Tribute to Brother Ted Stadnick
Worthy Grand Patron 1983-1984
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A tribute to Brother Ted who passed away Tuesday, October 1, 2013. He was born and grew up in a town Beaubier, Saskatchewan, eleventh member of a family of fourteen. Ted grew up in the “Dirty Thirties”. In spite of the hardships they were a happy family. Ted was an excellent student and a great ball player.

When World War II came along, he joined the Navy, and became a shipwright doing convoy duty on a frigate named “The Springhill”. Following his discharge, he came to Regina and became a finishing carpenter joining Hillsden and Company. He pursued his carpentry trade and soon became the building superintendent.

In 1970 he and a Scottish man named Mel Douglas, nephew of Premier Tommy Douglas, formed a successful company named TELMED Co. They built 27 schools, Royal Banks, Credit Unions, hospitals, churches and office buildings in Saskatchewan.

He met Joyce while building the hospital in Kipling. It was a loving union for 65 years. Ted joined the Legion on his return home from the war. He was President and Secretary Manager for the 50th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. In 1959, Ted joined the Masonic Order Assiniboia Lodge and in 1961, they formed Sherwood Lodge and he became a Master that year. He joined Excelsior Chapter #21 on May 25, 1968. Along with his wife Joyce, they were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron in 1975.

At the time of his passing, he was my Warder in Chapter #21. In 1983, he was elected WGP at the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan serving with the late Ruby Sparling of Regina Chapter #7. At that time, I was a Page for them along with Sister Joyce; pretty in our pink gowns.

He worked tirelessly on the Home Fund Committee for many years and eventually successfully selling the Star Home to the Government.

In 1989 he was thrilled to be appointed to the first General Grand Chapter Membership Committee. In the three year term, he and Joyce travelled to five Jurisdictions -- British Columbia and the Yukon, Alberta, North Dakota, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan.

Being a sports lover, he played volleyball at the YMCA -- winning three Provincial consecutive titles. He was an ardent Saskatchewan Roughrider fan for over 40 years. He also played a mean game of golf. He was a member of the Lakeview United Church, taught Cubs and Scouts for several years. In 1986 he joined the WaWa Shrine Temple, becoming Captain of the Drill Core for 17 years. Their Precision Drill Core came in first in many competitions but the highlight came in 2002 in Vancouver when they proudly won the trophy for North America. He was a loving and proud husband to Joyce, father to Blair and Brian and grandfather to Dr. Tiffany, Dr. Nicole and Kayla Stadnick.

Goodbye dear friend. We will miss you.