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## LES MARTIN AWARDED PCI MEDAL OF HONOR

*For recognition of individuals who have made a highly significant contribution to the precast, prestressed concrete industry and shall have demonstrated a sincere continuing interest in the Institute.*



the project engineer on a number of major projects, including some precast, prestressed concrete buildings. While there, he took several graduate courses in civil engineering at the University of Colorado. In 1963, he went to work for the Portland Cement Association, first as a general field engineer in Nebraska, and then as district structural engineer in Iowa.

the PCI JOURNAL Awards Committee. In the past, he has chaired the Technical Activities Committee and the Prestressed Columns Committee, as well as serving on the PCI Board of Directors.

In 1995, he was appointed to the American Concrete Institute Committee 318, which produces the Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete and chairs Subcommittee G, Precast and Prestressed Concrete. He has just started his second 6-year cycle on that committee, and continues to press for provisions that will make precast and prestressed concrete buildings safer, more economical, and easier to design and build.

Les was among the first group of PCI Fellows inducted in 1994. In 1992, he won the Robert J. Lyman Award for authoring the article on the "Design-Construction of the Connecticut Tennis Center" (January-February 1992 *PCI JOURNAL*).

In addition to PCI and ACI, he is a member of ASCE and is a fellow in all three societies. He is a registered professional engineer in several states, and has authored a number of publications.

Les and his wife, Vera, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 31, 2002. They have four children, eleven grandchildren and on August 16, became great-grandparents.

Les Martin was conferred with PCI's highest honor – the Medal of Honor – for his many years of service to both PCI and the precast, prestressed concrete industry. Since its' founding in 1954, PCI has only given this award to 17 persons. Les became the third member of CEG to receive this prestigious award. The others were Armand Gustafiero in 1979 and Norm Scott in 1999. Les received the award on October 7, 2002 during the awards ceremony at the PCI Convention.

Les received a BS in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1954. After working briefly for a consulting engineering firm in Omaha, he was drafted into the U. S. Army, and spent two years in Texas and Washington. After the service, he worked for the Ken R. White Company in Denver as a structural engineer, and was

In 1970, Les joined his college classmate, Norm Scott, who had started The Consulting Engineers Group in Glenview, Illinois in 1966. Because of Norm's background with PCI it was natural that the work of the firm relied heavily on the precast, prestressed concrete industry. With Norm, Jerry Goettsche and Armand Gustafiero, the firm grew alongside the growing industry. In 1982, CEG opened a second office in San Antonio, Texas, with Tom D'Arcy as principal in charge.

In September of 1970, CEG contracted with PCI to produce the first edition of the *PCI Design Handbook*, with Les as the project manager and technical editor. He served in the same capacity for the second and third editions, and is repeating his performance for the Sixth edition. He also chairs the Building Code Committee and

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***Congratulations Les from all of us at CEG on this most prestigious award!***