

# Most Excellent Companion Stanley Payne



## Biography

Most Ex. Companion Stanley Payne was born on August 11th, 1941 in Vancouver, B.C. and moved to Alberta as a child where he spent his youth in Stettler. His mother, Hilda and his only brother, Leslie live in Brooks, Alberta. In September, 1964 Stan married Aileen Matthews and they have three children, Sandra, Murray and Michael. Murray works in Vancouver, B.C. in the lumber industry, Michael is working towards his Sociology Degree and Sandra is at home.

Upon graduating from high school Stan worked for the Post Office in Stettler and served as Assistant Postmaster in Brooks for five years before beginning his work, in Calgary in 1977, as a Postal Inspector in Security and Investigation. He moved to Winnipeg in October 1983 to become Manager, of Corporate Security for the Mid-West Division. A position he retired from in 1994.

His Masonic life began on October 19th, 1972 with his initiation into Apollo Lodge #27 in Stettler, Alberta. He affiliated with Brooks Lodge #73 in March of 1973 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1977. Upon moving to Calgary he affiliated with Perfection Lodge #9 in 1978 and during 1982/83 he served as the District Deputy Grand Master for District #16 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Upon moving to Manitoba he affiliated with Starbuck Lodge #160 in March 1984 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1991 and 1992. During the 1993/94 Masonic year he served the Grand Lodge of Manitoba as a member of the Programme Planning and Education Committee.

His Royal Arch Masonry began in Otuskawan Chapter #9, Calgary where he was exalted in May of 1978. He affiliated with Red River Valley Chapter #21 in February of 1984 and served as their First Principal in 1987. Elected to the Grand Executive Committee for the Grand Chapter of Manitoba in 1987 he served as Grand Lecturer in 1990/91 and Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1991/92. Stan has held the Chairmanship of the Education Committee continuously since 1988. He was elected Grand

Third Principal on April 11th, 1992.

He was anointed into the Order of the High Priesthood in Manitoba in April of 1988. Stan joined Zadok Council Royal and Select Masters, Cryptic Rite Masons in Calgary in October, 1978 and affiliated with Cyrus Council #2 in Winnipeg in January 1989 where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1993. He served as Worshipful Commander Noah, Lake Winnipeg Lodge #4, Royal Ark Mariners in 1994. In December of 1991 he was received into the Red Cross of Constantine, Selkirk Conclave #6.

M.Ex.Comp.Payne has a keen interest in Masonic Education and has gathered a great deal of masonic information together which he has compiled into a Masonic Education Binder for both Craft Lodge and Royal Arch Chapters and he is the Editor of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba Bulletin. Thus making the selection of his theme "Education - Source of Light and Knowledge" most appropriate.

His year was dedicated to the late R.Ex .Comp.Bill Pollard who encouraged him to join Royal Arch Masonry.