

Biography of M. Ex. Comp. D.N. ENGLISH
GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA, 1991 - 1992





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David Neil English was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on May 25th, 1939. The Son of the late Dr. David Neil English, a Master Mason of Norwood Lodge #119 and the late Marjorie Edith English (nee Ferris) a founding member of Rainbow Chapter #63, Order of the Eastern Star, Norwood Manitoba.

On October 14th, 1967 he married Margaret Susan Pritchard of Winnipeg. Margaret is a member of Rainbow Chapter #63, Order of the Eastern Star.

Two children were born to Margaret and Dave, one daughter Colleen Jane and one son, Jason Brent. Colleen is currently enrolled in High School, Grade 10, and Jason is in the Nurse's Training program at the Grace Hospital. Jason was involved as a member of Scouts Canada and was a member from the Beaver Colony right through to Queen Venturer. Both children have been actively involved with the Assiniboine South Youth Choir, Grades 5 to 9, and the Camerata Singers, Grades 10 to 12. Both Dave and Margaret, as concerned parents, have also been active on the parent committees, taking active parts on the executive including chair-person of both choirs.

Dave received his education in Winnipeg, attending Norwood Collegiate, Kelvin High School and United College, from there he went on to the Manitoba Technical Institute as a Radio Operator in 1959 and then returned to the Manitoba Institute of Technology (later Red River Community College) and completed Electronic Technology in 1966.

Dave then worked for Bell Canada with postings in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa before returning to Manitoba in 1973. Since then he has been working for Manitoba Telephone Systems.

Dave was initiated into Freemasonry in Norwood Lodge #119 G.R.M. on March 31, 1961, advanced to the Fellowcraft Degree on 19th April, 1961 and raised to the sublime degree on his birthday, the 25th of May 1961. He became Worshipful Master in 1983. Lodge Secretary in 1984. He is also Lodge Secretary for Northern Light Lodge #10 since 1986.

He was exalted in the Holy Royal Arch in Concordia Chapter #2 2 on the 4th of February 1981 and served as First Principal in 1983/84. Dave has received the Order of the High Priesthood in Manitoba, on April 16th, 1990. He was appointed to the Grand Executive, Constitution Committee, in 1984, and was Chairman of that committee between 1985-1990. He was also elected Grand Scribe N in 1986, Grand Third Principal on April 15th, 1989, and Grand Second Principal on April 7th, 1990, and elected and installed as Grand First Principal on the 6th April, 1991. Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of New York near Manitoba on October 17th, 1984.

Knighthood in King Edward Preceptory #24 on May 25th, 1987, also his birthday, where he is presently holding the office of Marshall.

He became a member of Cyrus Council #2, Cryptic Rite Masons on March 21, 1988, and was elevated a Royal Ark Mariner in Lake Winnipeg Lodge #4 in 1989. He is currently progressing through the chairs in both of these orders.

He was made a member of Manitoba Crocus York Rite Sovereign College #89, on Feb 25, 1989 as well as a member of Ye Ancient Order of Corks in Manitoba. Dave is also a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees Keystone Council #172, Feb 24, 1989 and he is working his way through the chairs in this order as well.

He is one of the newest members of Rainbow Chapter #63, Order of the Eastern Star, having joined their ranks in May 1990.

During his youth Dave progressed through all the chairs in Winnipeg Chapter, Order of De Molay.

Besides his involvement in the fields of Communications and Masonry Dave was heavily involved in the Boy Scouts of Canada. As a youth he was in Cubs, Scouts and Rovers. He was involved as a leader in the first Cub Pack and Scout Troop in the Shriner's Hospital for Sick Kids in Winnipeg, and was one of the original leaders in the 1st Polar Pack at Resolute Bay, NWT. Dave was reactivated as a leader, and Group Chairman, while his son was progressing -through the organization. Both Dave and Margaret also serve on the Communications Committee of Charleswood United Church, Dave has been involved for 6 years, and also does some photography for the church on an as required basis. Margaret has been on the Communications Committee for the past two years.

