

William Thompson Anderson

Grand Master (1997-98 and 1998-99) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada
in the Province of Ontario



(1934-2002)

William Thompson Anderson was born on August 11, 1934, in Adjala Township, Simcoe County and raised in the Township of Mono, Dufferin County, where he attended public school. He graduated from the Orangeville High School and began working with the Department of Lands and Forests where he became involved in Municipal Assessment through the Provincial Land Tax Program. He transferred to the Department of Municipal Affairs, Municipal Assessment Division and completed a program in the Queen's University Extension School Municipal Assessment Accreditation Program, leading to the designation "M. I. M. A." (Member of the Institute of Municipal Assessors). When the Province of Ontario assumed all responsibility for municipal assessment he transferred to Barrie as Valuation Manager. He retired in 1990.

He married Betty Bush of Coldwater in 1959 and they have two children, Craig who lives and worked in Barrie and Heather, who served in the Canadian Navy.

He was active in church and community affairs: a choir member and committeeman of the Barrie Central United Church, including being Chairman of Finance, Chairman of Stewards, Recording Secretary of the Board and a past Chairman of the Board of the United Church's Cedar Glen Conference Centre, Bolton. He was a past President of the Coldwater Junior Chamber of Commerce, past President of the Institute of Municipal Assessors of Ontario, past chairman of the Canadian Directors of Assessment, Advisory Committee, past chairman of the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Assessing Officers.

M.W.Bro. William Thompson Anderson died on July 2, 2002.

Masonic Career

M.W.Bro. William Thompson Anderson was initiated into Karnak 492 GRC, Coldwater (Orillia) in 1962 and served as WM (1967). He was a charter member of Innisfil 737, Stroud. He was elected as DDGM of Georgian District (1987-88). He was elected to the Board from 1989 until 1995, serving on the Masonic Education, Condition of Masonry, Seminars and Workshops, Communications, Membership and Management committees. He was elected as Deputy Grand Master 1995-96 and 1996-97 and Grand Master 1997-98 and 1998-99.

He was a member of Signet Chapter 34, Barrie and was an Honorary Past First Principal.

He was a member and Past Thrice Puissant Grand Master of the Barrie Lodge of Perfection, member and Past Most Wise Sovereign of Spry Chapter of Rose Croix, and Past Commander-in-Chief of Barrie Consistory. In 1998 he was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General 33°.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

He was a member and Past Patron of Bayview Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

[Sources: (1) *Annual Proceedings* of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. (2) *Whence Come We? Volume II*, 2011, Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada.]