

Jim Larson, 33rd

Treasurer, The Scottish Rite Foundation of Washington

I was born in 1936 in Bremerton & grew up in a logging family, mainly in the Bellingham and Skagit County areas. I graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School. My early jobs were as logger, farm worker, mechanic, and commercial fisherman. I was in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957 (stateside).

I received a BS degree in 1960 & my earlier career was as a public health inspector with Snohomish County (6 years+). I enjoyed it but decided to return to the U.W. After a year full-time I completed an accounting major, went to work for what was then the largest auditing firm in the world, Peat Marwick Mitchell, & became a C.P.A. in 1970. I worked 2 years for Peat, & 3 years for a local firm in Seattle.

In 1974 I was hired by a client of my CPA firm, the Slope Indicator Company, a Seattle manufacturer of geotechnical instruments, as Controller. It was a challenge but very rewarding, & I stayed with Slope for almost 25 years, till I retired as Treasurer in early 1999. Over the years I computerized their accounting systems & traveled worldwide to set up & visit several small overseas sales offices. In the late 1990's I was one of those instrumental in moving the company up to Snohomish County in the Bothell area (it is now in Mukilteo).

I have had a long & happy marriage to my lovely wife Sonja, & we have a daughter, Kathy, & a son, Carl. We have several grandchildren from my daughter in Oregon. My son is a decorated veteran of the Iraq war, now a computer consultant.

My hobbies are reading, old movies, singing (with Shrine Chanters, & was in several operettas a few years back in Kirkland). My Masonic affiliations are numerous, but basically I am a Freemason since 1963 & member of Robert Burns Lodge #243 (Past Master, 1968), Everett Valley Scottish Rite (33°, 1993), York Rite bodies (KYCH, 2011), as well as the Scottish Rite Scholarship Foundation.