

M. EX. COMP. WILLIAM

McKENZIE



BIOGRAPHY

Bill was born in Selkirk Manitoba on the 14th of February, 1936. His school years were spent in Selkirk. At the age of 17 years he joined the Royal Canadian Navy and spent the next five years sailing the world. He is currently employed by Seagrams America's in Gimli.

On June 29th, 1957, Bill married Heather Larson and they raised two children, a Daughter Ceayon and a son, Darren. They have three grandchildren, Erin, Sara and Dylan.

Masonic History:

Bill joined Viking Lodge #175 in Gimli Manitoba in 1986 and served as Worshipful Master in 1996. He became a Royal Arch Mason in 1990, when he joined Prince of Wales Chapter #11 in Selkirk Manitoba. In 1996, Bill became First Principal of his Chapter. That same year he was Grand master of the Fourth Veil. He served as District Superintendent for District #1 in 1997 and was elected Grand Third Principal in 1998, Grand Second Principal in 1999 and Grand First Principal in 2000.

His Cryptic Rite Masonry began in 1992 when he joined Portage Council #17 Royal and Secret Masters. In 1997, he filled the office of Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1999, he was appointed Grand Conductor of

the Work for Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada.

Bill joined King Edward Preceptory #24 in 1992. He is now occupying the office of Constable in the Preceptory.

In 1992, Bill became a Noble in Khartum Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He joined International Peace Gardens Lodge in 1993. He also became a member of The Order of the High Priesthood, Manitoba Council in 1996.

Bill is an active member of Selkirk Conclave #6 Red Cross of Constantine. He serves as Chancellor for Manitoba Crocus York Rite College #89.

Bill and Heather joined Selkirk Chapter #35 Order of the Eastern Star in 1998.

He was appointed Grand Representative to the State of Florida and received his commission at the Grand Sessions in April 2000.