

THE CANADIAN ANAESTHETISTS' SOCIETY MEDAL

**LA MEDAILLE DE LA SOCIETE CANADIENNE
DES ANESTHESISTES**



**POUR SERVICES EMINENTS EN ANESTHESIE
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN ANAESTHESIA**

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Dr. Harold Randall Griffith
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1964

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1967

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1968

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Dr. John Silas Lundy
Sir Robert Reynolds Macintosh

1969

Dr. John Gillies
Dr. Roderick Angus Gordon

1971

Dr. Alan Benjamin Noble



ALAN BENJAMIN NOBLE, M.D., F.R.C.P.(C)

Alan Benjamin Noble was born at Toronto, Ontario, on 28 December 1908. Following secondary schooling at Brampton, Ontario, he entered the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto and graduated M.D. in 1934. After internship at the Toronto General Hospital, he entered general practice in Brampton, taking a special interest in anaesthesia in his practice. In 1939 he spent several months in England in anaesthetic appointments, returning home at the outbreak of war in September of that year.

Dr. Noble joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps in 1942, and in 1943 was posted to the Service Course in Anaesthesia at McGill University. He then became Anaesthetist to Montreal Military Hospital. In 1946, he became Anaesthetist-in-Chief at Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, Ontario.

From 1947 to 1955, he was Lecturer in Anaesthesia in the Faculty of Medicine at Queen's University at Kingston, and with characteristic energy and devotion he developed an excellent clinical teaching unit in the Hotel Dieu Hospital.

In October 1955, Dr. Noble became Anaesthetist-in-Chief at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Anaesthesia at McGill University. In 1965, he was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Under his direction, the Department at the Royal Victoria Hospital became one of the world's outstanding academic centres in Anaesthesia. He became a father figure to a host of young anaesthetists trained in his department, who found in him an inspiring teacher and a friend.

In July 1968, Dr. Noble returned to the University of Toronto as a Professor in the Department of Anaesthesia and Anaesthetist-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Hospital where, for the third time in his career he has undertaken the development of a teaching department in a major University Hospital.

Throughout his career in anaesthesia, Alan Noble has played an active role in the affairs of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society. He represented the Ontario Division on Council for many years and was a hard-working, thoughtful and effective member of many of its committees in the days when the specialty was striving to develop standards of training, qualification and practice which are now so generally accepted that they are taken for granted. His qualities of leadership and mature judgement were recognized by

the Society in his election as President in 1955-56. He was Editor of the Society's Newsletter for several years. When the Society undertook to sponsor and to develop standards for Inhalation Therapy Technicians in Canada, Alan Noble accepted the onerous task as Chairman of the Committee charged with this responsibility. He continues to serve his colleagues at the present time as Secretary of the Society.

Dr. Noble was married in 1936 to Mary Agnes Warling. They have two children, William James and Mary Jane, and five grandsons.

In presenting the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society Medal, the Society honors Alan Benjamin Noble for his outstanding contribution to the teaching and practice of Anaesthesia in Canada and especially for his selfless and continuing devotion to the improvement of Anaesthesia as an important part of general medical care in the community.