



THE UNITED GRAND CHAPTER OF AUSTRALIA

Order of the Eastern Star

HAVING JURISDICTION WITHIN THE STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA AND ITS DEPENDENCIES

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IN MEMORIAM

BROTHER WILLIAM ROBERT COOPER
MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2007 - 2009

Brother William Robert Cooper, known to us all as 'Bill' was initiated into Carnation Applecross Chapter No. 84 on 9th May 1990 and was a Member until 13th November 2019 when the Chapter became dormant.

On 5th October 2012 Brother Cooper affiliated into Perth Chapter No. 46 and remained a Member until his passing to a Higher Chapter on 4th April 2020.

Brother Cooper served both his Chapters as a loyal and committed Member having been Worthy Patron of Carnation Applecross Chapter No. 84 during 14 terms and also carrying out the duties of Associate Patron and Chaplain of Perth Chapter No. 46 on numerous occasions.

Brother Cooper served the State of Western Australia as Deputy Grand Patron during the 1993 – 1995 Biennium with the late Sister Susan Wilson as Deputy Grand Matron. He continued as a Delegate for Western Australia on United Grand Committees until June 1997 when he was installed as Worthy Grand Fraternal Correspondent of The United Grand Chapter of Australia.

After progressing through the various Worthy Grand Office-bearer positions Brother Cooper was honoured to be installed as the Most Worthy Grand Patron, serving the 2007 – 2009 Biennium with Sister Elizabeth Watt of South Australia as Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Over the years Bill travelled extensively to all the Australian States fulfilling his United Grand Chapter duties. He is remembered as being the 'life and soul of the party' and always willing to take part in Committee discussions for the good of the Order. We all admired how he coped with his health problems over the past 14 years and especially during his term as Most Worthy Grand Patron.

He served the Order of the Eastern Star very well and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

Sincere sympathy is extended to his devoted Partner, Sister Helen McLaughlan IPMWGM, his sons Mark and Bruce, his daughter-in-law Melissa and grandson Hayden.

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Worthy Grand Secretary