

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. R. Pierre Charbonnier, Membre Honoraire du Conseil Magistral, Chancelier Honoraire, Grand Commandeur

(November 4, 1923 – November 21, 2015)



We are very sad to announce that Dr. Pierre Charbonnier, Membre Honoraire du Conseil Magistral, Chancelier Honoraire, Grand Commandeur, a long-time member of the Chaîne in Canada and Bailli Régional Honoraire of the l'Outaouais (Ottawa) Bailliage, passed away on November 21, 2015 at the age of 92.

Pierre was a loyal and dedicated member of the Chaîne, having been a confounder of the Bailliage of l'Outaouais in 1962, and the Bailli from 1967 to 2012, retiring at that time to be replaced by Pierre Delage. Over those 45 years, along with his wife Marie-Madeleine Legendre, he organized innumerable magnificent dinners as ambassadors for gastronomy and the culinary arts. His Bailliage grew under his direction, and he left a classic legacy of appreciation from his many confrères and friends.

At the 50th anniversary celebrations and Grand Chapître du Canada (held in Montreal, October 27–30 2011) Bailli Délégué du Canada David Tetrault presented Dr. Charbonnier with a Gold Star in recognition of his more than forty years of service at that time as Bailli Régional of the l'Outaouais (Ottawa) Bailliage and also presented a Silver Star to his wife Marie-Madeleine for her support over that time.

Prior to that, on May 25 2011, French Senator J.P. Cantegrit, by letter, awarded Dr. Charbonnier with the Medal of Honour of the Senate of France to reward his devotion to French gastronomy. At a dinner held at Cordon Bleu-Signatures restaurant on May 29 2011, Dr. Charbonnier spoke of his experiences and paid homage to those who influenced or assisted him over the years. Those mentioned included J. Zonda and H. Laflamme, now both deceased, along with M.M. Legendre, M.E. Coupal-Place and E. LeMarquand. During a later dinner in June 2011, M. Jacques Janson presented the actual Medal of Honour of the Senate of France to Dr. Charbonnier.

A focused man, Pierre obtained a PhD in physics and Mathematics at the University of Paris. A long and varied career led him to the position of Director General at the Office of Energy Research and Development. To provide some idea of the scope of his responsibilities, the Office of Energy Research and Development (OERD) is the Government of Canada's coordinator of energy research and development (R&D) activities. He was a good friend to the Chaîne, and to many of us, and we send our condolences to Mme. Legendre for her loss. We won't forget his 'joie de vivre' and dedication. We present here a photo collage of Dr. Charbonnier from past La Chaîne in Canada newsletters, the captions as they were in the newsletters, in their original French or English.



De gauche à droite : M. Joannides ; Me Delage ; trois candidats ; M. Juneau et J.D Kucharik ; Dr. P. Charbonnier, Bailli Regional et M. J.G. Gorley (mai 2005).



(Left to right) Mrs. Perey, Dr. Bernard Perey and Dr. Pierre Charbonnier at Halifax Induction Dinner (November 26, 2006)



Front row, third from left, at the Edmonton National Meeting (September 2005).



Le Bailli complimente E. Frehner, Chef Pâtissier du Fairmont Château Laurier Hôtel (2006).



(left to right) Samir Hanna, Membre Honoraire du Conseil Magistral, Commandeur; Dr. Pierre Charbonnier; Eric Jones, Chargé de Presse du Canada (September 2005).



Gerald Drolet, first Bailli Régional for the Bailliage de Quebec, intronized by Dr. Pierre Charbonnier.



Messieurs Basille, Renault & Janson avec le Bailli. (Delta Ottawa Hotel June 12, 2008)



(Left to right) Jean-Claude Phisel, Bailli Provincial du Quebec; Madame Ginette Phisel; Madame Legendre-Charbonnier and Dr. Pierre Charbonnier enjoy a glass of champagne at the Chapitre reception at 2008 National Meeting in Quebec.



(de gauche à droite; left to right) Margrit Hanna; Samir Hanna; Mrs Marie Madeleine Legendre; Dr. Pierre Charbonnier.



Le Bailli, Dr. Charbonnier, met en garde S.E. Francois Delattre, Ambassadeur de France au Canada, de la possibilité d'un coup d'épée malencontreux, devant la V. Chancelière M.M. Legendre et le General Dr. P. Morisset - Dr. Charbonnier, Bailli, warns H.E. Francois Delattre, Ambassador of France to Canada of the possibility of an unfortunate sword blow, in front of the V. Chancelière M.M. Legendre and General Dr. P. Morisset. (French Ambassador to Canada Joins Bailliage de l'Outaouais (Ottawa) for Gala Dinner – July 29 2010)



David Tétrault, Marie-Madeleine Legendre-Charbonnier (awarded Silver Star), Dr. Pierre Charbonnier (awarded Gold Star) and Benoît Fragnière. (at Montreal 50th Anniversary celebrations and Grand Chapitre du Canada, October 27–30, 2011).



Sourires de satisfaction du Chef Professeur Y. Anton et du Bailli - Smiles of satisfaction of the Chef Professor Y. Anton and of the Bailli. (Restaurant Signature (Cordon Bleu) – July 29 2010)



(French): La cérémonie de décoration le 12-6-2011 à l'Union des Français d'Ottawa: De gauche à droite: C.Lohyer, R.P.Charbonnier, J.Janson (qui a décoré), M.M. Legendre-Charbonnier.
(English): At the Award ceremony of a Dinner of UFE (Union of French citizens residing out of France) in Ottawa (left to right): C. Lohyer; R.P. Charbonnier, Bailli Régional, Bailliage de l'Outaouais (Ottawa); J. Janson; M.M. Legendre-Charbonnier.