

# Chieftain of the Day - James N. Osborne



James Nelson Osborne was born in Torry, Aberdeen on July 9, 1951. After completing school, he apprenticed as a cabinetmaker specializing in quality antique restoration (with William Young Antiques Ltd.) a noted Aberdeen firm who held a warrant as suppliers to HM Queen Elizabeth.

He married his wife Freda in 1969, and two daughters, Sharon and Carol followed soon after. The family made the decision to come to Canada in 1976, and two younger children, a daughter Marie, and a son James, were born in Canada.

Following employment with Scandinavian Wood Industries, he became a principal shareholder and President of Eurostyle Mfg. Construction, before forming his own custom millwork business, Scot-Erin Millwork Ltd.

With old age came the need for a career change, and in 1996, Jim and Freda purchased The Scottish Shoppe - Calgary's premier supplier of all things Scottish.

Since arriving in Calgary, Jim has been heavily involved with the Scottish community. He earned his teaching certificate from the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and has attended and taught workshops throughout Western Canada. He is the first Vice President of the Calgary Burns Club and the current President of the Scottish Societies of Calgary.

The Scottish Shoppe has participated as a vendor in the Calgary Highland Games for a number of years, and is proud to be a Gold Sponsor and Chieftain of this year's games.