

ROBERT J. TURNER, SGM 2015-2017



Robert (Bob) Turner was born in Consort Alberta June 7, 1954. His father was an Agent Operator with the C.N.R. at New Brigden, Alberta. The family moved back to Saskatchewan when Bob was 6 months old and lived in various communities in rural Saskatchewan.

Upon completing High School Bob entered the Electronics Engineering Technology program graduating in 1975. After graduation Bob joined SaskTel where he remained for 31 years, retiring in 2006.

During his career with SaskTel Bob was employed in the engineering, staff, business development and marketing departments. He also spent 11 years with SaskTel International consulting and managing various projects in the United States and England before returning to Canada in 1996. His final position was as Director of Technology managing SaskTel's entry in the Television over Internet Protocol market (MAX TV).

Since his retirement Bob has been spent his time caring for his father, who passed away in 2010, working with the various Masonic bodies, and spending his summers at the family home at Candle Lake, Saskatchewan.

Bob is a Life member of the Saskatchewan Association of Technologists and Technicians (SASTT).

-President: 1982

-Saskatchewan Director to the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT): 1983 - 1986

During his career Bob received the following Awards and Recognition

-National Achievement Award (CCTT) 1988

- Inducted into the International Hall of Fame for Engineering, Science and Technology 1992
- Outstanding Technical Achievement Award (SASTT) 2004
- Managed team that received 2003 Exceptional Engineering/Geoscience Project Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan.

Masonic Career

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

Initiated in *North West Mounted Police Lodge #11 GLS*: 1997.

Served as Worshipful Master: 2011.

Appointed Grand Senior Deacon: 2013-2014.

Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan

Exalted *Prince of Wales Chapter #27 GRS*: 1999.

Received Alfred Tingle Keystone Award: 2001.

Served as First Principal: 2005.

Appointed, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia & Yukon: 2005.

Affiliated *Prince Albert Chapter #2 GRS*: 2007.

Elected Grand First Principal: 2007-2008.

Elected Grand Registrar : 2009-2013.

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Currently serving as Grand Treasurer.

Received the Degree of Past Master

Grand Chapter of Alberta: 2008

Victoria Chapter #1 GRBC&Yukon: 2009

Honorary Memberships:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon: 2014.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta: 2005.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba: 2008.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Montana: 2007.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota: 2007.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota: 2006.

Order of the High Priesthood of Saskatchewan

Anointed, Consecrated and Set Apart as a High Priest: 2005.

Elected President

Currently serving as Recorder: since 2012.

Honorary Memberships:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of BC & Yukon: 2014.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta: 2007.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba: 2008.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota: 2007.

General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

Named a Permanent Member 2008

Cryptic Rite Masons of Western Canada Royal and Select Masters

Chosen as Select Master *Saskatchewan Council #6*: 2002.

Thrice Illustrious Master: 2009.

Order of the Silver Trowel: 2010

Appointed Grand Steward Saskatchewan District: 2010- 2011.

Elected Grand Inspector General Saskatchewan District: 2012-2013

Currently Serving as Grand Principal Conductor of the Works

Honorary Memberships:

Grand Council of Cryptic Rite Masons of North Dakota: 2006

Royal Ark Mariners of Western Canada

Elevated Royal Arch Mariner Sask. Lodge #6: 2002

Worshipful Commander Noah: 2012

Currently serving as Grand Junior Warden “Shem”

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada of the United Religious and Military Orders of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta and of the Temple:

Proclaimed Knight in *Wascana Preceptory No.51*: 2001.

IORC; Malta; Novice and Installation; Consecration: 2001.

Presiding Preceptor: 2005-2006.

Appointed District Grand Standard Bearer Saskatchewan District: 2008-2009.

Appointed Grand Guard: 2009- 2010.

Currently serving as Provincial Grand Prior Saskatchewan District.

Honorary Memberships:

Grand Commandery Knight Templar State of Montana

York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Order of Knight of York - *Prairie Lily College #71* : 2005.

Served as Governor: 2009-2010

Currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer since 2013

Allied Masonic Degrees

Received in *Wakomow Council #211 GRC* & Anointed Man at Arms and an Esquire of the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri: 2006

Knight of Constantinople- *Wakomow Council #211 GRC*: 2006

Grand Tyler of Solomon - *Wakomow Council #211 GRC*: 2006

Coroneted Knight of the Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri: 2009.

Served as Sovereign Master: 2010

Raised to Knight Commander: 2011

Elected Grand Junior Warden: 2011
Coroneted Knight Grand Cross: 2011
Order of the Bath- Grand Session of AMD Canada: 2011
Elected Grand Senior Warden: 2012
Order of the Corks - Grand Session of AMD Canada: 2012
Elected Deputy Grand Master: 2013 – 2 year term.
Appointed, Chairman “Time & Place” Committee: 2013 - 2015.
Chairman, Grand Executive Committee: 2013 - 2015.

Appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Council of Western Australia: 2015.

Installed as Sovereign Grand Master of the Order: 2015 – 2 year term.
Coroneted Supreme Grand Cross: 2015

Red Cross of Constantine

Installed a Knight Companion of the Red Cross of Constantine- *Saskatchewan Conclave #14*: 2006.

Currently serving as Sovereign.

Knights of the York Cross Of Honour

Inducted into *Western Canada Priory #35*: 2012.
Honorary Member *Manitoba Priory #69*: 2013

Holy Order Arch Knights Templar Priests

Admitted a Knight Templar Priest - *St. John the Almoner Tabernacle*: 2011

Currently VII Pillar

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of Canada

Regina Lodge of Perfection 14°: 2010.
Regina Chapter of Rose Croix 18°: 2011.
Saskatchewan Consistory 32°: 2011.

Order of the Secret Monitor

Inducted into the Order, *Saskatoon Conclave #5* : 2005.
Prince of the Order- *Saskatoon Conclave 5*: 2006
Commissioned as Supreme Ruler: 2010.
Served as Supreme Ruler: 2011.

Appointed Grand Registrar: 2011-2012.

Currently Member of Grand Executive.

Society of Rosicrucian in Canada

Admitted *Lux in Occident College*: 2007

AAONM

Fezzed a Noble – *WA WA Shrine AAONMS*: 1999

President *Pipes and Drums Unit: 2004*
President *5-50 Unit: 2011*

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

SGM's Inaugural Address 2015

8 August 2015

M. Ven. The Past Sovereign Grand Master, Distinguished visitors, Grand Council Officers, Brethren,
Good Afternoon.

I stand here today both Honoured and Humbled by your decision to elect me as your Sovereign Grand Master. I promise you that I will do my best to uphold and maintain the dignity of this High Office and follow the bright example set by my predecessors.

I would like to thank M. Ven. Bro. William Laycock SGC, PSGM and the team for the professional manner in which I was installed in this high office.

To our Past Sovereign Grand Masters thank you for your support and attendance at our Grand Assembly. You are the foundation that keeps this organization going.

Unfortunately M. Ven. Bro. Bill Liepert SGC. PSGM could not be with us today due to health reasons. Bill has been a mentor to me in all my York Rite travels and is the one that brought me into AMD.

To our Deputy Grand Master R. Ven. Bro Bill Sequi, Congratulations. I look forward to working with you the next 2 years and know that your vast experience and knowledge will be an asset to this Grand Council

To all the elected and appointed Grand officers and Chairman of various Committees I thank you for taking the responsibilities of this Grand Body. I know you will be an asset to this Grand Council and look forward to working with you. To the officers and committee chairs that are remaining in office, I thank you for your continued service to this organization.

To the ones retiring, I thank you for your years of service.

Two that I am going to single out are, Bill Laylock for 27 years and Larry Halliday for 19 years. Both have stated they are stepping back to enjoy their retirement years and thank them and wish them well.

To the Grand Secretary R. Ven. Bro. Brian Rountree. Thank you for your commitment and hard work to this Grand Body. It has been a pleasure working with you these past two years and I look forward to the next two as you point me in the right direction.

To all the members of AMD Councils without you this Grand Council would not exist. Your presence here today shows your dedication to AMD.

To our visiting Brethren and representatives of sister Jurisdictions

Your presence here today means so much to us. It is my hope that your visit was both pleasurable and profitable. Please take away our warm fraternal greetings and I look forward to attending your Grand Sessions.

To the members of the organizing committee thank you for your work in making this one of our greatest Assemblies.

My Brethren

During my Masonic journey one of the rewarding experiences I have encountered is the opportunity of visiting with the Brethren from across Canada and the World.

This has allowed me to meet and kindle friendships with many great men who have similar values to mine. My plans are to visit every Council at least once during my term. I am in the process of finalizing this year's itinerary after I have made arrangement to Consecrate *Borealis* and *Golden Horseshoe Councils* this fall.

What drew me to AMD? Something that I found was missing in other Masonic bodies and that was the emphasis on research and discussion. Unfortunately as I read emails from and the report of R. V. Bro. John Reynolds, Editor of *The Architect*, I found that this seems to be declining in parts of our organization. I concur with his recommendation that each Council submit two papers per year. We do not want to lose what is our main purpose of our existence.

Lastly I could not finish without thanking our IPSGM, M. Ven. Bro. Prince Selvaraj, SGC, for his devotion to the duties of his office and his mentoring these past two years. You are a credit not only to this Grand Council but to all of Masonry and you are to be congratulated on all that you have accomplished. You have brought the Allied Masonic to the forefront of Masonic Organizations in visibility and growth. Your energy in carried out your duties is commendable and I must say you will be are a hard act to follow.

Before we close, Brethren, thank you again for taking the time to attend this Assembly: have a safe trip home and I hope to see you in Victoria next year.

M. Ven. Bro. Robert Turner SGC

Sovereign Grand Master