



Donald A. Campbell M.O.M.

Grand Master (2013 – 2015) of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of Canada in the Province of Ontario

Custodian of the Work

Potentate Rameses Shriners 2022



Photo from the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario

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M.W. Bro. Donald A. Campbell was born in Niagara Falls, where he received his primary, elementary and high school education. He graduated from Guelph University with a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree in Justice Studies. Additionally, he is a graduate of Humber College with a Diploma in Police Foundations Leadership with Honours. He is also a graduate of the 201st session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, graduate of the 59th Session of the DEA Drug Unit Commanders Academy, Quantico,

Virginia. He holds a Leadership Certificate from the University of Virginia and the Canadian Police College (Executive Development) in Ottawa. He has extensive emergency services training in Public Order and Crowd Management and is a trained National Incident Commander for major events. Amongst other accomplishments he was Head of Security for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II in 2010.

M.W. Bro. Campbell retired from the Toronto Police Service after serving for 46 years retiring at the rank of Staff Superintendent, Commander of Public Safety Operation. In 2015 M.W. Bro. Campbell was appointed a 'Member of the Order of Merit' of the Police Forces (M.O.M.) and was installed by the Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable David Johnston. Throughout his policing career, M.W. Bro. Campbell was a frequent guest speaker at civic and social functions.

He is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal; Canadian Police Exemplary Service Medal with 30-year and 40-year bar; the Medal of Merit for acts of personal bravery and highly meritorious police service.

A widower, M.W. Bro. was married for 34 years to the former Kathie Sauvé until her sudden passing (2010). Blessed with son Kyle (Jessica), 2 grandchildren, and daughter also named Jessica.

M.W. Bro. Campbell is a member of St. Andrews United Church and life member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, and a member of the International Chiefs of Police, and the FBI National Academy Associates.

A portrait of M.W. Bro. Campbell is displayed at Scarboro Lodge No. 635. Those attending the September 2017 ceremony for the unveiling of the portrait included M.W. Bro. Campbell's mother, and his son and his daughter. Just a month later, M.W. Bro. Campbell's mother passed away.

Masonic Career

M.W. Bro. Campbell comes from a long line of Masons in his immediate family as well as in-laws. Mr. Donald Campbell was initiated into and is an honorary life member of Scarboro Lodge No. 635, Scarborough and served as WM (1987). He is a member of The Heritage Lodge No. 730 GRC and served as WM (2002). Along with his father (Bro. Stanley) and brother (W. Bro. Robert) he is a member of King Edward VII Lodge No. 471, Niagara Falls.

Although M.W. Bro. Campbell asked his father to be his sponsor so he could be initiated in King Edward VII Lodge No. 471, his father declined. His father, Bro. Stanley

Campbell, advised that he should seek membership in a Lodge near his home so he could become active as a Mason. So M.W. Bro. Campbell approached another police officer whom he knew to be a Mason. Very soon after that there was a call to meet a senior Inspector – not a good sign for a young police officer. It turned out that the Inspector, and the Sergeant whom M.W. Bro. Campbell approached were both members of Scarboro Lodge No. 635, and willing to be his sponsors. They became mentors and life-long friends.

He is a charter member of Templum Fidelis Lodge No. 746, Bath and a member of Luxor Daylight Lodge No. 741, Ottawa. He also holds membership in Antiquity Lodge No. 571, Toronto; Canada Lodge No. 532, Pickering; Dufferin Daylight Lodge No. 570, Thornhill; Georgina Lodge No. 343, Toronto; Perfect Column Lodge No. 510, Weston; Riverdale John Ross Robertson Lodge No. 494, Toronto and York Lodge No. 156, Toronto.

M.W. Bro. Campbell was elected as DDGM Toronto 4 District (1994-1995). He served on the Board of General Purposes from July 1997 until July 2011 and served on several Committees, including Management, Membership Resources (Friend to Friend and Mentors, DDGM Orientation and Officer Progression), Public Relations, Blood Donors and the Ad Hoc Committee for Amalgamations.

He was elected as Deputy Grand Master in July 2011 (2011-2012 and 2012-2013) and as Grand Master in July 2013 (2013-2014 and 2014-2015).

M.W. Bro. Campbell is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

As Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Campbell chose to focus his charitable efforts as Grand Master to research on prostate cancer. He realized that while this is a cancer specific to men, the impact of it is on the whole family. During his term as Grand Master funds were raised and delivered to McMaster University to support advances in robotic surgery. And a Queen's University program to support those who've had prostate surgery also received support. Support for prostate research continued under the term of M.W. Bro. John C. Green.

During his term as Grand Master he often spoke on 'The Family of Freemasonry', which is also the title of a pamphlet released by Grand Lodge at the time. He also encouraged audiences to keep their priorities in the order of health, family, work, and then the family of Freemasonry.

As Grand Master M.W. Bro. Campbell maintained weekly communication with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to deal with the constant flow of

information, questions, and concerns that were directed to the Grand Lodge office. He depended on the Management Committee and the Board members to fulfil their duties.

Even as a District Deputy Grand Master and then as a Grand Lodge Officer, M.W. Bro. Campbell encouraged Brethren to recognize those with long service. He especially appreciated those who could be honoured with the William Mercer Wilson medal. His challenge has been “why wait to honour these brethren? Grant them their due.”

On August 9, 2014, M.W. Bro. Campbell attended the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F.&A.M. Province of Ontario and Jurisdiction. M.W. Bro. Campbell and M.W. Bro. C. Arthur Downes of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge have been friends for many years. M.W. Bro. Campbell was made an Honourary Past Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and was presented the jewel of Past Grand Master by M.W. Bro. Downes, who is a 50 year Past Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. Campbell is a Past Director and Past Vice President of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario.

As a Past Grand Master M.W. Bro. Campbell has accepted the role of Custodian of the Work. He was close friends with M.W. Bro. C. Edwin Drew, and M.W. Bro. Donald Mumby as they held this office.

M.W. Bro. Campbell is a member of the Lodge of Perfection and Rose Croix Chapter, Toronto Valley, Moore Sovereign Consistory, Hamilton. Coroneted Honorary Inspector General 33°, Supreme Council of Canada (2013), and was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland (2013).

He is also Past First Principal of Oakwood Chapter No. 233 and Past Very Excellent Companion Past Senior Sojourner R.A.M.

M.W. Bro. Campbell became a Shriner in 1993 at the Rameses Fall Ceremonial with his father and father in-law present and has been an active member since. He joined the Security Unit in 1994 and remains a member today. He was appointed to chair the new Joint PR committee for the Family of Freemasonry Ontario (this included three Shrine Centre's in Ontario, Grand Chapter R.A.M., A.&A.S.R., as well as Grand Lodge). He was appointed Ambassador at Large (2006-2017). Illustrious Sir Campbell was selected as the Officer of the Year in 2010 by the International Association of Shrine Provosts. He was appointed Imperial Marshalls Aide (2010-2023). He is an Honorary Member of the International Shrine Aviation Association.

Ill. Sir Campbell was elected Potentate of Rameses Shrine in 2022. His theme is “Strength in Family”.



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