



# Robert D. McSween

GRAND MASTER 2005/06/25 — 2006/06/24

**24 October 1943 – 14 April 2023**

Born in St. Catharines, Ontario, in 1943, Robert Donald McSween was educated in Ontario and, at the age of 18, left St. Catharines to enlist with the Royal Canadian Engineers and was sent to Camp Chilliwack to receive his basic training as a Field Engineer. He spent the next 36 years in the Canadian Army and had several postings besides Chilliwack, including Petawawa, Germany, Alert in Nunavut, Cyprus, Egypt, and Ottawa. In 1997 he retired from the Canadian Armed Forces with the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

He joined Freemasonry in January of 1983 as a member of Mount Zion Lodge No. 120 in Chilliwack, and served as the Worshipful Master of that lodge in 1994-1995. In 1998 he was appointed to the office of Grand Director of Ceremonies for Grand Lodge. In 2002, he was elected Junior Grand Warden. Having been elected as Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master, he was elected Grand Master in 2005, when he introduced the L\*E\*A\*P programme into our jurisdiction. He had served as chairman of the Leadership Committee, Rituals Committee, and the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes.

Most Worshipful Brother McSween was an Honorary Member of Nooksack Valley Lodge No. 105 and of Burlington United Lodge No. 93, both of the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington. He was a Past Most Wise Sovereign of the Fraser Valley Scottish Rite, and was coroneted an Honorary Inspector General, 33°, in September 2005 at Toronto. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Van Zor Grotto in Vancouver, the Gizeh Shrine Club and the Fraser Valley Shrine Club, and a Past Worthy Patron in Chilliwack Chapter No. 49 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

MW Bro. McSween is survived by his wife, Eileen and their son, David.

2016/04/02	Secretary	Mount Zion No. 120
2015/04/11	Treasurer	
2014/04/05	Chaplain	
2010/09/20	Representative	Grand Lodge of Washington
2005/06/25	Grand Master	British Columbia and Yukon
2004/10/09	Affiliated	Cariboo No. 4
1997/01/01	Affiliated	Nooksack Valley No. 105
1994/06/04	Worshipful Master	Mount Zion No. 120
1983/05/17	Master Mason	
1983/04/18	Fellow Craft	
1983/01/18	Entered Apprentice	

*The will of God is accomplished.*

