

## Joseph Alonzo Hearn

Grand Master (1953-54 and 1955-56) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada  
in the Province of Ontario



M.W. Bro. J. A. Hearn

(1895-1968)

Joseph Alonzo Hearn was born on a farm near Markdale, Grey County, Ontario in 1895. His obituary notice in the *Globe and Mail* (December 27, 1968) shows that he had two sisters, Victoria Meta and Alice. He began his education at local schools and completed his high school education in Toronto. He joined the Ford Motor empire and formed a connection with one of Toronto's dealers. He was transferred to Montreal for a time but returned to Toronto and eventually became the owner of one of the largest Ford dealerships in the city. He served as President of the Toronto Auto Dealers' Association and also President of the Federation of Automobile Dealer Associations of Canada. He was an active member of the Toronto Board of Trade, Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Manufacturers Association.

He was an active Kiwanian, President of the Riverdale Club of Toronto and a member of the Granite Club and Big Brother Movement.

While in Montreal he met and married Miss Victoria May Kent in 1917. They were active in the St. James-Bond United Church, North Toronto.

He died at the Scarboro General Hospital, Toronto, on December 25, 1968.

## Masonic Career

Mr. Joseph Alonzo Hearn was initiated into Royal Arthur Lodge, No. 85 GRQ, Montreal in 1923. On his return to Toronto he affiliated with Canada Lodge, No. 532 GRC, Toronto in 1924 where he was passed and raised and was elected as WM (1930). He was elected as Grand Junior Warden in 1937 and elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1944 (serving on Audit and Finance and Benevolence Committees). He served as President of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada for 1950 and 1951. He was elected Deputy Grand Master (1951-52 and 1952-53 terms) and Grand Master (1953-54 and 1954-55 terms) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

He was a member of the Royal Arch (details are not known).

He was a 32° member of the Scottish Rite.

[Sources: (1) *A History of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario 1855-1955*, by Walter S. Herrington and Roy S. Foley, Published by the authority of Grand Lodge, McCallum Press Ltd., Toronto, 1955. (2) *Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario*.]