



Ontario Masons

Terence Shand

Grand Master (2001-2003) of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Canada in
the Province of Ontario



Photo shared by M.W. Bro. Shand

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M.W. Bro. Shand was born and educated at London, England. When he turned 15, he began full-time work. In 1957, at 16 years old, he immigrated to Canada with his parents, sister, and brother for a better life.

Terence Shand met and married Lyn when they were both quite young. He was married to Lyn for 51 years until widowed in June 2012. She is interred at Erskine Cemetery, Pickering. They had two children who gave them four grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He enjoys this close-knit family.

He retired in 1993 following 30 years of service with the Ontario Provincial Police. Early in his career he rode a motorcycle on patrol. He served in various units including those focused on crime, special services, a joint drug unit with the RCMP, and completed his career with the intelligence branch. M.W. Bro. Shand says that he enjoyed his last day with the police service as much as his first day, and every day in between.

M.W. Bro. Shand contributed his time and expertise in community service by being an Assistant Scout Master. He supported the Ajax-Pickering United Way as Chairman of the Allocations Committee to oversee how funds were distributed to the member agencies. He also served on the Town of Ajax Waterfront Advisory Committee, and the Property Standards Committee. He was Chairman of the Committee of Adjustment. Such public service runs in the family as M.W. Bro. Shand's sister was elected as a municipal councillor.

Masonic Career

Terence Shand was Initiated into Doric Lodge No. 424, Pickering, by a Policeman's Degree Team on March 19, 1970. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1975. As WM of Doric Lodge in 1975, and due to an abundance of applicants in a fast-growing community, he struck a committee to form a new lodge in what was then the Village of Pickering and proposed the name "Friendship". The lodge building was originally a Quaker building named "The Friends Meeting House" and purchased in the 1940's. Friendship Lodge UD was Instituted on May 10th, 1976, at Pickering and Constituted No. 729, on November 10th, 1976.

M.W. Bro. Shand was elected District Deputy Grand Master for Toronto District Three in 1989. M.W. Bro. Shand claims (with a smile) that this election was a fluke. In 1985 Doric Lodge held nominations to determine who from the Lodge might run for the DDGM election in 1989. There were many fine and more senior Doric Lodge Past Masters nominated, but one-by-one they all declined thus leaving M.W. Bro. Shand's nomination uncontested. He was successful in the District election for DDGM in 1989. The regalia he wore as DDGM was that worn previously by M.W. Bro. David C. Bradley.

From his earliest times as a Grand Lodge Officer M.W. Bro. Shand and his wife Lyn enjoyed the experience of socializing with other Grand Lodge Officers. This is how he

got to know and appreciate DDGMs and other Grand Lodge Officers from other parts of the jurisdiction. He especially enjoyed visiting with them across Northern and North-Western Ontario, as well as socializing with Brethren and their families following official events. The discussions with others helped him formulate and focus on the theme of "Back to the Basics". As Masons we can take pride in the past, and work to achieve satisfaction with our accomplishments today. At all times we must focus on the future because we joined the Fraternity.

Over his Masonic career M.W. Bro. Shand has accepted Honorary or Life memberships with: St John's Lodge No. 17, Cobourg, St John's Lodge No. 40, Hamilton, Richardson Lodge No. 136, Stouffville, Oak Branch Lodge No. 261, Innerkip, Doric Lodge No. 289, Lobo, Georgina Lodge No. 343, Acacia Lodge No. 430, Toronto, Bancroft Lodge No. 482, Bancroft, Cochrane Lodge No. 530, Cochrane, Dufferin Lodge No. 570, Antiquity Lodge No. 571, Toronto, Doric Lodge No. 623, Kirkland Lake, Grenville Lodge, No. 629, Thornhill, Wexford Lodge No. 683, Scarborough, Centennial Lodge No. 684, London, Friendship Lodge No. 729, Pickering, Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741, Ottawa, New Light Lodge No. 744, Waterloo, Millennium Lodge U.D., Hamilton Lodge No. 1440 E.C., Spanish Town, Jamaica, and Struma Lodge No. 49, Pernik Bulgaria.

On the advice of a mentor, R.W. Bro. Cyril Morley, M.W. Bro. Shand did not seek membership in concordant and appendant bodies until he was a Past Master of his Lodge. He became a member of Toronto Valley, Lodge of Perfection 14° & Toronto Sovereign Chapter, Princes Rose Croix 18° A.A.S.R. in 1976, and Moore Sovereign Consistory 32°, Hamilton in 1977. He served as President, Oshawa Scottish Rite Club, in 1998 and in September 1999, was coroneted Honourary Inspector General 33° by Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.

In April 2000 he became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Provincial Grand Lodge of Ontario, Canada.

In June 1977 he became a member of the A.A.O.N.M.S. – Rameses Shriners, in Toronto.

In December 1996 he joined Keystone Chapter No. 25 (now amalgamated to Pentalpha Chapter R.A.M. No. 28, G.R.C). He was inducted into the Masonic and Military Order of the Red Cross of Constantine in 2000, was appointed V. Ex. Companion, Grand Senior Sojourner in April 2003, and into the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada in 2005.

A member of the Grand Lodge Board of General Purposes since 1992, he served as a member or chairman of various committees including: Blood Donors, Communications, Management, Membership, Public Relations Committees, and Editor of *"The Ontario Mason Magazine"*.

He worked with other Communication Committee founders to develop and deliver the *DDGM Communiqué*. And he collaborated on the evolution of the Ontario Mason Magazine that was sent to every Mason in the jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Shand is a former Director and Vice President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario. He served as Chairman of several committees including Fundraising, District Projects, and Publications. He asserts that charity or philanthropy is not the purpose of Freemasonry. Our purpose is to help men become better and improve themselves through the practice of morality and virtue. Being charitable is a result of properly understanding and applying the lessons learnt within the Lodge.

He was elected Deputy Grand Master in July 1999. He required regular reports from all committee chairmen. Notably he made a point of attending at least one meeting of each committee to demonstrate his support for the work of its members. M.W. Bro. Terence Shand served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for a two-year term from July 2001 until July 2003.

The apron that M.W. Bro. Shand received when Installed as Grand Master was refurbished; in similar manner to the DDGM apron he wore. His apron as Grand Master was originally that of M.W. Bro. William Lockridge Wright DD, DCL, Archbishop of Algoma & Metropolitan of Ontario. M.W. Bro. Lockridge was Grand Master in 1955 to 1957 and died in 1990.

As Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Shand was pleased as Grand Master to re-institute the Veteran Jubilee Medal to recognize those who have given 50 years of service to our Fraternity. M.W. Bro. Shand realized that the reasons given years earlier to discontinue the medal were no longer valid. He appointed a committee to re-institute the Medal. Two who assisted in this effort eventually followed M.W. Bro. Shand to become Grand Master; they are M.W. Bro. Alan Petrisor and M.W. Bro. Raymond S.J. Daniels.

Having completed his term as Grand Master, he was appointed to the position of Grand Secretary in October 2003. He was formally elected to the role in July 2004 and served until his retirement on July 19, 2018. During the years 2004 to 2014, in consort with the respective D.D.G.M.'s he conducted numerous Saturday morning Secretary Seminars throughout our jurisdiction.

Lodge Secretaries attended a half-day symposium dealing with recent constitutional changes and a review of the responsibilities of Lodge Secretary relative to our Book of Constitution. The sessions provided an excellent forum for friendly interaction of ideas and information to address concerns, and to overview the operations of our Grand Lodge office and its staff. The sessions concluded with R.W. Bro. Robert Kliaman providing an update of the progression of related computer technology.

Through his time as Deputy Grand Master, Grand Master, and Grand Secretary, he vigorously represented our Grand Lodge around the world.

He is the Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador. In November 2002, at the World Conference of Grand Lodges, New Delhi, India, he was appointed to represent North America, and serve as Chairman of a seven continent committee to develop a Membership Dues Structure and Conference Mandate.

In 2003, he served as the Conference Committee Chairman for the North American Conference of Grand Masters at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Then in 2004 was elected to a seven-year term on the North American Commission on Information for Recognition.

Since 2004, he has served the Conference of Grand Secretaries of North America in many roles including as Chairman of the Auditing committee, and member of the Agenda and Nominating committees. In 2014 he was elected to the role of conference Chaplain. In 2015 he was elected 2nd Vice President; and then in 2016 Vice President and in 2017 served as its President. From April 2006 to April 2018, he served as the Treasurer of the All Canada Conference and was elected to serve as its President during the term 2014 - 2015. In May 2014, at the World Conference, Bucharest, Romania, he was elected a member of its conference Board.

In June 2013 at the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, held at Digby, he was awarded the Erasmus James Philipps Medal for Meritorious Service. On January 19, 2015, he received the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise Medal of Honour from M.W. Bro. Jean-Pierre Servel, Grand Master. On June 2, 2018, he received the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium, Medal of Honour from M.W. Bro. Daniel Bauwens, Grand Master.

On July 19, 2018, M.W. Bro. Shand retired as Grand Secretary, receiving the appointed title of Grand Secretary Emeritus. A portrait of M.W. Bro. Shand was added to the portraits of Past Grand Masters that are on display at the board room of our Grand Lodge office where he devoted so much time to our Craft.

There is a large portrait of M.W. Bro. Shand located at Doric Lodge No. 424. It is a digital photograph printed on canvas and not a painting, as are several other portraits of Grand Masters using the same frame design. The photographer was Bro. Mike Schram, who routinely attended the Annual Communication to capture portraits of the new Grand Lodge Officers. The frame was the project of V.W. Bro. David V. Radley, Past Grand Superintendent of Works. He took a great deal of time and expertise to transfer a dilapidated ornate and somewhat heavy alabaster frame from the Grand Lodge office basement to his home, where he made a cast of one good corner then retooled the entire frame and re-painted it gold.

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Personal communication and confirmation with M.W. Bro. Shand (November 2021 through November 2022)