



The New Masons of Southern California

A Style Profile written by Adam Tschorn in the *Los Angeles Times* last spring, with the headline

“Freemasons in midst of popularity, membership boom

The secretive society gains a higher, hipper profile as younger men seek out a place for fraternal bonding”

points out new trends in the Fraternity’s growing membership in Southern California. The article describes these new Masons:

“In Los Feliz... a few dozen men in their early 20s to late 80s share a dinner behind closed doors. Some wear full tuxedos with bow ties and jeweled cuff links, some have shoulder-length hair, and others wear open-collared shirts that reveal the slightest filigree of tattoo arching across their chests. Over Italian food, retired lawyers and judges sit elbow-to-elbow with owners of scrap metal yards and vintage clothing boutiques. They hold forth on philosophy, the weather; they rib each other and joke about saving room for cannoli.

“...In another Masonic Hall, this one on La Cienega, a Sri Lankan-born banker, a sunglasses-wearing Russian immigrant and a continent-hopping Frenchman break bread, poke at their salads and chat about their health.

“...the Freemasons, whose tenets forbid soliciting or recruiting members, have enthusiastically embraced the Internet as a way to leverage curiosity about an organization with its roots in Europe’s medieval stonemasons guilds. Freemasonry today sees itself as a thinking man’s salon, a learned society with a philanthropic bent.

“...And, to paraphrase that Oldsmobile campaign, these definitely aren’t your father’s Freemasons. They are bar owners, male models and olive-oil brokers. They

are men like Zulu, an L.A. tattoo artist with a swirling Maori-inspired design inked across his face and a panoply of metal piercing his ears, nose and face. They are men like Jonathan Kanarek, who runs a men’s vintage clothing store on Hollywood Boulevard and whose retro chic wardrobe of polka-dot ascots,

he plays sidekick and comic foil to the Japanese version of the Hilton sisters. They are also all men who want to be part of an all-for-one and one-for-all brotherhood built on shared ideals, philosophical pursuits and a penchant for rings, aprons and funny hats.

“...prospective Mason Johnny Royal ended up at the door of Elysian Lodge No. 418 last month. Intrigued by the distinctive Masonic architecture that graces most halls, the 31-year-old publicist with sideburns to his chin and hair to his shoulders and a Renaissance lute player tattoo on his right forearm hit the Web. What he read about the Masonic ideals — wisdom, strength, beauty and the pursuit of knowledge — made him decide to pursue membership. ‘My generation wants to be part of something beyond itself,’ Royal said. ‘I want to learn; I want to participate.’ The Internet hasn’t only made it easier to learn about the Freemasons, [Allan] Casalou [the Grand Secretary] says, it’s changed the type of men coming forward. ‘There is so much information on the Internet that by the time someone comes to a Lodge to seek membership, they already know a lot about Masonry,’ he said, ‘which is a big departure from previous generations. And it means they are more likely to be active participants.’

“Zulu became curious about Freemasonry after tattooing Masonic symbolism on several clients. He joined five years ago at age 39 and now serves as webmaster and Senior Warden of North Hollywood Lodge No. 542. He has also gone on to become both a Scottish Rite

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Bros Zulu, Kanarek, and Hillin.
Photos: Richard Hartog, *Los Angeles Times*



In addition to his Masonic ring and tattoos with Masonic motifs, Zulu also sports a skull ring and carries a skull-topped walking stick.

glen-plaid jackets and smartly pressed pocket squares earned him a spot on *Esquire* magazine’s 2007 list of best-dressed real men in America. And they are men like Daemon Hillin, whose surfer-dude looks and blinding white smile can be found on Japanese TV, where

Editorial

Beginning the Journey

The article in this issue from the Grand Lodge of New York brings to mind MWBro Rex Dawson's theme for his year as Grand Master in 2005, *No Man Stands Alone*.

Why is it that we seem to forget so much of what we have heard in our degrees and in our Lodges about the importance of the helping relationship we should have with our Brethren in Masonry when it comes down to the everyday, practical support of our new Brethren as they begin their Masonic journey through life?

We lose too many **new** Masons, **young** Masons, **interested** Masons, **valuable** Masons because, after welcoming them with open arms to the ceremony of their Initiation, we then leave them to stand alone. Perhaps we provide them with enough coaching to enable them to prove their proficiency and pass through each of the three Degrees. We then leave them to stand alone. Some never return to the Lodge. The few who make their presence felt in the Lodge are often quickly "rewarded" by being made Lodge officers. We then leave them to stand alone. In a short time — sometimes much

too short a time — without their having the opportunity to develop an effective base of knowledge or experience, we elect them as Masters of our Lodges. We then leave them to stand alone as we sit at our Festive Boards and ponder why we have trouble finding officers, why Past Masters aren't seen much in Lodge, and what happened to all those new Masons we put through the degrees over the last few years.

The first hours, the first months, the first year a new Mason spends in your Lodge — our Lodge — will often set the stage for his future in Masonry and, more importantly, his future within the Lodge. As Bros Friedman and Kermani remind us, Masonry is in many ways a journey into a new country. It is often a long journey, and not always a simple or easy one. To help ensure the future of our great Fraternity, we must make sure that our new Brethren don't embark on these journeys alone.

And finally, some words from the past. Given the turbulent and uncertain economic times, the New Year's wish that opened the January 1939 edition of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin*, although written under different circumstances, would not seem out of place today: "May the New Year be a year of faith in the future, of hope come to fruition, and charity to all men."

Fidelity to the Trust Already Reposed in You

Bros Richard C. Friedman and Peter R. Kermani, Custodians of the Work, Grand Lodge of New York
The Empire State Mason Magazine, Fall 2008

[First part of a longer article on the role of the "Standard Work and Lectures"]

At a very critical moment in our initiation process, a Fellowcraft wishing to become a Master Mason is told that he is to provide proof of his fidelity to the trust already reposed in him by

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Mason and Shriner (Masonic membership is a prerequisite for both), and next year he will become the leader of his Lodge. "I'll be the first black Worshipful Master in the Lodge's history," he said, using the proper term of respect. But he probably won't be the last. Because California's contingent of Freemasons is expected to grow, the average age of its members, once 71 and now 65, is expected to drop. By 2018, as Casalou predicts, the state will be awash in 55-year-old pre-retirement Masons giving each other secret handshakes, wearing ritual aprons and invoking the Grand Architect of the Universe."

the Lodge.

What about the Trust that the candidate has reposed in the Lodge? Have we provided fidelity to the trust **he** has reposed in **us**? He has trusted us enough to be hoodwinked and escorted by a Mason he might not even know. He has answered numerous questions about his motivation in becoming a Freemason. He has worn a costume. He has pledged himself with his hands on the Volume of Sacred Law to uphold and live by principles and expectations that he was told about that same evening.

When you consider how our society operates in the 21st Century, it is astonishing that men do trust us the way that they do during our degree process. There is no contract, no liability insurance, no fine print, and no promises made for the candidate to consider. He places himself in our hands and trusts us to do all that is needed to make him a Freemason. It is incumbent upon us to live up to the expectations our candi-

dates have for the Lodges they join.

Ultimately the question is what, if anything, do we owe the candidate and if so, how do we show proof of our fidelity to the trust he has reposed in us?

It is our belief that we certainly do owe a variety of things to our candidates and new Freemasons. From the standpoint of actually initiating, passing and raising a new Freemason, one who is excited, impressed and committed to the Craft, we cannot continue to overlook the first and most basic form of Masonic Education, namely the Standard Work and Lectures.

It is the ritual that we present to the candidate that begins to shape his experience in the Craft. It is how we formally introduce ourselves to men seeking to join our fraternity. The first words a candidate hears upon embarking on his journey in Freemasonry are the words of the ritual. It is our first and only chance to make a great first impression on a candidate. Fidelity to our ritual sets the

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tone for all his learning and determines how well he becomes one of us

We have long felt that a candidate for our degrees can be viewed as an immigrant to a new country. When our forefathers came to America they had little or no knowledge of how our country worked, what it valued, or how to communicate in a way that could be understood. For most, upon leaving places like Ellis Island, they found themselves in a situation of trying to understand their new culture, and navigate their way to success. This often meant learning to think and communicate in a new language, with unfamiliar idioms. The new immigrant had to learn what was acceptable and what was not acceptable to his new culture. Within a very brief period he was expected to “buy into” the American dream, the American language, American laws and the American way of doing things all of which were vastly different than what he was used to doing in the “old country.” By any measure this is an overwhelming task, and yet it was done by millions of people with great success.

How did they accomplish all of this? The first and most obvious thing that the

newcomer did was watch and observe the people around him. He quickly discovered what was important to those people by seeing what they did, how they did it, and what they valued. These observations began the enculturation process leading the immigrant to behave in a similar fashion in order to fit into his new society.

When looked at from this perspective, our Masonic initiation process is a mirror image of this same experience. The new candidate does not know the language of Freemasonry, the etiquette of Freemasonry and most important he has no idea of the particular culture of the Lodge he has joined.

In fact, different Lodges do have different cultures and, in general, this diversity can be a very good thing or a very bad thing. It is our belief that a positive culture for all Lodges concerning the Standard Work is critically important to the enculturation of any new candidate for Freemasonry.

It is at the preparation room outside the inner door that we truly begin to prove our fidelity to the trust the candidate has reposed in us.

How do we achieve this noble goal?

It begins with an ardent desire to impart the lessons of the ritual in the most beautiful manner possible.

Grand Master's Itinerary January

- 1 Saskatchewan No. 92, New Year's Levee; Edm Freemasons' Hall; Noon
- 10 Perfection No. 9, Installation; Cgy Freemasons' Hall; 13 30 h
- 23 Crescent No. 87, Burns Supper; Danish Canadian Club, Cgy; Cocktails 18 00 h, Dinner 19 00 h
- 24 Mizpah No. 35/Swift Current No. 26, GRS, Interprovincial 3rd Degree; Masonic Hall, Medicine Hat, 13 00 h
- 24 Freemasons Club of Medicine Hat, Burns Dinner; Medicine Hat Lodge; evening
- 25 Freemasons Club of Medicine Hat, Unveiling Bust of Robbie Burns; Medicine Hat College; 13 00 h
- 25 Alpha District, Burns 250th Anniversary Celebration Banquet; Shrine Centre, Calgary; 17 00 h
- 26 Beacon No. 190, Burns Supper, Red Deer Masonic Hall; 17 00 h
- 28 Bow River No 1, 125th Anniversary and Installation; Cgy Freemasons' Hall; 19 30 h

Railroad Night at King George Lodge



The Railroad Degree Team (including MWBro Bill Graves), King George's newest Fellowcrafts, and VWBro Andy Pokolinski, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Friday, 24 October 2008

At one time the membership of King George Lodge No. 59 was, for the most part, from either the CPR or Canadian Western Natural Gas. Now each October a group of former railroad employees gather on Railroad Night to confer the Second Degree.

This tradition started over twenty five years ago under the direction of the late WBro H. Adams, who worked for the CPR, and was continued by WBro Ron Goodman, who was employed as an

engineer. Since their passing it has been directed by VWBro Ken Turner.

This year the Second Degree was conferred on Bro J.A. Macdonald and Bro T.D. Ryan.

As can be seen in the picture, most of the team wear engineer's coveralls. A bell from a locomotive is used instead of the gavel. It is customary at the Festive Board for “CPR Strawberries” to be served (for the uninitiated they are stewed prunes).

The Degree Team is always looking

for new members, as the number of members who work for, or are retired from, the CPR has diminished over the years, with many passing to the Grand Lodge above. For some time Brothers who worked for the CNR have also been part of the team, and the Team recruits from all Lodges.

Due to the shortage of genuine Railroaders, the basic qualifications have been relaxed, and now anyone who has ridden on a train is likely to be railroaded into joining the Team.

Freemasonry: The Joy of Fellowship!

2009 Workshop — 17, 18 & 19 April 2009 — Delta Lodge at Kananaskis



Keynote Speaker — Bro Earle Sharam

Dean of Religious Studies, St. Stephen's College



Book Review from the Southern California Research Lodge

Workman Unashamed — The Testimony of a Christian Freemason

By Christopher Haffner

...is back in print in a second edition after a 15 year hiatus. Robert E. Winterton, Sr. had this to say about the book some 15 years ago:

“Over the years I have repeatedly been asked to define terms such as Religion, Religious, or Christian and correlate them to Freemasonry. As a senior pastor of my church for over 36 years, as Master of my Lodge and as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of California, I have been the target of inquiries by those who really wanted to know, as well as those whose opinions had long since been cast in bronze. Despite the fact that much literature has been written on the subject, from obscure articles, through pamphlets, to literary tomes (I even wrote a position paper for the Grand Lodge of California), no one single volume, regardless of size, seemed adequate in addressing the controversial subject.

“Most authors have limited scopes of knowledge or preconceived opinions which preclude a full discussion of the subject. Christopher “Kit” Haffner, the author of *Workman Unashamed*, has given us a book that is unique in a plethora of ways. He is a Master Mason and an Anglican with extensive knowledge of the Roman Church, yet is conversant with the doctrines and practices of Methodists, Baptists, Plymouth Brethren and the Charismatics. He has worshiped with them all and studied their points of view with an open mind. So open, in fact, he has discovered just how much of an organized religion's problem has to do with semantics, terms, vocabularies and communication in general. Through his research, seemingly a life-long project, he has assembled a compendium of fact, knowledge, logic and general information on a multitude of religious and Masonic subjects, from Deism through Agnosticism to Satanism.

“I first read the book when it was loaned to me by a friend. I thought so much of the publication I purchased a copy for my library. I never want to be caught without a copy to loan to an inquisitive friend or brother. The author doesn't ask you to agree with him. Neither do I! But his mind is so pregnant with information, his soul so eager to communicate, and his attitude so open and unaggressive, he is compelling. At last, I have a single volume I may suggest for those who really want to know as well as those who would like to be able to explain their point of view to another.

“I highly recommend the book to my fellows of the Craft.”

Available from the Book Department, Southern California Research Lodge, PO Box 939, Ashland, OR 97520-0032; Tel: (541) 488-8788; Email: scrifam@aol.com

The 44th Annual Masonic Spring Workshop is planned as a weekend of fun and learning — celebrating the joy one finds in being a member of our wonderful fraternity and learning how to spread the light of joy to everyone we meet.

For emphasizing this year's theme — *The Joy of Fellowship* — no better choice could be made than RWBro The Rev Dr Earle Sharam as keynote speaker. With his gift as a teacher of the faith, this Dean of Religious Studies will guide you through a journey of mirth, joy and merriment as we extol the social virtues found in the General Charge.

In celebrating *The Joy of Fellowship*, we will also be honouring MWBro Jim Roberts, a truly dedicated Brother who had presided over the Devotional Service of the Workshop for many years. Jim will help introduce the Theme and speaker, and will be assisting one more time at the Sunday service.

Look for some changes to the agenda. In 2009, there will be a session Friday afternoon at 16 00 h on *Moving Through the Chairs*, including a Q & A for anyone interested in getting the most from holding Lodge office. The Keynote Address is being delivered on the Friday evening, as usual, but the final presentation will be given at the Saturday evening banquet.

Saturday morning kicks off with a single session for all delegates. Author **Jack Whyte**, whose third book in his Templar trilogy, *Order in Chaos*, is being released next April, will discuss what he has discovered in researching the Templars for his books.

Then, a full range of sessions is planned before lunch to explore *The Joy of Music in Lodge*, *The Joy of Meeting Together*, and *The Joy of Being a Secretary* (though Secretaries might dispute that).

To test the mettle of attendees, we are having two competitions. One is *Masonic Idol!* This is a competition challenging your memory and delivery skills using a piece of ritual suitable for an Entered Apprentice to witness from the First Degree of either Rite or from the Installation Ceremony (no Obligations or related signs or secrets). You have up to two minutes to show your worth in front of a panel of three judges. And watch out! We will have our own “Simon Cowan” as the main critic!

Next there will be a *Masonic Chef* competition. You are challenged to bring your best team of “Junior Warden and two Stewards” to prepare lunch for us. Your Lodge does not have to use the existing officers as you may already have a top notch chef in place. The teams will have a limited time to dress their booth and get the assigned ingredients ready. You will be given the opportunity at lunch to taste and judge for awards. (Hint: the kitchen staff can be bribed!) Participants will also get an hour with the Resort's Chef as a reward.

Entry forms for both the *Masonic Idol* and *Masonic Chef* competitions and the conference registration forms can be downloaded from the website. Or you may register and pay online (before 1 March 2009 to be eligible for the Early Bird Draw) — www.masonicspringworkshop.ab.ca

Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism

Andreas Önnersfors, Director of the University of Sheffield's Centre for Research into Freemasonry [although their website now adds "and Fraternalism" to the name] has announced the launch of *The Journal for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism*, of which he will be the Editor.

2009 Masonic Spring Workshop

17, 18 & 19 April 2009 — Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

Several packages are available to make your weekend at this mountain resort the best possible. All room packages include two nights' accommodation and five, all-you-can-eat meals. Day use package includes both Saturday lunch and banquet. Packages include all taxes, tips, and GST.

- Double or Triple accommodation — separate beds.
- Single accommodation (or perhaps with your spouse). Accommodation prices effective 1 January 2009 (\$25 discount if paid on or before 31 December 2008).
- Day Use only — includes Saturday Lunch and Banquet.

2009 MSW Registration Form

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"The journey towards the establishment of research into freemasonry and fraternalism as an academic topic took more than two hundred and fifty years. When in 1717 four lodges in London decided to form the first Grand lodge, an amazing develop-



Dr. Andreas Önnersfors, Director of the Centre for Research into Freemasonry and Fraternalism, and Janet Joyce from Equinox Publishing Limited.

ment in associational life in Europe began. Freemasonry in our understanding has however to be subsumed under a larger scope of analysis — fraternalism, meaning an element of human culture and nature that represents the idea of organized community. Fraternal associations ranging from the garden of Epicure via the guilds of the Middle Ages to communities on the Internet share common features and inner dynamics. Freemasonry is a very well developed and documented fraternal organization and it makes sense to study it in its own right. However we will probably never reach a full comprehension of one of the most fascinating and thought-provoking phenomena in human culture if it is not properly contextualized. Hence we invite contributions in the special field of freemasonry as much as in the wider field of fraternalism.

"As freemasonry and related organizations attracted intellectuals it does not surprise that many of them had a deep interest in researching its history, origin and symbolism. In the first phase members of these organizations produced investigations and surveys on these topics, leading in the 19th century to the establishment of internal research organizations such as the lodge of research Quatuor Coronati in London. But it was a century later freemasonry eventually became an academic subject. It is thanks to the groundbreaking contributions by scholars during the last decades of the 20th century that Academia became aware of a long-neglected topic. Since then, academic chairs and centers devoted to freemasonry have been established and a growing number of researchers in various fields – ranging from 18th century scholars to religious and art historians – devote themselves to the fascinating world of fraternal organizations. They apply various methods and theories: analyze the roll of gender, music or initiation rituals, the implications for the formation of national identity in different parts of the world, the colonial history or the networks and membership structures of these organizations, to mention just a few of the approaches."

The Journal will be published twice yearly, in May and November, by Equinox Publishing and will contain articles and book reviews in both English and French. The theme of the first issue is the "Impact of Freemasonry and Fraternal Organizations upon the Formation of National Identity." The Guest Editor for this Special Issue will be Professor Jeffrey Tyssens, Free University of Brussels.

Subscription information is on the Publisher's website, <http://www.equinoxjournals.com/ojs/index.php/JRFF>

Your DDGMs 2008–2009

We are pleased to introduce to our readers the District Deputy Grand Masters serving the Craft in Alberta during the 2008–2009 term. This concludes the series.

Dinosaur District

RWBro Gary E. Lyons was born 14 October 1939 in Edmonton and raised in Whitecourt, Alberta, on a four-horse farm. He received his education at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Algonquin College in Ottawa, and Carleton University. Having joined the RCMP in April 1958 at age 18, he retired 30 November 1980 and then worked in office management, immigration, bankruptcy and insolvency, alloy steel sales, and mining equipment sales, retiring from Baker Hughes Mining Tools in 2000. He took on yet another career in January 2008 as Canada Sales Manager for PDB Tools, out of Grapevine, Texas. He was a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum from 1986–2000, and rejoined in 2008. He has been married to Joyce for 44 years. They reside in Strathmore and have three daughters, one granddaughter and one son-in-law.



RWBro Lyons was initiated 3 October 1974, passed 4 November 1976 and raised 3 February 1977 in St. Andrews Lodge No. 560 under the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He is a member of Strathmore Lodge No. 53 and served as its Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2007. A Past Captain of Al Azhar Provost Corp, he is President of Big Country Shrine Club for 2009.

Athabasca District

RWBro The Reverend Earle Scott Sharam is a native Edmontonian, born 12 December 1956, who has lived all but six years of his life in the neighbourhood in which he grew up. He took his BA degree at The University of Alberta, followed by graduate studies at St Stephen's College, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and The University of Oxford where he was admitted in 1996 to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.



RWBro Sharam is the Dean of St Stephen's College, on The University of Alberta campus. He has also served as the Minister of Waskatenau United Church since 1982, where he is Chaplain of the local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and the local historical society, "The Victoria Home Guard." Since September 2003 he has served as Minister of Smoky Lake United Church. He is married to Karen — a native of Prince Edward Island — and they have two sons, Charles and Jared, now 18 and 13 years old respectively.

RWBro Sharam was initiated, passed and raised in Dominion Lodge No. 117 in 1996–1997, served as Master in 2002 and is currently Organist. He is a Charter Member of Far North Lodge No. 199 in Inuvik. He was appointed Grand Chaplain of The Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1999 and again in 2001; serves as Chaplain to the Masonic Spring Workshop; and is a member

of Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research 2076 (England). He is a Past First Principal of North Star Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta in 2005, 2007 and 2008; and received the Order of High Priesthood in 2006. In other Concordant Bodies, he is a member of Zohar Council No. 4 (Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada R&SM); Alberta Lodge No. 2 (Royal Ark Mariners); Edmonton Preceptory No. 46 (Knights Templar); Alberta Rose York Rite College No. 52; Taylor Conclave No. 5 (Red Cross of Constantine); Northern Lights Tabernacle 130 (Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests); and Scottish Rite bodies in the Valley of Edmonton. He also takes pleasure in holding the rank of Chaplain in The Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem — an ancient order of chivalry — serving as Chaplain and Chairman of Ecumenical Affairs in the Edmonton Commandery of the Order.

Phoenix District

RWBro Glenn Battad was born 23 June 1958 in Zambales, Philippines. He married Susan, a high school teacher, on 16 July 1978. They have a daughter, Hazel, who is a Civil Engineer, and a son, Jean Carlo. A former employee of the United States Navy as a Shipboard Electrical Systems Technician, he and his family immigrated to Canada in 1989 and settled in Calgary. He worked for Canadian Pacific Railway as an Electrician until 1999, then accepted employment with Coca Cola Bottling where he still works as an Instrumentation Technician. He was a member of the Junior Chamber and was elected as National Vice President in 1989.



RWBro Battad was initiated and passed in 1997, raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on 7 February 1998, and became the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge No. 124 in 2005. He is a Noble of the AAONMS, and is the 2nd Vice President of the Calgary Clown Unit. He is also a founding member of the Filipino Cabletow Society of Calgary.

Beaverhills District

RWBro Allan W. Kegler was born 22 February 1966 in Mayerthorpe Alberta. He is a sheet metal Journeyman, receiving his ticket at NAIT, and has worked in the industry for the past 20 years. He married Lynne on 18 August 1980, and they live in Edmonton.



RWBro Kegler was initiated June 1998, passed October 1998, and raised January 1999 in Avon Glen Lodge No. 170, and was its Worshipful Master in 2005. He is a member of North Star Chapter No. 2, Royal Arch Masons, and holds the 32nd Degree in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Edmonton.