

In Memoriam  
**BROTHER PETER COLTON**



Worthy Grand Patron  
1990-1991

Entered into Rest on February 12, 2005. At the Halifax Infirmary in Halifax, NS. Brother Peter was born in Brokenhead, Manitoba. He was a member of the Canadian Armed Forces and served a tour in Europe with NATO. He retired after 32 years of service as a Warrant Officer. Following his retirement from the Armed Forces, he worked for a number of years as Commissionaire for NBCC heavy equipment training Centre in Miramichi.

Brother Peter attended St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Miramichi and served as a Diocesan Layreader for many years. He first joined the Masonic Lodge in 1966 in Belgium. In 1988, Brother Peter affiliated with Miramichi Lodge #18 F&AM in Chatham, NB from Hiram Lodge #14 in Courtenay, British Columbia. In 2000, he became Worshipful Master. Brother Peter was a Past First Principal and Past District Deputy of Mount Lebanon Chapter #5 Royal Arch Masons in Chatham; Past First Grand Principal of Royal Arch Masons of New Brunswick; a member of Ivanhoe Perceptory #36 Knights Templar in Moncton, NB; and a member of Luxor Shrine in Saint John, NB.

Brother Peter joined the Order of the Eastern Star in May of 1978. He served as Worthy Patron for the first time in 1983 and held that position on several other occasions. Brother Peter served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1990-1991 with Sister Ann Lister as his Worthy Grand Matron. Their year culminated with the Session "Unity of Faith & Love" which was held in Fredericton, NB. Brother Peter was currently Grand Representative of Manitoba.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Marjorie Colton, PGM, and by one son, Terry Colton (Denise) of Quispamsis; daughter-in-law Joyce of Chaulk River, Ontario; one sister Anne Krowchuck of Winnipeg, Manitoba; two brothers, Mike (Stephanie) of Kelowna, BC and Stanley of Sarnia, Ontario. Brother Peter is also survived by four grandchildren, Matthew, Stacy, Peter and Alexandria; two great-granddaughters, Terri and Madison, and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one son, Perry Bruce, and two brothers, Andrew and Ignace.

Prince Charles Chapter #27 held a Memorial Service at Northumberland Funeral Home on Monday, February 14th at 6:30 PM, which was followed by a Masonic Service. The Funeral Service, conducted by Rev. Richard Steeves, was held from the Northumberland Funeral Home Chapel on February 15th, 2005. Burial will be later in the Spring.

We extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Sister Marjorie, his son Terry and to his entire family as well as to the members of Prince Charles #27.

*“Somewhere our hands shall clasp their hands once more,  
And those with whom we walked on earth before,  
Will meet us in the bright and glorious land,  
And then perhaps sometime we’ll understand.  
And only through our sorrows, yours and mine,  
Will we someday enjoy that life divine. ”*

**Donna Allen**  
Worthy Grand Matron

**John Murray**  
Worthy Grand Patron

Brenda J. Saunders, PGM  
Grand Secretary

**PETER COLTON Past Grand Patron**

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Brother Peter was initiated into Prince Charles Chapter No. 27 in May of 1978 and served as Worthy Patron several times, beginning in 1983. He served this Grand Jurisdiction as Worthy Grand Patron in 1990-1991 with Sister Ann Lister as his Worthy Grand Matron. Their year culminated with the “Unity of Faith and Love” Session in Fredericton, NB. Brother Peter was currently Grand Representative of Manitoba in NB.

Brother Peter was larger than life. When he walked into a room with his military bearing, he appeared to fill the room with his presence and when he spoke his military police voice soon got our attention. Many images come to mind when trying to express a memorial to Brother Peter. In his role as Anglican Diocesan Layreader, wearing his tuxedo with his Masonic apron or as Past Patron of Prince Charles Chapter or proudly wearing his Past Grand Patron’s jewel at Grand Chapter and who can forget his military bearing when presenting the Canadian Flag. His affiliation with all the Fraternal Bodies was a great part of his life. There’s the image of Brother Peter driving a van-load of women to Star meetings here in New Brunswick and other Jurisdictions where we would shop, pack the van with parcels to a point where he would just look at us, roll his eyes, look heaven-ward for help, shake his head and carry on knowing full well he was outnumbered by “Marj” and his “Harem”.

The image of Peter standing out in the rain after a Chapter meeting when I had driven off thinking he was in the back seat. I had heard the door open and shut but after a few minutes of driving, Marjorie asked, “Shirley, where’s Peter?” Off-handedly I replied “in the back seat, Marj, why?” She said, “No he isn’t”. Then we swung a U-turn back to the building and sure enough, there was Brother Peter standing in the rain and believe me not even a little bit amused when he entered the car. When he could get a word in over our laughter he said chuckling, “You’d better be ready for payback, Shirley.”

Those of us in Prince Charles Chapter will always carry the image of Peter showing “new recruits” how to wire the cones and bows on to the Christmas wreaths we sold as a fund raiser. This was a man who visited the sick and called at the houses to inquire how you were if he thought you had looked tired or unwell when he last saw you. His family was the center of his universe and it was such fun to sit and have him

talk about his boys, Bruce and Terry and his grandchildren. He was so proud the night he installed Sister Marjorie as

Worthy Grand Matron. This was the soft side of Brother Peter; the other side was of motivator and doer - when he decided something had to be done he planned it, he organized it, and then pulled us all right along with him, sometimes kicking and screaming, but the job got done and we all got to feel the pride of a completed project.

So many images over the 26 years I have known him. I'm sure most of you have your own images of your time with Brother Peter. I hope I have given you a picture today of who he really was - a man of principle, a man of Faith in his God, a husband, a father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and brother in-law who has left many wonderful memories for all of us to share with each other during the coming years.

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