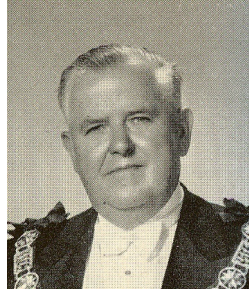


Harry Laishley Martyn, BA, BPaed

Grand Master (1957-58 and 1958-59) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



(1896-1976)

Harry Laishley Martin was born in Ripley Ontario, in 1896. He served in the Royal Navy during World War I and was stationed for a time in Scotland (where he joined the Craft). After his service he returned to Toronto and entered the University of Toronto, graduating with a BA and BPaed. He was a teacher at the Pape Avenue Public School, Head Master of Essex School, Principal of Earl Kitchener School and Church Street School, all in Toronto. He became an Inspector of Public Schools for the City of Toronto.

He served as a director of the Toronto East General Hospital for many years.

He married Miss Jessie D. Mercer of Toronto in 1923 and they had two sons: Donald Murray and John Walter, both of whom became doctors and members of St. Clair Lodge 577. The family were members of Riverdale Presbyterian Church. M. W. Bro. Harry Laishley Martyn died in Toronto on January 20, 1976.

Masonic Career

Mr. Harry Laishley Martin was initiated into Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5 SC, Edinburgh in 1918. After he came to Toronto he was a charter member of St. Clair Lodge, No. 577 GRC, Thornhill in 1921 and served as WM (1931). He was elected as DDGM of Toronto District C (1938) and first appointed to the Board of General Purposes (1943). Details of his career at Grand Lodge is not presently known, but he was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1955-56 and 1956-57) and Grand Master 1957-58 and 1958-59). From 1959 until 1973 he served as Custodian of the Work and in recognition of his work and effort, a Testimonial Dinner was held on March 28, 1974, in Toronto, which raised \$7,500 which was used to equip a room in his name at the Toronto East General Hospital.

In capitular Masonry he was exalted in the Royal Arch Chapter attached to Leith and Canongate Lodge. He affiliated with, and was a charter member, of St. Clair Chapter, No. 75 GRC, Milton (1920) and served as First Principal (1927). At Grand Chapter he was elected as Grand Principal Sojourner (1952). In Knights Templary he was a member of Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory, No. 2, Toronto and served as Presiding Preceptor (1952).

He was a member of the Toronto Lodge of Perfection and served as TPGM (1948). He was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General 33° in 1951.

He was a member of Rameses Shrine, Toronto (1930).

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland (1966).

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