

## MW Bro. Edward Annetts Clarke

11 March 1923 - 19 August 2010

Born and educated in Vancouver, BC, MW Bro. "Ted" Clarke was initiated into St John's Lodge No. 3 in Quebec City on 16 October 1944, receiving his Fellowcraft degree on 25 November 1945 and Master Mason degree on 9 February 1946, as a courtesy by Ionic Lodge No. 31 in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

Serving in the RCAF during World War II as a wireless electrical operator, he returned to civilian life to work as a commercial traveller across British Columbia for restaurant equipment distributor, Cassidy's Ltd. He soon joined the London Life Insurance Company in 1955, attaining his Chartered Life Underwriter designation, and later, in 1962, becoming branch manager of the Canada Permanent Company's Chilliwack office.

A member of the Vancouver Estate Planning Council since 1962, he was a member, and past director, of the Chilliwack Rotary Club, two-term president of the Gyro Club of Chilliwack and a past president of the Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce.

He affiliated with Vancouver Lodge No. 68 on 14 November 1946, serving as Worshipful Master for 1967-1968 and, upon moving to Chilliwack, affiliated with Ionic Lodge No. 19 in 11 June 1973.

Elected as Junior Grand Warden in 1977, he progressed to serve as Grand Master for 1980-1981, when his goal was to promote awareness of the need for freemasons to live their Freemasonry at all times.

He affiliated with Cariboo Lodge No. 4 on 1 October 1980. He was elected an honourary member of Mount Zion Lodge No. 120 on 5 May 1981; of Prince David Lodge No. 101 on 26 May 1980; and of Ionic-Kent Lodge No. 19 on 31 December 1981. He also affiliated with Pacific Lodge No. 16 on 17 November 1981 and Mount Hope Lodge No. 139 on 4 January 1982. On 10 May 1988 he was elected an honourary member of Abbottsford Lodge No. 70. He had served as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Washington near this jurisdiction since 2004.

MW Bro. Clarke is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Beatrice (née Plumsteel), and sons Jim Rogers (Patricia) of Campbell River, Ted Jr. (Karen) of Vancouver, three grandchildren Leanne (Patrick), Lisa (Milo) and Ashley and four great grandchildren, Giulia, Emilia, Aurelia and Alden. Predeceased in 2007 by his daughter Angela Kowbel (Ken).

The will of God is accomplished.



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