



**MW Bro. Donald William Wakelyn**  
GRAND MASTER 1986-1987

*31 March 1925 – 4 September 2015*

DONALD WILLIAM WAKELYN was born in Calgary, Alberta, on 31 March 1925. He moved to Victoria, British Columbia at the age of seven where he received his formal education, completing his second-year university studies at the University of Victoria prior to entering the field of preventive public health services.

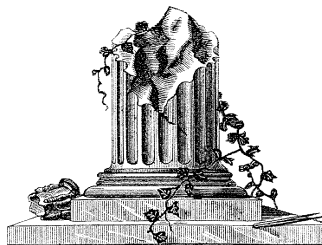
MW Bro. Wakelyn joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1944, and was discharged back to civilian life in February 1946. He married Jean Cunningham, a native Victorian, on 24 September 1948.

MW Bro. Wakelyn was initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge No. 49 in Victoria in 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1969-1970. He was appointed Grand Marshal in 1975 and District Deputy Grand Master of Victoria District No. 1 in 1976. He also served on the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Research and served as Representative for the Grand Lodge of Virginia near this Jurisdiction. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1983.

Initiated into St. Andrew's Lodge No. 49 on 12 October 1956, passed on 9 November 1956 and raised on 10 May 1957, MW Bro. Wakelyn served as the Worshipful Master for 1969-1970. He affiliated with Cariboo Lodge No. 4, Yukon Lodge No. 45, Saanich Peninsula Lodge No. 89, Comox Lodge No. 188 and Sidney Lodge No. 143, remaining a member of United Peninsula Lodge No. 24 and Comox Lodge No. 188.

Long-time administrator for Little League baseball, a co-founder of the Gorge Soccer Association, and founding secretary of the Esquimalt Figure Skating Club, MW Bro. Wakelyn was named Victoria's Sportsman of the Year in 1968 and inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

MW Bro. Wakelyn served as a Public Health Inspector for over 37 years, most of which while employed by the City of Victoria Health Department, the Capital Regional District Community Health Service and the Provincial Health Department. He retired in 1983 as Director of Environment Programs, residing in the city of Victoria. Predeceased by his wife and son, Daryl, he is survived by his daughter, Jean, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



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