



## *In Memoriam*

### **KENNETH KESSLER PAST GRAND PATRON 1922-2014**

Brother Kenneth "Ken" Kessler was born to Mary and Michael Kessler on February 12, 1922, in Belt, MT and passed away peacefully on January 11, 2014 with his wife Jean and their two sons at his side. Ken was the 9<sup>th</sup> of 11 children and he was the last surviving sibling. As a child, he moved to Seattle with his parents and siblings.

As a teenager Ken served in the CCC. In high school his ability to draw was recognized and he became a draftsman at Green and Winkler then later at Boeing, working in Master Layout.

Ken joined the US Coast Guard and served in the South Pacific aboard the USS Leonard Wood. He married Jean in 1947 and they had 67 ½ wonderful years together. He worked for Pacific Northwest Bell as a draftsman and retired 36 years later as a Staff Manager in charge of power plants in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and was proud of both sons as they became Eagle Scouts.

Ken joined Totem Lodge F & AM, Nile Shrine and Amethyst Chapter # 138, OES, serving the chapter as Worthy Patron several times and was a Life Member. In 1980 he was elected Grand Sentinel and served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Eileen Wonders as Worthy Grand Matron in 1982.

One of the highlights on his Eastern Star Trail was to act as Washington General Chairman of General Grand Chapter for Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Carol Strizek, in 1985.

When not busy in his Masonic and Eastern Star life, Brother Ken enjoyed playing golf, photography and woodworking. He was active in his community at Panorama, assisting in the Computer Center and working on committees for the Aquatic Center and Auditorium.

Brother Ken is survived by his wife of 67 ½ years, Jean; sons Don (Andra) and Keith (Julie), three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Please send Remembrances to the Charity of your choice.

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

*Stephanie Hoye  
Worthy Grand Matron*

*Irene G. Jacobs  
Grand Secretary*

*Rodger Collins  
Worthy Grand Patron*