

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA
1999-2000**



MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION AL CHRISTOFFERSEN

BIOGRAPHY

Al was born 14 April 1948 at Deloraine, Manitoba and at a very early age moved with his family to Austin where he was raised and received his education. Following his school years, he moved to Portage la Prairie where he worked for awhile in retail sales, newspaper advertising and wholesale confectionery before joining the construction industry, where he has been involved for the past 27 years, including operating his own cabinet business since 1981. For the past 3 winters he has also held the position of secretary/manager of the Portage Curling Club.

On 10 May 1969, he married Heather Garroich and they raised their family, Karen-Ann and Richard, south of Portage la Prairie in the Gainsborough district. They have three grandchildren, Vanity and the boys, Geoff and Fred.

Masonically, Al was raised in Assiniboine Lodge #7 in 1984 and served as Worshipful Master in 1989. He was Grand Director of Ceremonies for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba from 1996 to 1998. In 1995, he was proud to receive the Second Masonic District "Alvin Hewitt Award of Excellence" for "Exemplifying the Masonic Spirit".

He became a member of Keystone Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in 1986, becoming First Principal in 1990. He also served Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe N in 1991, as well as Grand Director of Ceremonies from 1992 until 1996 when he became Grand Superintendent of District #2. The following year, 1997 he was elected Grand J, then in 1998 was elected Grand H and has been elected to the office of Grand Z for 1999-2000. He has also been Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of South Dakota since 1991.

Portage Council #17, Royal and Select Masters, Cryptic Rite Masons, serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1994, and Grand Marshall in 1996.

Crescent Lake Lodge #14A, Royal Ark Mariners - Commander Noah in 1995.

Mount Caramel Preceptory #44. Presiding Preceptor in 1993 and 1994, and is Past Grand Standard Bearer for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Order of the High Priesthood and serving as

President for 1999-2000. Knight of the York

Cross of Honour.

Red Cross of Constantine, Grand Valley Conclave #36; Allied Masonic Degrees, Keystone Council #172, and a charter member of Union Historical Lodge #108.