

In Memoriam: Gilles Bedard (1936 - 2013)



Gilles Bedard was born on February 10, 1936 in Quebec. A graduate of St. Clement College in Beauharnois, he also attended Elie Business College for two years. Beginning in November 1959 Gilles worked for La Presse Ltee for 40 years and was Union Treasurer for 18 years.

On May 28th, 1960 he married Jacqueline Wilson.

Gilles enrolled as a member of Maisonneuve Council in 1943 and served in many offices of his council. He was Trustee 1963-64, 1964-65; Guardian 1965-66; Guide 1966-67; Regent 1969-70; Past Regent 1970-71, 71-72; Collector 1974-78; Secretary/Collector 1973, and he was Secretary until his death. He moved through the chairs of the Grand Council; he became Grand Orator 1976; Grand Vice Regent 1977, Grand Regent 1978 and Past Grand Regent 1980. In 1986 he was appointed Deputy Supreme Regent. Gilles was elected Supreme Trustee in 1986, Supreme Sentry in 1990, Supreme Guide in 1994, and Chairman of the Supreme Trustees in 2002. Gilles was inducted as Legion of Honor #74 in 1990. He also translated the Supreme Regent's messages for the Bulletin for many years. Gilles passed away on March 12, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. Having touched so many lives in our organization by his example of fraternal fellowship, Gilles will be sadly missed by our brothers and sisters throughout the US and Canada.

May his Soul Rest in Peace