

Biography of M. Ex. Comp. Dr. Malcolm S. Cowie
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA, 1990 - 1991



Malcolm Stuart Cowie was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, England on August 15th, 1938. The Son of the late Walter Dodd Cowie, a Master Mason of Lodge Temperance #2557 (English Constitution) and Alice Nicholson Cowie (nee White) a member of Condercum Chapter #218, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Order of the Eastern Star, Newcastle upon Tyne, England. On January 26th, 1960 he married Valeria Joan Hund of Newcastle upon Tyne, England. Valeria was a member of St Cuthberts Chapter #538, Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Order of the Eastern Star, is a Past Matron of Fort Carry Chapter #17, Winnipeg and is presently Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of

Manitoba, Order of the Eastern Star.

Three children were born of this union, two daughters Hayley Felise and Kerry Dawn and one son, Alaric Reed. Hayley and Kerry were both members of Bethel f8, Winnipeg, International Order of Jobs Daughters and both served as Honored Queen of their Bethel. Hayley was also Supreme Bethel Junior Princess of the Supreme Grand Bethel 1979-1980 and Kerry was Miss Manitoba Job's Daughter 1978-1979. Alaric was a member of the Winnipeg Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Malcolm received his education in Newcastle upon Tyne, England and graduated from Dame Allan's Boys School in 1957. After graduation he completed two years National Service in the Royal Air Force and in 1959 he entered Durham University and graduated from there in 1961.

He then taught school in Northumberland for two years before being seconded to the British Government's Department of Technical Co-operation where he was posted to Uganda for just over two years. In 1965 the family all returned to England where Malcolm again taught in secondary schools in Northumberland. In 1966 they all emigrated to Winnipeg, Canada where Malcolm was appointed to a teaching position at St. Johns Ravencourt School. In 1970 he joined the Winnipeg School Division eventually becoming Vice Principal of the Evening division of St Johns High School in 1975. In 1976 he joined the Assiniboine South School Division as a School Administrator where he is still employed. During this time Malcolm also found time to complete both his Masters and Doctoral Degrees in Education as well as being awarded the Manitoba Teachers society Post-Graduate Scholarship in 1978.

Malcolm was initiated into Freemasonry in Starbuck Lodge #160 G.R.M. in June 1973, advanced to the Fellowcraft Degree on 12th July, 1973 and raised to the sublime degree on the 11th October, 1973. He became Worshipful Master in 1978 and was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Indiana on the 11th of December 1981.

He was exalted in the Holy Royal Arch in Kildonan Chapter #10 on the 29th November 1977 and served as First Principal in 1981. He then became the founding First Principal of Red River Valley Chapter #21 in 1981-82, and has received the Order of the High Priesthood in Manitoba, he was appointed Grand Master of the 4th Veil in 1982-83, and elected as Grand Historian 1984-86. In 1986-87 he was elected Grand Superintendent of District #3, Grand Third Principal in 1988-89, Grand Second Principal in 1989-90 and elected Grand First Principal in April, 1990. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Idaho near Manitoba in August, 1989. In 1981 he received the Past Masters degree in Corinthian Chapter, North Dakota.

He became a member of Cyrus Council #2, Cryptic Rite Masons in May, 1983 and was elevated a Royal Ark Mariner in Lake Winnipeg Lodge #4 in 1984. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1988 and Commander Noah in 1989. He is Grand Steward elect for Manitoba in 1990.

Knighthood in King Edward Preceptory #24 in June 1978 he affiliated with Bethany Preceptory #68 where he is presently holding the office of Constable.

He is a Charter member of Manitoba Crocus York Rite College #89 holding the office of Marshall, as well as a Charter member of Ye Ancient Order of Corks in Manitoba where he holds the office of Fizzychian.

He is Past Patron of Fort Carry Chapter #17, Order of the Eastern Star as well as Past Associate Guardian of Bethel #8,

International Order of Job's Daughters.

Besides his involvement in the fields of Education and Masonry Malcolm is heavily involved in sports particularly in the field of soccer. He became both a National Referee, a National Referee Instructor and a National Referee Assessor for the Canadian Soccer Association and, in December 1983, was invited to join the Referees Committee of the Canadian Soccer Association and he is presently Chairman of that Committee.

This involvement along with the fact that all three children are now married and live in British Columbia and Ontario means that Malcolm and his lady Valeria tend to spend much of the summer vacation outside of the Province of Manitoba visiting their three grand-daughters and one grand-son.