

Biography of M. Ex. Comp. Clifford C.P. Hardy
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF Manitoba, 1989- 1990





Clifford Hardy was born at the old Winnipeg General Hospital (Health Science Center) August 1st, 1935. The son of, the late Clifford Thomas (PERRY) HARDY, Master Mason of Sturgeon Creek Lodge #145 A.F. & A.M. and the late, Jessie Barclay (Nee PORTEOUS) Hardy, member of St. James Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #25, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

July 14th, 1962, he married, Dianne Marilyn HARRISON of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Three daughters were born of this union, Virginia, Peggy and Ruth, all past members of Bethel #7, International Order of Jobs Daughters, Winnipeg. Ruth served as Honored Queen.

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Clifford Hardy received his education in St. James, St. Charles (now Winnipeg) and graduated in Portsmouth, England in July 1950. He worked as a Market Gardener and later in Mixed farming in England, followed by mixed farming in Ontario on his return to Canada in 1953. He returned to Winnipeg to work on Construction, then five years with the Canadian Pacific Railway in the sleeping and Dining Car Department serving in various capacities whilst traversing across Canada and the United States. On April 15/59 he enlisted with the St. James Police Department, which became amalgamated with the Winnipeg Police Department October 1974. January 30, 1988 he retired with almost 29 years of service with the rank of Staff Sergeant & is presently driving School Buses for the Winnipeg School Division during the School year and

double decker bus for a touring company during the summer months.

Cliff was initiated into Free Masonry in Sturgeon Creek Lodge #145 A.F. & A.M., G.R.M. Feb 18, 1957, advanced to the 2nd degree March 18, 1957 and raised to the sublime degree on the 15th of April 1957.

Exalted in the H.R.A. in St. John's Chapter No. 14 R.A.M., G.R.M. in 1973, serving as First Principal in 1979, Director of Ceremonies for two years and Scribe E for three years followed by, appointment as Grand Pursuivant 1982-83, elected Grand Principal Sojourner 1983-1984, Grand Registrar for the late, R.Ex. Comp. Neil (Sandy) Mactaggart who died in office in 1985 and Grand Registrar 1986 and District Secretary-Treasurer in District #1 for R. Ex. Comp. Wilburn Mark, Grand District Superintendent for District #1. Grand Third Principal 1987-1988, Grand Second Principal 1988-1989, and elected Grand First Principal April 1989. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of the District of Columbia, U.S.A. near Manitoba August 1984.

Knighted in Bethany Preceptory No. 68 in 1974, holding several offices up to Chaplain and is an Auditor at present for this Preceptory.

1974, Made a member of Khartum Temple Winnipeg, A.A.O.N.M.S. serving as Director of the Oriental band for approximately five years.

A Member of Cyrus Council #2, Cryptic Rite Masonry. Presently Captain of the Guard.

A Member of York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Manitoba Crocus College #89.

1984 Life member of Masonic Order of Bath (U.S.A.). Charter member of Allied Masonic Degrees. Keystone Council #172, Winnipeg. Past Sovereign Master and presently Secretary-Treasurer.

Knighted Red Brand of Eri U.S.A.

Knighted Grand Cross of Honor, Red Brand of Eri, Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of Canada.

1974 Received the Past Masters Degree in Northern Chapter No. 82 R.A.M., Thief River Falls, Minn. U.S.A.

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Member of High Priesthood since 1983 and Honorary Member in Saskatchewan and North Dakota, U.S.A.

Member of Philalethes Society (U.S.A.)

Life Member of Ye Ancient Order of Corks in U.S.A. and Manitoba, the latter serving as Bosun.

Life member of Antient Order of Camel Herders.

Life member Tong #26, Winnipeg, Man.

Life member of Clan No 85 of Hillbilly's.

Past Patron of St. James Chapter #25 Order of Eastern Star along with his wife Dianne, who served as Worth Matron.

Also served as Drill Instructor for the Grand Chapter O.E.S. of Manitoba.

Past Watchman of Shepherds of Althea White Shrine of Jerusalem, #2, and Presently serving as Watchman of Shepherds with his wife Dianne, who is Worth High Priestess of Althea Shrine No. 2.

Past Special Deputy Supreme Watchman of Shepherds.

Past Dad Advisor of Lord Strathcona Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Promoter of fraternal relations for Bethel No. 7, International

Order of Jobs Daughters, Winnipeg.
1975 member of Royal American Shrine Club, U.S.A.
Life member Royal Arch Mason Magazine.
Over the years Clifford has enjoyed camping and travelling with his family.

He is presently an elder in St. Davids Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg and has been an elder for over 23 years. Has served on the Board of Managers, in charge of building and grounds, the Vacation Church Schools and many other committees of the Church and as Lay Preacher when required.

A concern for his family, friends and profession have enriched Clifford Hardy's life, including a deep respect for the Most High.