



In Memoriam
John Paul Fitzsimmons ~ 1936-2020
Past Grand Patron 1990-1991

Our Golden Chain has once again been broken and Brother J. Paul Fitzsimmons entered the Heavenly gates on January 31, 2020. John Paul was born on March 5, 1936 to John and Lois Fitzsimmons in Pomeroy, Washington. He graduated from WSU in 1959 with a degree in Horticulture, Animal Husbandry & Soils and Business.

While attending WSU, John married his high school sweetheart Florence Burns. They were blessed with three children: son John and daughters Sherri and Susan. After graduating, J. Paul went to work for the National Bank of Commerce where he began managing and training bank employees. He finished his banking career at the Wheatland Bank and retired in 2001.

J. Paul was very community-minded and giving in whatever community he lived in. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, the Masonic Brethren, El Katif Shrine, Royal Order of Scotland, and the Order of the Eastern Star. He served in many capacities in each of these organizations throughout his life. He also had been active in the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fire Department, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, and the United Fund. After retirement he enjoyed setting up and volunteering at the local rest stops serving coffee and cookies to many travelers.

J. Paul served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Aileen Hedlund as Worthy Grand Matron in 1990-1991 and during the "A Wayside on the Road of Life" Grand Chapter Session in 1991.

J. Paul is survived by Florence, their three children, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his Sister Betty.

*"We feel so sad when those we love
are called to live in the home above.
But they have but gone to prepare the way
and we'll meet them again some happy day.
For God has told us that nothing can sever
A life He created will live on forever.
So let God's promise soften our sorrow
And give us new strength for a brighter tomorrow.*

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM on March 13, 2020, at the Chapel of Strate Funeral Home, 505 10th Street, Davenport, Washington.

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

*Pamela Lee
Worthy Grand Matron*

*Irene Jacobs
Grand Secretary*

*Charlie Tewalt
Worthy Grand Patron*