



Most Worshipful Brother Clark Murray Gilmour
31 July 1925 - 21 December 2010

Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon during our 125th year, 1995-1996, MW Bro. Clark M. Gilmour believed in building bridges, leading our jurisdiction to mutual recognition with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Freemasons of Washington State in 1996 and leading us in public procession on three occasions: to Vancouver's Beth Israel Synagogue and Saint Andrew's-Wesley Church, and in the Pacific National Exhibition annual parade.

Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, at the age of three months he moved to New Zealand where he was raised and educated, also working on a sheep ranch and serving in the Royal New Zealand Air Force before returning to Canada in his early twenties where he built a career in the industrial relations field, retiring in 1987 as Director of Mediation for the British Columbia provincial government.

Initiated into Grandview Lodge No. 96 on 20 March 1952, he was passed on 15 May 1952 and raised on 18 November 1952. Briefly demitting from the Craft from 1954 to 1958, since that time he remained a faithful member, serving in 1971-1972 as Worshipful Master and as secretary from 1989 to 1995 and again from 2002 to 2004. He affiliated with Cariboo Lodge No. 4 in 1994 and with Joppa Lodge No. 112 in 1996, and was elected an honorary member of North Star Lodge No. 167 in 2006. He served this jurisdiction as a Deputy District Grand Master for 1990-1991, chairman of the Cancer Car Project from 1991 to 1995, chairman of the public relations committee for 1993-1994 and was a member of the finance committee for 1991-1994.

He was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Royal City Chapter No. 7, the Royal Order of Scotland, and Royal Arch Triple Tau Chapter No. 21. Joining the Scottish Rite in 1968, he served as their Grand Secretary from 1992-1994, was coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33° on 14 September 1995, and was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General in 1996, remaining an Active Member until 2000. In 1969 he joined the Gizeh Temple Shrine, becoming Captain of the Patrol in 1978.

Reflecting his year's theme, "recognition and support for the masonic family", he was one time Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 1, Job's Daughters, and also Chapter Dad, District Deputy, and Lower Mainland Governor of the Order of DeMolay, receiving both the Cross of Honour and the Honorary Legion of Honour.

An avid sportsman, he enjoyed horse-riding, and played rugby well into his sixties, as well as coaching and refereeing BC Minor Football. He also found time to drive cancer cars, volunteer in Pastoral Care at Royal Columbian Hospital, foster dogs through the Little Paws Rescue Society, and serve as a director for the Royal Arch Home.

MW Bro. Gilmour Passed to the Grand Lodge Above in the early morning of Tuesday, 21 December 2010. He was predeceased by his daughter, Carol, and is survived by two sons, Greg (Susan) and Bradley (Jane), seven grandchildren and his wife, Sonia.

The will of God is accomplished.