

In Memoriam



Brother John A. Newell , PGP - Worthy Grand Patron 1999-2000

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star - Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

A golden link in the chain of our Past Grands has once again been broken with the passing of Brother John A Newell, PGP in Sydney, NS, May 29 ,2025 at the age of eighty-nine.

Brother John was born in Sydney ,Nova Scotia, on Oct 6,1935.He was the son of Jack and Jean Newell.

John served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1955 to 1960 including 26 months on HMCS Bonaventure. After being honourably discharged from the Navy in 1960 he began a 23-year career with Sobeys Stores Ltd. He retired as a District Manager for Northern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Politics played a large part in his life with his election as councillor for District # 8 in the former Cape Breton County where he served two terms. From there he was elected the MLA for the district of Cape Breton the Lakes of the Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature serving two four-year terms.

In 1969 John married Carole Turner from Glace Bay NS. They shared a devoted marriage for over 56 years. He was very proud of their son John Glen.

John was a lifelong member of Westmount United Church serving as Chair of the Building Committee. As well as Chair of the Official Board for over 30 years and a member of the choir for over 40 years.

John was a devoted veteran serving as a member of Branch #126 of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 60 years. As well as serving as President of the Cape Breton Naval Veterans Association.

John was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 1983 in East Lake Lodge # 127 where he served as Worshipful Master four times. He is now a member of Sydney Lodge # 84.He served as District Deputy Grand Master for Cape Breton District # 1 in 2013-2014.

He was initiated into Queen Elizabeth Chapter # 14 in 1989. He served his chapter many times as Worthy Patron. He was elected as Grand Sentinel in 1997 and continued to Worthy Grand Patron, serving with Sister Joan Campbell Worthy Grand Matron at the "Cherish Today" Grand Chapter Session in July 2000. He served as Housing Chairman for Canda for the 47th Triennium General Grand Chapter Assembly held in Forth Worth Texas in 2012.

John was a devoted Husband, Father, Veteran, Mason, OES Member and Friend. He will be missed.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Sister Carole, their son Glen and the members of Celtic Star Chapter # 19 and Sydney Lodge #84.

In loving tribute to Brother John , this Memorial is to be read in each Chapter and the Altar draped.

Helen Szucs

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Worthy Grand Matron

William F. Clark
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Tony Szucs

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