

Illustrious Sir Perry McConnell

Perry was born and grew up in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He graduated College with a Diploma in Chemical Technology and worked for Health Canada. In 1979 he decided on a career change and joined the Ottawa Fire Department where he continued a long family tradition of firefighters in Ottawa. He was promoted through the ranks to the position of Assistant Deputy Chief. During his fire service career he received his B.A. from Carleton University in Public Administration and Employment Law. He was also actively involved with the Emergency Management Unit of the City and developed the Emergency Plan for the Fire Service and the City as a whole.

Perry is Past Master of Glengarry Highland Masonic Lodge No. 418 and currently the Lodge Secretary. In 1992 he joined Tunis Shriners after receiving his 32nd degree as a member of the Lodge of Perfection, the Murray Chapter of Rose Croix and the Ottawa Consistory. He immediately joined the Director's staff and rode a mini bike for many years and remained a member of the Tunis Director Staff. He was appointed to the Divan as Outer Guard in 1996 where he moved up year by year and stayed busy on many committees and programs, He is a member of the Capital Shrine Club, the Legion of Honour and was the Governor at Large in the Shrine Directors Association for many years. In 2005 he was elected Potentate of Tunis Shriners.

In 2010 he was elected as Grand Registrar for the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He served as a Member of The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge. In addition to that position, he was elected and assumed the duties of the Recorder for Tunis Shriners since 2011. Over the past number of years he has served in the position of Director of the Masonic Foundation of Ontario and also a Director in the Retired Ottawa Firefighters Association. On April 23rd of 2022 he was honoured by the appointment as the Director General for the Shrine Directors Association and is looking forward to aiding in its successful and very important contribution to Shriners International.