

Dr. William Russel Pellow, DDS

Grand Master (1987-88 and 1988-89) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



(1930-????)

William Russel Pellow was born at Chapleau, Ontario, in 1930, and received his early education in local schools. He attended Albert College in Belleville and received a BA degree from Queen's University in 1960. He completed his studies at the University of Toronto School of Dentistry where he received a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1964.

He spent 20 years with CPR (1942-63) becoming a locomotive engineer in 1953 on the White River-Chapleau-Cartier Sub-divisions. During the next decade he was both a diesel-locomotive engineer and owner-operator of a hunting and fishing business. In 1964 he moved to London where he practiced dentistry and branched into real estate, becoming President of Pellark Inc., a land and property development company. Dr. Pellow has also taught at the University of Toronto and UWO Dental Faculties. He is a member of local, provincial and federal dental societies and has held offices in a number of dental bodies.

He married Leitha Robinson in 1955 and they have two daughters, Kimberley Anne and Arden Linda, and one son, William Robin Jackson. The family are members of the United Church.

Masonic Career

Dr. William R. Pellow was initiated into Lorne 622 GRC, Chapleau (1956). His progression as a Lodge officer was interrupted by his education. After removing to London, he affiliated with Ionic 716, London (1966) and served as WM (1972). He was elected as DDGM of London East District (1976-77) and appointed (1980) to the Board of General Purposes and elected (1982-84) to the Board, serving on several committees including Masonic Education. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master 1985-86 and 1986-87 and Grand Master 1987-88 and 1988-89. He served as Chairman of the Commission of Recognition of the Grand Lodges of North America (1987-92). He holds honorary and affiliated membership in many Lodges. He is the recipient of Masonic honours from sister Grand Lodges, including: Henry Price Medal (Massachusetts), Pierpont Edwards Medal (Connecticut), Erasmus James Philips Medal (Nova Scotia), Jeremy L. Cross Award (New Hampshire) and is an Honourary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

In the York Rite he is a member and Honourary Past First Principal of St. John's No. 3, London and Past Grand Sojourner of Grand Chapter. He is a recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America (1990). He is a member of the Scottish Rite and was coroneted as an Honourary Inspector General 33° (1988).

He was a member of Rameses Shrine, Toronto (1961) and affiliated with Mocha Shrine, London (1966) where he served as Potentate (1968).

[Sources: (1) *Annual Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. (2) *The Ontario Masonic Blue Book*, Published and Edited by David Hauraney, Print Master, Etobicoke, 2000. (3) *Whence Come We? Volume II*, 2011, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada.]