## Robert Edwin Davies

Grand Master (1977-78 and 1978-79) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario



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Robert Edwin Davies was born in Mount Forest on October 5, 1931, where he received his public and elementary schooling. The early and unexpected death of his father in 1948 led to his taking over the family retail business which he has operated ever since.

In 1954 he married Annabelle Christie of Hopeville and they had three children: Kathy, Robert and Lynn. They are members of the United Church and over the years M. W. Bro. Davies has served on many committees and boards.

The family have been active in local civil affairs. M. W. Bro. Davies is a Past Director of the Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Board, former member of the Mount Forest Cameron Highlanders Pipe Band, and Past President of the Mount Forest Investment Club. Among his many personal and sports interests, he is the holder of an Advanced Amateur Radio Licence with the call sign "VE3ERD".

## Masonic Career

In *Symbolic Masonry* he was initiated in St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200 GRC, Mount Forest (1952) and served as WM (1960). He was elected as DDGM of Grey District (1961-62). In 1964 he was appointed as Past Junior Grand Warden and also to the Board of General Purposes; and elected to the Board for five successive two-year terms beginning with 1965-66. During this time he served on a number of Committees, including: Fraternal Dead and Benevolence (of which he became Chairman of the Committee). He was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1975-76 and 1976-77) and as Grand Master (1977-78 and 1978-79).

## Scottish Rite

He is a member of the Royal City Lodge of Perfection; a Past Most Wise Sovereign of the Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix; and a member of Moore Consistory, Hamilton. He was coroneted as an Honourary Inspector General 33° in 1977.

## Shrine

He is a member of Mocha Temple, London, A.A.O.N.M.S.

He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

[Sources: (1) The Freemason magazine, Vol. 98 No. 4 November 1978. (2) Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. (3) The Ontario Masonic Blue Book, Published and Edited by David Hauraney, Print Master, Etobicoke, 2000.]