



**M.:W.: BRO. WILLIAM JOSEPH MCCOID**

*16 April 1926 – 3 March 2010*

Born in Kamloops on 16 April 1926, William Joseph McCoid received his education at Kamloops High School and Sprott Shaw School in Vancouver where he took courses in railroad telegraphy, typing and shorthand. During the Second World War, he served in the RCAF as a wireless air gunner. Later, he was engaged as a railroad telegrapher for the Canadian National Railway.

In 1948 he entered the sawmill industry as superintendent of Ashcroft Lumber Co. Ltd, leaving for a similar position with BC Interior Sawmills Ltd. in 1959 where he worked until his retirement in 1971. He then served as chairman of the Kamloops Board of Referees for the Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC) for many years. Active in his community, he served as a director of the Kamloops Boys Club and president of the AOTS (As One That Serves) Men's Club in the Kamloops United Church, and was a member of the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce. An active outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing.

Initiated in Kamloops Lodge No. 10 on 29 June 1950, Passed on 18 September 1950 and Raised on 30 October 1950, he served as Master for 1968-1969, and District Deputy Grand Master of District 3 for 1973-1974. He later affiliated with Mount St. Paul Lodge No. 109 in 1980, as well as Prince Charles Lodge No. 153 (Kelowna) and Cariboo Lodge No. 4 (Barkerville).

Elected Grand Master for 1979-1980, his theme was "Let your light shine before men", once writing in the *Masonic Bulletin*: "We have traveled thus far in vain if we have failed to learn that as freemasons we exist to build, not a lodge that will pass with time, but the much more enduring temple of character." During his term, he constituted Langley Lodge No. 184 and laid the cornerstone of the Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver.

One time Representative of the Grand Lodge of Missouri near this Grand Lodge, MW. Bro. McCoid was active in the Scottish Rite as a 33° and was also a member of the Holy Royal Arch, the Royal Order of Scotland, and the Gizeh Shrine. He was also appointed Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland near this Grand Lodge until he relinquished the appointment in 2001.

Married to Lizzie Orr in 1989, he has three stepchildren; two sons and two daughters from his first wife, Muriel Bessette; and eleven grandchildren.

MW Bro. McCoid Passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 3 March 2010.

THE WILL OF GOD IS ACCOMPLISHED.