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Greetings and best wishes from the President

Warm greetings to all of you, dear members of the Association des Archambault d'Amérique, as well as to your friends.

This end-of-year Bulletin gives me the opportunity to reach out to you, hoping you are all in good health. I can confirm that, as usual, the efforts of the members of the Board of Directors and our dedicated collaborators have successfully carried out the projects and activities that we all benefit from. I would like to thank them for their work. More particularly, I would like to remind you that in the middle of the summer, your association became a member of the *Fédération québécoise des sociétés de généalogie* (FQSG). Exceptionally, in addition to the 2025 General Meeting, this year the Archambault had another occasion of meeting and exchanging ideas and experiences with others by participating in the honorary event to which you were invited on page 23 of Bulletin 120, an activity that brought together 150 people, including 100 Archambaults and descendants of Archambaults.

In 2025, it was with great satisfaction that we welcomed H Claude Archambault to the Board of Directors. He became the association's Secretary. Despite this addition, ensuring succession on the Board and in terms of membership in the association remains a major concern. We once again suggest that you invite your Archambault friends and families to join us. The future of our association depends on it.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your membership in our association and offer you and your loved ones my best wishes for the Holidays, a wonderful time for socialising and sharing.

I wish you wonderful festivities, a happy Holiday Season and an excellent Year 2026, Prosperous, Healthy, Happy and Peaceful.

Sincerely,
Raynald Archambault, ing.

New members

We were delighted to welcome several new members:

951 Karen Archambault Akirov, Magog

952 Michael Archambault, Ville d'Anjou

953 Isabel Archambault, Ottawa

954 Nathalie Archambault, Ottawa

955 Paul Sepe, Lancaster, New Hampshire

956 Élise Archambault, Vaudreuil-Dorion

957 Michel Archambault, Vaudreuil-Dorion

958 Nathalie Archambault, Terrebonne

959 Kathi Betcher, Rapid City, South Dakota

960 Louise Beauchemin, Sherbrooke

961 Francine Archambault, Sherbrooke

962 Yanik Bousquet, Montréal

Members returning to us:

215 Gerard T Archambault, Milton, Massachusetts

529 Thérèse Jacques Archambault, Sainte-Julie

727 Jean Champagne, Valcourt

840 Patrice Archambault, Henryville

859 Martin Archambault, Sainte-Julie

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association des Archambault d'Amérique took place on June 1st in the town of Mascouche, in Québec, Canada, which was celebrating in 2025 the 275th anniversary of its foundation. This location was chosen because members of the Archambault family distinguished themselves there and left their marks. Of particular note is Joseph Archambault (1858–1909), who served as County Prefect, Municipal Councillor and Mayor, in addition to heading the agricultural society and managing other services and activities in the region. It is reported that he generously contributed to the purchase of the church bells, made a donation to equip it with a Casavant organ, and also contributed to the acquisition of the painting of the Sacred Heart by Georges Delfosse.

At the very beginning of June, that first day of the month was a little cool, but the meeting was warm. The AGM was held in a friendly atmosphere and the participants appreciated having responded to the invitation from the Board of Directors (Board). Upon their arrival, over coffee, exchanges between them and conversations quickly began. At 11:00 a.m., the President opened the meeting by greeting the participants and thanking them for their attendance, thereby contributing to the life of our association. Despite a limited number of attendees, 32 people, including 22 members in good standing, a quorum was reached. It was with obvious pleasure that he highlighted the presence of a guest who is an honour to the Archambault family, be it so the renowned filmmaker and director Louise Archambault. She generously agreed to talk with those present and satisfy their curiosity after the meal planned, following the AGM. The President welcomed her warmly and thanked her for her attendance.

After the minutes of the AGM of June 2, 2024 were adopted, the President delivered his report describing the activities and achievements of the past year. He expressed his sincere gratitude to his colleagues on the Board for their efforts and dedication, to the valued volunteers for their collaboration, and to all the members of the association, thus contributing to its vitality. He noted with regret the departure of three Board members who had served with dedication for several years. Guy, André A. and Jocelyne were warmly thanked for their hard work. They all confirmed that they would maintain their membership and could still collaborate on activities from time to time. These departures will obviously make it more difficult to continue our ongoing research and documentation activities. Relieving troops are becoming increasingly essential.

Following Raynald, Treasurer Nicole presented her annual financial report and was able to confirm that accountant Roger will continue to provide her with auditing and support services for another year, free of charge. The meeting continued with "New Business". Given the decrease in the number of Board members, a proposal regarding Article 15 of the association's Bylaws was presented for adoption by the members attending the AGM. This proposal reduces the minimum number of Board members to five (5) and sets the maximum number at twelve (12). A second amendment concerned Article 1. The address of the Head Office is now: 544, boulevard de Châteauneuf, Boisbriand, Québec, J7G 2G8. Presentations by Monique describing the progress and numerous activities carried out on the Website and by Anne Marie regarding her work on the genealogical Database followed. Anne Marie specifically mentioned that the Heredis program she uses currently contains

over 40,000 individuals. Raynald also highlighted Serge's research on Laurent Archambault – Jacques' son – our common ancestor along with Jacques.

The meeting continued with the election of Board Directors for three-year terms. Raynald is the chair of the election committee. He mentioned that Monique and Constant were completing their respective terms on the day of this AGM but that they had agreed to stand for another term. Generously, H Claude Archambault, Monique's brother, had put himself forward as a candidate for a position on the Board. As with Monique and Constant, his gesture was greatly appreciated by Raynald, who proposed that all three candidates be accepted and adopted. They were unanimously elected. The AGM was adjourned at 12 noon, with Raynald thanking the attendees for their participation. A lively meal followed before the afternoon activities, described below.

The AGM participants were treated to the privilege and pleasure of welcoming Louise Archambault, filmmaker and director of award-winning films that have contributed to her fame, including *Il pleuvait des oiseaux*, to name but one. This film is based on the excellent novel by Jocelyne Saucier and stars the late Andrée Lachapelle, Gilbert Sicotte et Rémi Girard.

She captivated the audience by describing the behind-the-scenes aspects and the journey of her career, which has been full of challenges and insecurity. After elaborating on the choice of subject matter, the writing of the script, the casting, the filming locations, financing, staying within budget, creating chemistry between the cast, etc., she responded generously and with obvious pleasure to numerous questions. She shared memorable episodes from her inspiring professional career. Everyone was charmed by her eloquence and energy, and she received warm applause. Louise is the daughter of Roger, our auditor and member of our association.

A presentation by Anne Marie and an invitation followed the discussions with Louise Archambault. She introduced Robert Lefebvre (Archambault through his mother), a member of the association for many years, whose career path, achievements, and pan-Canadian recognition deserve to be highlighted. Anne Marie informed us that a gathering is being planned for August 16, at the ancestral farm that was the setting for much of Robert's career. His training in agriculture and animal husbandry, combined with his desire for research and continuous improvement, has generated unparalleled results in his field. His name is inscribed in the Québec Agricultural Hall of Fame. He has exceptionally shared his passion with his children and grandchildren. Science and artificial intelligence in dairy and forage farm management is a reality experienced by granddaughters, the sixth generation working on the ancestral farm inherited from Théodora Archambault and Florien Lefebvre. It will be an excellent opportunity to spend a festive day discovering new things while enjoying some ears of corn. Another chance to meet descendants of our common ancestor, Jacques Archambault. Robert then has invited those present to come to this event and participate.

To conclude the day in Mascouche, Nicole had organized a visit to the church of the parish of Saint-Henri-de-Mascouche, where Vicar Pierre Gosselin gave us a very warm welcome. He described the church's beauty, unique features, and traces of Archambault's presence since its beginnings in the 1800s, as well as the stages of Mascouche's development. In the crypt, which houses about fifty tombs belonging to Mascouche's elite from the late 19th

and early 20th centuries, are several of Archambault's tombs. This visit, which nicely rounded off the day in Mascouche, ended around 4:30 p.m.

Constant Archambault

Appointed Secretary of the General Annual Meeting 2025

The Board of Directors 2025-2026

From left to right:

Raynald, Nicole, Éric Bombardier, Monique, Anne Marie and Constant. Absent from the photo: H Claude

Photos: Jean Tourigny

Archambaults of today!

Philippe, 48 years old

Executive Director and Vice-President, Provincial Policy and Government Affairs Merck Canada

Philippe, son of Hélène Archambault and Daniel Houle and brother of Isabelle[1], was a child overflowing with energy. He spent most of his childhood outdoors, surrounded by nature, as the family home was in the countryside. Whether it was hockey, baseball, cycling, or building forts in the nearby woods, everything revolved around play and sports shared with his friends.

His years in elementary and high school went well and gave him a solid foundation for the future. Although he had no idea where his further studies might lead him, one thing was clear: sports and health would occupy a central place in his life.

Throughout his studies, he held various jobs—janitor, cheesemaker, packer, newspaper delivery boy, among others. But it was after obtaining his professional levels in tennis that he became a tennis coach, a job he deeply loved.

Philippe continued his academic journey at the college level, more specifically in social sciences, society profile. During these two years of training, he developed a particular interest in sociology, psychology, and philosophy. Philippe was still uncertain about the university path he wished to pursue.

It was a friend who pointed out to him how important sports were in his life and suggested that he pursue kinesiology, a path that would allow him to remain in the field

of physical activity and health. He therefore submitted his application and was admitted to the *Université du Québec à Montréal* (UQAM) in kinesiology.

After completing his bachelor's degree in kinesiology, Philippe worked as a personal trainer and was responsible for supervising other trainers in several sports clubs. However, over time, he felt the need to redirect his career. He and his partner in life Mélissa had plans for the future, and it was a client who suggested that he turn to the pharmaceutical sector. Philippe enrolled in a representative training course, and his excellent results led the company Schering-Plough to hire him. Since the acquisition of this company by Merck, Philippe has continued his professional journey there.

His role

Philippe is responsible for government affairs and public affairs. He leads a team that operates across the country. Pursuing his passion for health, Philippe and his team work with key stakeholders in the Canadian healthcare system. The goal is to ensure that medicines and vaccines are accessible to as many patients as possible in order to save and improve lives. Innovation and science have transformed the way certain conditions are treated and prevented, and Philippe is proud to work for a laboratory that conducts research, innovates, invents, and is part of the solution.

The future

Remaining within the context of health, for Philippe, the future is promising and will be full of challenges and opportunities. It will be important to invest in research and innovation. Over the years, science has evolved tremendously, changing not only the patient's prognosis but also their experience with treatments (fewer side effects, greater effectiveness, etc.). Finally, Philippe advocates for the promotion of health and healthy lifestyle habits in order to prevent certain diseases, such as diabetes, high cholesterol, or hypertension.

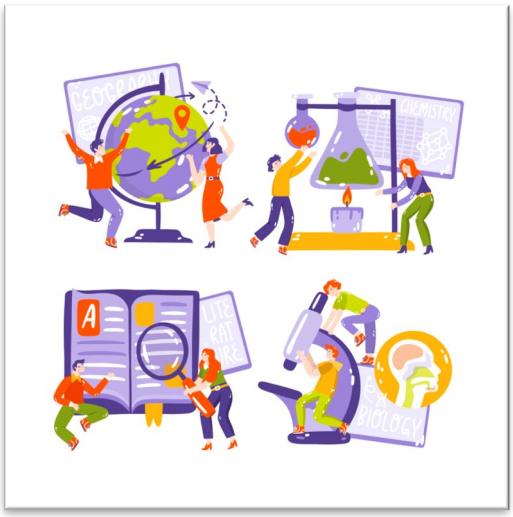
The future of his children

According to Philippe, the future will bring its share of advantages and setbacks, unexpected upheavals, and promising achievements. He believes it is essential to equip future generations so that they are able to meet these challenges and flourish fully.

“A healthy mind in a healthy body”: this motto perfectly reflects Philippe’s philosophy. Together with Mélissa, their mother, they look to the future of their three children with confidence, convinced that they possess the tools needed to move forward. They have acquired fundamental values, developed their independence, and strengthened their resilience, so that they will be able to face the challenges ahead with assurance.

The future of the planet

Philippe remains optimistic about the future of our planet. He places his trust in the rising generations, convinced that among them will emerge engineers, doctors, and researchers capable of inventing solutions to improve our environment and fight against climate change. The Earth is no stranger to crises, and societies are no strangers to dictators. Difficult times forge courageous individuals, and Philippe believes that the younger generations will come forward with bold and inspiring ideas that carry hope and renewal.



[1] *See the article on Isabelle in Bulletin 118, page 14.*

Annie, 46 years old

Head of Disability Insurance Department
Sun Life Canada

Annie, daughter of the late Josiane Rochon and Normand Archambault, spent her childhood in Montréal in a heritage home built in 1918. She describes herself as a steadfast Rosemont resident; she was born in Rosemont and still lives there today with her family. She loves her neighborhood, located in the heart of Montréal, which offers a vibrant living environment and combines a rich industrial heritage with a vision firmly oriented toward the future.

She considers herself privileged to have had a mother present at home during her childhood and adolescence, a privilege that few of her friends experienced. Her memories are filled with family camping vacations, a tradition she continues to this day.

Annie attended *Le Plateau* school during her elementary studies, where she benefited from the Music program, dividing her time equally between academic learning and musical practice. She was introduced to the recorder, the violin, and choral singing, thereby developing a clear inclination for music, which remains with her still.

Annie continued her secondary studies at *Marguerite-De Lajemmerais* school, a secular school reserved for girls, where everything went smoothly. She particularly enjoyed this period, flourishing freely without pressure or concern for appearances.

She then pursued a college program in social sciences at *Cégep de Maisonneuve* for three years, one additional year due to an interruption caused by a period of illness.

In great shape, she continued her studies at the *Université de Montréal* in industrial

relations, a program she completed in 2002. This program addresses the relationships between governments, employers, and employees.

However, between her second and third year of university studies, she was at a stage in life where she needed to recharge, to reconnect with herself, and to confirm, at 19, her independence and resourcefulness. On the advice of her close friend Marie-France, she set off on a solo trip for a month with her backpack. She traveled through France and Spain by train, stopping in youth hostels. Smartphones were not yet available, so she had to rely on her own ingenuity! Being rather solitary, this journey allowed her to develop a more "social" side and to meet people from different backgrounds.

During her third and final year at university, she organized, together with a team of students, Industrial Relations Week, which included workplace visits, conferences, and a gala.

In 2002, after an internship at Norampac (a pulp and paper company), she was hired there. The following year, a position in human resources opened in Toronto, where she spent a year and a half. When the Toronto plant closed, Annie was glad to return to her Rosemont neighborhood in Montréal, to reunite with her family, whom she had greatly missed during her stay in the Queen City.

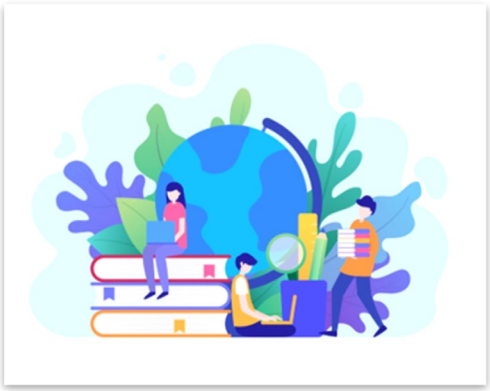
A new job obtained in 2004 marked a decisive turning point in her life: it was at that time that she met Martin, who would become her partner in life and the father of their two sons, Loïc and Olivier, of whom they are immensely proud. Together, the family thrives in the world of sports—alpine skiing, skating, soccer—a sport in which both boys shine as part of teams competing at a high level.

In 2006, she joined Transforce, a company specializing in freight transportation, where she worked in human resources, specifically in accident and insurance management. She remained there for five years.

After the birth of Olivier, she returned to her studies for one year in a graduate-level microprogram in disability management.

In 2014, she was hired by Sun Life Canada as a case manager in group insurance. In addition to her duties, she welcomed and trained new employees. She currently holds the position of manager in disability insurance, supervising a team of eight case managers. For Annie, working in a healthy professional environment is fundamental, and she is fortunate to experience that today.

Even though she remains concerned about environmental issues, she is convinced that education can play a key role in the future of our planet and its inhabitants.



The Archambault brothers, Stéphane, Benoît, and François

Stéphane, 56 years old

Stéphane Archambault, who was part of the group *Mes Aïeux* for several years, released his first solo album, *Point*, in May 2025.

He is currently preparing a tour that will allow us to discover a new facet of his talent.

Since December 13, 2025, he has been hosting the fourth season of the television show *La Grande Veillée*, broadcast on ICI ARTV. This weekly program, whose eight episodes were filmed in Moncton, New Brunswick, transports us into the festive world of traditional music.

Photos: Bravo Musique Website

Benoît, 50 years old

Benoît was part of the group *Mes Aïeux*, along with his brothers François and Stéphane. He works as an author, composer, performer, host, storyteller, and inventor of stories. His stories are told to children in a series of children's books that he illustrates himself.

Benoît is also part of the *Petit Théâtre du Nord* team, which presents a variety of shows each year at the *Centre de*

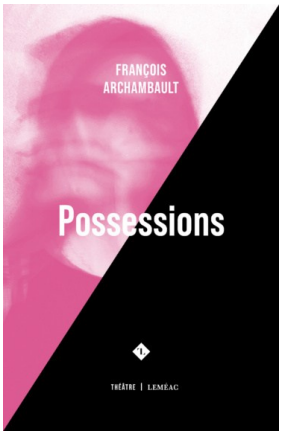
création Boisbriand. Whether for music shows, summer theater, or *Veillées Festives*, he serves as musical director, singer, and even actor.

Photos: Benoît Archambault's Website

François, 57 years old

François Archambault is the author of several plays. He has written and collaborated on the writing of several television series.

He has also written lyrics for songs recorded by Benoît, contributing musically.



In the spring of 2025, *Possessions*, his first play in a 5 à 7 format, was presented at the *La Licorne* theater. This play, published on April 23, 2025, by *Léméac*, is available in bookstores. The reviews were rave, and the play will be revived from April 28 to May 15, 2026, at the same theater.

Photos: Théâtre La Licorne and Leméac Éditeur

Corrections and additions to an article about Louise Archambault

Louise Archambault, who attended our Annual General Meeting on June 1, 2025, provided us with further details following the article about her that appeared in our Bulletin 119 under the theme Cinema. She was born on January 9 and had considered studying science rather than medicine. She landed an internship as an assistant editor (sound) for the series *Lance et Compte*...

In 2004, she directed her second short film, *Mensonges*, while also writing and directing her first feature film, *Familia*, which was filmed by her partner in life, director of photography André Turpin.

On page 7, penultimate line, she went on to win the *Prix Claude Jutra* at the *Prix Genie* for directing a first feature film. In 2013, she wrote and directed *Gabrielle*, a film in which she closely examines the lives of people with intellectual disabilities.

In the last paragraph, we should read: ... one wonders where Louise, a single mother with two children, finds the energy to balance her personal life and her professional career…

Our apologies for these errors that unfortunately slipped into the article in question.

Obituaries

Roger Archambault

On February 3, 2025, Roger Archambault, member 776, passed away.

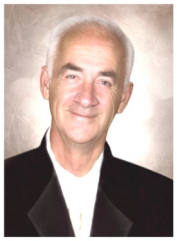
On February 19, 2025, Francine Martel, wife of Bernard Archambault, member 198, and sister of Huguette, member 245, passed away.

Francine Martel

Maurice Champagne

On May 2, 2025, Maurice Champagne, husband of Ghislaine Archambault, member 726, and father of Jean Champagne, member 727, passed away. Ghislaine is the sister of Anne Marie (027) and Constant (675).

On May 3, 2025, Gilles Lefebvre, husband of Monique Côté, member 875, and brother of Robert Lefebvre, member 873, passed away.

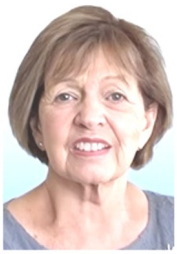


Gilles Lefebvre

Bernard Archambault

On May 20, 2025, Bernard Archambault, member 198, brother of Raynald 111, Daniel 724, and Agathe 812, passed away.

On June 17, 2025, Catherine Contant, former founding member, former board member, and wife of André G Archambault 004, also a founding member who passed away on April 30, 2023, passed away.



Catherine Contant

Alphonse Archambault

On June 28, 2025, Alphonse Archambault, former member and brother of Pierre Archambault 007, founding member, brother of Yvon Archambault, member 130, passed away.

On August 14, 2025, Claudette Martel, sister of Huguette, member 245, passed away.

Claudette Martel

We offer our deepest condolences to these grieving families.

Young people are our future!

Do you have young people in your family of whom you are proud?

They have lived through the emergence of the Internet and mobile technologies, and have been able to adapt and innovate. Even with rapid change and new opportunities, their priority is often to maintain a balance between work and personal life.

Tell us their story, their journey in our ever-changing world. Send us your texts via our website or by e-mail to: nclarchambault@gmail.com

They will be published in our bulletins.

Be proud of the Archambaults of today!