

BIOGRAPHY

FRANK O. GARLAND

GRAND EXALTED RULER

Frank O. Garland, Grand Exalted Ruler for the Grand Lodge year 1984-85, is a native son of the State of Washington. Born on April 4, 1922, in the town of Colfax, in eastern Washington, he attended school in that area until his graduation from Lacrosse High School in 1939. Moving to the western part of Washington, he worked for the Seattle-Tacoma Shipyards until August, 1942, when he entered the United States Navy. Frank served in the Navy as an instructor until December, 1945.

Returning home to the Centralia area, he became an employee of the Eubanks Glass Company in January of 1946, and his subsequent efforts for the firm resulted in his acquiring half-interest in 1956. His career with the company occupied his time until retirement in 1983.

Brother Garland's career in Elksdom likewise began upon his return from the Navy, with his initiation into the Centralia Lodge. Frank quickly took an active interest in the functioning of his Lodge, with his drive and ability culminating in his election as Exalted Ruler in 1955. The following year, his junior P.E.R. status did not diminish his energy, as he immediately was elected Secretary of the Lodge and continued in that capacity until 1965. Also, from 1968 to 1970, he served as Trustee of his Lodge.

Over the same period, Frank found time to serve on the Ritual and By-Laws Committees of the Washington State Elks Association, as well as serve as a Trustee of the Association from 1958 to 1960, the last year as Chairman. Along with these activities, he served ten years as a Trustee of the Washington Major Project committee, including three years as Committee Chairman; and in addition, he served on the Board of Directors for the Major Project. Recognizing his talents, the Elks of Washington elected Frank as President of the Association in 1965.

When his capability became known to then-Grand Exalted Ruler Glenn Miller, Brother Garland was appointed District Deputy in 1970 for the Lodges of Washington's Southwest District. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee in 1973, serving until 1976, including the last two years as the Committee's Chairman. In 1976, Frank was elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, demonstrating his administrative skill for the next four years, with his last year, 1979-80, as the Board's Chairman. Grand Lodge again benefitted by his service in 1982, following his election as Grand Exalted Leading Knight.

Frank has likewise worked diligently on behalf of his community, with twenty years as a member of the Centralia City Planning Commission, ten years as its Chairman; and with a similar number of years on the Centralia Chamber of Commerce, being that Board's President in 1968-69. In addition, he has served as President of the United Way Campaign and, after receiving the 1963 Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Centralia Rotary, was further honored by that organization in 1969 in being selected as its President. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors of both the Centralia Industrial Commission and the West Coast Savings and Loan.

Frank married Pauline Dickey in 1942, and they have two sons, James and Randy; two daughters, Judy and Kathy, and six grandchildren. His family, with his Brothers of Centralia-Chehalis, Washington, Lodge No. 2435 and the State of Washington, are justly proud of his many accomplishments in both his community and in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.