

**GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA  
2008 - 2009**



**MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION RONALD BLAIR CHURCH  
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**BIOGRAPHY**

Ron Church was raised on the family farm in the Lena district south of Killarney, Manitoba. He was the eldest of two boys. Their farm was a mixed farm which raised cattle, grain, and Clydesdale horses. The Clydesdales were a very important part of the Church family as they travelled to many fairs throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and to the Toronto Royal in the fall. He attended school in Lena in the early years and high school in Killarney. Ron still lives on the family farm, drives a school bus, and is involved in helping the neighbor's farm. In his spare time, Ron enjoys travelling to the various rural fairs to judge horse classes from time to time.

Ron is member of the Killarney United Church and has served on various committees over the years. In the earlier years, the Church family served as regular ushers most Sundays.

Ron was also active in the 4H and was a recipient of the gold watch award in his final year.

He is member of the Killarney Ag society and has served on the Manitoba Association of Ag Societies (MAAS). He was the first person to serve as president when MAAS was formed

Ron followed his father's and grandfather's footsteps and joined the Killarney Masonic Lodge #50 in Killarney and served later as Master in 1990. In 1996, Ron served as DDGM for the third Masonic district.

After the Killarney Masonic Lodge closed, Ron became involved with the following local Lodges and Chapters:

- Eureka Chapter #15 in Pilot Mound in which he served as First Principal.
- Keystone #2 and Keystone #5. He served as District Superintendent District 2
- Order of the Eastern Star Minnehaha Chapter #9. He served different terms as Worthy Patron. Later, Minnehaha amalgamated with Pelican Lake #62.
- Past TIM of Brandon Council #10 Cryptic Rite Masons. He has served as Grand Marshall and Commander NOAH in 2000.
- Brandon Perceptory #74 of which he is past Preceptor.
- Pembina Valley Shrine
- Manitoba Crocus York Rite College
- Allied Masonic Degrees
- Order of the Secret Monitor
- Order of the High Priesthood
- Red Cross of Constantine
- Knights of the York Cross on Honour
- Grand First Principal 2008-2009, Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba