

## In Memoriam ROBERT MACK WHEELER PAST GRAND PATRON, 2021 - 2022 1953 – 2023

Our Heavenly Father has again reached down and taken in His hand, Brother Robert Mack Wheeler, one of our beloved members, and has led him to a place of rest when he entered the gates of His Kingdom on June 27, 2023. Bob was born in Port

Angeles, Washington on September 26, 1953. He passed away on June 27, 2023, in Wenatchee, Washington after a courageous battle with health issues.

Bob was a member of Kiwanis, the Port Angeles High School Class of 1972, Radio Station KONP, the Olympic Laundry, The Masonic Order, Eastern Star, The Bobs, Rainbow, DeMolay.

Bob became a Master Mason in February 1975. He presided over Port Angeles Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1982, his first of several terms in the East. He was a Life Member of Mount Olympus Lodge No. 298, Port Angeles Lodge No. 69 and Lodge Alba No. 315. Port Angeles was his home lodge. Bob received his 25-, 35- and 45-Year Service Awards. On February 6, 2009, he received the Hiram Award and on January 6, 2022, he received the Grand Master Achievement Award.

Brother Bob was initiated into Esther Chapter #19, Order of the Eastern Star on November 24, 1975. He served as Worthy Patron in 2003, 2009, 2010, 2013 and 2016 and was commissioned as Grand Representative of Quebec in Washington on August 7, 2006. He was also a Life Member of Esther Chapter. In May of 2023 he became a Plural Member of Naomi Chapter #13.

At the 2019 Grand Chapter Session Bob was elected Grand Sentinel in the Renaissance Grand Family under Past Grand Matron JoDee Desrosier and Past Grand Patron Neil Glessing. He served two years as Associate Grand Patron for the Heartsong Grand Family under Past Grand Matron Pamela Lee and Past Grand Patron Charlie Tewalt and had the privilege to serve as Worthy Grand Patron with Worthy Grand Matron Darlene Wiggins, Crystal Snowflake Grand Family during the "Let It Snow" Session.

Bob is survived by his wife Deborah and his children Chris, Amber and Chad and three grandsons.

Donations may be sent to the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund in his name. A Memorial Service was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August at the Port Angeles Masonic Center, Port Angeles, Washington.

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories. Remember, we all have choices in Life, I hope you choose to "Love One Another." Brother Bob, we will miss you.

That all may share in this tribute to his memory, we ask that this memorial be read at the first stated meeting after its receipt, and the Altar draped in his memory.

Judy Turchin Worthy Grand Matron Darel Maxfield Acting Worthy Grand Patron

Patricia DeMuth Grand Secretary