

*In Memoriam*

**ANDY ARNE HAAPALA, Worthy Grand Patron 1976-77**

**1918-2017**



Andy Arne Haapala, Past Grand Patron, passed away on July 10, 2017 at the age of 99. Andy and his Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Gloria Radtke, presided over the 89<sup>th</sup> "New Horizons Session" in 1977 at the University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse in Tacoma.

Born on June 21, 1918 in Wilkeson, WA to Finnish immigrant parents Karl and Hilma Haapala he worked on the family farm in South Prairie from an early age. He attended Suomi College, now Finlandia University, in Hancock Michigan with plans to become a Lutheran minister before transferring to Washington State University where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. After his parent's retirement Andy took over management of their farm and turned it into a successful wholesale egg business, the A & S Egg Supply Company, which he ran with his wife Shirley and their three sons before moving his business and investment interests to commercial real estate in King, Pierce and Thurston counties. He and Shirley, a cellist with the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, were married January 23, 1943.

Shirley & Andy were initiated into Mt. Rainier Chapter #61 in Buckley, now merged with Guiding Star Chapter #99, on June 13, 1951 and served as Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron in 1958-59. Shirley served as Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Washington in 1970-71 presiding over the 83<sup>rd</sup> "Golden Harvest Session" with Worthy Grand Patron James Brown at the University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse in Tacoma in 1971. Andy was elected to the office of Grand Sentinel at the 1974 Grand Chapter Session and served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1976-77. Andy served the Grand Chapter of Washington as a member of the Jurisprudence, Finance, Emma P. Chadwick Home, International Temple and Education Loan Fund Committees among others.

Andy also served as Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge, Western Cascade #61, in 1956 and was a member of Afifi Temple of the Shrine and the Scottish Rite Lodge. In 1964 Andy served as President of the Pierce County Republican Party and was an alternate State delegate to the Republican National Convention that same year. Elected to the office of Director of District 4 of the Franklin Pierce School District he served two terms from 1966-1970. Shirley & Andy were accomplished ballroom dancers and founding members of the Tahoma Dance Club. Active in the Presbyterian Church most of his adult life Andy served as an Elder of his church, Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. He was also an avid golfer and enjoyed following W.S.U. Cougar football.

After Andy remarried he and his wife Jeanette, a retired elementary school teacher, moved to Gig Harbor where they were long-time residents and attended the Fox Island Alliance Church. Jeanette served as Worthy Matron of Mt. Rainier Chapter in 1982-83 and was appointed a Deputy Instructor in 1983-84 by Worthy Grand Matron Marjorie Barnett.

Andy is preceded in death by his wife of 32 years, Past Grand Matron Shirley Haapala and their eldest son Donald Haapala. He is survived by his sons David Haapala of Tacoma and Brother Roger Haapala of New York City, three grandsons and one great-granddaughter. He is also survived by his second wife Jeanette Haapala of Lake Stevens.

**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.**

*Jean Ballard*

*Al Cramer*

*Worthy Grand Matron*

*Worthy Grand Patron*

*Irene G. Jacobs*

*Grand Secretary*