

Durward Ivan Greenwood

Grand Master (1995 – 1997) of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

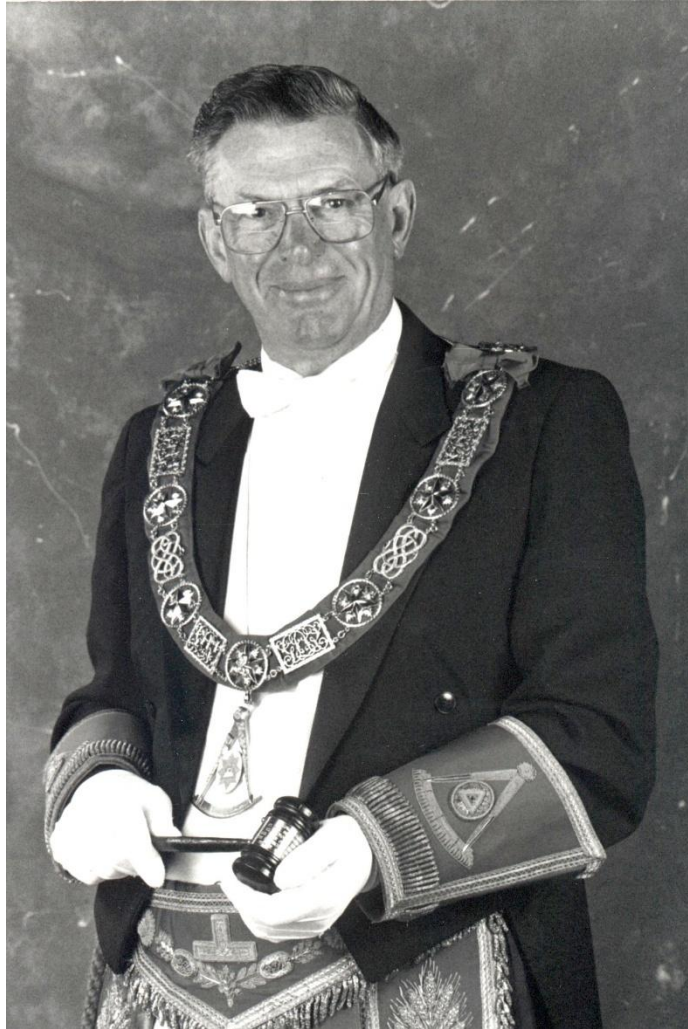


Photo from the Grand Lodge

(1925 – 2008)

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Durward Ivan Greenwood was born on December 29, 1925, in the Grand Valley where he attended both the Grand Valley Public and Grand Valley Continuation schools. With the untimely and early death of his father, he left school to work in the family business. With the formation of the Greenwood Construction Company Ltd. in 1954 he assumed the position of President, retiring in 1988.

He married Doris Standbrook in 1948, and they had three children: Robert (Cynthia), Douglas (died in 1978) and Anne Louise (Greg Penner). Both Robert and Greg became active Masons. The family were members of St. Alban's Anglican Church in Grand Valley.

M.W. Bro. Durward Greenwood died on July 25, 2008, in hospital in Brampton, Ontario. A funeral was held at St. Alban's Anglican Church on July 28, 2008.

The final resting place of M.W. Bro. Durward Ivan Greenwood is beside his wife in a plot at Grand Valley Union Cemetery, Grand Valley. The monument marking their grave includes both their names, and a Square & Compasses symbol.

Masonic Career

Mr. Durward Ivan Greenwood was initiated into Scott Lodge No. 421, Grand Valley, on December 8, 1947, and served as Worshipful Master in 1959. He was elected DDGM of Grey District in 1978.

Past DDGM Greenwood was appointed to the Board of General Purposed in 1982 and subsequently repeatedly elected from 1984 through 1992. He served on the Grand Master's Banquet, Lodge Buildings Advisory, Printing and Publications and Condition of Masonry committees. In 1993 he was elected as the Deputy Grand Master for a two-year term.

M.W. Bro. Durward Ivan Greenwood was elected in 1995 as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario, serving for a two-year term.

He was a member of Ionic Royal Arch Chapter No. 83, Orangeville and was made an Honorary First Principal.

He was a member of Emmanuel Preceptory No. 83, Brampton.

In Scottish Rite he was a member of Royal City Lodge of Perfection, Guelph Chapter of Rose Croix, and Moore Sovereign Consistory. In 1984 he was coroneted as an Honorary Inspector General 33°.

M.W. Bro. Greenwood was a member of Rameses Shrine, Toronto, A.A.O.N.M.S.

He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

M.W. Bro. Durward Ivan Greenwood was appointed as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near our Grand Lodge.

At the time of his death, M.W. Bro. Durward I. Greenwood was an honorary member of 11 other Masonic lodges.

As Grand Master

As the 67th Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Durward I. Greenwood had the sad duty to report the passing of a Past Grand Master. He said: "On Saturday, July 20, 1996, Freemasonry lost a true servant. M.W. Bro. John Alfred Irvine's passing ended a lifetime of outstanding service to family, community, country and freemasonry. ... M.W. Bro. Irvine possessed in rare balance the qualities that go to make up the really useful Masonic servant; integrity beyond reproach; unselfishness that allowed him to treat opportunities for service as synonymous with duties; ability to clearly evaluate a problem and the capacity to understand Masons and to assist them to put their Masonry on a high level."

Grand Master Greenwood focused much of his time and attention on the proper functioning of Masonic lodges. He stated: "My predecessors have been the originators of many great programmes, such as the Mentors Programme and Friend to Friend. It has been my intention to put these programmes fully to work. These progressive ideas, when properly used, have produced an influx of new, young Masons throughout Ontario, giving proof that with effort the programmes will perform." M.W. Bro. Greenwood supported those who brought forward extensions to the existing programmes; the Friend-to-Friend programme, and the Y.E.S. (You're Extra Special) Programme. These additional programmes were introduced to stimulate interest and increase awareness of Freemasonry.

The Ontario Mason magazine had been published for three years, with an excellent response from the membership. The three year trial period having elapsed, M.W. Bro. Greenwood recommended that it be continued.

Finances are an ongoing concern in any organization. M.W. Bro. Greenwood observed that some lodges were responding to financial need by turning to lotteries and games of chance. He declared that "Such fund raising activities are not sanctioned and have never received the approval of Grand Lodge. Please be extremely careful in your choice of fund raising and always seek the approval of Grand Lodge before any arrangements are put in place".

M.W. Bro. Greenwood drew his term of office to an end with "Finally, my brethren, after approximately 140,000 km by car and heaven only knows how many air miles, I thank you, one more time, for the privilege of letting me serve you as the Grand Master of this – one of the best jurisdictions on the face of this earth."

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