be held at a later date.

“I am delighted to recognize these new recipients of the Order of Canada in this milestone year,” said the Governor General. “Besides marking Canada’s 150th anniversary, 2017 marks the 50th anniversary of the Order. So let’s be inspired by the examples set by these remarkable Canadians and use this occasion to build a smarter and more caring country in which every individual can succeed to the greatest extent possible.”

Throughout the year, the Order’s 50th anniversary will be celebrated through a host of special initiatives and partnerships. To join the celebration, visit OC50.gg.ca for ideas on how to engage and be inspired.

About the Order of Canada

Created in 1967, the Order of Canada, one of our country’s highest civilian honours, recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. Close to 7 000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and have taken to heart the motto of the Order: *DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM* (“They desire a better country”). Appointments are made by the governor general on the recommendation of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada.

The list of recipients, with short citations, and a backgrounder on the Order of Canada are attached.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

The Honourable Morris Jacob Fish , C.C., Q.C.	Montréal, Que.
Victoria M. Kaspi , C.C.	Montréal, Que.
Michael Ondaatje , C.C. <i>This is a promotion within the Order.</i>	Toronto, Ont.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

John William Bandler , O.C.	Dundas, Ont.
David G. Barber , O.C.	Winnipeg, Man.
Russell Braun , O.C.	Georgetown, Ont.
Michel Dallaire , O.C., O.Q. <i>This is a promotion within the Order.</i>	Montréal, Que.
John Haig de Beque Farris , O.C.	Bowen Island, B.C.
Norman Foster , O.C.	Fredericton, N.B.
Anne Giardini , O.C.	Vancouver, B.C.
William Rodney Graham , O.C.	Vancouver, B.C.
Lewis Edward Kay , O.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Bryan Kolb , O.C.	Lethbridge, Alta.
Richard Borshay Lee , O.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Peter G. Martin , O.C.	Toronto, Ont.
Craig McClure , O.C.	Toronto, Ont.
The Honourable Ellen Irene Picard , O.C.	Edmonton, Alta.
Michael J. Sabia , O.C.	Montréal, Que.
Michael Schade , O.C. <i>This is an honorary appointment.</i>	Oakville, Ont.
The Honourable Hugh Segal , O.C., O.Ont. <i>This is a promotion within the Order.</i>	Toronto, Ont.
Howard Leslie Shore , O.C.	New York, New York, U.S.A. and Toronto, Ont.
Donald T. Stuss , O.C., O.Ont.	Toronto, Ont.
Charles Haskell Tator , O.C. <i>This is a promotion within the Order.</i>	Toronto, Ont.
Lorne Trottier , O.C. <i>This is a promotion within the Order.</i>	Beaconsfield, Que.
Paul Cronin Weiler , O.C.	Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. and Vancouver, B.C.

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

Michael Adams , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Howard Adelman , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Marguerite Andersen , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Jan Andrews , C.M.	Lanark, Ont.
Wesley Armour , C.M.	Moncton, N.B.
H. Anthony Arrell , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Manon Barbeau , C.M., O.Q.	Montréal, Que.
Leonard A. Bateman , C.M., O.M.	Winnipeg, Man.
Donna June Bennett , C.M. and Brian Leslie Finley , C.M.	Campbellford, Ont.
Paul Michael Boothe , C.M.	London, Ont.
Pierre-Michel Bouchard , C.M.	Québec, Que.
André Bourbeau , C.M., C.Q.	Dunham, Que.
Bonnie Brooks , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Linda Cardinal , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
Katherine Carleton , C.M.	Peterborough, Ont.
Elaine Carty , C.M.	Vancouver, B.C.
Louise Champoux-Paillé , C.M., C.Q.	Montréal, Que.
Harold Everett Chapman , C.M.	Saskatoon, Sask.
Jan Christilaw , C.M.	Vancouver, B.C.
Ruth Collins-Nakai , C.M.	Calgary, Alta.
Peter Dalglish , C.M.	London, Ont.
Michael David Dan , C.M., O.Ont.	Toronto, Ont.
Ronald J. Daniels , C.M.	Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. and Toronto, Ont.
Libby Davies , C.M.	Vancouver, B.C.
Rayleen V. De Luca , C.M., O.M.	Toronto, Ont.
William Arthur Downe , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Irene Dubé , C.M., S.O.M. and Leslie Dubé , C.M., S.O.M.	Saskatoon, Sask.
Janet Ecker , C.M.	Ajax, Ont.
Deborah Ellis , C.M., O.Ont.	Simcoe, Ont.
William MacDonald Evans , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
James Bruce Falls , C.M.	Don Mills, Ont.
John Foerster , C.M.	Winnipeg, Man.
Chen Fong , C.M.	Calgary, Alta.
Richard French , C.M.	Chelsea, Que.
Jacqueline Guest , C.M.	Calgary, Alta.
Gloria Margaret Gutman , C.M., O.B.C.	Vancouver, B.C.
George Norman Hillmer , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
Robin Hopper , C.M.	Victoria, B.C.
Anne-Marie Hubert , C.M.	Montréal, Que.
Benoît Huot , C.M.	Saint-Lambert, Que.

Michael Ignatieff , P.C., C.M.	Budapest, Hungary and Toronto, Ont.
Liz Ingram , C.M.	Edmonton, Alta.
Ignat Kaneff , C.M., O.Ont.	Mississauga, Ont.
Rudy Koehler , C.M.	North York, Ont.
France Labelle , C.M.	Montréal, Que.
Patricia Anne Lang , C.M.	Thunder Bay, Ont.
Oryssia Lennie , C.M.	Edmonton, Alta.
Janice (Kahehti:io) Longboat , C.M.	Six Nations Reserve, Ont.
Clarence Louie , C.M.	Osoyoos, B.C.
Robert Marleau , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
Marie-Lucie Morin , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
Pierre Morrisette , C.M.	Oakville, Ont.
Reza Nasseri , C.M., A.O.E.	Edmonton, Alta.
Mathew Nuqingaq , C.M.	Iqaluit, Nun.
The Honourable David Onley , C.M., O.Ont.	Toronto, Ont.
John Parisella , C.M., O.Q.	Montréal, Que.
Benoît Pelletier , C.M., O.Q.	Gatineau, Que.
Gerald Pond , C.M., O.N.B.	Rothsay, N.B.
Alfred H. E. Popp , C.M.	Ottawa, Ont.
Ash K. Prakash , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
Strinivasan Reddy , C.M., O.M.	Winnipeg, Man.
Richard J. Renaud , C.M.	Montréal, Que.
Jean-Lucien Rouleau , C.M.	Montréal, Que.
Diane Sasson , C.M.	Mount Royal, Que.
Isaac Schiff , C.M.	Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A. and Montréal, Que.
Annabel Slaight , C.M., O.Ont.	Roche's Point, Ont.
Julian Smith , C.M.	Niagara on the Lake, Ont.
David Steinberg , C.M.	Bel-Air, California, U.S.A. and Winnipeg, Man.
Tanya Tagaq Gillis , C.M.	Cambridge Bay, Nun.
Réal Tanguay , C.M.	Kitchener, Ont.
Michael Tymianski , C.M.	Toronto, Ont.
André Vanasse , C.M.	Outremont, Que.
Ellen White , C.M., O.B.C.	Nanaimo, B.C.

CITATIONS

COMPANIONS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

The Honourable Morris Jacob **Fish**, C.C., Q.C.
Montréal, Quebec

For his eminent service as a jurist, notably as a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Victoria M. **Kaspi**, C.C.
Montréal, Quebec

For her global renown as an astrophysicist and for her celebrated insight into the behaviour of neutron stars.

Michael **Ondaatje**, C.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his enduring contributions to Canadian literature as one of Canada's most acclaimed writers of fiction and poetry.

This is a promotion within the Order.

OFFICERS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

John William **Bandler**, O.C.
Dundas, Ontario

For his scientific contributions that have helped to position Canada at the forefront of microwave engineering.

David G. **Barber**, O.C.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

For his leadership in environmental science and for his contributions to the study of arctic sea ice processes.

Russell **Braun**, O.C.
Georgetown, Ontario

For his accomplishments as an internationally renowned opera singer and cultural ambassador for our country.

Michel **Dallaire**, O.C., O.Q.
Montréal, Quebec

For his contributions as a leader in industrial design, shaping the character of our public spaces with his creations.

This is a promotion within the Order.

John Haig de Beque **Farris**, O.C.
Bowen Island, British Columbia

For his contributions to the development of the venture capital industry and the technology sector in western Canada.

Norman **Foster**, O.C.
Fredericton, New Brunswick

For his extensive body of work as a playwright, which has enriched the Canadian theater canon.

Anne **Giardini**, O.C.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her varied contributions to our nation's forestry sector, to higher education and to the literary community.

William Rodney **Graham**, O.C.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For his multi-faceted contributions to contemporary visual arts in Canada, notably in photography, film and installation art.

Lewis Edward **Kay**, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his pioneering research in biochemistry and medical imaging science which explores the structure and behaviour of proteins.

Bryan **Kolb**, O.C.
Lethbridge, Alberta

For his leadership and for his contributions to our scientific understanding of brain function and development.

Richard Borshay **Lee**, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions to anthropology as a scholar and mentor, particularly for advancing our understanding of hunter-gatherer cultures.

Peter G. **Martin**, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his innovative research on interstellar matter and for establishing two world-renowned institutes of astronomy and astrophysics.

Craig **McClure**, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his international leadership on HIV/AIDS, notably for his efforts to increase the availability of treatment options in the developing world.

The Honourable Ellen Irene **Picard**, O.C.
Edmonton, Alberta

For her contributions as a jurist and legal scholar who helped establish the field of health law in Canada.

Michael J. **Sabia**, O.C.
Montréal, Quebec

For his entrepreneurial leadership of and contributions to the rejuvenation and transformation of several iconic Canadian companies.

Michael **Schade**, O.C.
Oakville, Ontario

For his achievements as a renowned tenor and for his contributions to the world of opera.

This is an honorary appointment.

The Honourable Hugh **Segal**, O.C., O.Ont.
Toronto, Ontario

For his commitment to public service and to effective public policy as a scholar and senator.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Howard Leslie **Shore**, O.C.
New York, New York, United States of America and Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions to the film music industry as an internationally celebrated composer and conductor.

Donald T. **Stuss**, O.C., O.Ont.
Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions as an internationally respected neuropsychologist who has expanded scientific understanding of brain function, injury and rehabilitation.

Charles Haskell **Tator**, O.C.
Toronto, Ontario

For his advocacy as a world-renowned authority on concussions and for promoting increased safety in sports.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Lorne **Trottier**, O.C.
Beaconsfield, Quebec

For his generosity as one of Canada's leading supporters of research and education in the sciences.

This is a promotion within the Order.

Paul Cronin **Weiler**, O.C.
Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America and Vancouver, British Columbia

For his contributions to reforming labour and employment standards as one of North America's foremost legal scholars.

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

Michael **Adams**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his leadership in public opinion research and for his insights into Canadian values and identity.

Howard **Adelman**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his pioneering work on refugee sponsorship and for his contributions to the establishment of refugee studies as an academic discipline.

Marguerite **Andersen**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For her role as a pioneer in women's studies in Canada and for her contributions to francophone literature reflecting the Canadian woman's experience.

Jan **Andrews**, C.M.
Lanark, Ontario

For her contributions to Canadian culture as a children's book author and as a pioneer of Canada's storytelling movement.

Wesley **Armour**, C.M.
Moncton, New Brunswick

For his leadership as an entrepreneur and for his dedication to the well-being of his community.

H. Anthony **Arrell**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his achievements in the investment industry and for his contributions to strengthening public institutions in his community.

Manon **Barbeau**, C.M., O.Q.
Montréal, Quebec

For her achievements in film production and for her dedication to First Nations youth.

Leonard A. **Bateman**, C.M., O.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

For his contributions to advancing the development and distribution of hydroelectric power, notably as the former head of Manitoba Hydro.

Donna June **Bennett**, C.M. and Brian Leslie **Finley**, C.M.
Campbellford, Ontario

For their dedication to fostering the performing arts, musical education and community building in rural Ontario.

Paul Michael **Boothe**, C.M.
London, Ontario

For his contributions to shaping federal and provincial economic and fiscal policy as an academic and as a senior public servant.

Pierre-Michel **Bouchard**, C.M.
Québec, Quebec

For his dedication to promoting culture and sport and for his civic engagement with the City of Québec.

André **Bourbeau**, C.M., C.Q.
Dunham, Quebec

For his contributions to the development of Canada's music and opera scene and for his dedication to the next generation of musicians.

Bonnie **Brooks**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For her transformative leadership in Canada's retail industry and for her extensive civic engagement.

Linda **Cardinal**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For her research and contributions to public policy development and to the advancement of language rights.

Katherine **Carleton**, C.M.
Peterborough, Ontario

For her efforts to promote a thriving arts and culture sector in Canada as an advocate and voice for Canadian orchestras.

Elaine **Carty**, C.M.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her contributions to advancing women's health care options, particularly for her instrumental role in establishing professional midwifery care in British Columbia.

Louise **Champoux-Paillé**, C.M., C.Q.
Montréal, Quebec

For her contributions as an administrator and for her commitment to promoting women in governance.

Harold Everett **Chapman**, C.M.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For his seven decades of leadership in the co-operative movement.

Jan **Christilaw**, C.M.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her national leadership in obstetrical care, and for her efforts to improve maternal health in developing countries.

Ruth **Collins-Nakai**, C.M.
Calgary, Alberta

For her contributions as a physician leader, particularly in the field of cardiology.

Peter **Dalglis**, C.M.
London, Ontario

For his efforts to alleviate child poverty worldwide, notably by establishing and leading Street Kids International.

Michael David **Dan**, C.M., O.Ont.
Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions as a philanthropist, notably for his partnerships with Indigenous people.

Ronald J. **Daniels**, C.M.
Baltimore, Maryland, United States of America and Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions as a university administrator and for his achievements as a champion of community engagement.

Libby **Davies**, C.M.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her long-standing commitment to helping marginalized people and for her ardent defence of social justice.

Rayleen V. **De Luca**, C.M., O.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For her contributions as a clinical child psychologist and for her dedication to improving the lives of vulnerable Canadian children and families.

William Arthur **Downe**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion in the financial industry and for his generosity in support of education and health care initiatives.

Irene **Dubé**, C.M., S.O.M., and Leslie **Dubé**, C.M., S.O.M.
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

For their philanthropic leadership, which has strengthened health, education and community organizations across Saskatchewan.

Janet **Ecker**, C.M.
Ajax, Ontario

For her contributions to provincial politics in Ontario and to Canada's financial services industry.

Deborah **Ellis**, C.M., O.Ont.
Simcoe, Ontario

For her acclaimed work as a young adult author and for her philanthropic support of many humanitarian causes.

William MacDonald **Evans**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For his sustained leadership of Canada's space program as president of the Canadian Space Agency.

James Bruce **Falls**, C.M.
Don Mills, Ontario

For his development of ground breaking research techniques in ornithology and for his lifelong leadership in nature conservation.

John **Foerster**, C.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

For his contributions to health care administration, notably for developing a renowned teaching hospital and health research centre in Manitoba.

Chen **Fong**, C.M.
Calgary, Alberta

For his influential philanthropy in the field of healthcare and for fostering the development of companies which produce medical devices.

Richard **French**, C.M.
Chelsea, Quebec

For his contributions to enhancing public institutions and for his efforts to bridge the public sector and the business world.

Jacqueline **Guest**, C.M.
Calgary, Alberta

For her contributions as a children's book author who promotes multiculturalism, youth literacy and Indigenous culture.

Gloria Margaret **Gutman**, C.M., O.B.C.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her research and leadership in the field of gerontology and for her advocacy against elder abuse.

George Norman **Hillmer**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For his contributions to the study of Canada's foreign policy and international relations in the 20th century.

Robin **Hopper**, C.M.
Victoria, British Columbia

For his contributions as a ceramist who has advanced the discipline by introducing a number of innovative techniques.

Anne-Marie **Hubert**, C.M.
Montréal, Quebec

For her commitment to parity and inclusion in business and for her skill in corporate governance.

Benoît **Huot**, C.M.
Saint-Lambert, Quebec

For his contributions as a parasport ambassador and inspiration to youth and for his excellence as a Paralympic swimmer.

Michael **Ignatieff**, P.C., C.M.
Budapest, Hungary and Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions to the advancement of knowledge as a human rights scholar and reporter.

Liz **Ingram**, C.M.
Edmonton, Alberta

For her contributions to the visual arts community through a variety of media including printmaking and digital media, and for cultivating emerging talent as an educator and mentor.

Ignat **Kaneff**, C.M., O.Ont.
Mississauga, Ontario

For his contributions as a home builder and developer, and for his generosity in support of numerous education, health and social service initiatives.

Rudy **Koehler**, C.M.
North York, Ontario

For his contributions as a business executive and for his philanthropy, notably directed at helping youth overcome adversity.

France **Labelle**, C.M.
Montréal, Quebec

For her dedication to championing the rights of those most in need and to combatting poverty and homelessness.

Patricia Anne **Lang**, C.M.
Thunder Bay, Ontario

For her commitment to the growth and development of Ontario's colleges as a long-time academic administrator.

Oryssia **Lennie**, C.M.
Edmonton, Alberta

For her contributions to provincial politics in Alberta and to the improvement of federal-provincial relations.

Janice (Kahehti:io) **Longboat**, C.M.
Six Nations Reserve, Ontario

For her efforts to preserve and disseminate knowledge of Indigenous medicine and culture.

Clarence **Louie**, C.M.
Osoyoos, British Columbia

For his innovative contributions to increasing economic opportunities for Indigenous communities.

Robert **Marleau**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For his public service and for his efforts to maintain the integrity of our national institutions.

Marie-Lucie **Morin**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For her contributions to advancing Canada's place in the world and for her professional mentorship.

Pierre **Morrisette**, C.M.
Oakville, Ontario

For his business leadership as head of The Weather Network/MétéoMédia, which provides weather information to millions of Canadians.

Reza **Nasseri**, C.M., A.O.E.
Edmonton, Alberta

For his innovative leadership in the construction industry and for his sustained commitment to charitable and community initiatives.

Mathew **Nuqingaq**, C.M.
Iqaluit, Nunavut

For his artistic contributions as a jewellery designer and drum dancer, and for his leadership in Nunavut's arts community.

The Honourable David **Onley**, C.M., O.Ont.
Toronto, Ontario

For tirelessly advancing the rights of people with disabilities, notably during his tenure as lieutenant governor of Ontario.

John **Parisella**, C.M., O.Q.
Montréal, Quebec

For his social, political, diplomatic and academic engagement and for his dedication to major governance issues.

Benoît **Pelletier**, C.M., O.Q.
Gatineau, Quebec

For his efforts to bring about interprovincial-territorial co-operation and for his advocacy on behalf of Francophone communities.

Gerald **Pond**, C.M., O.N.B.
Rothesay, New Brunswick

For his contributions to information technology in Atlantic Canada and for his dedication to mentoring entrepreneurs.

Alfred H. E. **Popp**, C.M.
Ottawa, Ontario

For his contributions to maritime law as a lawyer, policy expert and administrator.

Ash K. **Prakash**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions to promoting Canadian modern art as an author, collector and philanthropist.

Strinivasan **Reddy**, C.M., O.M.
Winnipeg, Manitoba

For his engagement in community causes as an advocate for social justice, racial understanding, literacy and poverty reduction.

Richard J. **Renaud**, C.M.
Montréal, Quebec

For his philanthropic generosity as founder of the Roasters Foundation and for his leadership within a number of charitable organizations in the Montréal community.

Jean-Lucien **Rouleau**, C.M.
Montréal, Quebec

For his contributions to developing the field of cardiology as a researcher, clinician and university administrator.

Diane **Sasson**, C.M.
Mount Royal, Quebec

For her commitment to eradicating domestic violence and for her advocacy in support of legal changes that would better protect victims.

Isaac **Schiff**, C.M.
Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America and Montréal, Quebec

For his groundbreaking contributions as a doctor and administrator who has advanced women's health, notably in the areas of infertility and menopause.

Annabel **Slaight**, C.M., O.Ont.
Roche's Point, Ontario

For nurturing a passion for science and nature among generations of Canadian children.

Julian **Smith**, C.M.
Niagara on the Lake, Ontario

For his contributions to preserving cultural and historic sites in Canada and abroad.

David **Steinberg**, C.M.
Bel-Air, California, United States of America and Winnipeg, Manitoba

For his achievements over five decades as a comedian, mentor and director in the entertainment industry.

Tanya Tagaq **Gillis**, C.M.
Cambridge Bay, Nunavut

For her contributions to Canadian culture through her avant-garde Inuit throat singing.

Réal **Tanguay**, C.M.
Kitchener, Ontario

For his contributions to strengthening and promoting the automobile manufacturing sector in Canada.

Michael **Tymianski**, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions to neuroscience, particularly through his leadership in investigating new mechanisms to protect the brain following a stroke.

André **Vanasse**, C.M.
Outremont, Quebec

For his profound impact on Quebec literature and for his efforts to promote the literary arts.

Ellen **White**, C.M., O.B.C.
Nanaimo, British Columbia

For her work as an Elder and community leader, and for her efforts to preserve the Hul'qumi'num language.

ORDER OF CANADA BACKGROUNDER

Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country.

Motto and Levels

The Order of Canada's motto is DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (They desire a better country). Her Majesty The Queen is the Sovereign of the Order, and the governor general is the chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order.

Companion – Post-nominal: C.C.

recognizes national pre-eminence or international service or achievement;

Officer – Post-nominal: O.C.

recognizes national service or achievement; and

Member – Post-nominal: C.M.

recognizes outstanding contributions at the local or regional level or in a special field of activity.

Insignia Description

The insignia of the Order is a stylized snowflake of six points, with a red annulus at its centre which bears a stylized maple leaf circumscribed with the motto of the Order, DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (“They desire a better country”), surmounted by the Royal Crown. It is struck in fine silver and is composed of three individual pieces: the snowflake, annulus and maple leaf. The colour is added by hand through a unique application of opaque and translucent enamel.

The design of the insignia of the Order of Canada dates from 1967, and is credited to Bruce Beatty, C.M., S.O.M., C.D. The technical drawings used by the Royal Canadian Mint in this new generation of the insignia were developed by the Canadian Heraldic Authority at the Chancellery of Honours, part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General. The insignia is manufactured by the Mint at its Ottawa facility.

Eligibility

All Canadians are eligible for the Order of Canada, with the exception of federal and provincial politicians and judges while in office. The Order's constitution permits non-Canadians to be considered for honorary appointments. Members of the Royal Family, governors general and their spouses are appointed in the extraordinary category. There are no posthumous appointments.

Officers and Members may be elevated within the Order in recognition of further achievement, based on continued exceptional or extraordinary service to Canada. Usually, promotions are considered five years after the first appointment.

Nominations

Any person or group is welcome to nominate a deserving individual as a candidate for appointment to the Order of Canada. Appointments are made on the recommendations of the Advisory Council for the Order of Canada, an independent council chaired by the chief justice of Canada. Members of the Advisory Council on the Order of Canada reflect the diversity and excellence in Canadian society. Certain members are appointed by virtue of their office; others are appointed for a fixed term to achieve a balanced representation of the various regions of the country.

For more information about the Order of Canada or to nominate someone, visit www.gg.ca/honours.