

## Our 40<sup>th</sup> Grand Principal 1963-1964

John Wilfred Hill QC BA



Born in Toronto on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1891. Moved West with parents in 1904.

Passed matriculation examination in Ontario with honors and is an honor graduate in Arts of the University of Toronto, specializing in political science. Served in Air Force in First World War.

Studied law at Wetmore Hall Law School in Regina and on graduation won the law societies gold medal. Has practice law in Regina since admission to the bar appointed a Queen's counsel.

Served on the Regina Public School Board, is a past President of the Regina Community chest, past President of the Regina YMCA, past President of the Regina Bar Association and received the Regina United Appeal Citation for community service.

In 1918 he married Fern Victoria MacPherson of Regina and has a three daughters, one son, and ten grandchildren.

Initiated, passed and raised in St. Andrews Lodge No. 174, A.F. & A.M., G.R.S., in 1946. Worshipful Master in 1962.

Exalted in Wascana Chapter No. 1 R.A.M., in 1947, First Principal in 1958.

Greeted in Saskatchewan Council No. 6, Royal and select Masters in 1949. Thrice illustrious master in 1958. Grand Inspector General of Saskatchewan in 1962.

Consecrated in Wascana Preceptory No. 51 K.T., in 1948. Preceptor in 1955. Provincial Grand Prior in 1963 -64.

Installed a knight companion of the Red Cross of Constantine in Saskatchewan Conclave No. 14. in 1957. Most Puissant Sovereign in 1963.

Member of Wa-Wa Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Regina.

Was first chairman and is still a member of the Advisory Council of Regina Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

In religion, an Anglican and served for some years on the Vestry of St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral Regina.

( As per the proceedings 1964)

## Tidbits and Trivia:

**Woodrow Lloyd**  
8th Premier of Saskatchewan  
In office  
November 7, 1961 – May 22, 1964



**The Honourable**  
**Frank Lindsay Bastedo**  
QC UE

11th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

In office

February 3, 1958 – March 1, 1963

**The Honourable**  
**Robert Hanbidge**  
QC

12th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

In office

March 1, 1963 – February 2, 1970

### **FIRST MEASLES VACCINE IS APPROVED**

**The first measles vaccine is approved for use in Canada. Prior to the vaccine's introduction, up to 400,000 cases occurred annually in the country.**

February 4: Defence Minister Douglas Harkness resigns after Prime Minister Diefenbaker refuses to accept nuclear weapons from the United States

February 5: The Diefenbaker government collapses over the Bomarc Missile Crisis and an election is called

March 1: Simon Fraser University is founded

April 8: Federal election: Lester Pearson's Liberals win a minority, defeating John Diefenbaker's PCs

April 9: Canadian Recording Industry Association is established

April 20: The Front de libération du Québec sets off its first bombs in Quebec

April 22: Lester Pearson becomes Prime Minister, replacing John Diefenbaker

May 27: The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology opens

June 17: 1963 Alberta general election: Ernest Manning's Alberta Social Credit Party wins an eighth consecutive majority

July 22: The Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism is announced

September 21: Place des Arts opens in Montreal

September 25: 1963 Ontario general election: John Robarts's PCs win a sixth consecutive majority

November 29: 118 are killed in the Trans-Canada Air Lines Flight 831 crash near Sainte-Thérèse, Quebec

December 23: plans to build the National Arts Centre are approved

**In closing if any chapter has any thing, they would like to submit for the information of the membership please email articles or pictures to Grand Scribe E and I will try to add them to the next issue.**