



## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ROLAND E. GLEASON  
PAST EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PAST GRAND MASTER  
FOUNDER OF OREGON DEMOLAY ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION  
Pacific Chapter

Roland E. Gleason, Past Executive Officer of Oregon DeMolay and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Oregon, becomes the first Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame Diplomat for his monumental record of his life's work.

Dad Gleason began his 100-year life growing up in Nebraska where he attended school in a one room country school house, after which he continued his pursuit of greater learning earning a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration followed by a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Accounting from UCLA and the University of Southern California. He eventually started his own CPA firm in which he continued serve his clients retiring at the age of 81!

He served our country with bravery during World War II and the Korean War serving on General MacArthur's staff in The Philippines, after which he helped lead the Reconstruction of Japan. He was honorable discharged at 10 years with the rank of Captain, as well as receiving the Silver Star for his service in Army Intelligence.

Upon his retirement from the US Army he returned stateside to Southern California where he met and married Genielle, he affectionately called G.G. They remained by each other's sides for the next 51 years. Dad Gleason had three children; a son William and daughter Nancy both who live in Southern California, and a daughter Bonnie who lives in Forest Grove, Oregon.

During his time in Tokyo he began his Masonic career joining Moriahyama Lodge #7 in Tokyo Japan in 1952. He continued his long Masonic journey serving in leadership roles in the Scottish Rite, York Rite Bodies, and Al Kader Shrine, culminating with his ascension to the Most Worshipful Office of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Oregon.

During his journey, Roland Gleason was very outspoken in his support for youth . . . the future Masons and leaders of tomorrow. His message and voice were powerful; yet his example was stronger, as he did not just "talk the talk" of challenging all Masonic Lodges to support DeMolay, but he "walked the walk". As he inspired his lodges to support the Masonic Youth



Groups, he himself became a DeMolay Chapter Advisor, after which he was chosen by the International Supreme Council of DeMolay to serve as Executive Officer in Oregon for 6 years ushering in a period of membership growth, the creation of the Oregon DeMolay Endowment Foundation, and providing countless young men the experience, opportunity, and Brotherhood he was unable to have as a young man in Nebraska.

Roland Gleason deserves this esteemed tribute as evidenced by his entire life's work and by his LEGACY which lives on today through the Oregon DeMolay Endowment Foundation and its opportunities for education and leadership; and through the lives and good works of his "DeMolay Boys" who continue live inspired by his example of dignity, achievement, and service to others.

Oregon DeMolay is proud to honor Dad Roland E. Gleason as the first Oregon DeMolay Hall of Fame DIPLOMAT for his life achievement and service to others.