

BIOGRAPHY OF
AMOS A. McCALLUM
GRAND EXALTED RULER
2003-2004

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Amos A. McCallum, born December 21, 1937, to G. Amos A. and Evelyn Lahey McCallum, was raised with his two brothers Glenn and Richard in Biddeford, Maine, where he attended school as well as in Saco and Old Orchard Beach, graduating in 1956 from Old Orchard Beach High School. His education continued with the University of Southern Maine and a 1959 Associate of Arts Degree, and the University of Maine in Orono, where in 1961 Amos received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education.

1961 marked the beginning of both his family life and his educational career, with his marriage to Barbara Jean Hersey on August 26th, and then that fall taking a seventh-grade math and science teaching position in Plainfield, NJ, at Hubbard Junior High School. Barbara and Amos returned to Maine in 1963, where he spent the next 37 years at Kennebunk High School in increasingly responsible capacities: mathematics teacher, assistant football coach, golf coach (for 28 years), and ultimately as Chairman of the Mathematics & Science Department. Earning a Masters in Education from the University of Southern Maine in 1971, followed by certification as a Secondary School Administrator, Amos became Kennebunk High's Assistant Principal until his retirement in June of 2000.

Initiated into Biddeford-Saco, Maine Elks Lodge No. 1597 in June, 1963, Amos joined the Youth Activities Committee, was elected Tiler in March, 1964, and served all Chairs while also serving on most Lodge Committees, many as Chairman, culminating in being elected Exalted Ruler for 1972-1973. (His real-life "Brother" Glenn also was Exalted Ruler of the Lodge in 2001.)

Amos served as Secretary in his Lodge from 1998 through 2002 and continues to serve the Lodge on the Scholarship Committee, Building and Finance Committees. He was honored as PER of the Year in 1979 and again in 1994, and he was elected to Honorary Life Membership in 1986.

During those years, he was also a rising star in the Maine Elks Association, first as State Scholarship Chairman. In May, 1978 he was elected 4th Vice-President of the MEA, and became State President in 1982-1983. Also in 1983 he was appointed as the first Chairman of the new Drug Awareness Committee for the Maine Elks Association, serving in that capacity for the next 11 years. That same year he co-founded the new State Association

Major Project, the Maine Children's Cancer Program, under the leadership of Roger J. Sicard, Originator, who continues to serve on that Committee today. Amos has been understandably recognized as State Committee Chairman of the Year twice and as State Elk of the Year in 1992.

Amos' Grand Lodge achievements commenced in 1983 with his appointment as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Maine Coastal, then as a Special Representative from 1988 through 1990, and in 1989, he was appointed to the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee and served 5 years, the last as Chairman. 1994 saw him elected to the Board of Grand Trustees, serving through July, 1998, as Buildings Applications East, Secretary, Pension Member and Vice-Chairman, while also being Chairman of the Elks National Home Planning and Building Renovation Sub-Committee. In 1994, Amos was appointed Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Maine, serving in that capacity to July, 2003.

Amos also belongs to the Old Orchard Lodge No. 215 of the Masons, and is a Charter Member of the Saco Eagles Arie No. 2792. He is a 37-year member of the National Education Association, the Maine Education Association, the Kennebunk-Kennebunkport Education Association, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, and the Maine and New England Math Teachers Association. He also served the York County Teachers Federal Credit Union as Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, and as director from 1985-2000.

Amos and Barbara have two sons, Patrick Shawn, and Christopher Scott, (a Member of the Biddeford-Saco Elks Lodge) and five wonderful grand children, Chelsea Marie, 10; Joshua Patrick, 7; Lauren Elizabeth, 3; Eric Scott, 2; and Sara Lynn, 1. Amos and Barbara are members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco. Both now retired, they enjoy their children and grandchildren along with his golf, boating and saltwater fishing, and her sewing and gardening.

Barbara has always been very supportive of Amos' work in Elkdom, and they both look forward to continued years of service in Elkdom, demonstrating that **Helping Others Promotes Elkdom** and showing that Elks **CARE** – Elks **SHARE**.