

The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada holds it's 43rd Annual General Meeting in Toronto.



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Annual General Meeting of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada was held on the October 2-4th 2009 week-end in Toronto.



On this occasion, as Toronto was the host. The AGM was held in the historical St. George's Hall located in the university district of Toronto and home to the *Arts and Letters Club of Toronto*.

Early Friday afternoon, the Board of Directors and Executive met for the last time of their mandate. They concluded various parts of the society's business for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.



The meeting was followed by an informal dinner together at the favoured Tudor period styled Barberian's Steak House located across the street from the Arts and Letters Club.

At that time members of the Board were introduced to Dr. Samuel Clark.



Dr. Clark, BA Carleton; MA University of Toronto; PhD Harvard is a full Professor of Sociology from the University of Western Ontario and our Beley Lecturer for the evening. He specializes in Status, States, Social Inequality Social Change, and Social Theory.



After a fine dinner, members and Dr. Clark retired to the Arts and Letters Club's Board Room for the Beley Lecture entitled "*The Making of Modern Honours*". The lecture is from his current work in progress

Dr. Clark provided an interesting paper on the creation, development and use of honours mostly throughout Europe from the 12th century, but also to the modern day "**Order of Canada**".

After the lecture, Dr. Clark spoke with members and exchanged questions, thoughts and ideas.



On Saturday October 3rd, 2009 the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada was held in the Great Hall of the Arts and Letters Club.

There, after reports and presentations by the members of the Executive dealing with the business of the society, the last item on the agenda was the election of members of the Executive for the up coming 2009-2010 fiscal year.

In a clear show of confidence, the members of the Executive;

President;
Mr. David Cvet,

1st Vice-President;
Capt. David Rumball

2nd Vice-President;
Mr. Carl Larsen

Treasurer
Mr. Ian Steingaszner



and Director's-at-Large
Rob Watt LVO, Dr. Chris McCreery,
and Francois Payeur were re-elected for another term in their respective offices

A light luncheon followed the AGM and allowed RHSC members to update each other on activities and exchange ideas.



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Following the luncheon, members took a guided tour of *Hart House* and *Soldiers Tower* in the University of Toronto's historical King's College area, just west of Queen's Park given by Mr. Chris Lea, Manager - Facilities Management for Hart House.



Not only is Mr. Lea part of the Hart House management team, but he also takes an active part by personally "gilding" the coats of arms during the restoration project.

Once on site, RHSC members viewed the extensive works of Scott Carter in the Great Hall's restoration project (*to which the RHSC is a contributor*). We also viewed various other works by Scott Carter in different parts of the building.



The Soldier's Tower is a great collection of artifacts, personal histories with stained glass windows covering the Great War and World War II.



It houses items from those who attended or worked at the University of Toronto and were part of those conflicts. Here the study of heraldry, vexillology and medals, orders & decorations come together under one roof.



The day ended with the AGM's Gala Dinner and lecture in the Great Hall of the Arts & Letters Club. Captain David Rumball was our Master of Ceremonies, and the Venerable Peter D. Hannen led the members through Grace.

The keynote speaker was Ms. Catherine Spence. Ms. Spence has become our local university specialist on Alexander Scott Carter and his work. Ms. Spence became interested as part of her Masters. Again, Ms. Spence brought new and expanded information to the society of one, of the men who have been at the forefront of heraldic art in Canada.



The evening concluded in an armgerious fashion with a special presentation by St. Laurent Herald and *RHSC* member Mr. Bruce Patterson, who was assisted by Assinoboine Herald Mr. Darrel Kennedy.



Mr. Patterson presented Letters Patent to Mr. Hawksridge and his family on behalf of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

On the Sunday afternoon, St. Laurent Herald Mr. Bruce Patterson who kindly volunteered; (along with the kind permission of the Rev. Mark Jackson); conducted a tour of the St. Thomas Anglican Church of Toronto.



Not only did Scott Carter attend services here, his work inside the church is just as wonderful as the work in Hart House.

Other than the weather, the AGM week-end was; I think we can say "a success".

