



*Noble Kenneth A. Smith
100 years young!*

Gizeh Shriners of BC and Yukon



Born in 1920 in Selkirk, Manitoba
Kenneth A. Smith was the
youngest of eight children.
Married to his beloved late wife
Lady Mary for 52 years, they had
three sons, Craig, Grant and Laird,
who was born with spina bifida
and passed away at the age of
nine.

A veteran of the Second World War, he served in the Canadian Army as a member of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada based in Winnipeg. He fought in the Dieppe raid and the Northwest Europe campaign. He was wounded twice during the war, earned numerous promotions and awards for his acts of bravery. These included:

- Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour (highest national order of France)
- Mention in Dispatches (MID)
- Promoted to rank of Major and second in command with his regiment

Noble Ken Smith joined Gizeh Shriners in May 1976. As Ken was an avid Piper as well as his oldest son Craig, he was asked to join and play in an event in Kelowna where the Gizeh Pipes 'n' Drums were performing. "The guys and I had so much fun", he said and that was when he knew he had to join the Shriners and become a member of the Pipes 'n' Drums. He was an active member of the Masonic Order of Canada, Scottish Rites, Secretary and Past President of the Pipes 'n' Drums Unit.

Ken participated in playing hockey and football and got his two sons involved too. Beginning in the 1970's they were involved with North Surrey Minor Football followed by the Surrey Rams Juvenile & Junior organizations. He held a number of executive positions with these organizations, elected Director of the BC Football Conference in 1988 and received numerous football awards and honours.

Today, Noble Ken resides in a care home in the Lower Mainland, but don't think he's slowing down....."I'm keeping active everyday" he says.



*"I love to help people, and I have that level of appreciation
for other people.
I think it's helped keep me healthy all these years."
Noble Ken Smith*

Happy 100th Birthday Noble Ken!