

Memorial service honors Asfeld

A memorial service for Jad Asfeld, 67, a partner in Hurley Construction Company of West St. Paul, and long-time Red Cross volunteer and civic leader, was held on Saturday, April 2 beginning at 2 p.m. at the Unity Unitarian Church in St. Paul.

Asfeld died on Sunday, March 27 after a long illness, in Palm Springs, Calif., where he made his winter home.

Asfeld served on the Board of Directors of the St. Paul Area Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 30 years, including three years as chapter chairman from 1965-68. He served as a member of the Red Cross' national policy-making body, the Board of Governors, from 1973-77.

The American Red Cross awarded Asfeld its top award for voluntary service, the Harriman Award, in 1979. For his numerous contributions to the field of blood banking, including two years of service on the board of directors of the American Blood Commission, Asfeld received the prestigious Charles Drew Award in 1982.

In addition to his Red Cross work, Asfeld was a member of

the Boy Scouts national board of directors, and served on the local Indianhead Council Executive Board since 1952. For his work with the Scouts, Asfeld was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1959, the Silver Antelope in 1969, the Silver Buffalo in 1979 and the Whitney M. Young Award in 1979 for his work on behalf of inner-city youth.

Asfeld was also immediate past chairman of American Humanics and served on the boards of the St. Croix Valley Girl Scouts of America, the Thomas Irving Dodge Nature Center, and Acacia Park Cemetery.

In addition, Asfeld was active in the Masons, serving as president of the Minnesota Masonic Home from 1973-86. He held membership in the Shikinah Lodge, #171; the St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite; the Osman Temple Shrine; and the Royal Order of the Jesters.

Asfeld is survived by his wife, Bea, seven children, and 15 grandchildren.

EMINENT BROTHER PASSES



On Sunday, March 27, 1988, Brother Lester J. "Jad" Asfeld, 33°, passed to the Unseen temple. He was 67 year old, and died at his winter home in Palm Springs, Calif., from complications of cancer.

Brother Jad was retired from the position of President of the Hurley Construction Co., West St. Paul. He was also an honored Boy Scout leader and a volunteer for the American Red Cross.

He had been a member of the executive board of the Indianhead Council of Boy Scouts since 1952. He was also a member of the Boy Scouts national board of directors.

Asfeld also served on the board of directors of the American Red Cross for more that 30 years. He was also a member of the Board of Governors from 1973-1977. For his distinguished service he received the top volunteer service award, the Harriman Award in 1979. In 1982 he received the Charles Drew Award for his work in blood banking.

He was also past chairman of the American Humanics and served on the boards of the St. Croix Valley Girl Scouts of America, the Thomas Irving Dodge Nature Center and Acacia Park Cemetary.

Brother Asfeld was born in West St. Paul and graduated from Humbolt High School in St. Paul. He entered the construction business after serving in the Coast Guard during WW II, and his company developed the Signal Hills Shopping Center in West St. Paul.

In 1969, the West St. Paul Chamber of Commerce named him its suburban Man of the Year.

He was a very faithful brother of Masonry and loved the work of the Scottish Rite. He participated in many of the degrees and was always active in the Scottish Rite programs. He was coroneted a 33° S.G.I.G. honorary . in December, 1981, and awas very proud of that great honor.

He is survived by his wife Bea, daughters Joan, Betsy, Polly Patricia and Joy, and sons Lester Jr. and John.

A memorial service was held at the Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul, on Saturday, April 2, 1988.

A little known but interesting fact about brother Jad, was that whenever he was out of town and scheduled to take part in a Scottish Rite Degree, he would fly back to St. Paul to do his part and not dissappoint anybody. He was that loyal and dedicated. He took Scottish Rite seriously.

"When I am dead I wish my monument to be builded only in the and memories of my brethren of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and my name to be remembered by them in every country, no matter what language men speak there, where the light of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite shall shine, and its Oracles of Truth and Wisdom be reverently listened."