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PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

Fellow Masons of Tennessee

With the help of Brother Coy Duke, we have been successful in returning to our Grand Lodge Building portraits of all of our Past Grand Masters. As a consequence of this endeavor, Past Master Joseph Mobley asked me to prepare a sketch of each. The lives and accomplishments of the Past Grand Masters who went before us should be an inspiration to us all, and it is with appreciation and affection that I present the following records.

I have tried to show where they were born, when they died, where they were buried, their vocations, and their military records as well as political and Masonic records. Also I have included a sketch of Harmony Lodge No. 1 of Nashville, Tennessee, compiled by Past Grand Master Charles Comstock, which proves that Andrew Jackson was a member of Harmony Lodge.

I hope this publication will give you some insight into early Freemasonry in Tennessee.

Yours in Masonry
Arch Erwin McClanahan, P.G.M.

February 1975

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION

The Grand Historian is pleased to present a second edition to the fine work of Brother McClanahan on Past Masters of Tennessee. Sincere thanks are expressed to Past Grand Masters who served since 1974, or their widows, for supplying needed information. Space limitations prevented listing all the other Masonic offices and memberships held by Past Grand Masters. Appreciation is also extended to P.G.M. Bill Brown, Grand Secretary, for sending obituaries of Past Grand Masters who have died since 1974, to P.G.M. Ralph F. Worthy for supplying a copy of the brochure commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to Brother Samuel D. Comer for making corrections and additions to the original publication and to Thomas and Ethylene Brooks for proof reading the final copy.

Bobby J. Demott, 33rd degree, Grand Historian

September 1992

PREFACE TO THIRD EDITION

Has been incorporated into the Bicentennial Supplement of the Grand Lodge Proceedings of the 2015 Communication.

With the electronic information now available new details have been learned and included in this addition. This edition focuses on the office of Grand Master and the men who have lead the fraternity for two hundred years. New in this edition is "Installation of Grand Master" from the Tennessee Craftsman and pictures of the Grand Master's Jewel and the A. V. Warr ring with detail descriptions of their symbolism.

Thanks to Bobby J. Demott, Past Grand Historian, for preliminary work on this addition.

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2013 Andrew Jackson Medalist

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PREFACE TO THIS EDITION

This edition cannot truly be called a fourth edition in that it is a compilation of several publications and is has been updated to current. This edition is gleaned from the biographies of Past Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge proceedings, memorials, ancestry sites and other online sources. It also contains information from a publication on the portraits of our Grand Masters.

Ralph L. Scott, Jr., P.M.
Curator-Grand Lodge Library & Museum

June 29, 2022

Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master in Tennessee

Grand Marshal to the Installing Officer: Most Worshipful Sir, the Grand Officers elected is before you and awaits your pleasure. I have the honor to present for installation Brother A. B., who has been duly elected Grand Master of Masons for the State of Tennessee for the ensuing year.

Installing Officer (to Grand Master elect): My Brother, the exalted station to which the free choice of your brethren has called you involves great responsibilities and requires to be inaugurated by solemn sanctions. It elevates you to a position from which the power and prerogative may depart with the expiration of your term of service, but the honor and dignity, except by your own act, never. Have you been instructed in the secret rites and ceremonies appertaining to the high office of Grand Master of Masons, which are preparatory to your installation and by which you may acquire the evidence of your rank among Masons?

Grand Master elect: I have not.

Installing Officer: My Brother, it will be necessary for you to retire and receive those instructions from our Past Grand Masters present, who will escort you. And as we are now about to engage in a great and important undertaking, Masonic teachings require that we invoke the blessing of Deity. Brethren, let us pray. Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain, you will lead our devotions.

Eternal Source of Life and Light! We humbly implore Thy divine favor upon this occasion and upon the institution in whose services we are now engaged. Make it yet more helpful and beneficial to our race, and inspire all who are connected with it with an ardent love to Thee, to each other, and to every member of the human family. Bless now a new and important relation to his brethren. Give him wisdom, give him strength, and give him love. Enable him so to rule that he may keep in view the best interests of the great brotherhood now about to be committed to his charge and trying responsibilities, and enable him so to discharge them as to win all hearts. Grant Thy Blessings upon the brethren who are to be associated with him in office. May they feel a just sense of their accountability to Thee, and to the Fraternity; and uphold the hands of their Grand Master in all good deeds. In Thee, O God, as in the days of our apprenticeship, do we put our trust? Be Thou our Friend, Conductor and Guide in the unseen vicissitudes of life before us, and bring us all at last to see the Great Light in Thy presence, where we shall behold Thee with unclouded vision forever more. Amen.

Response: So mote it is.

Installing Officer: The Past Grand Masters present will now retire with the Grand Master elect, and give him the suitable instruction in the manner known to them only, preliminary to the further ceremonies of installation. The brethren will be seated.

The Grand Officers elect, other than the Grand Master elect, are provided with seats west of the altar. The Past Grand Masters retire to some suitable apartment and engage in ceremonies with the Grand Master elect, not proper to be written. When this is done they return, having given notice of their approach by the Grand Marshal. As they enter, the Grand Lodge is again called up, and after they have arrived before the altar one of their number reports:

Past Grand Master: Most Worshipful, our distinguished brother, having been duly instructed by us, is now prepared to assume his installation vows.

Installing Officer: It is well, and with pleasure do we now proceed in our further services. Worshipful Grand Marshal, you will conduct our brother to the altar, to take upon himself the obligation appertaining to the duties of his office.

The Grand Marshal conducts him to the altar, where he kneels, the Grand Deacons holding their rods crossed over his head. The installing officer then administers the oath of office, the Grand Master elects repeating after him, as follows.

I, A. B., in the presence of Almighty God and before the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee, so promise and swear that, to the best of my ability, I will faithfully, honestly and impartially perform the duties of Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction during my term office: and that I will conform to and

maintain the constitutions, laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, and the usages and customs of the State of Tennessee, and the usages and customs of Free and Accepted Masons, and at all times enforce a strict obedience thereto. So help me God.

He then rises, and the Grand Marshal invests him with his appropriate apron and conducts him near the Chair of the installing officer. All are still standing.

Installing Officer: Most Worshipful Brother—for henceforth you are entitled thus to be hailed—in inducting you to your Chair of office as a symbol of the commencement of your government over the craft, I am performing a most solemn duty. By immemorial usage and irrevocable Landmarks of Masonry you are invested, as Grand Master of Masons, with powers and prerogative which are well-nigh absolute. The interests of the craft, for weal or woe, are placed in your hands during your term of office. The good resolutions which you have doubtless made, that these powers shall not be abused or perverted by you, I would gladly strengthen by a word of admonition which it will not become me henceforth to utter. The very consciousness of the possession of a great power will ever make a generous mind cautious and gentle in the exercise of it. To rule has been the lot of many, and requires neither strength of intellect nor soundness of judgment; to rule *well* has been the fortune of but few, and may well be the object of an honorable ambition. It is not by the strong arm or the iron will that obedience and order, the chief requisites of good government, are secured, but by holding, the key to the hearts of men.

The office of Grand Master is of great antiquity and respect, and is one of the highest dignities to which we may aspire. Its incumbent, to rule well, should possess and practice several important requisites.

As a *man* he should be of approved integrity and irreproachable morals; free from dominion of hasty temper and ill-governed passions; of good repute in the world; and practicing, as an example to the craft, the cardinal virtues of Fortitude, Prudence, Temperance and Justice.

As a *citizen* he should be loyal to his government, obedient to its laws, prompt in the duties he owes to society, and a pattern of fidelity in all social and domestic relations.

As a *Mason* he should cling to the old Landmarks, and be sternly opposed to infringement of them; be proficient in the laws, language and literature of the Fraternity; be desirous to learn and apt to teach; thorough for the time not a workman, yet be master of the work and qualified to earn his wages; be prompt to give aid and slow to demand it; be ever mindful that, though elevated by them, and that he is yet a craftsman, sacredly bound by a craftsman's obligation, and that he should cultivate everywhere and at all times the golden tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

As an *Officer* he should remember, first of all, that he is an individual Mason, sharing in that respect a common lot with his brethren, and therefore interested in the welfare of each and all; be devoid of undue ostentation and haughty overbearing; be accessible to all, cultivating the closest friendship and unlimited confidence with his associate officers, be eager to take counsel with his brethren and ready to give it; be patient in investigation and hearing; be deliberate in judgment; be prompt in execution; be forbearing long and much with evildoers; be ready to reward good; be devoid of favoritism and wholly impartial; be watchful over the treasury, having an eagle eye upon every portion of his jurisdiction, and breasting the restless spirit of innovation.

Such are some of the most important qualifications which a Grand Master should possess, and the leading errors which he should avoid. It may be that most, if not all, of your predecessors have failed to reach this standard; but it is attainable and is it your purpose to reach it, and be a bright and shining example to those who shall come after you. It now but remains for me to clothe you with the external insignia of your rank and authority.

I now, with great pleasure, invest you with this Jewel of your office; whose symbolic meaning will now have a new and striking significance to you (presents the jewel).

I also present you this Gavel; the emblem of Masonic authority, which, in your hands, should never be sounded in vain (presents the gavel).

I now surrender to you this seat of authority (places him in the chair), and render you this, the first act homage due you as Grand Master

Installing Officer: I now hail, salute and proclaim you Grand Master of Masons of the State of Tennessee!
Brethren, behold your Grand Master!

JEWEL OF A GRAND MASTER



The Jewel is suspended by heavy cord representing a cable tow, the front ends of which meet behind a gold clasp, that consists of an amethyst Sun in splendor. The amethyst, among the Ancients, was the emblem of Peace and Sympathy.

Emanating from the Sun face are seven elongated rays, symbolizing the seven attributes of Deity—Power, Wisdom, Justice, Truth, Mercy, Love and Harmony.

From the clasp is suspended the Jewel proper, which is in the form of a circle, in the center of which, in enamel, is “the All-seeing Eye,” thus typifying the point within the circle.

At the top of the circle is a shield bearing the Arms of the State of Tennessee. Beneath this shield are two cornucopias, symbols of plenty. One contains wheat, the corn of the Ancients, the other a cluster of grapes. Beneath these cornucopias are the olive branches bearing fruit; thus are symbolized Corn, Wine and Oil. Among the Ancients wheat was the emblem of Prosperity; the cluster of grapes, Unity; and the olive branches, Peace.

The head of the compasses is ornamented with a sapphire. The ancient Magi (in their dissertations regarding the symbolism of precious stones) declared the sapphire to be the Light of God, Heavenly Truth and Sincerity. The compasses are opened, the points resting upon the segment of a circle, which is divided into seven equal parts, emblematical of the seven days of the week, and the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. This number also contains the

three, five and seven steps. Among the Ancients, seven steps taken in a certain ceremony was emblematical of “Progress toward Heaven,” and symbolized completeness. As the sacred number *seven* also embodies the divine attributes of Deity as noted above; and as the segment or sector is an instrument of manual or material service, it is intended to imply here that these moral attributes should govern our everyday life, our work and our pleasure.

Just above the sector are four Stars, representing the four Cardinal Virtues, and the four “perfect points of entrance.” The number *four* with the ancient Egyptians was sacred to the Gods of the four winds, whose breath they believed it to be. These Gods were invoked with four libations and invocations that men might continue to live; this will recall the passage of Scripture in the M. M. Degree—“Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.”

Above the sector is an altar on the front of which is a right-angle triangle, the great symbol of Pythagoras, emblematical of Deity: also symbolizing the three degrees of symbolic Masonry, the three great and three lesser lights, the three Grand Masters, and the three Stationed Officers of the Lodge.

Back of, and just above the altar is a representation in gold and enamel, of the platform or porch of the Temple; on which are erected and the two Columns, symbols of Dominion and Strength; the first the prerogative, the second the essential attribute of a Grand Master of a Grand Lodge. Resting on them are the Celestial and Terrestrial Globes; and between them is the twenty-four inch gage. On one end of the platform is an urn, on the other a setting maul. On the blue background forming the face of the platform are the Square, Level, Trowel and Plumb. Passing over the two columns, and back of the compasses, is a ribbon containing the words “Grand Master” in blue enamel.

On the outer circle of the Jewel are the words, “Grand Lodge, F. & A. M, State of Tennessee” in blue enamel. This inscription is separated at bottom by a five pointed star and branches of acacia. The Ancients regarded the acacia as the emblem of Friendship, and sprigs were exchanged on the New Year to keep alive that friendship. To the Mason, it is an emblem of faith in the immortality of the soul. Its use and references made to it during our ceremonies need not be written.

The five-pointed star will recall the five points of fellowship, and the five Orders of Architecture. The Ancients regarded the number *five* as sacred. It represented to them Ether, Air, Fire, Water, Earth; in fact the whole Universe of Worlds; the Heaven and Earth, the dwelling place of God; the Grand Lodge of the Grand Architect.

On the back of Jewel is beautifully engraved, the following inscription:

“Presented to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee by
John Berry Garrett, Grand Secretary
January 27, 1915”

HISTORY OF PORTRAITS

Close study of the few portraits records at the Grand Lodge indicates that the Grand Masters portraits were acquired after many of them were deceased. Clues to this theory is that with in the 1868 Proceedings is the first mentioning of painting of portraits as it is stated by the Grand Treasurers report the fees for copying two portraits of Hayes and Dunlap who had been dead more than ten years . There were nineteen dead Grand Masters by 1868. The Andrew Jackson portrait was copied from a watercolor on ivory by John Wood Dodge which was painted in 1842. The Masonic Collar was added to the Jackson portrait after it had been painted. Washington Bogart Cooper has thirty-eight portraits of Grand Officers attributed to him. Only a few of these portraits are signed by him. It could be that he copied portraits painted by others or ones he had painted earlier but felt only originals should be signed. Brother W. A. Clendenning painted eighteen portraits including his gift of the John Frizzell as Grand Secretary Portrait. Past Grand Master Frizzell is the only Mason to have two portraits at the Grand Lodge. While many Past Grand Masters have served as Grand Secretary or Grand Treasurer, they are honored with only one portrait.

In 1879 Brother Poole, Photographer made photographs of each of the Portraits and presented two picture albums containing these 8x10 photos, which are in the possession of the Library and Museum Committee. The Library and Museum Committee has purchased a color photograph of each of the eighty-three portraits which has been restored since 2009. Comparing the 1879 black and white with the color photographs is striking. In some cases the 1879 photos are not of the same image as we have today. This is explained below.

Within the proceedings for the 1923 communications the Grand Secretary's report stated: "There has been a good deal of criticism about the portraits of our Past Grand Masters. Some of them are large, some small and some medium. Portraits became to be 24x30 inches in 1934 with a frame not to exceed 3 1/2 inches, but the requirement was not actually put in the Tennessee Code until 1953.

At the Grand Lodge Communication of 1950, the following statement was included: "...the paintings now on hand of the deceased Past Grand Masters, who do not have national or state reputation be returned to the Lodge of which they were members and if Lodge does not want the portrait or would not preserve it then the painting be turned over to the family of the deceased Past Grand Master...". Many portraits were removed from the building at that time. Grand Master Charles Jones at the 1972 Communication, recommended: "that the portraits of all living Past Grand Masters be hung in the lobby of the Grand Lodge Building and the portraits of deceased Past Grand Masters now in possession of the Grand Lodge, be cleaned and hung in the Dining Room and that in the future no portraits of Past Grand Masters be disposed of in any way".

Past Grand Master Arch McClanahan, in 1973 gave a detail report on the Past Grand Master portraits, stating that all but seventeen portraits had been retrieved. Of the seventeen three were lost, five were in families and the rest in subordinate Lodges. At the printing of this pamphlet there are images of paintings, copies known as Giclees or photographs of all 176 Past Grand Masters. In addition there are portraits of one Past Deputy Grand Master, three Past Grand Treasurers and seven Past Grand Secretaries.

A major Portrait Restoration has been underway since 2009, which has made a dramatic improvement in both the physical life of the artwork and beauty to the eyes of the beholder. There remain thirteen portraits in great need of restoration and thirty-five plus later ones that need to be cleaned and/or frames repaired. The Library and Museum Committee wishes to thank all the Lodges, Masonic Bodies and individuals who have sponsored this worthwhile project.

Below is a typical digital restoration of a damaged portrait. First the original is scanned with an extremely high-resolution scanner and digitized. Then under the scrutiny of an artist who electronically repairs the imperfections by coping sections around the damaged area for coloring and texture to reproduce the Giclee (zhee-clay, which is a modern form of printing). There are several of these in our collection, including 1897 PGM A. N. Sloan, pictured below.



Below is a typical manual restoration. The restorer's first step, is to remove dirt and varnish from the canvas. The second step, is to patch holes, fill in missing paint, reline a weak canvas with new canvas glued to the back to strengthen the artwork and apply a coat of varnish. The picture is fully scanned, a CD is made containing the full size, smaller sizes and an eight by ten inch photograph is printed for Library & Museum Committee. Pictured below is 1883 PGM McConnell before & after.



Thomas Claiborne

1st Grand Master – 1813 & 1814



Thomas Claiborne

Thomas Claiborne, first Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee, 1813-1814, was born near Petersburg, Virginia on May 17, 1780, a son of Colonel Thomas A. Claiborne (1749-1812), a Colonel of Militia in Brunswick County and a Member of Congress 1793-1805, and a brother of John Claiborne (1777-1808). John graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's medical school in 1798 and became a physician. In 1804, John, was elected to the US House of Representatives as a Democratic-Republican. He was reelected in 1806 and served from March 1805 until his death.

Thomas was also a relative of Dr. Thomas A. Claiborne (1775-1817); he was a surgeon's mate in the US Army, 1783-1798, and later a physician residing at "Windsor" about 2 miles from Nashville, Tennessee, was commissioned a Justice of the Peace in 1804 and represented Davidson County in the Tennessee House of Representatives, 1803-1805; and his brother W. C. C. Claiborne (1775-1817). In 1797, William



Colonel Thomas A. Claiborne

Charles Cole Claiborne was elected to represent Tennessee in the US House of Representatives despite being under the 25 year age limit and served until 1801. In 1801 he was appointed as Governor of the Mississippi territory and served until 1803. When Louisiana became a state he was appointed as Governor of the Orleans territory and served from 1804-1812. In 1812 he was elected Governor of Louisiana and served until 1816 when he was elected to the US Senate. He died in office in 1817 after only serving a few months in the Senate.



W. C. C. Claiborne

Thomas Claiborne attended the common schools in Virginia. He married Sarah Martin Lewis (1786-1870) and to them was born nine children. He served as a Major on the staff of General Andrew Jackson in the Creek War. He studied law and was admitted to the bar and commenced practice in Nashville, Tennessee in 1807. As a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives from 1811 to 1812, he was presiding as Speaker during the latter session. He also served as a United States Marshal.

Elected as a Democratic-Republican to the Fifteenth Congress, Claiborne served from March 4, 1817 to March 3, 1819. He also served as Mayor of Nashville in 1818 and again served in the Legislature in 1831-1832.

He was an eloquent speaker; a lifelong friend of General Jackson and was one of the pallbearers at his funeral. Where he received his Masonic Degrees is

not known, but he was a member of Cumberland Lodge 8 in 1813 and represented that Lodge in the Constitutional Convention at Knoxville when he was elected Grand Master at the organization of the Grand Lodge. He was probably one of the early members initiated in Cumberland Lodge shortly after its organization in 1812.



Sarah Claiborne

Major Claiborne was a Charter member of Cumberland Chapter 1 in 1818, and while his attendance was infrequent after 1815, he continued his membership in Lodge, Chapter and Grand Lodge until his death, January 7, 1856, at the age of 75 years, 235 days. Cumberland Lodge, John S. Dashiell, Grand Master, officiating, buried him at Nashville City Cemetery.

**Portrait of Grand Master Thomas A. Claiborne, Hiram Lodge No. 7, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper.
Sponsor for restoration: Hiram Lodge No. 7, 2010.**



The Claiborne Family. Thomas' grave is on the left.

Robert Searcy

2nd Grand Master – 1815 & 1816



Robert Searcy

Robert Searcy was born in Granville, North Carolina, November 10, 1768, the son of Reuben Searcy (1729-1815) and Susanna Henderson Searcy (1742-1778). He married Elizabeth Juliet Wendel in 1799 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. They were the parents of at least 5 sons and 2 daughters. A pioneer of Nashville and Davidson County, he was Treasurer of Mero District, 1797-1803 and Clerk of the United States Court at Nashville for many years.

An early member and a Past Master of Harmony Lodge 1, he is credited with being the founder of Cumberland Lodge 8. In the spring of 1812 he made the journey from Nashville to Raleigh, North Carolina and obtained from Grand Master Robert Williams, a Dispensation for Cumberland Lodge, making the entire journey by horseback.

Searcy organized the Lodge, installed its officers, became its second Master, serving two years, 1813-1814; was active in the Grand Lodge, being elected Senior Grand Warden in 1814, became the second Grand Master, serving two years, 1815-1816.

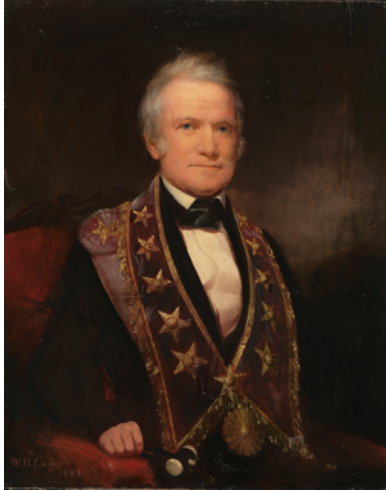
His brother, Bennett Searcy (1765-1818), Attorney General for the fifth District, 1813; Circuit Judge of Law and Equity, Fifth Circuit, 1813-1818, was an equally zealous Mason, also a member of Harmony 1, until it failed in 1808. He organized the first Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Montgomery 10, at Clarksville, and was its first Master.

Robert Searcy died at Nashville, August 6, 1820 and was buried in Deaderick Cemetery on Franklin Pike, 3 miles from Nashville. The headstone now is in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville.

Portrait of Grand Master Robert Searcy, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, giclee on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, original lost in Birmingham, Alabama.

Wilkins Tannehill

3rd Grand Master – 1817, 1818, 1820, 1821, 1824, 1841 & 1824



Wilkins Tannehill

Wilkins Farmer Tannehill was born on March 2, 1787 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a student at the Pittsburgh Academy, forerunner to the University of Pittsburgh. He had three sisters, Catherine, Rachel and Nancy. He was the son of Josiah Tannehill (1752-1811). His maternal grandfather was John Wilkins, Sr. (1733-1810). His uncles were John Wilkins, Jr. (1761-1816), Quartermaster General of the United States Army from 1796-1802, and William Wilkins (1779-1865), who served as United States Senator from Pennsylvania from 1831 to 1834, United States Ambassador to Russia from 1834 to 1835, United States Representative for Pennsylvania's 21st congressional district from 1843 to 1844, and the 19th United States Secretary of War from 1844 to 1845.

Tannehill moved to Nashville in 1808, where he managed a warehouse owned by his uncle. During the War of 1812, they sold saltpeter critical for the war efforts. Later, he opened a grocery store in Nashville and Pulaski, Tennessee. He married Eliza Dewees (1789-1843) in 1810. His brother-

in-law was William Tyler Berry, who founded Berry Hill, Tennessee. Another brother in-law, Samuel Van Dyke Stout (1786–1850), was an American Whig politician. He served as the Mayor of Nashville, Tennessee from 1841 to 1842. With Eliza, he had a son, Wilkins Farmer Tannehill, who moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and five daughters: Eliza Jane Tannehill (1823-1894), Mary Tannehill, Anne Tannehill (1817-1899), Samuella Dewees Tannehill 1829-1902), and Helen Tannehill.



John Wilkins, Jr.



William Wilkins

His Masonic career began April 24, 1813, being the first Master Mason raised in Cumberland 8, in which year the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was organized at Knoxville. He was admitted to membership in the Grand Lodge at the first quarterly meeting held in Nashville, April 14, 1814, serving as Senior Grand Warden pro tem. At the Communication in October he was elected Grand Treasurer and as Grand Secretary in 1815 serving two years. In October 1817 he was elected Grand Master for the first time.

In the 1840s and 1850s, he helped raised money from other Lodges for the Masonic College (now known as Rhodes College) in Clarksville, Tennessee, Jackson College in Columbia, Tennessee, and small college in Huntingdon, Tennessee, Macon, Tennessee and Bradley County, Tennessee.

Tannehill published his *Masonic Manual* in 1824 and a revised version in 1845. This work contained the ritual for the degrees, other ceremonies, historical sketches and the Ancient Landmarks. In addition to adoption by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, other states also adopted the Tannehill's *Masonic Manual*. From 1847 to 1850, he published *Tannehill's Port Folio*, a monthly Masonic journal.



Eliza Tannehill

Tannehill was a charter member and the first Principal Sojourner of Cumberland Chapter 1 in 181, High Priest 1819-1824; Charter member and first Deputy

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1826; Grand High Priest in 1829; Charter member and first Deputy Grand Master of Nashville Council 1 Royal and Select Masters, Chartered July 27, 1827; Charter member and first Commander of Nashville Encampment 1, Knights Templar, organized 1846, and had a prominent part in the establishment of all York (or American) Rite bodies in Tennessee.

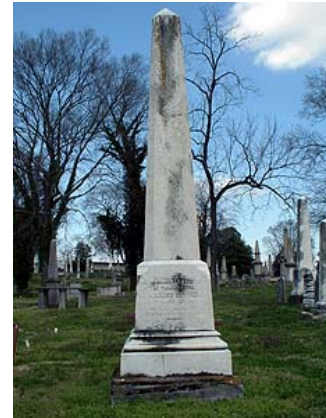


Castle Building/Masonic College at Clarksville

by reading to and writing for him at his dictation. He died June 2, 1858 at the age of 71 and was buried from the First Presbyterian Church with Masonic honors and a handsome tomb was erected to his memory by his brethren of the Fraternity to which he had given the best years of his life. He was buried in the Old City Cemetery in Nashville beside his wife. The cemetery became surrounded by industries and was not the quiet place appropriate for the resting place of such a gallant leader of Freemasonry in Tennessee. In 1918, Grand Lodge appropriated funds to move the remains and the monument to a suitable lot in a conspicuous locality in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, provided permission was granted by the descendants of Wilkins Tannehill. The family did not wish the move to take place and declined to give permission.

He was an orator of genuine ability, delivered the eloquent address at the Masonic reception of Lafayette in 1825; also at the laying of the cornerstone of the State Capitol building in 1845, and in 1819, when President Monroe visited Nashville, he headed the Masonic procession that went out as far as College Hill to meet the President and his host, Andrew Jackson, escorted them into the city and made a masterful address on behalf of the Nashville Lodges.

The gloom of total blindness was mitigated only by the tender care of his children and the ministrations of his daughter and niece who daily relieved the tedium of his weary hours

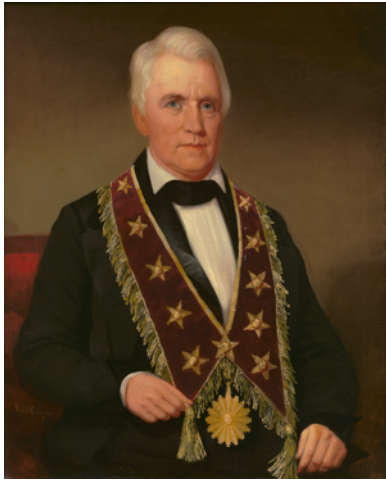


“Not until the Order of Free Masonry becomes extinct, will the name of WILKINS TANNEHILL cease to be revered in Tennessee.”

Portrait of Grand Master Wilkins Tannehill, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, signed Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge of Research, 2010.

Oliver Bliss Hayes

4th Grand Master – 1819



Oliver Bliss Hayes

Oliver Bliss Hayes was born on May 21, 1783 in South Hadley, Massachusetts. His father was Reverend Joel Hayes (1753-1827) of Simsbury, Connecticut, and pastor of the Congregational Church at South Hadley for forty-five years. Oliver's mother, Mary Bliss (1762-1825), of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, is said to have been a direct descendant of Charles Chauncey, second President of Harvard.

Hayes received his education in New England and, for a short time after; he practiced law in Baltimore, Maryland. He settled in Nashville in 1808 and became widely known and highly regarded in the law profession. On February 3, 1812, he married Sarah (Sallie) Clements Hightower (1795-1871) in Williamson County, Tennessee. They moved into a house on High Street; that location today is the Hermitage Hotel parking garage on 7th Avenue North. In 1827 he purchased the Rokeby Estate; the residence stood



Sarah Clements Hayes

on present-day Grand Avenue where The Upper Room is now located. They were parents to eight children.

One son, Richard Hightower Hayes (1813-1838), died the day after he was shot in a duel (of sorts) with William Hawkins Polk (1815-1862), brother of James K. Polk, then a future President of the U.S. It all started at a dinner (drinking) party held at the old Nelson House Hotel on North Main Street. It was Dec. 1, 1838, and a group of young men were discussing the issues of the day along with various items of gossip. One of the young men was J.K. Polk's younger brother, William Hawkins Polk. The younger Polk, considered to be one of the handsomest men in Tennessee, was days from being wed to the lovely Belinda Dickinson. Richard Hightower Hayes, of Nashville



William Hawkins Polk

would have been well advised to have kept his mouth shut that night, but good company, good cheer and good whisky often open the floodgates of stupidity. Hayes made some nasty crack about Polk's intended, Belinda. The argument had spread out to the street. Discussion abruptly ended when Polk took a buggy whip and thoroughly thrashed Hayes. As Hayes limped away, he prophesied his own doom, saying that he would be back, and that Polk had best be armed. Polk took the threat seriously, and two days later he was packing a pistol. Firearms in those days were single-shot affairs. Each shot had to be loaded and fired before you could reload. A person usually had one chance to get it right. William Hawkins Polk was standing on the south side of the public square when he spotted Richard Hightower Hayes headed his way — with a pistol in his hand. Polk fished his pistol from wherever he had it concealed, but not before Hayes stopped and took his shot. The public square was crowded that day, and at least a hundred pair of eyes

turned to see Polk raise his pistol and deliberately take his shot. Hayes head snapped back and he toppled over, landing in the street as so much dead weight. The crowd was momentarily stunned to silence, but people quickly recovered and the buzz of conversation soon became shouts of exclamation and surprise. The "leaden bullet" struck Hayes "near the right eye" and that it was "one mortal wound of the width of one half inch and of the depth of four inches." He would linger until the next morning at seven o'clock when his soul fled his body. The case of murder against Polk was thus presented to the Grand Jury. They heard the evidence, but most likely knew the case by heart as there were so many witnesses, and it had been the talk of the town, and most likely the whole state. The Grand Jury knew that it was a cut and dried case of self-defense, and therefore, returned the verdict of "not a true bill."



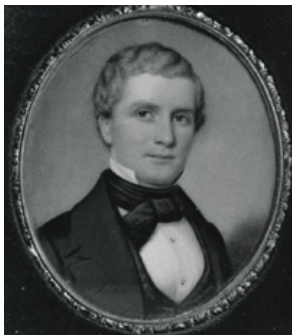
Adelia Hayes Cheatham

The most interesting of their children was Adelia Hayes Franklin Acklen Cheatham (1817-1887), “the mistress of Belmont.” She was one of the wealthiest and most interesting women in antebellum America. Adelia married for the first time at the age of 22. Her first husband, Isaac Franklin (1789-1846), was a planter and slave trader 28 years old than Adelia. Apparently the Franklins were very happy - - their marriage lasted 7 years and produced 4 children. After Isaac’s death in 1846, Adelia acquired his fortune, estimated at \$1 million dollars in contemporary accounts. Adelia married her second husband, Joseph A. S. Acklen (1816-1863), in 1849. Joseph was a handsome attorney and a veteran of the Texas Revolution, but he didn’t quite sweep Adelia off her feet; two days before they were to be married,



Isaac Franklin

Adelia presented Joseph with a prenuptial agreement, which stated that she would be sole owner and final authority over all the properties she brought into the marriage. The Acklens were married for 14 years and had 6 children together, and Joseph gave up his law practice to manage the family businesses. By the outbreak of the Civil War, he had tripled the family fortune. Joseph died in Louisiana in 1863, and shortly thereafter Adelia journeyed to Louisiana in an attempt to save the nearly 3,000 bales of cotton stranded on the Acklen plantations.



William Cheatham

After some canny negotiations with both Union and Confederate authorities, Adelia managed to move the cotton to New Orleans and later to Liverpool, England. For her efforts Adelia earned \$1 million dollars from the cotton sale. Four years after Joseph’s death, Adelia married Dr. William Archer Cheatham (1820-1900), a highly regarded Nashville physician. The marriage lasted for nearly 20 years, but in 1884 the Cheathams separated and Adelia relocated to Washington, D.C. Adelia died in New York City on May 4, 1887, while on a buying trip for her new home in Washington. Her body was returned to Nashville where she is buried with her first two husbands and nine of her ten children.



The Hayes Children: Front L to R: Adelia Sarah, Laura & Corinne. Back L to R: Oliver Jr., & Henry

Belmont, the home of Joseph and Adelia Acklen, was completed in 1853. It was the Acklen summer home - - a little getaway place of 36 rooms and 19,000 square feet. At Belmont, the Acklens entertained such notables as President Andrew Johnson, inventor Alexander Graham Bell, socialite Octavia La Vert, philosopher Thomas Huxley, and soldier of fortune William Walker, as well as numerous Confederate officers and political figures. During the Battle of Nashville in 1864, Belmont was used as the headquarters of General Thomas Wood, one of the Union commanders.

Adelia enjoyed the benefits of a large fortune and impressive social status, but she also experienced many tragedies in her life. She buried six children and two husbands, and she also endured the hardships associated with the Civil War and Reconstruction. The house became part of Belmont College after Adelia's death and still stands on the campus; the mansion is open for tours, receptions, and other functions.



Nashville Female Academy

Oliver Bliss Hayes was a member of Hiram Lodge 7 in 1815. He first appeared at Grand Lodge in 1816; was a Charter member and first High Priest of Cumberland Chapter 1 at its organization in 1818; was appointed Deputy Grand Master by Wilkins Tannehill, and was elected Grand Master for 1819. He retired from law practice at middle age and became a Presbyterian minister.

As an ordained Presbyterian minister, he was heavily involved in the work of the Presbyterian Church. In 1816 he was a founding stockholder in the Nashville Female Academy; though non-denominational it had strong Presbyterian influence. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1819

and served as an active trustee through 1826. While a trustee the Academy grew to be Nashville's premiere female educational institution. He chaired the first meeting of the newly formed Sunday School Society in 1829 and was elected one of its managers. These societies used the Bible and religious literature to teach reading to the poor who had no chance of attending week day schools. He was a founding member and curator of the Tennessee State Lyceum in 1832 whose purpose was advancing education and learning throughout the state with schools and town or county lyceums. By 1836 he was pastor of the Harpeth Presbyterian Church in Williamson County, TN, when the present building was under construction. In 1849 he was a charter member of the Tennessee Historical Society as well as a member of its predecessors, the Tennessee Antiquarian Society (1820) and the Society for the Diffusion of Knowledge (1835).

In 1835 Hayes was one of three investors in a major paper mill (possibly the first) built in Nashville and held interest



in it for 12 years before selling. He was a Director of the State Bank of Tennessee in the 1830s. Hayes also served on the Board of Directors of the Sewanee Mining Company in 1855. One of his lasting contributions to Nashville standing today is his service on the building committee for First Presbyterian Church (now known as Downtown Presbyterian Church) when William Strickland was commissioned to design the Egyptian Revival-style building.

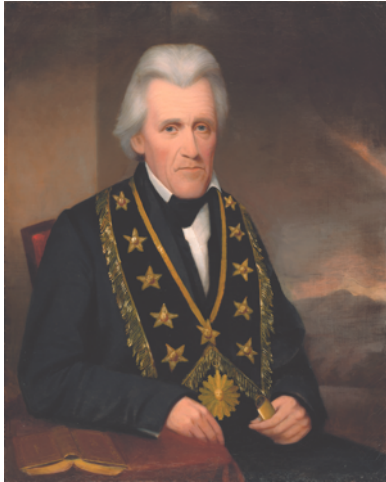
Oliver Hayes died November 1, 1858. Per Mt. Olivet Cemetery records, he was interred there on November 2, 1858. A funeral service was held two days later on November 4, 1858.



Portrait of Grand Master Oliver Bliss Hayes, Hiram Lodge No. 7, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1819. Sponsor for restoration: Hiram Lodge No. 7, 2011.

Andrew Jackson

5th Grand Master – 1822 & 1823



Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson was an American soldier and statesman who served as the seventh president of the United States from 1829 to 1837. Before being elected to the presidency, Jackson gained fame as a general in the United States Army and served in both houses of Congress. As president, Jackson sought to advance the rights of the "common man" against a "corrupt aristocracy" and to preserve the Union.

Born in the colonial Carolinas to a Scotch-Irish family in the decade before the American Revolutionary War, Jackson became a frontier lawyer and married Rachel Donelson Robards (1767-1828) in 1794. He served briefly in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate, representing Tennessee. After resigning, he served as a justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court from 1798 until 1804. Jackson purchased a property later known as The Hermitage, and became a wealthy, slave owning planter. In 1801, he was appointed colonel of the Tennessee militia and was elected its commander the following year. He led troops during the Creek War of 1813–1814, winning the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. The subsequent Treaty of Fort Jackson required

the Creek surrender of vast lands in present-day Alabama and Georgia. In the concurrent war against the British, Jackson's victory in 1815 at the Battle of New Orleans made him a national hero. Jackson then led U.S. forces in the First Seminole War, which led to the annexation of Florida from Spain. Jackson briefly served as Florida's first territorial governor before returning to the Senate. He ran for president in 1824, winning a plurality of the popular and electoral vote. As no candidate won an electoral majority, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams in a contingent election. In reaction to the alleged "corrupt bargain" between Adams and Henry Clay and the ambitious agenda of President Adams, Jackson's supporters founded the Democratic Party.



Rachel Jackson

Jackson ran again in 1828, defeating Adams in a landslide. Jackson faced the threat of secession by South Carolina over what opponents called the "Tariff of Abominations." The crisis was defused when the tariff was amended, and Jackson threatened the use of military force if South Carolina attempted to secede. In Congress, Henry Clay led the effort to reauthorize the Second Bank of the United States. Jackson, regarding the Bank as a corrupt institution, vetoed the renewal of its charter. After a lengthy struggle, Jackson and his allies thoroughly dismantled the Bank. In 1835, Jackson became the only president to completely pay off the national debt, fulfilling a longtime goal. His presidency marked the beginning of the ascendancy of the party "spoils system" in American politics. In 1830, Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act, which forcibly relocated most members of the Native American tribes in the South to Indian Territory. The relocation process dispossessed the Indians and resulted in widespread death and disease. Jackson opposed the abolitionist movement, which grew stronger in his second term. In foreign affairs, Jackson's administration concluded a "most favored nation" treaty with Great Britain, settled claims of damages against France from the Napoleonic Wars, and recognized the Republic of Texas. In January 1835, he survived the first assassination attempt on a sitting president.



Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans

In his retirement, Jackson remained active in Democratic Party politics, supporting the presidencies of Martin Van Buren and James K. Polk. Though fearful of its effects on the slavery debate, Jackson advocated the annexation of Texas, which was accomplished shortly before his death. Jackson has been widely revered in the United States as an advocate for democracy and the common man. Many of his actions proved divisive, garnering both fervent support and strong opposition from many in the country. His reputation has suffered since the 1970s, largely due to his role

in Native American removal. Surveys of historians and scholars have ranked Jackson favorably among U.S. presidents.



Jackson, April 15, 1845

Jackson's age and illness eventually overcame him. On June 8, 1845, family and friends surrounded him at his deathbed. Jackson, startled by their sobbing, said, "What is the matter with my dear children? Have I alarmed you? Oh, do not cry. Be good children and we will all meet in Heaven." He died immediately after at the age of 78 of chronic dropsy and heart failure. According to a newspaper account from the Boon Lick Times, "[he] fainted whilst being removed from his chair to the bed ... but he subsequently revived ... Gen. Jackson died at the Hermitage at 6 o'clock P.M. on Sunday the 8th instant. ... When the messenger finally came, the old soldier, patriot and Christian was looking out for his approach. He is gone, but his memory lives, and will continue to live." In his will, Jackson left his entire estate to Andrew Jackson Jr. except for specifically enumerated items that were left to various friends and family members.

Jackson was initiated at Harmony Lodge No. 1 (probably) in Tennessee. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1822 and 1823, being spontaneously elected from the floor without previously serving as a Grand Warden. There is no record that Andrew Jackson ever served as an elected Master or Warden in a Lodge. During the 1832 presidential election, Jackson faced opposition from the Anti-Masonic Party. He was the only U.S. president to have served as Grand Master of a state's Grand Lodge until Harry S. Truman in 1945. His Masonic apron is on display in the Tennessee State Museum. An obelisk and bronze Masonic plaque decorate his tomb at the Hermitage.



The Tomb of Andrew & Rachel Jackson at The Hermitage

**Portrait of Grand Master Andrew Jackson, Harmony Lodge No. 1, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper.
Sponsor for restoration: Observance Lodge No. 686, 2009.**

Matthew D. Cooper

6th Grand Master – 1825 & 1826



Matthew D. Cooper

Meriwether Lewis in 1809, when he lived in Maury County, Tennessee. His youngest brother, Robert Melville (1790-1878) was a Private in Captain Bird S. Hurt's Company, 1st Regiment Tennessee Militia (Colonel William Metcalf) Smith's Brigade, Carroll's Division; General Andrew Jackson's Army from November. 13, 1814 to May 13, 1815, and according to his own statement participated in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815. On June 6, 1817, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel and commandant of the 51st Regiment of the State Militia of Tennessee. Robert Melville Cooper is noted for identifying the remains of Meriwether Lewis, by the nails he made for the casket in a letter written to Colonel Draper.



Mary Ann Brown

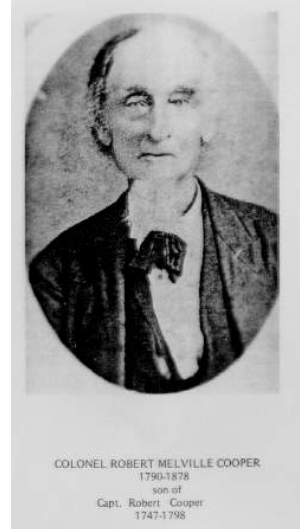
Matthew married three times. He first married Mary Agnes Frierson (1801-1834) in 1819, then Elizabeth Jane Frierson (1819-1838) in 1835 and lastly, to Mary Ann Witherspoon Brown (1822-1861) in 1841. He had twelve children in total.

His oldest son, William Frierson Cooper (1820-1909), was one of the most distinguished lawyers of Tennessee and had no peer on the bench. He spent the greater portion of his pre-teen years in New Orleans where his father maintained a second home. Judge Cooper was unmarried. He was born in Maury County, Tennessee, but after his retirement from the state supreme bench, he made his home in New York City. Judge William F. Cooper died there at the age of ninety years. The remains were brought to Maury County for interment.

Another of Matthew Cooper's sons, Edmund Cooper (1821-1911), graduated from Jackson Tennessee College in 1839, studied law at Harvard University, was admitted to the bar and commenced to practice law in Shelbyville, Tennessee. He was a member of the Tennessee State House of Representatives in 1849, presidential elector on the Constitutional Union ticket in 1860 and a Union delegate to the State constitutional convention of 1861. He was again elected to the Tennessee State House of Representatives in 1865. Upon the readmission of the State of Tennessee to representation after the Civil War, he was elected as a Unionist to the Thirty-ninth Congress, serving (1866-67). An unsuccessful candidate for reelection, he was appointed by President Johnson Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, serving 1867-69). He then resumed the practice of law until his death at age 89.

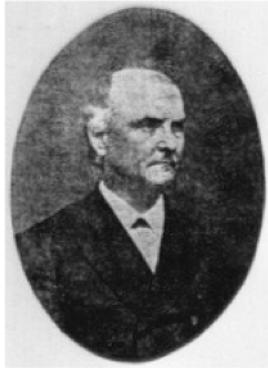
Matthew Cooper was born October 30, 1792 in Chester District, South Carolina, the son of Captain Robert Cooper (1746-1798) and Jane Hamilton (1752-1823). He was one of thirteen children. His father Robert joined Col. John Winn's regiment of the South Carolina militia in March 1778 and under Andrew Williamson marched to Augusta, then down the Savannah River to Cherokee Hill. Other battles Captain Robert Cooper participated in: Huck's Defeat, Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Nelson's Ferry, Fish Dam Ford, Blackstock's and King's Mountain. Captain Robert Cooper survived the war by many years, took pneumonia in the spring of 1798 and died on May 15. Jane Hamilton was born in St. John, Virgin Islands (before there was a US VI vs. British VI). Her father William Hamilton was James Hamilton's brother. William and James Hamilton were both merchants in the Caribbean (they were sons of Laird (Lord) Alexander Hamilton of the Grange, Scotland). James Hamilton was the father of Alexander Hamilton, Founding Father. Jane Hamilton and Alexander Hamilton were first cousins.

Matthew's brother, Hamilton (1789-1856) helped forge the nails for the coffin of

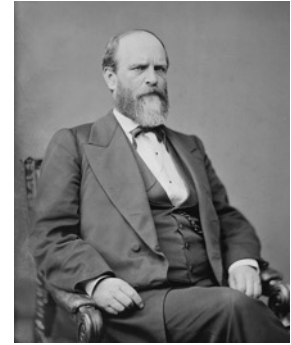


Colonel Robert Cooper

His fourth oldest child, Henry (1827-1884), graduated from Jackson College Tennessee, in 1847, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1850 and commenced to practice law in Shelbyville, Tennessee. He was a member of the Tennessee State House of Representatives, and judge of the seventh judicial circuit of Tennessee. He also was a professor in the law school at Lebanon, Tennessee, and a member of the Tennessee State Senate. In 1871, he was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate, serving until 1877. Not seeking another term, he engaged in mining in Mexico and was murdered there at age 56 by bandits.



William F. Cooper



Henry Cooper

On November 9, 1908, former U. S. Senator Edward Carmack attempted to shoot his publishing and political rival, Duncan Brown Cooper (1845-1922), the sixth son of Matthew Cooper, attempting to act preemptively after Cooper threatened him over the content of anti-Cooper editorials Carmack had published. Carmack missed Cooper but wounded Cooper's son Robin, who returned fire and killed Carmack. During the first trial, both Cooper and his son Robin were convicted of second-degree murder and twenty years in prison. Governor Patterson granted a pardon to Cooper and saved him from jail. Shortly after, Robin was granted a second trial on appeal. He was released after the prosecutor decided not to retry the case. However, he was still vilified in the temperance press and shunned by Nashvillians. Governor Patterson found that he had doomed his political career by pardoning Cooper.



Duncan Brown Cooper

Matthew Cooper was a merchant, banker, trader, farmer and teacher. Cooper was a Private in Captain James McEwen's Company, 2nd Regiment Tennessee Volunteers (Colonel Thomas Hart Benton) from December 10, 1812 to April 20 1813; first lieutenant in Captain Christopher E. McEwen's Company, 2nd Regiment West Tennessee Volunteers (Colonel William Pillow) September 26, 1813 to December 10, 1813, Brigadier General William Hall's Brigade, Major General Andrew Jackson's Army. By his own statement he participated in the Battle of Talladega, Alabama Creek War, November 9, 1813.

He was a member of Columbia Lodge 31. He served in 1824 as Deputy Grand Master when President Andrew Jackson was the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and in 1825 elected Grand Master and was re-elected in 1826 and served until 1827.

Matthew D. Cooper died December 20, 1878 and is buried in Zion Cemetery at Columbia, Tennessee, his three wives beside him. He is interred in the ground with a large and imposing monument to his memory, but each of his wives is buried in box-like sarcophagus above the ground.



Portrait of Grand Master Matthew Delamare Cooper, Columbia Lodge No. 31, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Columbia Lodge No. 31, 2014.

William E. Kennedy 7th Grand Master – 1827 & 1828



William E. Kennedy

William Edmiston Kennedy was born April 18, 1794, the son of Robert Campbell Kennedy (1761-1815) and Esther Ann Edmiston Kennedy (1766-1823). He was a lawyer and Judge of his Judicial District and Member of the State Legislature from Lincoln and Giles County. In 1824 he married Elizabeth O. Willis (1805-1841). They had 8 children. Only one survived Brother Kennedy. Amanda Catherine (1821-1904), Robert Willis (1829-1841), Infant Son (1830-1830), Ann M. (1831-1834), Francis Henry (1834-1837), William Edwin (1836-1837), Junius Dawson (1838-1840) and Mary Emma (1840-1852).

Kennedy died December 17, 1863 and is buried in Zion Cemetery in Columbia, Tennessee.

There is little written information about Grand Master Kennedy. His death occurred during the Civil War and due to the abbreviated Grand Lodge Sessions; a memorial was not written and delivered.

Portrait of Grand Master William Edwin Kennedy, Warren Lodge No. 19, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge of Research, 2012.



Hugh W. Dunlap

8th Grand Master – 1829 & 1830



Hugh W. Dunlap

Hugh White Dunlap was born in Knox County, Tennessee on February 25, 1798 with his twin brother, William Claiborne Dunlap, the son of Hugh (1769-1846) and Susanna Harding Gilliam Dunlap (1775-1859). Hugh Dunlap, the father, was born in Londonderry, Ireland on Nov 5, 1769. He came to the colonies as a child, living possibly in Philadelphia. By his own account, in December 1791 he left Philadelphia with wagonloads of goods and steered a course along the Great Wagon Road for Tennessee, arriving in an embryonic Knoxville "about the first of February 1792." He described the town at that time as a thicket of brushwood and grapevines, and he deposited and sold his goods in a shanty by the river where all the business was done. Hugh bought and sold land all over Tennessee, some of which included Cade's Cove and the area near Rockwood, Tennessee which included Oak Ridge, where nuclear material was processed for the world's first atomic bomb 130 or so years later. He moved his family west on rafts along the Tennessee River about 1826, settling in Paris, in Henry Co. and spent the remainder of his years there. He was the father of numerous sons, all lawyers, prominent in government and the courts of Tennessee, and several daughters, totaling 15 children.

The second oldest of the 15 children, General Richard Gilliam Dunlap (1796-1841), was a military commander and lawyer. He commanded a company under Andrew Jackson when he was 19 years old during the War of 1812. In the Seminole War in Florida, 1818, he was a Captain of a volunteer regiment. He was promoted to Brigadier General and led a volunteer group of Tennesseans ready to go fight in Texas against the Mexicans in 1836, but the victory at San Jacinto made it unnecessary. Appointed by Texas President Mirabeau Lamar as Treasurer in 1838, Richard hand-signed their currency and bond issues, and later served as Ambassador of the Republic of Texas (Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary) to the United States.

Another of Hugh W. Dunlap's brothers, William Claiborne Dunlap (1798-1872), attended Ebenezer Academy and Maryville College, (1813-17) studied law, was admitted to the bar and commenced to practice law in Knoxville, Tennessee. He served in the Indian campaigns (1818-19) and held a commission in the United States Volunteers until 1830. In 1833, he was elected as a Jacksonian to the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Congresses, serving until 1837. An unsuccessful candidate for reelection, he was a judge of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Tennessee, (1840-49), a member of the Tennessee State Senate, (1851, 53, 57) and served in the Tennessee State House of Representatives, (1857-59).



Susannah Warfield McKiernan

Another brother, James Trimble Dunlap (1810-1879) was born in Knox Co. Tennessee in 1810. He was named after James' father Hugh's friend, James Trimble, who was a lawyer and partner in a lucrative land deal they had in Roane County about that time. James attended East Tennessee College and earned his A.B. degree in 1830. He became a lawyer as all his brothers had before him. In 1836, he took part in the Texas Revolution, and was Captain of Henry County's Volunteer Company. James became Comptroller of the Treasury of Tennessee in 1858 under Governor Isham Harris. When the Union Army invaded Tennessee during the Civil War, James was ordered to take the state treasury and cash assets of The Bank of Tennessee, the archives of Tennessee, and several locomotives of the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad to Georgia. He, along with Joel Battle, Tennessee Treasurer, and J. E. R. Ray, Tennessee Secretary of State took them to Georgia for safekeeping. The archives and locomotives were kept at Buzzard's Roost, while the gold and bank assets were deposited in the Bank at Augusta. After a three-year stay in the region, they were forced to surrender to Union forces hunting for him and his Tennessee compadres, and they returned to Tennessee. After the war, he was prevented from practicing law until he got permission from Congress, which was eventually granted in 1872. James was involved in investing in a Mexican silver mine, and while visiting it, contracted pneumonia and died after his return to Nashville in 1879.

Hugh White Dunlap was a lawyer, and served as Trustee of Paris Academy in 1825. He served as Attorney General for the 13th Judicial Circuit from 1826-1829. He was a member of Paris Lodge 55 and served as Grand Master of Tennessee in 1829 and 1830.



He was married to Susannah Warfield McKiernan on February 9, 1830. Dunlap served in the 18th Tennessee General Assembly representing Henry and Weakley Counties, 1829-1831. He moved to Raymond, Mississippi, where he established a law practice and served a term in the Mississippi Legislature. Later, he moved to Monroe Parish, Louisiana where he established a plantation named Tuscumbia on the west bank of the Mississippi River opposite Vicksburg.

Dunlap served as a Lieutenant Colonel of the 5th Louisiana Volunteers during the Mexican War. Susannah died some time after 1840, and Hugh married Susan (Carr) Kerr (1818-1865) on July 19, 1847. She was a cousin of Mary Todd, a Kentucky belle, who married an Illinois lawyer, Abraham Lincoln. It seems the marriage became contentious, and Dunlap was spending time away from home in New Orleans when he became ill. He died there of cholera on March 27, 1849. His body was transported by river to Paris, Henry County, Tennessee, where he is buried in the Hugh Dunlap lot in the Paris City Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Hugh White Dunlap, Paris Lodge No. 55, giclee on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, original in Paris Lodge No. 108. Sponsor of restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2011.

Archibald Yell

9th Grand Master - 1831



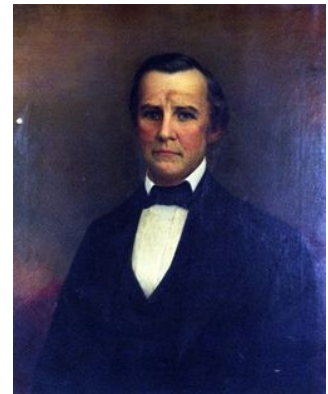
Archibald Yell

Archibald Yell was likely born in Kentucky or Tennessee, although his headstone lists North Carolina, on August 9, 1797, the son of Moses Archibald Yell (1747-1817) and Janie Currie Yell (1764-1832). His family first settled in Jefferson County in the eastern part of the state, then moved to Rutherford in Middle Tennessee, and finally settled in Bedford County to the south. As a youth, Yell participated in the Creek War, serving in 1813 and early 1814 under General Andrew Jackson. In 1814 and 1815, during the War of 1812, he served with Jackson in Louisiana, including in the Battle of New Orleans. He returned to Tennessee, and read law as a legal apprentice. He was admitted to the Bar in Fayetteville, Tennessee. In 1818, he joined Jackson's army during the First Seminole War in Florida.

Yell met Mary Scott (1805-1823) in Bedford County, Tennessee, where they were neighbors. They married in 1821 after had started to establish his law practice. She had one daughter, who was born January 5, 1823. Mary Scott Yell died from complications following their daughter's birth. A few years later in 1828, he married Nancy Ann Jordan Moore (1803-1835) of Danville, Kentucky. They had four children before her death. He later married Maria (McIlvaine) Ficklin, a widow. They had no children. Maria died on October 15, 1838, while he was serving in Congress. His nephew James Yell (1811-1867) was a lawyer, state legislator, and major general in the Arkansas State Militia during the Civil War. Never holding an active field command, he was removed from his position early in the war because of his allegiance to state troops rather than the Confederate government. He did not see action in the war.

Brother Yell was probably made a Mason in Warren Lodge 19 at Fayetteville which was chartered the year he became of age, as he first appeared in Grand Lodge October, 1824 when Shelbyville Lodge 49 received its Charter and was there installed as first Master of that Lodge. On October 9th, he received the Royal Arch Degrees in Cumberland Chapter 1. He represented Shelbyville Lodge in 1825 and attended the Grand Lodge regularly until in October 1831 he was elected Grand Master from the floor, the second to be thus honored in Grand Lodge, not having previously served in any Grand Office, though frequently on committees.

Active in the Democratic Party, Yell moved to the Arkansas Territory in 1831 to head the federal land office in Little Rock, thus being unable to complete his term as Grand Master. The federal government offered him the governorship of the Florida Territory the following year, but he declined. On March 21, 1832, Yell was appointed Adjutant General of the Territorial Militia with the rank of Colonel in place of Colonel Whorton Rector who had resigned. His time as Adjutant General was apparently cut short by malaria. Yell left Arkansas for a time to recoup back home in Tennessee, but by 1835, returned to Arkansas, having been appointed as a Territorial Judge. He was a strong supporter and personal friend of President James K. Polk. Just prior to taking office in 1845, Polk sent Yell to Texas to advocate for its annexation to the Union. He is reported to have single-handedly retrieved a criminal from a local saloon and physically brought him to his court.



Archibald Yell

Yell was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1836, after Arkansas was admitted to the Union. He served one term, from December 5, 1836 to March 3, 1839. While in Washington, he was a strong support of Texan statehood and favored a stronger military. Around this time he obtained a Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to establish the first Masonic Lodge in Arkansas at Fayetteville, which was chartered October 3, 1837 as Washington 1 of Arkansas upon the organization of their Grand Lodge in 1838.



Yell House, Washington County, AR

Roane, and future Confederate Generals Albert Pike, Solon Borland and James Fleming Fagan. His cavalry compiled a record of insubordination. General John E. Wool, commander of the Arkansas mounted volunteers, said they were, “wholly without instruction, and Colonel Yell is determined to leave (them) in that condition.” Yell, he continued had a “total ignorance of his duties as Colonel.” During the Mexican War, he was brevetted a Brigadier General of United States Volunteers.

On February 23, 1847, Yell was killed in action at the Battle of Buena Vista at age 49. He was originally buried on the battlefield in Mexico. His body was removed and returned to Arkansas for burial at Waxhaws Cemetery in Fayetteville. When Evergreen Cemetery was established in the city, the Freemasons arranged for his body to be relocated and reinterred in the Masonic section of that cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Archibald Yell, Shelbyville Lodge No. 49, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: District 11 Lodges, 2011.

In 1840, Yell was elected Governor of Arkansas. He focused on internal improvements, as infrastructure was needed to benefit planters and farmers. He also worked to better control banks and supported public education. Yell resigned his post as Governor to run again for Congress in 1844 at age 47, and won the seat. He is reported to have been the consummate campaigner. At one stop during the campaign, he is said to have won a shooting match, donated meat to the poor, and bought a jug of whiskey for the crowd.

Soon after he took his seat in Congress, the Mexican War began. Yell returned to Arkansas and formed the Mounted Regiment of Arkansas Infantry. Several of his later achieved notability in Arkansas, including the future governor John Selden



Yell Law Office, Fayetteville, AR



Original Yell Grave Monument



New Monument Dedicated in 2019

Dudley S. Jennings

10th Grand Master - 1832



Dudley S. Jennings

Dudley Smith Jennings was born January 26, 1800 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, the son of William (1770-1829) and Mariam Woodward (Smith) Jennings (1775-1833). His father fought and was a Colonel in the War of 1812. The Honorable Dudley Jennings was an eminent lawyer of his day. Highly educated and a commanding public speaker, he was also a respected judge.

He was a member of Paris Lodge 55 and was elected Grand Master of Tennessee in 1832. He later moved to Jackson, Mississippi and served as Grand Master there as well. Jennings also served as Grand High Priest of Mississippi.

In 1851, he brought his family to Texas. Several of his sons formed the publishing firm 'Jennings Brothers,' and served their communities in various capacities.

His youngest son, John Alexander Jennings (1853-1899) was born July 18, 1853. John appears on the 1860 and 1870 census with his family at Marshall, Texas. By 1880, he had removed to Longview in Gregg County where his older brother Dudley Jr. was then practicing law, as was Dudley's neighbor, E. B. Ragland (1836-1919). John appears on this census as a pharmacist, and is mentioned as such in the 1881 publication *The Encyclopedia of the New West*. On 19 Nov 1884, he married Ragland's daughter, Julia (1861-1920). In January of 1888, he filed for bankruptcy on his business. That September, his only child was born: Elizabeth "Bessie" Ragland Jennings. In the aftermath of his business failure, he moved to 625 Live Oak Street in San Antonio where he found employment as a clerk at Carter & Mullaly, Undertakers and Transfer Company. It appeared he had his life back on track until, some years later, an extremely mysterious event occurred.

On September 7, 1899 John arrived home on his lunch break around noon. After finishing his meal, he changed his trousers and left the house as though returning to work. That evening, when he failed to arrive home, his wife called his workplace to find out what was delaying him. She was told he'd never returned from lunch, and they'd presumed he'd taken ill and had been at home. The police were called, but no trace of him could be found. On Wednesday of the following week, a San Antonio paper printed a news item about a stranger in poor health who had recently died at Seguin, a town about 37 miles Northwest of San Antonio. Based on the description of the man, John's wife sent their neighbor, Mr. Dullnig, to Seguin to make inquiries. He returned with the dead man's personal effects, which she positively identified as belonging to her husband.

Stories of John's disappearance and later identification appeared in the San Antonio newspapers *Daily Light & Daily Express* on 14 Sep 1899. They relate that John had appeared in Seguin on Saturday afternoon, the 9th of September, and taken a room in a boarding house without giving any sort of identification. He had previously purchased 20 grains of morphine--enough to dispatch an elephant--and retired to his room early on Saturday night, complaining of general aches and pains. He was found dead early the next afternoon under a tree near the railroad tracks, about a half-mile from the Seguin depot. There were no obvious signs of injury, and his death was ruled to have been due to natural causes. Due to the effects of the summer heat, he was buried in the Poor Farm Cemetery before his identity could be learned. His actual cause of death and his whereabouts on the first two days he went missing were never determined.

Dudley's brother was Thomas Jefferson Jennings (1801-1881), who served in the Texas Legislature and was Attorney General of Texas from 1852 to 1856.

Dudley S. Jennings died September 25, 1864 and is buried in Marshall Cemetery in Marshall, Harrison County, Texas.

Portrait of Grand Master Dudley Smith Jennings, Paris Lodge No. 55, giclee on canvas, original at Paris Lodge No. 108. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88 & Portrait Restoration Fund, 2011.



Harry L. Douglass

11th Grand Master - 1833



Harry L. Douglass

Colonel Harry Lightfoot Douglass was born in 1784 in Sumner County, Tennessee, the son of Edward Douglass, Jr. (1745-1825) and Elizabeth (Howard) Douglass (1756-1850). He married Priscilla Shelby (1793-1815), the daughter of David and Sarah Bledsoe Shelby, in 1811 in Lebanon, Tennessee, the city of which he was once Mayor. He was a member of Lebanon Lodge 66 and was elected Grand Master in 1833.

A veteran of the War of 1812, he was a friend and confidant of Andrew Jackson. After Priscilla's death, he married Zuritha Alcorn (1791-1820), the daughter of Governor John Alcorn of Mississippi and Prudence (Hall) Alcorn on August 19, 1817 in Wilson County, Tennessee. Zuritha died February 11, 1820.

Colonel Douglass married a third time to Jane Ann Barrow (1802-1878), widow of Henry Crabb, on December 15, 1829 in Davidson County, Tennessee.



Edward Douglass, Jr.

Jane was also the mother of California senator Colonel Henry Crabb, the filibusterer who attempted to bring the Mexican state of Sonora into the U.S. in 1857, but was murdered with all of his officers and men by Mexican guerillas at the town of Caborca. Crabb's lieutenant in the Sonora Expedition was Colonel Robert Nathaniel Wood, a San Francisco area judge and Mexican War veteran who had formerly been Mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana. Wood, a native of Natchez, Mississippi, had also been in the cotton business in Mississippi and north Louisiana. Wood, Crabb, and Douglass were business associates and sometime business partners, which is what had first brought Douglass to Shreveport in the early 1840s.



William Howard Douglass

Colonel Douglass also had two brothers, William Howard Douglass (1782-1834) and Dr. Elmore Douglass (1798-1862). William Howard Douglass was born on 10 October 1782 in Sullivan County, Tennessee. He married Sarah Genette Edwards (1788-1865), daughter of William Edwards and Sarah Genette, on 21 January 1810 in Sumner County, Tennessee. Oak Haven Farm, dating to 1793, has contributed significantly to the social and economic development of Sumner County, especially in the areas of progressive farming and breeding livestock. Founders William and Sarah Genette Edwards originally owned 540 acres, but soon developed other acreages in the county as well. Cotton, maple sugar, small grains, sheep and beef cattle were the commodities produced at Oak Haven. The founders had eight children, and their daughter Sarah Edwards Douglass, the wife of William Howard Douglass, inherited 540 acres of the farm in 1828. William managed the farm like his father-in-law and made few changes in its operations. Sarah and William

were the parents of six children. In 1865, the founder's grandson, Cullen E. Douglass (1825-1899), acquired 288 acres of the original farm. Douglass, who married twice and fathered eighteen children, was a member of the Sumner County Court. He made major changes in the farm's operations, ceasing the cultivation of cotton while breeding registered Shorthorn cattle. In 1899, the farm passed to his children who jointly managed it for 29 years. The farm's commodities expanded to include corn and swine. Cullen E. Douglass, Jr., the great great grandson of the founders, acquired the family's 288 acres in 1928. Douglass later sold 138 acres and on his reduced acreage became a specialized farmer of tobacco, milk products, lespedeza and livestock. Cullen held several public and civic offices, including the foreman of the county grand jury, the director of the Sumner County Farm Bureau, and the treasurer of the Bill Wilkerson Hearing and Speech Center.



Sarah Edwards Douglass



Cullen Douglass

Grand Master Harry Douglass maintained a residence for more than a decade in Shreveport, dividing his time between Shreveport and Vicksburg, though the U.S. Census of 1850 gives his primary residence as Shreveport. Nevertheless, Colonel Douglass is usually identified historically as a Mississippian. He was the owner of the first cotton compress in the south.

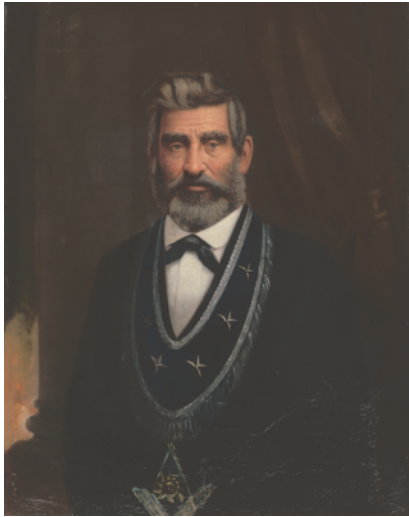
Douglass died at his Shreveport residence on September 13, 1854 and was buried at Oakland Cemetery in what was intended to be a temporary grave. However, his remains were never removed for reburial at Vicksburg and his body remains at Oakland, though the exact location of the grave is now uncertain.

Shreveport's Douglass Street (frequently misspelled with a single final s) located a block east of Oakland Cemetery, is named for him and is the only permanent memorial in the city.

Portrait of Grand Master Harry Lightfoot Douglass, Lebanon Lodge No. 66, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1833. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2010.

Benjamin S. Tappan

12th Grand Master – 1834 & 1835



Benjamin Tappan

Benjamin S. Tappan was born February 25, 1799 in Newburyport, Essex County, Massachusetts.

He first moved to Virginia and married Margaret Bell Wood (?-1892), daughter of William Wood and Nelly Madison,

Tappan lived in Tennessee in the 1830s and was a member of Hiram Lodge 7. He was elected Grand Master in 1834 and again in 1835. He also served as Grand High Priest of Tennessee in 1837 and 1838.

By the 1840s, when his name first appears on the Warren County, Mississippi tax rolls, he apparently had a prosperous business: Tappan and Yerger reported \$40,000 worth of merchandise sold during 1841, and B. S. Tappan & Company had sales of \$21,500 in 1847. Tappan operated an iron and paper wholesale store on Washington Street in 1861.

He was a member of a Masonic Lodge in Vicksburg and was Grand Master of Mississippi in 1847-1848. He also served as Grand High Priest of Mississippi. He was also a member of the Sons of Temperance. A senior

warden and vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, Tappan was a lay delegate to the diocesan convention in 1842.

He served on the Vicksburg City Council in 1846 and narrowly lost the mayoral election in 1847 and 1850. He was on the city and county school boards, often as president, almost continuously from 1848 until 1861. During the Civil War, Tappan served as a captain in the home guard but was too old for active service.

Benjamin Tappan died March 1, 1866, age 67, at Vicksburg, Warren County, Mississippi of meningitis and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. His portrait hangs in the Old Court House in Vicksburg. He also has a portrait in the possession of the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D. C.

Portrait of Grand Master Benjamin Swett Tappan, Hiram Lodge No. 7, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Hiram Lodge No. 7, 2011.

J. C. N. Robertson

13th Grand Master – 1836



J. C. N. Robertson

Battle of Horseshoe Bend, and marched with him to the Battle of New Orleans. He was commissioned a Captain in 1816 and in 1833 commissioned a Brigadier General of the 14th Regiment of the Militia.

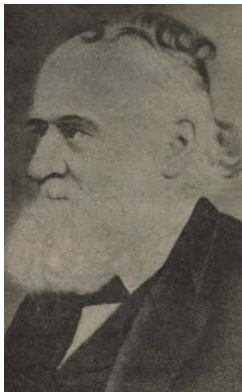
Julius Caesar Nichols Robertson was born on February 20, 1792 near Jonesboro, Tennessee. The Robertson's were descendants of King Duncan I of Scotland. His great grandfather, John Randolph Robertson (1712-1761) came to the New Country and settled in Brunswick, Virginia with his wife. They had 10 children. Two of their famous sons Majors Charles Robertson (1733-1798) and James Robertson (1742-1814) who is often referred to as the "Father of Tennessee", crossed the frozen Cumberland River in December 1790 and built Fort Nashborough. This settlement became Nashville, Tennessee.

Charles and his wife Susannah Nichols Robertson also had a large family; their son George (1767-1827) was the father of Julius Caesar Nichols (J.C.N.) Robertson. J. C. N. Robertson grew up admiring Andrew Jackson who practiced law in Jonesboro and in 1812; he joined General Jackson's Old Tennessee Volunteers and fought the Creek War in Alabama, was a sergeant at the



James Robertson

He married Margaret Reagan (1796-1891) in 1818. In 1819, Robertson was appointed Government Agent for the Cherokee Reservation. The family story is one day while Robertson was away getting money and supplies for the Indians, his wife, Margaret was alone at home with her child. Indians came to the home with the intent of killing everyone there. Margaret pretended to be calm and welcomed the Indians and handed her baby to one of the braves and left the room to get refreshments. She knew the Indian's code of honor would never allow them to harm anyone left in their trust, especially a child. Sure enough, they put the baby in its crib and left as she was bringing food and drink into the room. The Robertson's would eventually have 8 children in all.



Sheriff J. C. N. Robertson

In 1823, the Robertson's moved to the Western District of Tennessee to help establish Hardeman County. On November 17, 1823 the first county court was organized in Thomas McNeal's home in Hatchie Town, about one mile north of present day Bolivar on the Hatchie River. They elected William Polk to serve as chairman, Thomas J. Hardeman as clerk; Elisha W. Boyette, register; and J. C. N. Robertson as sheriff and tax collector. George Gibson and Joseph Rosson were appointed first deputy sheriffs.

It was a hard job as sheriff with disparate characters and thousands of Indians still roaming the area. He served as sheriff from 1823-1836. William Stockton served for 2 years, and then Robertson was re-elected again for 2 years, with a total of 15 years in all. During this time wild varmint's skins were even used as money, he collected for taxes and debts. The first jail was a big oak tree, which criminals would be tied to in Hatchie Town; in 1824 the first log courthouse (oldest in West Tennessee) was built on Court Square. The upstairs was used as a jail for a short time.

From 1832 to 1842, Robertson was an active member of the Board of Trustees of the Female Academy of Bolivar, supporting women's right to education. In 1834, he was elected to the Constitutional Convention that framed the Tennessee Constitution. In 1835, he was elected State Senator to represent Hardeman, Fayette and Shelby counties. He was a member of Clinton Lodge 54 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1836.



J. C. N. Robertson moved to Mississippi in 1843, where he had a plantation near Hernando. Previous to the War Between the States, Robertson spent most of his accumulated fortune assisting in the building of railroads. He became the Director for the Company of Mississippi Tennessee Railroad. It was a short line railroad between New Albany, Mississippi and Middleton, Tennessee. The line is still used today.

Julius Caesar Nichols Robertson died at the age of 87 in 1879, and is buried with his wife that lived to the age of 94, in Hernando Baptist Cemetery.



Portrait of Grand Master Julius Caesar Nichols Robertson, Clinton Lodge No. 54, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge of Research, 2012.

Philander Priestly

14th Grand Master - 1837



Philander Priestly

Philander McBride Priestly was born in 1795 in Maryland, the son of James (1760-1821) and Sarah Ann Priestly (1766-1829). His father was President of Cumberland College at Nashville.

Brother Priestly was involved in the mercantile business and flat boat trade on the river. In 1827 he was the Postmaster in Dover, Tennessee and from 1836 to 1840 served as the First Circuit Court Clerk for Stewart County, Tennessee. In 1837 he became a Trustee of the Dover Female Academy. He became the Justice of the Peace of Montgomery County in 1847. Priestly was married three times, first to Tennessee Ward, then to Louise Perkins and finally to Matilda Summers. He had four children.



Dr. James Priestly

Priestly was a member of Dover Lodge 39 and elected Grand Master in 1837. He appears in Texas in the 1860 census, but not in the census of 1870. Priestly appears to have died somewhere in Texas in the 1860s.

Portrait of Grand Master Philander McBride Priestly, giclee on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, original portrait was located in Guthrie, Kentucky, with his great, great, great granddaughter. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2013.

Samuel McManus

15th Grand Master – 1838 & 1839



Samuel McManus

Samuel McManus was born in 1787 in Maryland. He was a merchant. He became a Mason at the age of 28 at Cumberland Lodge 8. He became Senior Warden of that Lodge in 1822 and was elected Worshipful Master in 1823 and 1824. He continued in office until contentions arose in his Lodge, and believing himself right, he was determined and unyielding. Suspension, restoration, compromise, and again official position, followed each other in rapid succession.

In 1823 Andrew Jackson, as Grand Master, appointed him as Senior Grand Deacon, and on a committee to amend the constitution. An effort was made that year by the Grand Lodge to elect its Deputy Grand Master, and give him power to grant dispensations. Brother McManus bitterly and successfully opposed it. He prevailed also upon the Grand Lodge to adopt a monitor for the use of subordinate Lodges.

In 1824 he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Returns, and a member of the committee to compile rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge. He prevailed upon that grand body to loan her surplus means and make the interest a charity fund.

In 1825 he was reappointed Senior Grand Deacon, and made Chairman of the Committee on Lectures. During the year he acted as Deputy Grand Master in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Hall at Franklin.

In 1826 he again represented Cumberland Lodge in the Grand Lodge, and was elected Senior Grand Warden. We find no record of Brother McManus in the Grand Lodge again until 1835. In 1837 he again appeared, and was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations. About this time he left Nashville and removed to West Tennessee.

In 1838 he returned to Grand Lodge as the representative of Clinton Lodge 54, at Bolivar. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens being absent, Brother McManus presided as Grand Master – only ten Lodges represented. The session that year was peculiarly gloomy and dark. The only Lodge in Memphis had surrendered its charter. Several Lodges, said the committee “had left their Lodge rooms open and exposed, like deserted barns,” and had sold their jewels and furniture – twenty-three Lodges were stricken from the rolls – twelve were censured and ordered to make returns and send delegates to the next Grand Lodge. Twelve only made returns; and many, in which no action was taken, were reported as dead or dying. It was at such a time that Brother McManus showed his energy and greatness. He was elected Grand Master and went to work with others to infuse more life and interest as to Masonry in the State.

At the next session of the Grand Lodge – 1839 – twenty Lodges were represented. The Grand Master’s address was brief. He spoke of discrepancies and irregularities, and he feared departures from the landmarks of the Order. He wanted a national convention to correct them. By the light of tallow candles, Brother McManus was re-elected Grand Master. At this session of the Grand Lodge, PGM Andrew Jackson was present, and, at the earnest solicitation of the Grand Master, he presided.

In 1839 he dedicated a Masonic hall at Lagrange. There is indication that he became a member of this Lodge. In 1843 he was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. In 1860 he attended the Grand Lodge for the last time and gave a brief and earnest farewell address. In the Chapter, we find him representing Cumberland Chapter 1 in the Grand Chapter in 1827. In 1839 he is a representative from Fayette Chapter, and appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and elected Grand Scribe. In 1842, he represented Washington Chapter 13, at Memphis, by proxy; was elected Grand Marshal, and again appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

He died April 22, 1874 in a spacious room, comfortably furnished, on a large bed, supported by pillows, surrounded by his wife, grandchildren, brother and a friend. He was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Samuel McManus, La Grange Lodge No. 81, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Buena Vista – East Nashville Lodge. No 560, 2011.

George Wilson 16th Grand Master - 1840



George Wilson

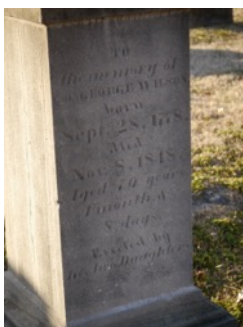
George Wilson was born September 28, 1778 in the District of Columbia, on the Virginia side of the Potomac, the son of Joseph Wilson, Jr. While yet a young man he moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. He married December 31, 1799 to Margery Johnson Greer, of Watauga. She died in 1812. One of the children of this marriage, George Alexander Wilson, became a distinguished officer in the Florida War and afterwards was a Whig member of the Legislature. He married his second wife, Matilda George Greer, December 6, 1813. She was niece of his first wife, and daughter of Andrew Greer, Jr., of Wilson County, Tennessee. She died in Nashville August 31, 1822. One of the daughters, Matilda George, married John King Edmundson. She died in Nashville in 1837. Another daughter, Sarah Greer, married John Williamson Butler. She died in Pittsburgh in 1896. These two daughters erected a monument to their father in the Old Nashville Cemetery, on which is the inscription "To the memory of Colonel George Wilson. Born September 28, 1778. Died November 8, 1848."

The latter now enters the Cumberland River through a large sewer near the Tennessee Central Station. Its source is a large spring now concealed under a house at the northeast corner of Seventh Avenue and Peabody streets, on the fifth block south of Broadway.

Brother Wilson moved to Nashville in 1818. In the early days of Nashville the small village of the bluff was bounded on the north and west by the Sulphur Spring Branch and on the south by George Wilson's Spring Branch.

George Wilson's place contained about five acres, bounded on the west by Spruce Street (now Eighth Avenue), on the south by South Union (now Lea Avenue), on the east by High Street (now Sixth Avenue), and on the north by the Academy line. His residence was probably on Spruce Street where the African S. S. Union building now stands. Originally, the valley of George Wilson's Spring Branch was heavily wooded and thick with cane. From the Battle of the Bluff the Indians fled through this valley, chased from the front by the pioneers and their dogs.

In George Wilson's time the large spring supplied water for Wilson's tannery, the tannery of Peter Bass lower down on the branch, and other factories. Then, and for many years afterwards, it furnished cool, wholesome drinking water for the residents of the vicinity. But the tanning of leather was not George Wilson's vocation. It simply served to utilize in an industrial way his surplus capital and surplus spring water and, at the same time, to give him something to do during his declining years after he had retired from the active duties of his life work. His life work was that of an editor and publisher.



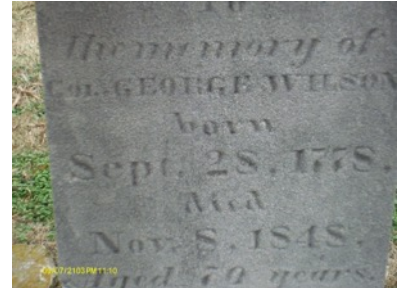
On the death of George Roustone, the pioneer printer of the State, in 1804, George Wilson succeeded him as the editor and publisher of the *Knoxville Gazette*, said to have been the first newspaper published west of the Allegheny Mountains. He enlarged the paper from three to five columns and changed the name to *Wilson's Knoxville Gazette*. He moved his office to Nashville in 1818 and established *The Nashville Gazette*, the first issue of which was published on May 26, 1819. In June, 1827, Allen A. Hall and John Fitzgerald purchased the property and changed the name of the paper to *The Republican and State Gazette*.

In politics he was a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school. George Wilson was an ardent supporter of Andrew Jackson and enjoyed his friendship, too. One of his descendants has preserved an original note from General Jackson, which reads as follows: "*Gen'l. Jackson's compliments to Col. George Wilson, and requests the pleasure of his company to dinner on Monday the 13 inst. A. Jackson, Hermitage, 10th of May, 1832.*"

Wilson was a member of Tennessee Lodge 2. He was one of the committee that, in 1813, framed the original constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and he was the first Deputy Grand Master under Grand Master Thomas Claiborne, the first Grand Master. He served as Deputy Grand Master in 1813, 1814, and again in 1822 and 1823. He was Senior Grand Warden in 1819, 1820 and 1821. His appointment as Deputy Grand Master in 1822 was by Andrew Jackson, who was Grand Master that year. In 1840 he was elected Grand Master.

His portrait in the Grand Lodge building in Nashville, shows a fine, handsome face, with regular features, of a man apparently about forty years of age. He was, however, sixty-two years of age in 1840. We do not know who the painter was, but it is an interesting incident in this connection that in 1827 George Wilson conveyed by deed one hundred acres of land in Davidson County, reserving the timber to John W. Jarvis, of _____ county, Virginia, in consideration of one portrait picture valued at _____, etc., delivered by said Jarvis.

He died November 8, 1848 and is interred at City Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master George Alexander Wilson, Tennessee Lodge No. 2, giclee on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, original portrait was located in Shreveport, Louisiana, 1972. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2014.

Joseph Norvell 17th Grand Master - 1843



Joseph Norvell

Joseph Norvell was born on June 16, 1793 at Garrard County, Kentucky, the son of Lipscomb (1756-1843) and Mary (Mollie) Hendrick Norvell (1756-1813). Lipscomb Norvell, who's lineage could be traced back to the founding of Williamsburg, (born, Hanover County, Virginia, September 1756 -died in Nashville, Tennessee March 2, 1843) entered the Continental Army on August 7, 1777 as a cadet in Captain William Mosby's company of the 5th Virginia Regiment of Foot commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker. On January 15, 1778 he became regimental paymaster. In May 1778, his name appeared on the rolls at Valley Forge, at Brunswick, New Jersey in July, White Plains, New York in August, and West Point, New York in October, and Princeton, New Jersey in December. On February 3, 1779 he was at Middlebrook, New York, in April at Smith's Cove, and on September 8th at Ramapough, New Jersey. He fought in the Battles of Brandywine, Trenton, and Monmouth and the Siege of Charleston, where he was taken prison and remained in British custody until the end of the war.

Joseph Norvell wielded great political power as the editor of the *Nashville Whig* newspaper that he had purchased with his brother Moses (1786-1853) about 1812. He sold his interest in the paper before August 1817 and repurchased it in 1826. From 1819 to 1823 he was the Nashville City Recorder and later served as City Treasurer.

Another brother, John (1789-1850), was the co-founder of the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper and a U. S. Senator from Michigan from 1837 to 1841. John served in the U. S. Army during the War of 1812. His other brother, Lipscomb, Jr. also served in the war.



John Norvell

His brother Hendrick Norvell (born September 29, 1808 – died March 18, 1837) entered the United States Navy on April 1, 1828 as a Midshipman and became a passed Midshipman (Ensign) on June 14, 1834. He was first assigned to the US sloop Vandalia and then the US schooner Enterprise. In 1835, the Enterprise undertook a six-month voyage to Siam and the Orient; during this voyage he became ill. As a result, he became an invalid and unable to perform his duties. He died on March 18, 1837, of consumption at the residence of his brother, Joseph Norvell, Editor of the Nashville Whig newspaper, in Nashville.



Caleb Norvell

Joseph's youngest brother, Caleb Cushing Norvell (1813-1891), married Catherine Mary Carroll (born December 8, 1816 -died October 2, 1842, buried in the Mt Olive Cemetery), on June 27, 1833, the niece of William Carroll, who was Governor of Tennessee six times. After her death he married on March 4, 1844, Jeanette Gordon (born April 24, 1814), the daughter of Captain James Gordon. Caleb edited the Nashville Whig newspaper and was active in the literary and musical life of Nashville. He also did much printing for the State of Tennessee: 1837 provided newspapers to the General Assembly, 1841-45 Printer to the House of Representatives, and from 1843-47 printer for General Assembly. In 1837, he became editor of the Commercial Transcript, but returned to the Whig in 1838. Later, he was the financial editor of the New York Times and lived on Staten Island.

On March 23, 1823 Joseph married Agnes Walker (1804-1884), but they had no children. About 1835 he published the American Presbyterian and in 1845 served as a pallbearer at the funeral of Andrew Jackson.



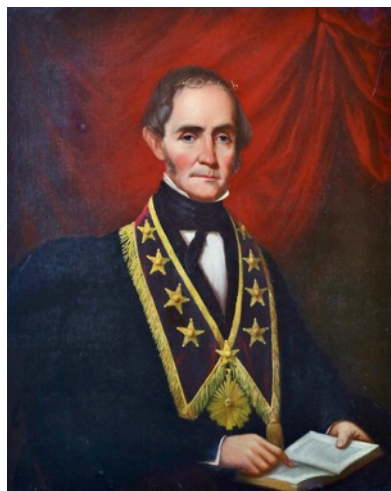
A member of Cumberland Lodge 8, he served as Grand Treasurer from 1826 to 1829 before being elected Grand Master in 1843.

Joseph Norvell died on January 7, 1847, aged 53, the cause listed on his tombstone as apoplexy (a stroke). He was interred with Masonic honors in Nashville City Cemetery. He was held in such esteem that upwards of eighty Masons, the Mechanics Association and Society of Printers were in attendance, despite the heavy snow that was falling and the six inches on the ground.

**Portrait of Grand Master Joseph Norvell, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper.
Sponsor for restoration: Collection during Grand Communication, 2012.**

Edmund Dillahunty

18th Grand Master – 1844 & 1845



Edmund Dillahunty

Edmund Dillahunty was born September 28, 1800 on Richland Creek, 7 miles south of Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. His ancestors were Huguenots, who fled from France after the revocation of the edict of Nantes. They settled on Chesapeake Bay in 1715. The name is of French origin and was originally spelled De la Hunti; but his grandfather, Reverend John Dillahunty (1728-1816), having, at an early period, received an appointment connected with the land office in North Carolina, the name was spelled as at present in his commission; and under the advice of counsel he changed the spelling of his name so as to correspond with his commission.

His father, Thomas Dillahunty, was but eight years old when the Revolutionary War broke out; and was, of course, too young to take any part in that struggle. Arriving at his father's estate, he found his father's fortune wasted by war; and despairing of being able to repair it in North Carolina, his adventurous and enterprising spirit led him to seek a home in the wilderness, west of the Cumberland Mountains; and he settled where Edmund Dillahunty was born, when the city of Nashville was a small village. As soon as he was large enough to do efficient work, Edmund, was placed on the farm, where he

remained until he was about nineteen years of age; and at intervals, between the making and gathering of the crop, he was sent to the common schools of the country, where he acquired the elements of an English education.

Edmund Dillahunty married Sarah Gammon Looney on March 8, 1824 in Maury County, Tennessee. The same year he was an editor of the *Columbia Reporter* newspaper. A lawyer of marked ability and a profound jurist, he served two full terms as Judge of the Eighth Circuit.

A member of Columbia Lodge 31, he served as Grand High Priest from 1840 to 1841, before being elected Grand Master in 1844 and again in 1845.

Dillahunty died February 3, 1852 at his home "The Woods" in Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Columbia.



Portrait of Grand Master Edmund Dillahunty, Columbia Lodge No. 31, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2012.

William Lucas Martin

19th Grand Master – 1846 & 1847



William Lucas Martin

Susannah T. Cayce; Jacob (born 1802 in Smith County, Tennessee); Norval D. (born 1811 in Smith County, Tennessee); William L. Jr. (born 1804 in Smith County, Tennessee), married Emily Allcorn and Sarah S. Greer; Thomas J. (born 1806 in Smith County, Tennessee); and Wilson Yandell (born 1810 in Smith County, Tennessee), who married Mary Ballard Bridgewater.

William Lucas Martin, Jr. was born July 22, 1804 in Smith County, Tennessee, the son of Colonel William Lucas Martin, Sr. (1765-1846) and Frances Farris (1771-1831). His father, Colonel William Martin was born November 26, 1765 in Orange County, Virginia, the son of Brigadier General Joseph Martin (born September 18, 1740 in Louisa County, Virginia) and Sarah Lucas (born 1749/1750, died 1775/1781 of smallpox). He died November 4, 1846 of pleurisy and was a veteran of the War of 1812. Martin Sr. married on July 19, 1790 in Henry County, Virginia to Francis Farris (born January 30, 1771, died July 27, 1831 in Dixon Springs, Smith County, Tennessee); they had the following children: Joseph A. (born 1792 in South Carolina); Elizabeth Betsy (born August 13, 1793) who married Henry Brooks; George (born December 8, 1794 in South Carolina); Sarah (born 1799 in Smith County, Tennessee) married John Hughes; Brice Ferris Martin (born 1800 in Smith County, Tennessee) married



William Martin, Sr.

William Lucas Martin, Jr. married three times: Emily Allcorn (1807-1831), Sarah Sophia Greer (1808-1842) and Mary Lawson May Berry (1807-1885). They had three children. He was a Tennessee State Senator and Member of the House of Representatives. William served as Tennessee Attorney General from 1848-1852. A member of Lebanon Lodge 98, he was elected Grand Master in 1846 and reelected in 1847.



He died February 5, 1865 and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master William Lucas Martin, Lebanon Lodge No. 98, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Corinthian Lodge No 414, 2012.

Hardy M. Burton

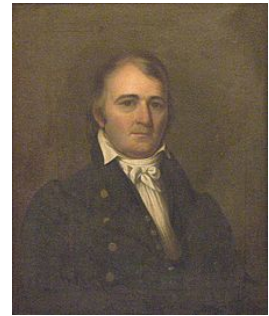
20th Grand Master - 1848



Hardy M. Burton

Hardy Murfree Burton was born June 7, 1818, the son of Francis Nash Williams Burton (1779-1843) and Lavinia B. Murfree Burton (1795-1881). He was the grandson of Colonel Hardy Murfree (1752-1809), (for whom Murfreesboro, Tennessee is named) a Lieutenant Colonel from North Carolina during the American Revolutionary War. His grandfather was active in both North Carolina and Tennessee Masonry.

Francis Nash Williams Burton was born on May 2, 1779 in Granville County, North Carolina and died on June 6, 1843 in Rutherford County. He is buried at the Murfreesboro City Cemetery. Frank was the son of Colonel Robert Burton (1747-1825) and Martha Williams of North Carolina. He graduated in 1799 from the University of North Carolina. In 1812, he was a teacher at Williamsborough Academy and later a rising lawyer in North Carolina. He served on the Board of the Female Academy in Murfreesboro.



Hardy Murfree

Colonel Frank Nash Williams Burton married Lavinia Bremberry Murfree (1795-1881). Lavinia was born in North Carolina and died at age 85 in Kentucky. She is buried in the Old City Cemetery in Murfreesboro. Frank and Lavinia's first three children included



Robert Burton

Eliza (1808-unknown), Hardy Murfree (1818-1852) and Mary (1815-1859), who were born in Granville, North Carolina. The remaining children Robert (1820-1821), John Williams (1825-1883), George Washington (1827-1898), Lavinia (1829-1899), Sally (1833-1858), Priscilla (1836-1900) and Finie (1838-1862) were born in Murfreesboro. Son John Williams Burton was attorney and mayor of Murfreesboro from 1860-1861.

For a single dollar "and other considerations, Frank N. W. Burton received quite a large allotment of land in several Tennessee counties from a Leonard Henderson. Besides over 400 acres in North Carolina, including two lots in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, Burton got 2,980 acres. Colonel Frank Burton built "Uxor Hill" (meaning "wife's hill" in Latin) in the early 1800's, and it was completed in 1813 after 13 years of meticulous labor, on the property that he and his wife, Lavinia, inherited from father Colonel Hardee Murfree. The edifice was constructed on property deemed as a land grant by the state of North Carolina to Colonel Hardy Murfree, who received 5,000 acres after the Revolutionary

War. Uxor Hill was renamed Bellwood and stood tall as the finest home in the mid-19th century in Murfreesboro.



Bellwood

A lawyer by profession, Hardy Murfree Burton was a member of the Tennessee Legislature representing Rutherford County in the 24th General Assembly from 1841 to 1843. He was a Whig. Burton married Mary D. Hoggart and was one of the incorporators of Murfreesboro Savings Institute. In 1850 he was appointed by the President as Counsel to Isle of St. Thomas, West Indies Islands, where he died from yellow fever on December 12, 1852 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee.



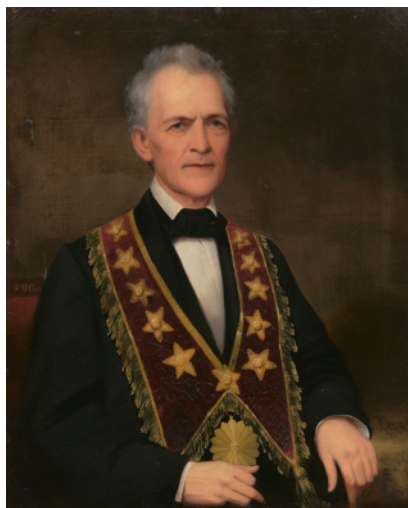
John Williams Burton

Burton was a member of Mt. Moriah Lodge 18 and was elected Grand Master in 1848. He presided during the fateful year of 1849 in which the epidemic of cholera raged in Nashville.

Portrait of Grand Master Hardy Murfree Burton, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1848. Sponsor for restoration: Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, 2011.

Robert L. Caruthers

21st Grand Master - 1849



Robert L. Caruthers

Robert Looney Caruthers was born near Carthage, Tennessee on July 31, 1800, the youngest of seven children of Samuel (1767-1813) and Elizabeth (1765-1803) Looney Caruthers. His father had represented Sullivan County at the constitutional convention of the State of Franklin in the 1780s. After his father's death, Robert went to live with an uncle in Columbia, Tennessee, where he attended Woodward Academy. He later attended Washington College near Jonesborough and Greenville College in Greenville, and studied law under Judge Samuel Powell in Greenville.

Caruthers returned to Carthage in 1823 to practice law. He served as the clerk for the Tennessee House of Representatives for 1823-1824 term, and worked as editor of the *Tennessee Republican* newsletter. In 1826, he moved to Lebanon, Tennessee, and married Sally Sanders (1807-1870), a niece of Andrew Jackson's wife, Rachel Donelson Jackson. That same year, he was appointed attorney general for the Sixth Judicial District (based in Lebanon) by Governor

Sam Houston. He served in this position until 1832. In 1834, he was elected brigadier general in the Tennessee militia. In 1836, he and Alfred O. P. Nicholson published *A Compilation of the Statutes of Tennessee*, which remained the state's standard compilation of statutes for over two decades.



Alfred O. P. Nicholson

In 1835, Caruthers was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing Wilson County. He served on the House Judiciary Committee, and did not seek reelection. He was elected to the U. S. House of Representatives for Tennessee's 7th District for the 1841-1843 term. Once again, he served just one term, and did not seek reelection. In 1844, he was the Whig elector for Tennessee's at-large district, and as such, canvassed the state for unsuccessful presidential candidate Henry Clay.



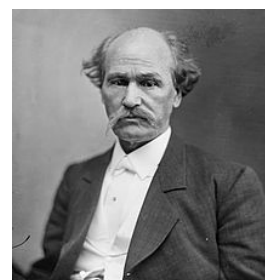
Governor William B. Campbell

In 1852, Caruthers was appointed by Governor William B. Campbell to fill the term of Nathan Green (who had retired) as Middle Tennessee's justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court. The following year, the state legislature voted to give Caruthers a full term. In 1854, after the state constitution was amended to allow popular election of justices, Caruthers managed to win reelection to the court.

One of Caruthers' most important decisions on the court was his opinion in *Rippy v. State* (1858), which involved killing in self-defense. In this decision, he rejected a literal interpretation of a statement in Judge John Catron's opinion in *Grainger v. State*, issued three decades earlier, that suggested a person did not need sufficient grounds to kill in self-defense, but merely needed to testify that there was imminent danger. Caruthers' opinion reinstated the "sufficient grounds" rule. He wrote of *Grainger*,

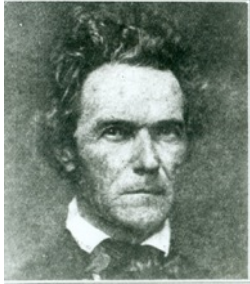
"No case has been more perverted and misapplied by advocates and juries."

Prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, Caruthers was a delegate to the Washington Peace Convention in February 1861, which sought to find a peaceful resolution to the sectional strife between the North and South. He remained pro-Union until the Battle of Fort Sumter in April 1861, after which he aligned himself with the Confederacy. In August 1861, he resigned from the court to represent Tennessee in the Provisional Confederate Congress.



Isham G. Harris

On July 17, 1863, the state's Confederate leaders met in Winchester, Tennessee, and nominated Caruthers for governor to replace Isham G. Harris, who was prohibited by the state constitution from seeking a fourth consecutive term. Caruthers was officially elected on August 6, but the state constitution required that the governor-elect take the oath of office before the General Assembly. Since the Union Army controlled most of Middle and West Tennessee at this time, the Assembly was unable to convene, and Caruthers never officially took office. Confederates continued to recognize Harris as governor until the end of the war. Union forces, in the meantime, had installed Andrew Johnson as military governor.



Abraham Caruthers

The Cumberland Presbyterian Church established Cumberland University in Lebanon in 1842. Winstead Paine Bone, in his book, *A History of Cumberland University*, wrote that Caruthers, a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, “had more to do with the founding of Cumberland University than any other person. He was appointed president of the school's first board of trustees in the summer of 1842, and helped the school secure a charter in December of the following year. He remained president of the board until his death in 1882.

In 1847, Caruthers and his brother, Abraham Caruthers, founded the Cumberland School of Law, one of the first law schools in the South. The school, which had an initial enrollment of seven students, held its classes in Robert Caruthers' law office. As an instructor, Abraham Caruthers abandoned the lecture system, and instead assigned a chapter from a law text, and quizzed each student on the chapter the following day, considering this the best way to determine the areas in which a student was struggling. He also held moot courts. During the Civil War, Nathan Green, Jr., whose father had been succeeded by Robert Caruthers on the Tennessee Supreme Court in 1852, managed to keep the school open.

Caruthers joined the Cumberland School of Law's faculty as a Professor of Law in 1868, replacing Judge Henry Cooper. In 1878, in memory of his brother, Abraham, he funded the construction of Caruthers Hall, which housed the law school for several decades. He resigned from the faculty in 1880. In 1961, Cumberland University sold the law school to Birmingham based Samford University.

Robert Caruthers was a member of Lebanon Lodge 66, chartered in 1827, and served as the first Master. He was elected Grand Master in 1849.

Caruthers died in Lebanon on October 2, 1882. He was buried in the city's Cedar Grove Cemetery. His gravestone contains the Latin inscription, “semper verus, semper sapiens, semper fidelis” (“always true, always wise, always faithful”).

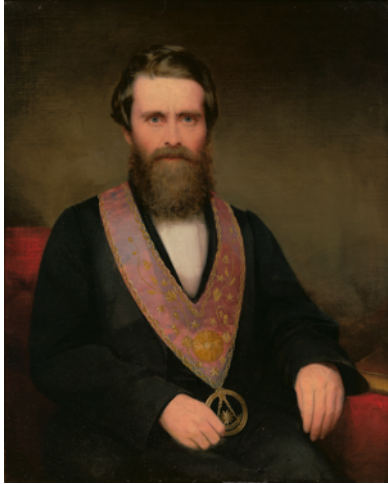


Caruthers Hall

Portrait of Grand Master Robert Looney Caruthers, Lebanon Lodge No. 98, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Collection during Grand Communication, 2012.

Charles A. Fuller

22nd Grand Master – 1850 & 1851



Charles A. Fuller

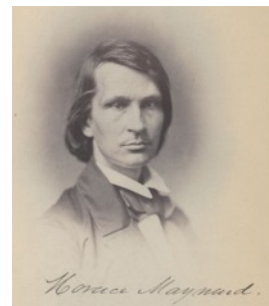
Charles Arnold Fuller was born August 25, 1816 in Springfield, New York. After moving to Nashville he worked as treasurer of Nashville Savings Institution and Building Association. He also worked as a printer and publisher. Charles' wife, Susan Austin DeMoville died in 1854 at the age of 32, leaving his numerous children motherless so he promptly married again with Mary Ann Hubbard and had two more children before she died in 1863. At least one of his sons, Felix DeMoville Fuller (1840-1913) elected to serve the Confederacy, joining as a private in Company B, 1st Tennessee Infantry. He surrendered at Resaca, Georgia on May 5, 1865. Charles A. Fuller's name is connected with a series of applications and affidavits relating to supply stores located at Nashville, Columbia, Franklin, Pulaski, Murfreesboro, McMinnville, and Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Athens and Huntsville, Alabama, during the Civil War.

Below are excerpts from a letter he wrote to his mother from Nashville on May 14, 1865:

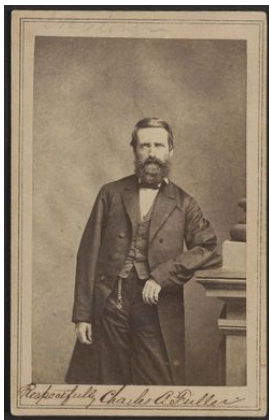
"Mr. [Theophilus Carey] Callicot, the Supervising Special Agent, has been relieved by Hon. Mr. [J. R.] Dillon, Senator of Tenn. Legislature and will start for Charleston, South Carolina, tomorrow to open trade under the Treasury restrictions. It will be a post and office of immense responsibility. The receipts of our office last month from the renting of plantation houses, fees on trade authorities, and many other sources, was over \$300,000. So you see some of these confounded Rebel poor pay dearly for their attempted secession. Now they see the war is most over, they still cling to their old doctrine of State's Rights and try to think there is some hope for them yet.

I sent you the "Nashville Press" yesterday which contained Gov. [William Gannaway "Parson"] Brownlow's Proclamation & Resolution of Legislation regarding the governance of this state when she seceded. It is bitter and sarcastic. I think Brownlow one of the noblest men & he had ought to be appreciated as a Union man, having suffered in prison & in other ways felt the effects of Southern tyranny. One of his sons [J. B. Brownlow] was appointed an agent for our office in Knoxville a few days ago.

Mr. [Horace] Maynard, the gentleman who boarded a short time with me & was summoned to Washington by President Johnson on death of President Lincoln, has returned though he is not stopping with us. He is one of the most talented & prominent men in the state and tried very hard to be elected senator. The election came off today but he was unsuccessful though he had a very large vote for he has many friends and he would not have been defeated had not Judge Smith, son-in-law of President Johnson, run against him. And the members of the Legislature thought it would help President Johnson and put his family in a stronger position by sending Smith. The reason I wrote this is because a member of the Legislature stated this in the office this morning. Some of them are in most every day after some favor or other. So we keep posted.



Horace Maynard



Charles Fuller

I am writing in the dark—can hardly see. Write often. With much love as ever, — Yours, — Charlie

I send you some postage stamps so save your pennies."

Charles A. Fuller's home during the Civil War was located in "Edgefield," a suburb of Nashville, just across the Cumberland River from Nashville, and it was in Charles' home that Major Cheatham met with Colonel John Kennett to surrender the City of Nashville in February 1862.

Active in the Masonic fraternity, he was a member of Phoenix Lodge 131, raised on January 7, 1842; Royal Arch Mason, Lafayette Chapter 4, in 1842; Knight Templar, Nashville Commandery I, December 22, 1848. Filled all the offices in all the subordinate Bodies; was four times Eminent Commander of Nashville Commandery; was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee 1850-51, Grand High Priest and was the first Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee. From 1852 until his death he was Secretary of all the Grand Bodies. He received the 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was the 7th Worshipful Master of Phoenix Lodge 131, in 1858.

Charles Fuller died June 5, 1868, age 51. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the city for years. The Masonic Fraternity turned out in large numbers. Nashville Commandery No. 1 Knight Templars, on horseback, proceeded to Edgefield where they were joined by Edgefield Lodge No. 254 and going to the residence of Mr. Plummer on Woodland street, escorted the remains of the deceased to the bridge where Germania Lodge No. 355, Claiborne Lodge No., 293, Phoenix Lodge No. 131, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee, joined in the procession and the remains were then conveyed to the 1st Presbyterian Church where the funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Skinner of the First Baptist Church he was interred in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Charles Arnold Fuller, Phoenix Lodge No. 131, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor of restoration: Phoenix Lodge No. 131, 2011.

Archelaus M. Hughes

23rd Grand Master – 1852, 1853 & 1863



Archelaus Hughes

Archelaus Madison Hughes, son of William M. Hughes (1785-1871) and Alsey Aisley Carr Hughes (1791-1870), was born November 11, 1811 in North Carolina. After his marriage to Alsey, William Hughes moved his family to Stokes County, North Carolina and in 1828 he brought them to live in Maury County, Tennessee. Archelaus Hughes earned his law degree in Tennessee and thereafter became a fairly prominent lawyer in the state. He also served as a circuit court judge for Tennessee and in 1873 was appointed by President Grant as the U. S. Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, serving in this office until 1877. Hughes was later nominated by the Republicans for Governor of Tennessee in 1881, but his candidacy is recorded as being unsuccessful.

Hughes was a member of Columbia Lodge 31. He served as Grand High Priest in 1850 and 1851, before being elected Grand Master in 1852 and reelected in 1853. He was once again elected Grand Master in 1863.

Archelaus Hughes was a Civil War veteran having served in Cooper's Regiment, Tennessee Calvary, Company A. This unit was organized in Middle Tennessee in the fall of 1863 and later broken up and distributed to

other commands in February 1864.

He first married Susan Green Moseley (1811-1842) on October 11, 1836 in Bedford County, Tennessee. After Sarah's death on July 21, 1842 at the age of 30, he married Martha Bedford "Mattie" Neill (1825-1909) in 1844. Her father, Colonel John Neill, was one of the Tennessee Volunteers who participated in the Battle of New Orleans. Archelaus had one child by his first wife and 7 children by his second wife.

The youngest son of Archelaus and Susan, James White Frierson Hughes (1860-1945), was born January 12, 1860 in Columbia, Tennessee. In 1881, he went to Topeka, Kansas to work for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad. Shortly afterward, Hughes joined the Kansas National Guard in which he became Captain, Company A, of the 3rd Regiment on August 24, 1883, and the following year, Colonel of the regiment. As commander of the Kansas National Guard, Hughes was charged with disobeying orders issued by Governor Lorenzo D. Lewelling during the legislative war that erupted between Republicans and Populists for control of the House chambers. In that dispute, Colonel Hughes showed his true character. Presented with an order by Governor Lewelling, directing him to take the guards and oust from the House of Representatives any members not recognized by the Populist speaker, he refused to comply. The house had been operating in two groups, one



Colonel James Hughes



Populist, the other Republican, and unfriendly to Populists. It was the latter group the governor sought to remove from the state house. Describing his orders as "illegal," Colonel Hughes not only refused to obey them but also addressed the house, after the governor had warned them that troops were coming to drive out Republican members, assuring them that the troops would take no such interfering action under his orders. The court martial of Colonel James White Frierson Hughes took place in the south corridor of the basement at the statehouse in Topeka, Kansas. The trial lasted for twenty-four days with a verdict of guilty. Hughes was relieved of his command on September 25, 1893 as colonel of the Third regiment, Kansas National Guard. In 1895, Governor Edmund Morrill reinstated

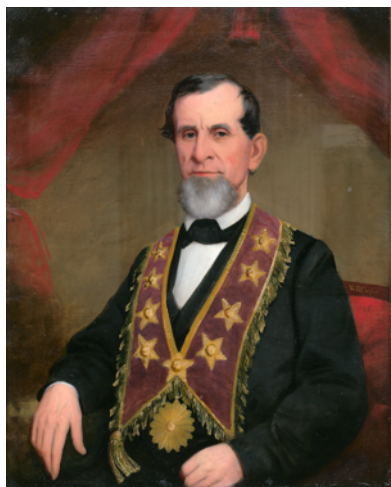
Hughes to the rank of Brigadier General and Major General of the Kansas National Guard. He was mayor of Potwin from 1888-1900; mayor of Topeka in 1902; then a councilman for the 6th ward.

Archelaus Madison Hughes died at the age of 86 on October 27, 1898, and was buried with full Masonic honors in the Rose Hill Cemetery located in Columbia, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Archelaus Madison Hughes, Columbia Lodge No. 31, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Charlotte Lodge No. 97, 2014.

John S. Dashiell

24th Grand Master – 1854 & 1855



John S. Dashiell

Captain John Snyder “Jack” Dashiell was born in the city of Baltimore, November 22, 1807. Three days after his birth, his father, Captain Levin Dashiell, left Baltimore as Master of the ship *Aurora* bound for Calcutta. During that voyage he was washed overboard and lost. Eight years thereafter the mother of John S. died, and his grandfather took charge of him and could give him but few educational advantages.

When fourteen years of age he went to sea as a cabin boy, and led the life of a sailor for seven years in constant cruising, visiting nearly every port then known, and filling almost every position on a vessel from cabin boy to master. He finally landed at New Orleans, and, upon reaching that city, determined to engage in navigating the mighty Mississippi.

He landed at Nashville for the first time on May 1, 1828, perhaps as rough an ashlar as was ever hewn out of a quarry. Having seen a large portion of the world by land and sea, upon seeing the beautiful country around Nashville he determined to make it his future home, although he knew not a citizen of the place.

In August 1830, he was married to Miss Barbara Shaw Graham (unknown-1856), a daughter of Andrew Graham, a Free and Accepted Mason. They raised a large family of children, only three of whom survived him – three daughters.

As a steamboat captain he was remarkably successful, never having the misfortune to meet with a single accident. Finally, that he might enjoy a more quiet life, he gave up his work on the river and engaged in the insurance business, in which occupation he spent the greater part of his life. He was an Alderman in the city of Nashville for a long time and also a Justice of the Peace for many years. He was appointed about ten years since one of the three revenue commissioners for the county of Davidson and Auditor of Public Accounts, and mainly through his instrumentality the county of Davidson was saved thousands upon thousands of dollars.

During his connection with the insurance offices he associated himself with the fire department of Nashville, of which he was soon made chief; at the time of his death he had in his possession a most beautiful silver fireman’s trumpet, on which is engraved, “presented to John S. Dashiell by the members of Deluge Fire Company, No. 3, as a mark of their respect and appreciation of his services in the fire department, Nashville, May 20, 1862,” thus showing, that in this position as well as in all others in which he had been placed, his duties were faithfully and conscientiously discharged.

His interest in Masonry was aroused in a singular way, and in a letter to a friend these are his words:

“It was during one of my voyages to sea that I became thoroughly impressed with the idea of become a Mason if I was ever permitted to live on dry land. I had witnessed the strong tie that bound the members together while in the Island of Milo up the Mediterranean during the Turkish war with the Greek in 1826. As soon as I had formed a character among my Nashville friends, who I am proud to say took me by the hand and give me encouragement in my daily walks, I sought the recommendation of a friend to become a Free and Accepted Mason. My petition was received and I was elected.”

Brother Dashiell was initiated November 16, 1831, in Cumberland Lodge 8; passed to the degree of Fellow Craft August 18, 1834; raised December 1834; exalted September 7, 1837; made a Royal and Select Master November 2, 1839. In October 1840, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and served as such until October 1852, when he was elected Senior Grand Warden. In October 1854, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master and served two consecutive years, being reelected in October 1855.



In October 1840, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee and served until October 1852; he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Council in 1850 and 1851; in 1852, he was elected Eminent Commander of Nashville Commandery 1; in October 1849, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council; in 1855, he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; in 1865, he was elected President of the Grand Council of High Priests; was elected High Priest of Cumberland Chapter 1, Thrice Illustrious Master of Nashville Council 1, and Worshipful Master of Cumberland Lodge 8.

On his fiftieth Masonic anniversary a grand ovation was given him by the Masonic Lodges of Nashville, and the following token of esteem and appreciation were presented to him: By Cumberland Lodge 8, a Past Grand Master's jewel of solid gold; by Phoenix Lodge 131, a Templar's charms; by Edgefield Lodge 254, a gold-headed cane; by Claiborne Lodge 293, a silver goblet; by Corinthian Lodge 414, a diamond studded scarf pin, cross and crown, and other articles by the individual members of the fraternity then present.

Brother Dashiell officiated over the Masonic funeral services for Thomas Claiborne, the first Grand Master, and James K. Polk, former President of the United States.

Captain John S. Dashiell died June 8, 1887 and was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master John Snyder Dashiell, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Hiram Lodge No. 7, 2014.

Thomas McCulloch

25th Grand Master – 1856 & 1857



Thomas McCulloch

Thomas McCulloch was born July 10, 1816 in County Tyrone, Ireland.

McCulloch served as recorder for the municipality of Clarksville for many years.

Initiated into Masonry on May 15, 1842 at Randolph, Tennessee. He was a member of Clarksville Lodge 89. He received the degrees of the Chapter at Clarksville, in the year 1844, and filled the various offices of every grade therein – was made a Royal and Select Master, June 3, 1847, and elected Recorder of the Council in September of the same year, which office he held during the remainder of his life. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in the city of Philadelphia, in the spring of 1845.

He was elected Deputy Grand Master in 1847. He filled the exalted station of Grand Masters of Masons in Tennessee in 1856 and 1857.



He died September 19, 1867 and was buried in Clarksville City Cemetery in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Gran Master Thomas McCulloch, Clarksville Lodge No. 89, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor of restoration: Clarksville Lodge No. 89, 2009.



*Initiated, Passed & Raised
1842 W.M.*



*Exalted
1844 H.P.*

John Frizzell

26th Grand Master – 1858 & 1859



John Frizzell

of the Robert Donnell Female Institute and Mayor of Winchester in 1856.

During the war, John volunteered as a private in Colonel Turney's Confederate regiment. (1st Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, Company C) This regiment completed its organization at Winchester, Tennessee, in April 1861. However he was redirected to Atlanta where he became a Captain and was placed in charge of transportation and auditing all railroad accounts. He remained in this department for the duration of the war and had paid out around seven million dollars that were all accounted for. This was a record that no other disbursing officer could obtain and for his service he was promoted to the rank of Major. For about two years after the war, he was associated in law practice with Colonel Turney.



John Frizzell

President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1866, and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International from 1877 to 1880.

John Frizzell, son of Nathan and Mary Jones Frizzell, was born September 8, 1829 in Bedford (now Coffee) County, Tennessee. In 1841 he moved with his parents to Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee. John spent the majority of his childhood working on his parent's homestead assisting his mother in anyway she needed. He sporadically attended school when he was not required at home, thus not very often. The only 'official' education that John received was one term at the county academy when he was 18, which is quite remarkable when you consider his career.

When he was 14 he commenced writing for the office of the circuit court and was promoted to deputy clerk upon turning 15. (A job he would have for the next ten years). In 1849 he was elected registrar of the Land Office in Nashville, where he worked for three years. By 1854 Chancellor B.L. Ridley and Judge Nathaniel Baxter had licensed John to practice law. He did so in Winchester until the outbreak of the Civil War. He was in partnership with Arthur S. Colyar, Confederate politician and newspaper editor; and Albert S. Marks, future Governor of Tennessee. He served as a trustee



John Frizzell

He married Matilda Winford (1833-1904) in 1854 and in 1868 they moved to Nashville. They were the parents of five children. After moving to Nashville he was appointed Judge Referee for East Tennessee by the State Supreme Court.

Active in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, for ten years he served as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, as well as twice as the General Assembly's Engrossing Clerk. He had also been Moderator of the General Assembly.

Frizzell was a member of Cumberland Lodge 8. His active Masonic career included serving as Grand Recorder of all four Grand York Rite Bodies, the youngest Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee (29 years of age) in 1856 and 1857, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1861, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1865, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1867,

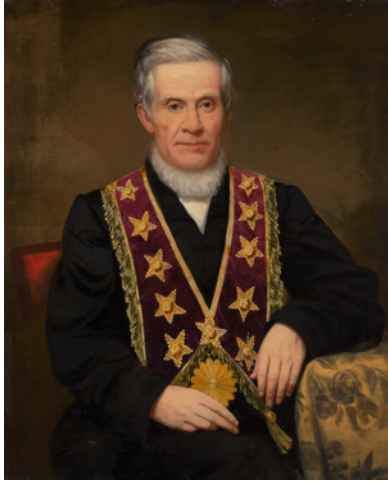


John Frizzell died November 30, 1894, aged 65, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Frizzell, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, initialed “WBC.” Sponsor for restoration: Cumberland Lodge No. 8, 2014.

James C. McCallum

27th Grand Master – 1860, 1861 & 1862



James C. McCallum

McCallum practiced law in Pulaski from 1842 to 1861, and for a time he was also clerk and master of Chancery. Originally a Whig and a Unionist, he became a Secessionist at the time of Tennessee's secession from the Union. In 1861 he was elected to represent Giles County in the General Assembly, and in 1863 he was elected to the Confederate Congress where he served on the committees on Accounts, the Medical Department, and Post Offices and Post Roads. McCallum introduced resolutions advocating government seizure of all vital railroads, the impressment of all gold and silver plate, and the reduction of currency to be followed by a new issue of treasury notes. His voting record suggests that he wanted the Confederacy to use every possible resource in the prosecution of the war.

James McCallum was born October 3, 1806, the son of Daniel (1779-1830) and Sarah Smith McCallum (1780-1861), at Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina. His parents were Scotch Presbyterians, and came to Giles County, Tennessee in 1809, settling near what is now known as Bethany Church, to which they both belonged, and with which he himself united at an early day.

The extent of his education is unknown. On 14 Feb. 1829 he married Elizabeth Brown (1807-1876), and they became the parents of eleven children: an infant son unnamed, Daniel Jerome, Katherine, Mary Elizabeth, James Joseph, Sarah Anne, William Hugh, John Neill, George Burder, another infant who died, and Neill Brown. By the 1820s the McCallum family was living in Pulaski, Tennessee. The 1860 census listed him as the owner of twenty-five slaves and property valued at \$46,000.



James McCallum

At the end of the Civil War, McCallum returned to Pulaski. In 1870 he became a director of the Pulaski Savings Bank. He was also a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church, a Sunday school teacher, and superintendent of the Sunday school. His *Brief Sketch of the Settlement and Early History of Giles County* was published in 1876.



over as Grand Master until his successor was elected in 1863.

Brother McCallum was made an Entered Apprentice Mason in December 1827, at Elkton; a Fellow Craft in 1828; a Master Mason April 28, 1828; a Royal Arch Mason in LaFayette Chapter 4, Columbia, in 1844; and a Knight Templar in DeMolay Commandery 4, Columbia, in 1857. He was Master of Elkton Lodge and repeatedly Master of Pulaski Lodge 101, having removed to that place in 1842. In 1831 he came as a delegate to the Grand Lodge from Elkton Lodge 24. From that time until the year 1882 he was almost uninterruptedly a delegate, serving invariably upon important committees, particularly as chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. He was elected Grand Master in 1860, reelected in 1861, and In May of that year, with other of his brethren in Tennessee, signed a circular to brother Masons of the United States urging them to intervene and prevent the impending conflict. The Grand Lodge held no meeting in 1862, and Brother McCallum held

He died on September 16, 1889, age 82, in Pulaski, Tennessee and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master James McCallum, Pulaski Lodge No. 101, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: West Nashville Lodge No. 612 and Pulaski Lodge No. 101, 2015.

Thomas A. Hamilton

28th Grand Master – 1864 & 1865



Thomas A. Hamilton

Thomas Aaron Hamilton was born on August 17, 1823 in Smith County, Tennessee, the son of Aaron Hamilton (1793-1833) and Mary Ann (Wolf) Hamilton (1780-1843). He first married Henrietta Hughes (1826-1871) on July 30, 1843. She died of consumption on April 29, 1871 at 9:10 p.m. in room No. 80 of the St. Charles Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. He married Elizabeth Harty Drake (1833-1917) in May 1872. She died of chronic nephritis on February 7, 1917.

Hamilton was a businessman and employee of the U. S. Government. Being a northern sympathizer he was of great help to widows and others of the Confederate cause.

A member of Memphis Lodge 118, he was elected Grand Master in 1864 and again in 1865.

Colonel Thomas A. Hamilton died October 1, 1905 and is buried in historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Aaron Hamilton, Memphis Lodge No. 118, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Memphis Lodge No. 118, 2014.



Thomas A. Hamilton Lodge #317, Riceville, Tennessee

Joseph M. Anderson

29th Grand Master – 1866 & 1867



Joseph M. Anderson

Joseph Motley Anderson was born in Lebanon, Tennessee on October 17, 1815. At an early day his parents moved to the new State of Tennessee from Halifax Court House, Pittsylvania County, Virginia. His father dying soon thereafter left ten sons and one daughter. Joseph married at Lebanon on September 24, 1835 to Miss Mary Dickson Sybert. They had nine children. Two of their daughters that were born in 1847 and 1849 respectively died at the same time in the 1860s from yellow fever and a double funeral was held. Mary died on July 15, 1896, just one day after Joseph.

Graduating at the University of Pennsylvania in 1837, he immediately commenced his career as a physician, in which profession he served faithfully and successfully for over a half-century. Anderson practiced in Wilson County during the cholera and smallpox epidemics. He served as both an Alderman and Mayor of Lebanon, Tennessee.

He was made a Mason in Lebanon Lodge 98, December 22, 1843; a Royal Arch Mason, in Lebanon Chapter 25, February 1, 1849; and a Knight Templar in Baldwin Commandery 7, June 16, 1866. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1864; Senior Grand Warden in 1865; Grand Master in 1866, and was honored by reelection in 1867. The last Grand Master to be elected to consecutive terms. In 2019 and 2020 Grand Master Robert Reed served two consecutive years due to the Coronavirus pandemic, but was only elected once. Joseph was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council, and also Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1873, and the same year was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee.

On one occasion during the war, when a band of soldiers were preparing to take away, without compensation, several of his finest horses, he came into their presence and asked if there were any Masons in the command. An officer answered, "Yes, but that is all done away with during war times." Dr. Anderson quickly said, "My dear sir, when did you have an interview with God Almighty and get released from your obligations to your brother?" This brought the soldier to a line of thought in harmony with the great principles of right taught as a part of the Masonic Creed, and though under the stern rules of war Dr. Anderson had to give up his horses, the same were promptly paid for.

He saved the life of Colonel Edward R. Pennebaker, who had been condemned to death by a band of soldiers. At one time he offered himself, and was held as a hostage for a friend condemned to die, until that friend could go and get witnesses to prove his innocence of the charges upon which his life had been declared forfeited.

In 1849 and 1873, when the cholera scourge visited Lebanon, and the town was depopulated by those who could get away, fleeing for their lives, he stood at the post of duty, ministering to the sick, closing the eyes of the dead, and in some instances burying their remains, almost without assistance. He took the dread disease himself, both of these years, but always said, "Providence saved me that I might help others."

Another incident that cannot be overlooked. Dr. Blythe, a very close friend of his, was attacked by smallpox, and the community was almost stampeded. Dr. Anderson took him to an isolated cabin, shut himself away from home, friends and family, cooked his own meals and nursed him back to life, keeping the disease from spreading in the neighborhood. "Greater love hath no man than this, that he giveth his life for a friend."

Joseph Anderson died on July 14, 1896, at his home and is interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Joseph Motley Anderson, Lebanon Lodge No. 98, giclee on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1866, original portrait lost. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2014.

Jonathan S. Dawson

30th Grand Master – 1868



Jonathan S. Dawson

Jonathan Smith Dawson was born March 31, 1824 in Carroll County, Tennessee. He was a businessman and trader in Henry County in 1860, and a prewar General of the Militia.

He was made a Mason in Paris Lodge 108 in 1844, and a Knight Templar at Philadelphia in 1847, before the organization of a Commandery in Tennessee. He was the first Sir Knight in Paris, and was the first Eminent Commander of Paris Commandery 16.

He began the Civil War as an adjutant in the 46th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. This regiment completed its organization at Paris, Tennessee, in November 1861, and went into camp at Union City in December. Later it moved to Island No. 10 where many of its members suffered from an outbreak of measles. In March 1862, it reported 374 present for duty, but only 160 were armed. Then on April 8, nine of the ten companies

were captured. Becoming a prisoner of war, Dawson spent time at Camp Chase and Johnson's Island in Ohio, before being exchanged at Vicksburg, Mississippi in September of 1862. He returned to Henry County to reorganize the men who escaped the battle at Island No. 10, and was elected Colonel. During January 1863, the 46th Regiment was consolidated with the 55th Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. Jonathan Dawson resigned his commission in December 1864.



Jonathan S. Dawson

After the war, Dawson practiced law and was a railroad director in Henry County. He was President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1866 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1868.

In later life, he lived for several years in Washington, D. C., where he worked for the Interior Department before resigning on account of failing health. General Jonathan Dawson died on Friday, June 26, 1891 at the residence of his son-in-law, Dr. J. S. Edwards, Erin, Tennessee, where he had gone several weeks prior for treatment.



His remains were brought to Paris on Saturday night and carried to the family residence on Hudson Avenue, and on Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock, interred in the City Cemetery with Masonic honors. Reverend J. O. Davison, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church conducted the religious service. His friend and associate for years, Past Grand Master Dr. J. T. Irion, delivered a very appropriate eulogy upon his life and character at the grave. He left a widow, Susan Gilliam Dunlap Dawson (1841-1912), who he married in 1868, and four daughters, three of whom were married. He had previously been married to Harriet Jane P. Brown Dawson (1831-1864) in 1850 until her death in 1864 at the age of 32.

Portrait of Grand Master Jonathan Smith Dawson, Paris Lodge No. 108, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1868, original portrait is at Paris Lodge No. 108. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2012.

John Walker Paxton

31st Grand Master – 1869



John W. Paxton

John Walker Paxton was born on January 27, 1824, the son of Dr. James Walker Paxton (1788-1864). He was a physician in Knoxville for many years. He was married to Mary Campbell (1834-1906). They had two children, a son born in 1858 and died at the age of two and a daughter born in 1861 and died 8 months later.

Paxton was initiated, passed, and raised in Mt. Libanus Lodge 59 in 1852. He helped organize Masters Lodge 244 that was chartered on October 2, 1855, and served as the first Worshipful Master.

He served as President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1868 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1869. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1872.

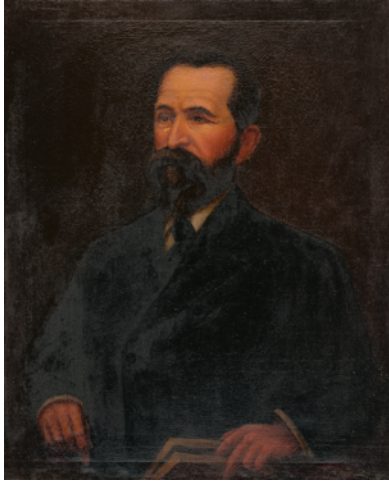
John Walker Paxton died January 9, 1874. He is buried in Old Gray Cemetery on Broadway in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Walker Paxton, Masters Lodge No. 224, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1869. Sponsor for restoration: Masters Lodge No. 224, 2014.



John C. Brown

32nd Grand Master - 1870



John C. Brown

John Calvin Brown was born in Giles County, Tennessee, the son of Duncan (1780-1848) and Margaret Smith Brown (1782-1864). He was the younger brother of Neill S. Brown (1810-1886), who served as governor of Tennessee in the late 1840s. John graduated from Jackson College in Columbia, Tennessee, in 1846. He studied law with his uncle, Hugh Brown, in Spring Hill, and was admitted to the bar in 1848. He began practicing law in Pulaski that same year.

Like his brother, Brown was a Whig prior to the Civil War, and following the Whig Party's collapse in the mid-1850s; he continued to support former Whig candidates. During the presidential election of 1860, he served as an elector for the Constitution Union Party candidate John Bell, who opposed secession, and took a neutral stance on the issue of slavery. In the weeks following the Battle of Fort Sumter in April 1861, however, secessionist sentiment swept across Middle Tennessee, and Brown, along with his brother and, eventually, John Bell switched sides and supported the burgeoning Confederacy.

In May 1861, Brown enlisted as a private in the Confederate infantry, and was elected Colonel of the 3rd Tennessee Infantry shortly afterward. He was later placed in charge of three Tennessee regiments.

Following the surrender of Fort Donelson, he was held as a prisoner of war for six months in Fort Warren, Massachusetts, before being exchanged in August 1862. Soon afterwards, he was promoted to brigadier general by the Confederate War Department and assigned command of a new and larger brigade composed of troops from Florida and Mississippi. He took part in Braxton Bragg's campaigns in Kentucky and Tennessee in late 1862 through 1863. Brown was wounded in the battle of Perryville and Chickamauga while leading his brigade. His men were a part of the defensive line on Missionary Ridge in 1863.



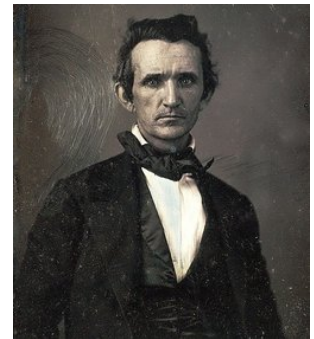
General John Calvin Brown

In 1864, Brown fought in the Atlanta Campaign, at various times temporarily commanding a division. In August, he was promoted to major general and formally assigned command of a division in Benjamin F. Cheatham's corps. He was again wounded at Battle of Franklin in 1864, where six of his fellow generals were killed.

He was incapacitated for several months and did not rejoin the army until the end of the Carolinas Campaign in April 1865. He surrendered with Joseph E. Johnston's forces at Bennett Place and was paroled a month later.

Brown's first wife, Anne Pointer (1830-1885), died in 1858. They had no children. He married his second wife, Elizabeth Childress (1842-1919) of Murfreesboro, in 1864. Her paternal aunt was First Lady Sarah Childress Polk, and her father resided at the Childress-Ray House in Murfreesboro. They had four children, Marie (1865-1887), Daisy (1868-1885), Elizabeth (1870-1904), and John C. Brown, Jr. (1874-1936). The Brown's daughter, Marie, was married to Governor Benton McMillin.

Brown returned to Pulaski and resumed his law practice following the war. He was elected to the Tennessee General Assembly in 1869. In the following year, he was a



Neill S. Brown



Elizabeth Brown

delegate to the state constitutional convention, and was elected its president by his peers. This convention overhauled the state's 1843 constitution, essentially updating it to meet post-Civil War demands. The document most notably guaranteed the right to vote to all males of at least 21 years of age, regardless of race, but also instituted a poll tax. Although it has been amended a number of times, it remains Tennessee's current state constitution.

Although he had been a Whig before the Civil War, Brown joined the Democratic Party after the war, and was nominated as the party's candidate for governor in 1870. Since the new constitution restored voting rights to ex-Confederates, Brown easily defeated his Republican opponent, William H. Wisener of Shelbyville, by a 78,979 to 41,500 vote. He was reelected by a narrower margin, 97,700 votes to 84,089, over Republican candidate Alfred A. Freeman in 1872.



John C. Brown, Jr.

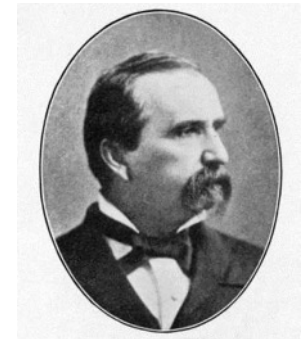
Brown's most pressing issue was the state's skyrocketing debt. In previous decades, Tennessee had accumulated \$43 million in bonded debt, mostly to pay for internal improvements, such as turnpike construction and loans to railroads. Governor William Brownlow exacerbated the problem by issuing more bonds to pay the interest on outstanding bonds in the late 1860s. By the time Brown took office, the state was struggling to pay the interest on this debt. Brown managed to reduce the state's bonded debt to \$20 million, and eliminated all of the state's floating debt. His efforts proved futile, however, and the state eventually defaulted following the Panic of 1873.



Brown's Home in Pulaski (now Grissom Colonial Hall)

Brown's administration enacted the state's first truly effective public school legislation, which called for the establishment of county and city school superintendents, and the creation of the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Brown also advocated a board of directors to govern local school districts, and the organization of separate schools for African-American and white children. To support these schools, Governor Brown called for the Legislature to institute a small state tax and give cities the power to raise additional taxes.

In 1875, along with several other former Confederate generals, he competed for an open United States Senate seat, but lost on the 54th ballot in the state legislature to former President Andrew Johnson.



Brown in 1902



A member of Pulaski Lodge 101, Brown was elected Grand Master in 1870, the same year he was first elected governor. In 1876, Brown, who supported Thomas A. Scott's efforts to build a transcontinental railroad in the South, joined the Texas and Pacific Railroad as a vice president. He was appointed receiver of this railroad in 1885, and was elevated to president in 1888. The following year, he became president of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company, which was one of the largest industrial firms in the South. Brown also served as president of the Bon Air Coal Company, a coal mining operation on the Cumberland Plateau near Crossville, in the 1880s.

Brown fell ill in the summer of 1889, and traveled to Red Boiling Springs, a mineral springs resort in north-central Tennessee, in hopes of recovering. On August 17, 1889, however, he suffered a stomach hemorrhage and died. His body was returned to Pulaski and interred in the city's Maplewood Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master John Calvin Brown, Pulaski Lodge No.101, oil on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1870. Sponsor for restoration: Pulaski Lodge No. 101, 2011.

William Munroe Dunaway

33rd Grand Master - 1871



William Dunaway

William Dunaway was born January 24, 1811 in Lancaster County, Virginia, the son of Opie Dunaway (1783-1830) and Winnie James Palmer (unknown-unknown). His family migrated to middle Tennessee and from there, in 1835, to western Tennessee. Dunaway married Sarah Ervin Buchanan (1817-1874) of Davidson County, Tennessee on January 9, 1834. They had five children. He owned a large farm off the Jackson-Bolivar Road (Riverside Drive Extended) for years.

As a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he was one of the church's most popular and persuasive ministers in West Tennessee. He resided in Jackson towards the close of his life and died soon after being elected mayor of that growing city on August 22, 1872. The occasion of his burial on Friday evening the 23rd, was the most imposing and

solemn ever-witnessed in Jackson, and gave evidence of the high esteem in which he was held in that community. All the business houses were closed and the Masons, Odd-Fellows and Firemen turned out in large numbers, while citizens generally followed the remains to his last resting place at Riverside Cemetery at Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.

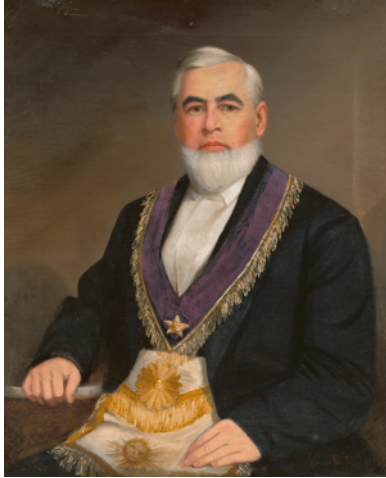


A member of St. John's Lodge 332, he was elected Grand Master in 1871 and became the first Grand Master to die in office.

Portrait of Grand Master William Munroe Dunaway, St. Johns Lodge No. 332, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1871. Sponsor for restoration: St. Johns Lodge No. 332, 2014.

Douglas R. Grafton

34th Grand Master – 1872



Douglas R. Grafton

Douglas Russell Grafton was born July 20, 1830 in New York City, the son of Nathaniel Grafton (1790-1844) and Prudence Dodds (1793-1860). He was united in marriage to Martha Jane Card (1835-1919), of the same city, on August 20, 1851. They had ten children. Charlotte Frances (1852-1932), George Douglas (1853-1911), Emily Elizabeth (1856-1945), Francis (1859-unknown), William Russell (1862-1902), Charles Parker (1864-1909), Jennie Florence (1868-1959), Louis Douglas (1870-1931), Nathaniel Frizzell (1871-1935) and Anna May (1878-1955). Three of his sons were also ordained ministers.

Brother Grafton was made a Master Mason in Sale Creek Lodge, January 1859. He was exalted to the Holy Royal Arch at Lebanon, Alabama in 1865. He was made a Knight Templar in Lookout Commandery, Chattanooga, December 22, 1872. At some point he became a member of Chattanooga Lodge 199 and was a member of Denton Lodge, Texas, when he died. He was Deputy Grand Master in 1872 when Grand Master Dunaway died in office. Brother Grafton became Grand Master and was elected to that

high office at the next Communication, with little opposition.

Reverend Grafton gave his heart to the service of the Master in October 1858, and was ordained to the work of the ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, by the Ocoee Presbytery, in March 1860. His first was done in the valleys of Sequatchie and the Tennessee, and there it continued until the breaking out of the war. Soon after the opening of hostilities Brother Grafton removed to Alabama, and there he earnestly and profitably preached the Gospel.



Emily Elizabeth Grafton



Rev. Nathaniel Frizzell Grafton

The war ending, he returned to Chattanooga. He remained there until the winter of 1873, when he moved to Texas with his family at the conclusion of his term as Grand Master.

When he left Chattanooga for Texas he took with him his family, a small bundle of bedding, and money enough to pay his passage and freight on household goods only. The furniture was to follow him. After he had waited a sufficient time he sent two wagons and money to pay the freight on his furniture. The railroad station was fifty miles away. In due time the wagons returned, but they were empty, the drivers bringing the statement of the freight charges, which were one hundred dollars, instead of fifty dollars, as estimated by the Tennessee agent. It was a great disappointment, but the patient sufferers accepted the situation meekly. "We must continue to lie on pallets, dear wife," he said in trembling tones "until I gather enough money to pay the charges. The Lord will

help us. My salary is small, but we can save enough in time."

The very next day two wagons pulled up at his dreary home. They were laden with household goods. The drivers began to unload, but the sick and trembling minister objected. He did not recognize his furniture, and supposed the wagoner's had made a mistake. "Nary mistake, old man," a driver said smilingly, "here's them freight bills all squar'd, and we are fixed also." The wagoner's knew no more about the matter than that they had been hired to haul goods to him, but by whom they were unable to say.

Not for months after did Brother Grafton discover his friends. Then he learned, after diligent inquiry, that the Masons at the railroad station, upon accidentally hearing the facts, and that he was a brother, paid the bills and forwarded the goods.

Brother Grafton was chosen pastor of the church at Denton, and filled that position for nine years. Finding his health declining, he resigned and became an evangelist. Eventually the toils of traveling continually at his age were too severe, and he accepted the call of the church at Hanford, California. He made ready for removal, shipped his books, and took part in what was to be his last protracted effort in Texas. When placing a piece of wood on the fire, he lacerated his hand. The wound was slight, but inflammation set up at once. The physicians could do nothing and death drew near.

With his devoted wife by his side, he died March 6, 1889 at 11:00 p.m. at the home of his son in Denton, Texas. He left his wife and nine children to cherish his memory. He was interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Denton, Denton County, Texas.



Portrait of Grand Master of Donifas Russell Grafton, Chattanooga Lodge No. 199, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1872. Sponsor for restoration: Chattanooga Lodge No. 199, 2014.

James Daniel Richardson

35th Grand Master – 1873



James D. Richardson

James Daniel Richardson was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee, the son of John Watkins (1809-1872) and Augusta M. Starnes Richardson (1814-1900) on March 10, 1843. His grandparents, James and Mary Watkins Richardson, had moved to Jefferson in 1814, and his father was a Murfreesboro physician who served in both the Tennessee Senate for two terms and House for four terms and as the president of the Tennessee State Medical Society. His father received his medical degree from Transylvania University in Kentucky in 1833 and died from typhoid pneumonia on November 19, 1872 at the age of 62. His mother was from a politically prominent family of Georgia and died July 28, 1900 at the age of 86. Richardson attended schools in Murfreesboro and Franklin Academy, near Nashville.

Before graduating from college, Richardson enlisted in the Confederate States Army during the Civil War, and served nearly four years. The first year he was a private and the remaining three years as adjutant-general of the Forty-fifth Regiment, Tennessee Infantry. He rose to the rank of major and was wounded in the battle of Resaca during the Atlanta Campaign of 1864.

This wound crippled his hand for life.

He married Alabama Rebecca “Allie” Pippen (1843-1927), the daughter of a prominent Eutaw, Alabama planter, on January 18, 1865, and they had five children, Annie Augusta (1865-1937), Ida Lee (1867-1945), James Daniel (1875-1950), Allie Sue (1869-1947), and John Watkins (1872-unknown). After the war Richardson studied law with Judge Thomas Frazier, gaining admission to the bar in 1866. He and General Joseph Palmer of Murfreesboro practiced together for 12 years. At Palmer’s death, he opened a partnership with his brother, John Ebenezer Richardson (1857-1940).

Richardson was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives, serving from 1871 to 1873 and as Speaker of the House in 1871 and then in the State Senate from 1873 to 1875. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1876, 1896, and 1900, and presided as permanent chairman at the 1900 convention.



Alabama Richardson



JOHN EBENEZER RICHARDSON

Elected as a Democrat to the Forty-ninth and to the nine succeeding Congresses, Richardson served from March 4, 1885 to March 3, 1905. He was among the earliest U. S. House Minority Leaders, holding that position from 1899 to 1903, during the 56th and 57th United States Congresses. While serving in Congress, Richardson introduced a bill for appropriation of \$125,000 to purchase land for a military park and national cemetery at the site of the Stones River Battlefield.

Pursuant to an act of Congress on August 20, 1894, Richardson was charged with compiling the “Messages and Papers of the Presidents,” a multi-volume work including every single important document from the federal Government, from the early days of President Washington through the second administration of Grover Cleveland, plus some papers from the administration of William McKinley. He later also compiled “The Messages and Papers of the Confederacy.”

James Richardson was raised in Mt. Moriah Lodge 18, in Murfreesboro, on October 12, 1867. He was exalted in Pythagoras Chapter 23. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1873 and served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1883. Richardson was elected Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite’s Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, on October 10, 1899, and succeeded Judge



James D. Richardson

Thomas Hubbard Caswell as Sovereign Grand Commander in 1900, continuing until his death 1914. He was responsible for purchasing the land for the House of the Temple in Washington, D. C., and approved plans for its proposed façade and its interior. Unfortunately, he died before its completion, but the temple remains as a memorial to Richardson's vision of the future.

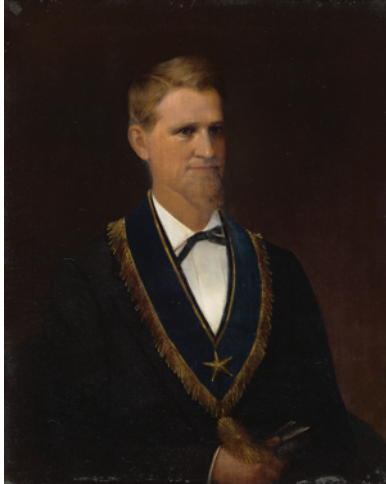
James Daniel Richardson died July 24, 1914 (age 71 years, 136 days) in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. The Nashville Scottish Rite Bodies at Central Christian Church in Murfreesboro held a midnight Kadosh funeral for him. The next afternoon, a traditional service, attended by over one thousand people was held at the church, before he was interred in Evergreen Cemetery in the family plot.

Portrait of Grand Master James Daniel Richardson, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, charcoal and crayon on paper, artist unknown, 1873. Sponsor for restoration: Nashville Scottish Rite Bodies, 2010.



Andrew Jackson Wheeler

36th Grand Master – 1874



Andrew Wheeler

Andrew Wheeler was born February 4, 1833. He had several occupations, including hotel manager, Clerk in the Clerk & Masters Office of Shelby County and Social Editor of the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* newspaper. He married Jennie S. (1842-1886) in 1859 and after Andrew's death in 1878, she married Captain George W. Vickers, a Mississippi riverboat captain. Andrew and Jennie had at least two children, Sydney Wheeler (1863-1905) and Harry N. Wheeler (1860-1863).

A member of Memphis Lodge 118, he was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Tennessee in 1871, President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1873 and elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1874.

Wheeler died September 7, 1878 from yellow fever and is buried in historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Andrew Jackson Wheeler, Memphis Lodge No. 118, William Brown Cooper, 1874. Sponsor for restoration: Memphis Lodge No. 118, 2014.



Jefferson Campbell Cawood

37th Grand Master – 1875



Jefferson Cawood

Jefferson Cawood was born July 4, 1830, in a very humble cabin home, near Speedwell, Claiborne County, Tennessee. Without a dollar, with no one to help him, he determined to become an educated gentleman. He worked at any honest labor to make money to pay his way through school. He taught school during vacation to help him through the next session, sometimes teaching one session to pay for the next. He worked his way through Powell Valley Academy at Speedwell, and Franklin Academy at Jacksboro, Tennessee. He entered the University of Tennessee, where he worked out of hours and as a janitor to help pay his way. He did not finish the University course – sickness prevented. This did not, however, prevent his acquisition of knowledge. He became a fine scholar. In the church he was a Methodist; in politics he was a Jefferson Democrat.

In early life he moved with his widowed mother to Rhea County, Tennessee, where he lived and worked until he was able to read medicine with the late Dr. Collins, of Meigs County. He graduated in medicine from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the spring of 1859. On the ninth day of April 1859, he married Miss Annie E. Eastham, of Flint Hill, Virginia. They had six children, three of which only lived less than a year, including a set of twins. With his wife, he moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee and located at Dandridge, on the beautiful French Broad River. He soon enjoyed a fine and lucrative practice. His name became a household word; he gave the best portion of his life to these people; he became a noted physician and surgeon; for thirty years or more he served the whole country around with fidelity and zeal.

In 1889 he moved with his family to Knoxville, Tennessee, where he soon built up a fine practice. Here he founded the Tennessee Medical College in 1891, and was Dean of the Faculty for many years, filling either the chair of Practice or of Surgery until the destruction of the college building in 1898 by fire. It was his custom to fill the chair of any member of the faculty who was absent, and he filled it well. After the destruction of the college building he gave his entire attention to the practice of his profession.

Brother Cawood was initiated in Washington Lodge 236, March 15, 1855; passed November 5, 1855. He was raised in Brazilton Lodge 190, February 2, 1861. He filled most of the stations in his Lodge and served as Master sixteen years. He was noted for his perfect manner of conferring the several Degrees. He first attended this Grand Lodge in 1866, as Representative of Brazilton Lodge. In 1867 he was made Chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws, continuing on this Committee until 1870, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He failed to attend the Grand Communications but few times until he was taken away. On the 9th of November 1875, he was elected from the floor as Most Worshipful Grand Master. This preference at this time was highly complimentary, his only opponent being the brainy Connor, who was the Deputy Grand Master. He served frequently on the Committee on Jurisprudence, and one year as Chairman.



Jefferson Cawood

It was during his administration that the plan of Grand Visitors was first adopted, and from this system our present Board of Custodians and District Lecturer were evolved. Five of the Brethren whom he appointed as Grand Visitors have since served this Grand Lodge as Grand Masters, one as Deputy Grand Master.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Pearl Chapter 24, at Knoxville, and was a charter member of Jefferson Chapter 81, at Dandridge, and served his Chapter fourteen years as High Priest. In 1869 he was elected Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1868.

He was a great friend of the Widows and Orphans' Home, and dearly loved to see the little tots at their annual visits.

He died, Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1901, at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee. A singular coincidence – Brother Cawood was born on the nation's birthday; he was called away on the nation's thanksgiving day, and he served as Grand Master during then nation's centennial year, 1876. He was buried in New Gray Cemetery at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee placed his marker.

Portrait of Grand Master Jefferson Campbell Cawood, Brazelton Lodge No. 190, oil on canvas, T. M. Schleier, 1875. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2014.

Elihu Edmundson

38th Grand Master - 1876



Elihu Edmundson

Elihu Edmundson was born December 25, 1822 in Newberry District, South Carolina, where he resided until the age of sixteen, when his father moved to Giles County, Tennessee. His early education was received in the country schools in that county until he was eighteen years of age, when he attended a select school for a year, and in 1845 completed his education at Jackson College, in Maury County, Tennessee. In the fall of 1846 he entered the University of New York as a medical student, and graduated from that university in 1848 with distinguished honor. After returning from college he practiced his profession in Giles County for about ten years. After this he was engaged in farming and insurance business.

In December 1850, he married Miss Elvira Gordon, of Lawrence County, Tennessee. His wife, two sons and a daughter survived him. In religion he was a Presbyterian, and an exemplary and zealous member of that church. Edmundson was elected to the Tennessee State Senate in 1882 from Giles and Lincoln counties.

He was made a Master Mason in Acton Lodge 16, Athens, Alabama, May 18, 1846; Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter 1, New York City, 1847; Knight Templar in Columbian Commandery 1, same city. He afterward affiliated with the Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Pulaski, and was elected Master, High Priest and Eminent Commander of those bodies. In 1850 and 1857 he was present in the Grand Lodge as the Representative of Bethel Lodge 194, and in 1859 represented Pulaski Lodge 101, and Bradshaw 256, and was on Committee on By-Laws. In 1860 he represented 101, and was on Committee on Appeals. In 1869 he was again present. In 1871 he was on Committee on Dispensations, and in 1872 was made Chairman of that Committee, and served in that capacity until 1876, when he was elected Grand Master. After his term of office expired, he served on the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence until his death. In 1869 elected Grand King, and anointed in the Order of High Priesthood, and elected Grand President of Council High Priesthood, 1877. In 1872 elected Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters; elected Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1873. At his death he was the Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Canada and South Carolina.

Elihu Edmundson passed away on April 5, 1889 at 4:00 a.m. at his residence after a lingering illness of several weeks, caused by an injury received by a fall from a horse several years before and is buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee. From his obituary: "He was a gentleman of the highest Christian merit, a member of the Presbyterian Church and has been chosen by his constituents more than once to represent them in legislative halls. He was fearless in the discharge of his duties and always gave satisfaction to his constituency." It went on to say, "He was a Mason in high standing and was buried with the solemn rights belonging to that Order. Rev. D. L. Wilson conducted the funeral services at the Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in a very impressive manner. His popularity was attested by the large concourse that followed his remains to the grave at Maplewood."



Portrait of Grand Master Elihu Edmundson, Pulaski Lodge No. 101, oil on canvas, Washington B. Cooper, 1876. Sponsor for restoration: Pulaski Lodge No.101 / Bethel Lodge No. 194, 2014.

Americus V. Warr

39th Grand Master - 1877



Americus V. Warr

Americus Vespucius Warr, the son of James and Emily (Bishop) Warr, was born near Clifton, Tennessee on April 9, 1835. Both parents were natives of North Carolina. His father was born in 1800 and died in Fayette County, Tennessee in 1876. His mother was born in 1812 and died in Wayne County in 1849. His parents married in North Carolina and in 1825 moved to Tennessee and settled in Wayne County, sixteen miles from Waynesboro. In 1854 the father married again in North Carolina to the younger sister of his first wife, and in 1855 moved to Fayette County and settled two and a half miles northwest of Rossville, Tennessee where he died at the age of seventy-six. He was a successful farmer and an old line Whig, and for thirty years was a class leader in the Methodist Church.

Americus Warr was the sixth of eight children; he was educated briefly at Bingham Classical School at Orange County, North Carolina. In the fall of 1856 he went to the Medical University of Louisiana and took his first course of lectures. In the fall of 1857 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania where he received his diploma in 1858. After graduating he commenced the practice of medicine in Fayette County and soon had an extensive practice, but declined practicing after his marriage,

which occurred February 8, 1860, to Miss Geraldine Isbell, born in Fayette County April 28, 1842. She was an intelligent, cultured lady, educated at the Marshall Female Institute, at Marshall, Mississippi. Five sons and a daughter were born to them.

After the war, Warr was engaged in farming and the mercantile business, and supplemented his collegiate education with extensive travel in the United States, having visited every State in the Union but four. From 1872 to 1879 he was a merchant at Rossville; after that he was engaged in settling his business and looking after his extensive farming interests; he eventually owned 4,000 acres of land in Fayette County and nearly the entire town on Rossville.

A member of Macon Lodge 120 (name later changed to A. V. Warr Lodge), he was elected Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1870 and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1877. He presented the A. V. Warr signet ring to the Grand Lodge in 1906, which has been worn by each successive Grand Master.

Americus Warr died October 2, 1912 and was buried in the Warr Cemetery at Rossville, Fayette County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Americus Vespucius Warr, Macon Lodge No. 120 (Name later changed to A. V. Warr Lodge), oil on canvas, signed Washington B. Cooper, 1877. Sponsor for restoration: Somerville Lodge No. 73, 2009.

Americus V. Warr Ring



It is now more than three thousand years since the great Jewish leader and lawgiver, Moses, "the man of God," announced the Divine law, "the days of our years are three score years and ten," and still after all these thirty-three centuries and more have passed away the reasonable limit of human life remains unchanged.

This being true, it is but natural that those of us who have accomplished the years allotted, and have passed into the days whose "strength is but labor and sorrow" should look wistfully into the faces of our Brethren assembled at these annual gatherings, and wonder how many times more, God, who has blessed us, will let us

have supreme happiness. And then there comes a great longing not to be forgotten by those whom we love so well, and that our names may sometimes be spoken by those who shall occupy these seats when all of us are gone into the great hereafter.

And again: Those of us here assembled who are in the early years of vigorous manhood, those who are just beginning, or perhaps, are already actively and zealously engaged in the noble work of our great Fraternity, naturally look to the veterans of the Craft with kindly regard and hope that their days may be prolonged, and that the old familiar names and the memory of their services shall not fade away and be forgotten.

Therefore it is, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that I feel sure that what I am about to present for the consideration of the Grand Lodge will strike a happy and sympathetic chord in the hearts of us all, both old and young, and be remembered as a pleasant incident at the opening of this Grand Lodge at its ninety-second Annual Communication.

Inspired by a happy thought, and by a warm-hearted devotion and love for the Craft, a Brother beloved, who for more than forty years, as a member of this Grand Lodge, has rendered faithful and efficient service; who has never faltered or failed in the performance of duties of the highest importance with which he has been constantly entrusted; who has been honored with the highest office in your gift, and served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Masons of Tennessee with marked ability; Past Grand Master Americus V. Warr, having just passed his seventieth birthday, has requested me in his name to present to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee this beautiful seal or signet ring.

On its inner surface are inscribed the words, "To the M. W. Grand Lodge F. and A. M. of Tennessee, from A. V. Warr, P. G. M. 5906." On the bezel, or face forming the seal, are engraved a point within a circle bounded by two parallel lines, and surmounted by the Holy Bible. Full well do you know the symbolic meaning of that familiar emblem? If the gift be accepted, it is the wish of Brother Warr that this ring be always in the keeping of the presiding Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and be used by him as his private seal while in office, and at the end of his official term be by him transmitted to his successor with appropriate injunctions, as a part of the ceremony of installation of the Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee so long as this ring shall last. Generations yet unborn, once every year, will be reminded of the Annual Communications of 1906 as a memorable occasion, and will treasure the A. V. Warr Ring, Even as our Ancient Brethren honored the Signet of Zerubbabel, as a most valuable memento.

May it ever be worn by pure and noble and faithful men; and may it always be to him who wears it an ever present inspiration, reminding him to be pure in life, reverent to God, wise, firm and impartial in the performance of the duties of his high office, and ever to keep his heart warm with fraternal love for his fellow man.

And may God bless the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and the great Fraternity it represents, and those who shall wear this signet ring, so long as time shall last!

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, by a rising vote, accepted the gift in the same spirit in which it was presented. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, responding to the eloquent remarks of Brother Foster feelingly and appropriately.

George C. Connor

40th Grand Master – 1878



George C. Connor

George Cooper Connor was born October 9, 1834 in Dublin, Ireland. He immigrated to Canada with his father in 1848 at the age of fourteen. He remained there until 1858, when he moved to the southern United States to take a position as editor on a prominent religious journal published at Nashville.

At the outbreak of war, Connor entered the service of the Confederate States, and wore the gray throughout the entire struggle, rising to the rank of major. Following the close of the war, he settled in Atlanta, and engaged in the mercantile business until 1871, when he accepted a position as agent of the Western & Atlantic railroad, and was assigned to duty at Chattanooga.

Major Connor was in the thickest of every local matter of any importance, and his keen wit and blunt expression, his clear logic and independence of speech commanded attention and consideration wherever expressed. He was general agent of the Western & Atlantic for many years, and was succeeded by John C. Anderson. After his retirement from the road, he for a while edited the *Democrat*. The paper thrived editorially, the contributors being Major Connor and John J. Littleton, but financially the venture waned, and Major Connor

stopped its publication. Later he was elected secretary of the board of trade, then an active commercial body, and even after the dissolution of the organization, he continued its representative, devoting his energies to preparing Chattanooga's case for presentation before the interstate commerce commission.

Masonry was Major Connor's fondest love. In the Masonic literature of America he had written his name in characters that will be cherished in Masonic souls forever. His ritual of the Illustrious Order of Knights Templar was unanimously adopted by the Grand Encampment at Denver, and is now the textbook of that honored Order in the United States. His last book, "The Shibboleth: A Templar Monitor, containing monitorial instructions in Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, and the Religious and Military Order of Knights of Malta, together with historical, exegetical and explanatory notes," has proven one of the most popular of Masonic textbooks. At the time of his death he was engaged in revising his ritual for the Knights of Malta, which had already been adopted by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

Major Connor was made a Mason at Atlanta in 1867, and received the Chapter degrees in the same year. In 1868 he was dubbed a Knight Templar, and was honored by his companions as one of their brightest and most skillful workers. Upon his removal to Chattanooga he lost none of the Masonic zeal for which he was distinguished in Georgia, the first annual election making him Worshipful Master of his Lodge. Soon afterwards he organized Lookout Commandery 14, Knights Templar. He was Past High Priest of Hamilton Chapter 49, Past Commander of Lookout Commandery, and Past Potentate of Al Hambra Shrine Temple.



George C. Connor

In 1873, he made his first appearance in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as Master of Temple Lodge 430, and in 1874 he was elected Deputy Grand Master, receiving 920 votes out of 1,108. On November 11, 1878 he was chosen Grand Master, an unusual honor for a Grand Lodge to confer on one so recently removed to its jurisdiction. In 1879, he was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery. He was also a Past Grand High Priest, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee and correspondent of all the Grand Bodies in Tennessee. In the Grand Lodge, he was chairman of the Board of Custodians and chairman of Committee on Jurisprudence. Connor was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Lodge Quatuor Coronati of London. He was elected by the Supreme Council to the Thirty-Third Degree, but could not receive the title until the next meeting at Boston in 1895.



Death claimed Major George Cooper Connor in the early hours of March 9, 1894. He died a few moments before 6 o'clock at his residence, 123 McCallie Avenue. He was conscious to the last. An hour before he died he called his family around him. A few minutes before 6 o'clock he asked to be assisted to a sitting posture. The attendants were helping him up when he fell back with a gasp and died without a struggle, apparently from the complications of diabetes.

In the library of his residence, the body laid in repose, and was visited and viewed by a constant stream of people. Major Connor wore his full Knight Templar uniform, holding his chapeau in hand, and sword under the left arm, and thus he would be buried.

Three Lodges, Temple 430, Chattanooga 199 and Mountain City 549, met at the Lodge room, corner of Eighth and Market Streets, in full uniform, at 1:00 Sunday, March 11, 1894 and went in a body to the residence of the deceased on McCallie Avenue, where the funeral service would be held at 2:00.

A special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee was opened in the Asylum of Lookout Commandery 14 at 11:30 a.m. of the same day. The Right Eminent Grand Commander announced that this Special Conclave had been called and opened for the purpose of conducting the funeral rites of the Order at the burial of Sir George Cooper Connor, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, in accordance with the expressed wish of the deceased that his funeral services should be conducted by his brethren in Special Conclave. The lines were formed, and the officers and members of the Grand Commandery were escorted to the residence of the deceased, there being, altogether, about two hundred Knights in line.

At the house, the ceremonies consisted of the hymns, "Just as I Am" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," most touchingly and sweetly sung by a quartet; the reading of the Scriptures by Sir and Reverend William M. Pettis, Grand Prelate, and an address by Sir and Reverend J. W. Bachman, Past Grand Prelate. The singing of the hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul", then closed the services at the residence. The following Knight Templar were detailed as pall-bearers: Sir Wilbur P. Foster, Sir Charles H. Brandon, Sir Bernard F. Price, Sir N. S. Woodward, Sir J. S. Griffiss, Sir W. F. Fischer, Sir W. V. Simpson and Sir John B. Nicklin. The lines



were re-formed under the command of Right Eminent Sir William C. Smith, as Grand Captain-General, and the funeral procession, preceded by more than two hundred Master Masons in line, proceeded to the cemetery, Forrest Hills Cemetery in Chattanooga, where the full Templar Service for the dead was performed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir William M. Brooks, assisted by the Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir William M. Pettis. With a chosen number Knights forming an arch of steel above the grave, the hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," was most sweetly sung. Lines were reformed, and returned to the Asylum of Lookout Commandery, when the Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee was duly closed.

Portrait of Grand Master George Cooper Conner, Temple Lodge No. 430, oil on canvas, T. M. Schleire, 1878. Sponsor for restoration: Temple Lodge 430, Lookout Commandery No. 14, Al Hambra Shrine Temple, and Portrait Restoration Fund, 2010.

Wilbur F. Foster

41st Grand Master - 1879



Wilbur F. Foster

Wilbur Fisk Foster was born April 13, 1834 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the third of six children of Dexter Foster of Ashfield, Massachusetts, and his wife, Euphrasia Maria Allin (1806-1891), of Enfield, Connecticut. The Foster family traced its ancestry back to Peregrine White, who was born on the Mayflower in 1620. His father, originally a machinist, became a civil engineer, and was one of the leading spirits in the construction of the Boston and Albany railroad, upon which he designed and constructed the first railroad tunnel ever built upon a curve. His mother, Miss Allin, daughter of D. Allin, also belonged to the Puritan stock.

While yet in his youth, Foster moved with his father to Montgomery County, Maryland, seven miles from Washington, D. C. Here his father soon afterward died, leaving him an orphan at the age of nine years. About a year or two later he returned to Massachusetts to be educated, and spent several years at academies in Northampton and Springfield, graduating at the latter place, at the age of seventeen. He soon obtained a position under Captain John Childe, chief engineer of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, and spent two years assisting in locating and laying out that road. Transferred, in the early part of 1853, to the Tennessee and Alabama (now the Nashville and Decatur)

railroad, he was, from that time till the beginning of the war, engaged in the location and construction of the Nashville and Decatur, the Edgefield and Kentucky, and the Henderson and Nashville roads, and had charge during the time, of the construction of the bridge across the Cumberland River at Nashville, the first railroad bridge constructed across that stream. Beginning as rodman, he rose to the position of first assistant.

In April 1861, he joined the First Tennessee Confederate regiment, as a private in the Rock City Guards. About ten days after joining the service, he was detailed for engineering duty and sent to superintend the construction of forts Donelson and Henry. Requesting to be sent back to his regiment, after these forts were built, he was ordered with it to Virginia, but, in three weeks from the time of his arrival there, he received an appointment as first-lieutenant in the engineering corps, and was ordered to report to General Zollicoffer at Cumberland Gap. When General Kirby Smith moved into Kentucky, Lieutenant Foster was made captain of engineers and assigned to duty with General McCown. After the return from the Kentucky campaign, he was made chief engineer of the department of East Tennessee, serving on the staff of General Buckner. After the battle of Chickamauga, he was made major of engineers and placed in charge of topographical work with General Johnston, serving in this capacity till that officer was relieved of command. He was then assigned to duty as chief engineer of General Stewart's corps, and served as such until the surrender of the Confederate armies, at which time he was at Greensborough, North Carolina.



Wilbur F. Foster



Wilbur F. Foster

Returning immediately to Nashville and engaging in the practice of engineering, he was, in 1865, elected city engineer, and, with the exception of two years of Republican regime in 1866-67, held the position till March 1884, engaging at the same time in engineering in various directions, and doing more or less of work for all the railroads running into Nashville, though not officially connected with any of them. He has served as a director of the First National Bank of Nashville and of the Phillips & Buttorff Manufacturing Company. Tennesseans cross bridges daily without being aware that Wilbur Foster had anything to do with their safe passage; they visit Capitol Hill and the Parthenon in Nashville without recognizing the handiwork of Foster. But, Wilbur Foster, characterized by modesty and taciturnity in life, would probably have preferred that it be so.

Too young to take any part in politics previous to the war, his sympathies were all with the Whig party. After the war he was a Democrat, but took no active part as a politician.

He became a Master Mason in 1837 and after moving to Nashville was a member Cumberland Lodge 8. He took the Chapter degrees in 1859, the Council degrees in 1861, and became a Knight Templar in 1861. Foster was elected Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee in 1869; Grand High Priest in 1873; Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1879; Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1871-72 and Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1878. He is one of few men in Tennessee who alone have filled all these offices. He was also a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Major Foster became a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, in 1867. He was married in Nashville, June 19, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Nichol (1843-1927), daughter of John Nichol (1782-1853), one of the oldest citizens of the place. She, too, was a Presbyterian in her religious faith. She was a lady of domestic tastes, splendid social qualities, and most charitable impulses. They had one living child, a daughter.

He died at Nashville on March 26, 1922 and was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in that city. A historical marker denoting his contributions to Nashville is located in Centennial Park.



Portrait of Grand Master Wilbur Fisk Foster, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, attributed to George Dury, 1879. Sponsor for restoration: Corinthian Lodge No. 8, 2016.

John T. Irion

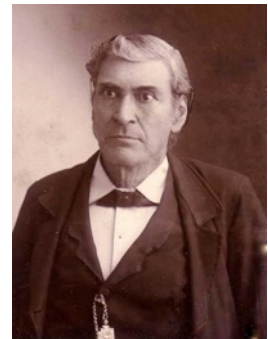
42nd Grand Master – 1880



John T. Irion

John Thomas Irion was born May 9, 1837 in Williamson County, Tennessee. He practiced medicine in Paris, Tennessee and at the age of twenty-three he enlisted at Paris on May 21, 1861, in Company G, of the celebrated 5th Infantry Regiment of Tennessee Volunteers, which did valiant and hazardous service in all the Kentucky and Tennessee campaigns and in Georgia. They won a fine reputation for faithfulness and heroism. After Perryville it received honorable mention and several times was commended by commanders for brave and brilliant service.

Dr. Irion was wounded at Perryville in the brilliant charge that General Cheatham made on Gilbert's army corps, destroying it as an organization. He received a wound through the lungs that disabled him for field service and indirectly caused his death decades later. He was kept in prison at Louisville.



John T. Irion

In May 1862, Dr. Irion was elected captain of his company, and later was offered promotion as surgeon and again as major, but declined. In the Kentucky Campaign he commanded his company, which part of the time formed the rear guard of General A. P. Stewart's command.

He was appointed inspector of hospitals of his corps by General Polk, a position he held until failing health compelled him to resign November 15, 1863. A peculiarity of his service was that all the time he was on detail as surgeon he still held his position as captain of his company. He did not take the oath of allegiance to the United States until March 22, 1886.



Dr. Irion was a man of unusual ability and attainments. He was a deep thinker, a man of literary tastes, and a ready and forceful writer. During the first administration of Grover Cleveland he was postmaster of Paris for four years and for fifteen years he was the editor of the Paris Post-Intelligencer. After the war he became a Methodist minister and served many West Tennessee churches. He was an enthusiastic Mason. A member of Mansfield Lodge 371, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1880.

Dr. John T. Irion died on August 9, 1908, at the age of 71 years, after a prolonged illness borne with fortitude and patience. His funeral held at the Methodist church, of which he was a member for over fifteen years, was one of the largest ever held in Paris. He was buried in Paris City Cemetery. Dr. Irion was married three times and was survived by a wife and six children.



Portrait of Grand Master John Thomas Irion, Mansfield Lodge 371, charcoal on paper, W. A. Clendenning, 1880. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2016.

Nathan Sullins Woodward

43rd Grand Master – 1882



Nathan Woodward

Nathan Sullins Woodward was born July 19, 1844 in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of Dr. Alexander Woodward (1803-1885) and Mary L. Sullins (1821-1884). On November 7, 1871, he married Miss Annie G. Peed (1848-1937). They had three children; O'Connor (1873-1916), Mary Eleanor (1875-unknown) and Ethel Eleanor (1880-1974). He received his early education in Knoxville, first attending the Hampden-Sidney Academy, where he studied under Dr. LeCompt. While a young man he entered the service of the Adams Express Company, and later the Southern Express Company. His first position was that of a messenger during the Civil War. He was promoted from time to time until he became Route Agent, having charge of all lines from Lynchburg to Selma. He then became Assistant Superintendent with headquarters in Knoxville and remained with the company until 1919, when he was retired on a pension, as the reward for long and faithful service. In early life he attached himself to the Southern Methodist Church, a portion of the time serving his local Church, the Church Street at Knoxville, in an official capacity.

Receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree in Masters Lodge 244 on June 25, 1866, the Fellow Craft and Master Mason Degrees in July and August following, the remainder of his life – almost fifty-seven years – was spent in active Masonic work. In November 1866, he was appointed Senior Deacon, serving one year. In 1868, he was elected Senior Warden, acting as Master for most of the year because of the removal of the Master from the state. In 1869, he was elected Master, serving two years. He was the moving spirit in the organization of Oriental Lodge 453, and served as Master for three years.

His first attendance upon the Grand Lodge was in 1869. From that time to his death he was active in Grand Lodge work. Served as Chairman of Committee on Accounts, and of Committee on Ways and Means; also served as member of Committee on Dispensations and By-laws. In 1879, served as Senior Grand Deacon; in 1880, was elected Senior Grand Warden; Deputy Grand Master in 1881 and Grand Master in 1882. In 1895, he was elected Grand Treasurer, and was serving his twenty-ninth year as such when his death occurred. He served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1890.



Nathan Woodward



It is to be noticed that he never served as Junior Warden in either his Subordinate Lodge or Grand Lodge. He had the distinguished honor of officiating as Commander at the burial of former President Andrew Johnson, at Greeneville, August 3, 1875.

Woodward died February 27, 1923, age seventy-eight years, seven months and eight days, in Knoxville, Tennessee and was buried in Old Gray Cemetery on Broadway in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Nathan Sullins Woodward, Oriental Lodge No. 453, oil on canvas, artist unknown, 1882. Sponsor for restoration: Oriental Lodge No. 453, 2016.

Newton W. McConnell

44th Grand Master – 1883



Newton W. McConnell

Newton Whitfield McConnell was born May 22, 1832 in Bedford County, Tennessee, the third of six children to Jeremiah McConnell (1797-1871) and Annabel Martin McConnell (1803-1886). He was prepared for college at Lewisburg Academy, entering Allegheny College at Meadville, Pennsylvania in the spring of 1853, receiving the honor of delivering the Latin Salutatories at commencement. Immediately upon graduation he was selected as the Principal of Gerard Academy at Gerard, Pennsylvania, the school opening in that year with one hundred and fifty pupils. There he taught with success until 1857, when he returned to his native state, where at different times he was the head of two schools, until the war between the states drew him into that long and bloody conflict.

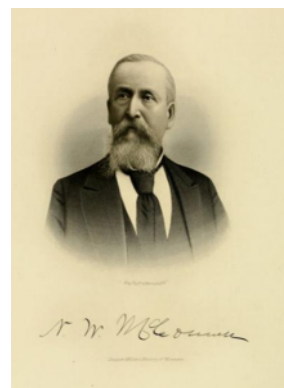
Having closed his school and made such provisions as was possible for his wife, Nannie Elizabeth McCall McConnell (1833-1900), and infant son, Francis Winston (1861-unknown); he joined the army of Albert Sidney Johnston as a cavalryman. Although at first attached to headquarters for the perilous work of scouting, he missed no opportunity of being in the ranks when an engagement with the enemy was expected. Among the battles in which he fought were Corinth and Pittsburgh Landing. General Hardee gave

him a commission to recruit and command a company for the Confederate service, and this he did as a captain. On January 6, 1863, after raiding under General John H. Morgan, he was captured, and was confined in various prisons and detention camps until exchanged.

After the war he studied law, in 1867 was admitted to the Bar, and soon exhibited the ability, which was quickly rewarded by an extensive and lucrative practice. He became a Tennessee State Senator and for eleven years was a judge of the circuit court in Tennessee, filling that office with signal success, and to the satisfaction and with the approval of the law-abiding people of the circuit and state. He and his wife had two more children, Odell (1868-1921) and Anna Eloise (1873-1953).

McConnell was a member of Vesper Lodge 289 and was elected Grand Master in 1883.

In 1887 President Cleveland appointed him the Chief Justice of the territory of Montana, and he qualified as such on May 2, 1887. At that time, and so long as Montana remained a territory, each justice of the Supreme Court sat also at nisi prius. Judge McConnell was assigned to sit in the third judicial district. He served as Chief Justice until March 1880. He was a life-long Democrat, and when Benjamin Harrison was elected President, he tendered his resignation to President Cleveland, who refused to accept it. Upon Harrison becoming President in March 1889, the resignation was accepted.



Upon his retirement from the office of Chief Justice, he resumed with great success the practice of the law, associating himself with Mr. Thomas H. Carter, afterward a Senator of the United States from Montana, and Mr. John B. Clayberg, subsequently the Chief Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Montana, the firm name being McConnell, Carter & Clayberg, with offices at Helena. Later, when Mr. Carter was elected Senator, the firm became McConnell & Clayberg; then McConnell, Clayberg & Gunn, the junior member being Mr. M. S. Gunn, at that time one of the leading lawyers of Montana; and upon the withdrawal of Mr. Clayberg the firm became McConnell, Gunn & McConnell, the junior member being Mr. Odell W. McConnell, a son of Judge McConnell and a prominent and

skillful lawyer. Mr. Gunn withdrew and father and son continued as McConnell & McConnell until Judge McConnell ceased the active practice of his profession in 1910.

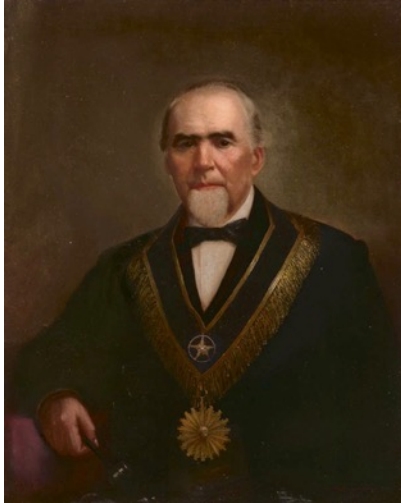
His devoted wife died in 1900, mourned by all who knew her, and grieved for by the bereaved husband, who never recovered from the shock and blow of her death.

He died at the home of his daughter in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas on December 22, 1915 at the age of 83. He was buried in Forestvale Cemetery in Helena, Lewis and Clark County, Montana on December 30, 1915.

Portrait of Grand Master Newton Whitfield McConnell, Vesper Lodge No. 248, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1883. Sponsor of restoration: District No. 12 & Western Sun Lodge 88, 2010.

Benjamin Rufus Harris

45th Grand Master – 1884



Benjamin Harris

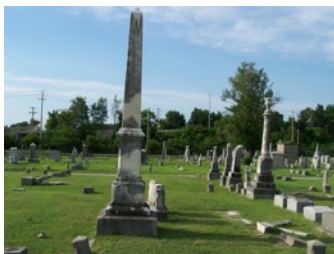
Benjamin Rufus Harris was born in Orange County, North Carolina, February 5, 1825; son of William and Maria W. (Briggs) Harris. The parents were natives respectively of North Carolina and Virginia. The father moved to Maury County, Tennessee, in 1834, spending his early life in the pulpit as a Methodist preacher, later engaging in farming. He died in January 1856; his wife, in 1873.

Brother Harris attended school in the county of his birth. Being the oldest child, the care of his father's family fell almost entirely upon him, and this deprived him of many advantages of school. He lived on the farm until twenty-four years of age, when he began studying medicine, attending his first course in 1851-1852, and graduated in the medical department of the University of Nashville in 1853.

He located at Purdy, McNairy County, and began the practice of his profession, remaining there twelve years. He then moved to Jackson, where he had a large practice; engaging also in the family grocery and real estate business.

In 1861 he married Ellen Anderson (1837-1897), of McNairy County, daughter of William Taylor (1804-1870) and Mahala Wisdom (1806-1890) Anderson. They had three sons; William Trice (1861-1941), Benjamin May (1864-1948), Hugh Marvin (1877-1958) and two daughters; Ophelia (1869-1892) and Hettie Mahala (1873-1938). He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Brother Harris was made a Master Mason in Benton Lodge 111, Santa Fe, Maury County, December 27, 1849. He was exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Bolivar Chapter 34, on August 5, 1858, and made a Knight Templar in Jackson Commandery 13, on July 16, 1872. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Bolivar Council 16.



He became a member of the Grand Lodge in 1852, as the Representative of Benton Lodge 111, and regularly attended its meetings for over 20 years, serving most of the time on important committees. In 1882 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and in 1884 Grand Master.

In 1878 he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council. He was a member for many years of the Grand Chapter, had received the Order of High Priesthood, and was a member and officer of the Grand Council of that Order.

He was Venerable Master of his Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction) and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary.

Benjamin Harris died on November 11, 1891 at his home in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 66. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery in the same city.



Portrait of Grand Master Benjamin Rufus Harris, Jackson Lodge No. 45, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1884. Sponsor for restoration: Jackson Lodge No. 45, 2013.

Henry Martyn Aiken

46th Grand Master – 1885



Henry Aiken

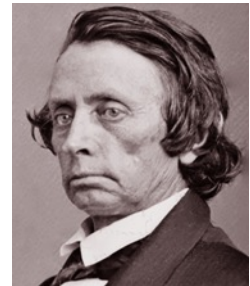
Henry Martyn Aiken was born on March 4, 1844, in McConnellsville, Morgan County, in the Southeastern section of the great State of Ohio, the son of the Reverend William A. Aiken (1810-1886) and Martha Osburn Aiken (1817-1895). There he grew to young manhood and received his early education. Later, however, he moved, along with his parents, to West Virginia, and in the early sixties he was a student at Washington and Jefferson University, from which institution, in the troublous times in the year 1863, he was graduated. Still later he entered the University of Pennsylvania as a Law Student, and was graduated from the Law Department of that institution. Following his graduation in Law, and after having taught Latin and Greek at a Boy's Academy, for a short time, Major Aiken moved to the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. In the year 1867 he married Miss Mary Brownlow (1849-1934), a daughter of William Gannaway "Parson" Brownlow (1805-1877), the 17th Governor of Tennessee and a one-time editor of the Knoxville Whig. Seven children were born to them, but only one of them, H. M. Aiken, Jr. (1888-1942) survived Brother Aiken. His wife also survived him.



Susan Brownlow

Her father, Governor Brownlow, moved to Tennessee, at age eleven, at age of twenty-one, he joined the Methodist church as a minister, serving for ten years as a member of the Holston Methodist Conference, an Appalachian area of Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. He was appointed by President Millard Fillmore to carry out congressional provisions in 1850 and as a talented journalist he established the Whig newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee and became an agent for the U.S. Treasury. As the Civil War was winding down in early 1865, he with Tennessee's Unionists created their own Constitutional Convention and proceeded to free the state's slaves. In April 1865, he was elected as a Whig the 17th Governor of Tennessee, serving until he resigned in 1869. While in office, he worked on the state's reconstruction, ruling with a dictatorial hand, disenfranchising a majority of citizens, who had supported the Confederacy. After his term, he was elected by the Tennessee State Legislature, to the U.S. Senate, serving (1865-75). After serving in the Senate, he returned to Knoxville and was a partner in establishing the Weekly Whig and Chronicle newspaper. He died at age 71, cause of death was given as paralysis of the bowels. The Governor had another daughter, Susan (1837-1913), the sister of Mary Brownlow Aiken. Susan was a young widow, with her baby, when the Civil War erupted. According to HARPER'S WEEKLY (Dec. 21, 1861):

"When a mob of secessionists attacked her father's house in his absence and insisted on the Union flag being hauled down from where it floated, this young lady seized a rifle and told them she would defend it with her life. The first who approached would be shot. They threatened her for some time, and tried in every way to frighten her. But she was firm, and after a time the ruffians withdrew, leaving the flag still flying." At least one other source says that it was a revolver, rather than a rifle, that she displayed in that incident. Regardless of the weapon involved, she became a heroine in the Union, largely due to the HARPER'S WEEKLY article, which included an engraving of her portrait (it was based on the photograph included here).



Governor Brownlow



In 1865 Henry Aiken became a member of the Bar of Knoxville and there he practiced law for about five years, whereupon, he was appointed Clerk of the United States District Court. After having, with honor and distinction, performed the duties of this office for a period of nine years, he withdrew from Court work in order that he might devote his time and energies to railroad and steamboat operations, believing that he could thereby, in greater measure, contribute to the development and progress of the great section in which he had cast his lot.



Henry Aiken

To his development and construction work he devoted his undivided attention, and in 1879 Major Aiken acquired what was then known as the Ohio and Tennessee Railroad, connecting the old East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad with the beautiful valley village of Rogersville, in Hawkins County, Tennessee, a branch line of road extending a distance of sixteen miles between Rogersville and what was then known as Rogersville Junction, but now designated Bull's Gap. At the same time Major Aiken also owned a line of steamboats operating on the St. Johns River, in Florida, and his business career and development operations were intensive and vigorous.

For sixteen years he was Superintendent of the Knoxville Water Works. He served for many years, as President of the Board of Governors of the Knoxville General Hospital, and also for a number of years as an alderman of the City, in connection with which latter position he was Chairman of the Finance Committee. Major Aiken was a member of St. Johns Episcopal Church and served as Chairman of the building board that erected the

splendid present church structure.

Brother Aiken was one of the oldest and best-known Masons in East Tennessee, having been permitted, in the providence of God, to live to the ripe age of seventy-nine years. He was a member of Master's Lodge 244 of Knoxville; Pearl Chapter 24, Royal Arch Masons; Knoxville Council 75, Royal and Select Masters, of Knoxville;



Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar of Knoxville; and was also a Scottish Rite Mason, being a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and at the time of his elected to the 33°. He was Worshipful Master of Master's Lodge five times, High Priest of Pearl Chapter, Eminent Commander of his Commandery and he also was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1876, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in 1875 and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1875. One of the few to serve as head of all four bodies. He was also President, Order of High

Priesthood in 1882.

In 1883 he was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Deputy Grand Master in 1884 and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1885.

Henry Martyn Aiken died on March 22, 1923 and is buried in the Old Gray Cemetery on Broadway at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Henry Martyn Aiken, Master Lodge No. 244, oil on canvas, W.A Clendenning, 1885. Sponsor for restoration: Masters Lodge No. 244, 2014.

Thomas O. Morris

47th Grand Master – 1886



Thomas O. Morris

Thomas Owen Morris was born August 2, 1845 in Sumner County, Tennessee, the son of Henry B. (1821-1858) and Cornelia A. Willis (unknown-1853) Morris. He married in Nashville to Mary Snow (1847-1934) on May 27, 1866. They had five children: Henry Snow (1867-1934), Edwin Lanier (1869-1935), Thomas Owen, Jr. (1871-1930), Katherine (1873-1946) and Kindred Jackson Morris (1875-1926). Their oldest son, Henry Snow Morris was a graduate of the medical schools, The University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University and member of the Nashville Academy of Medicine and the City Road Chapel church. The second son, Edwin Lanier Morris was married about 1893 to Eshumpet S "Eska" Holt (1867-1946) and was a produce broker living at 1100 17th Avenue South, Nashville. Edwin was 66 years old when he died at home of angina pectoris on October 6, 1935. Burial was the next day in Spring Hill Cemetery. Their daughter, Katherine "Kitty" Morris was a membership secretary for the YWCA for 35 years and was instrumental in the expansion of the industrial and business girls' program to include as many as 500 active members.



Mary Snow Morris

Thomas O. Morris was a businessman connected with the K. J. Morris & Co. and Democratic politician. A member of the county court for many years, he served as Mayor of Nashville from 1906 to 1908.



Thomas O. Martin, Sr.

Brother Morris was made a Mason in Cumberland Lodge 8, March 4, 1867, and served as Worshipful Master. He represented the Lodge in Grand Lodge in 1873, and immediately took a prominent part. He served on Committee of Appeals and Grievances for a number of years, and was representative of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico for several years. Later he was appointed representative of the Grand Lodge of England near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which position he was holding at the time of his death. In 1884 he was Senior Grand Warden, and in 1886 was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Cumberland Chapter 1, April 20, 1869, and served as High Priest in 1875. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1890. In 1893 he was elected Most Excellent President of the High Priesthood. He received the degrees of the Cryptic Rite in Council 1, in 1869, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master and Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1893. He received the Order of the Temple in Nashville Commandery 1 on April 11, 1878, and served as its Eminent Commander. He was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1893. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees at the organization of the bodies of the Rite in Nashville.

He was joint incorporator with others procured the charter for the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, August 6, 1886, and though not so situated as to have been active in its early days, he was its unalterable and devoted friend on all occasions.

Brother Morris retired for the night in his Nashville home at the usual hour and rested until near dawn. At five o'clock his breathing becoming bad, he arose and while dressing he complained of a sharp pain in his left side. He eased in to a chair and in five minutes he died. The date November 8, 1924. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery.



Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Owen Morris, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1886. Sponsor for restoration: Cumberland Lodge No. 8, 2011.

Caswell A. Goodloe

48th Grand Master – 1887



Caswell Goodloe

May 14, 1868, he married Sallie Polk Wood (1849-1880), of Dyer County, Tennessee, daughter of Stephen D. and Mary Ann Wood. To Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe were born two children: Hallum Wood (1869-1956) and Ora Minnie (1872-1892). Sallie Goodloe died on September 1, 1880. His son Hallum, born June 1869, was Tennessee Secretary of State and Superintendent of the Department of Banking from about 1900 to 1910.



Caswell Anderson Goodloe was born in Rutherford County, Tennessee on August 24, 1838, the son of Aquilla (1810-1864) and Joanna (Hall) Goodloe (1818-1880). His parents were both natives of Rutherford County. His father was born January 19, 1810 and died May 1864 at Union City, Tennessee. His mother was born in 1818 and died June 2, 1880, also at Union City.

His boyhood days were spent on a farm, and at the age of sixteen entered Yorkville Academy and graduated in 1860, at Bluff Springs, Tennessee. He immediately began the study of law at Union City, but in 1867 came to Alamo and was principal in the academy there for about three years. He thereafter, became a successful lawyer in the county. Goodloe also served as Superintendent of Schools in Crockett County.

In the spring of 1861 he joined the Thirteenth Tennessee Infantry, Company D, but after one year's service was discharged on account of ill health. After remaining at home for a short time he joined the cavalry service, but owing to continued ill health was again discharged. On

Brother Goodloe married again on December 28, 1898 to Augusta M. "Gussie" King (1863-1924) at Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee.



Hallum W. Goodloe

A member of Alamo Lodge 164, Caswell Goodloe was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Mason in Tennessee in 1887 and Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1898. He died July 12, 1916 and was buried in Alamo City Cemetery, in Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Caswell Anderson Goodloe, Alamo Lodge No. 164, giclee on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1887. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2014.

Henry H. Ingersoll

49th Grand Master – 1888



Henry H. Ingersoll

Henry Hurlbert Ingersoll was born on January 20, 1844 in Oberlin, Ohio, the son of William (1801-1873) and Samantha (Bassett) Ingersoll (1805-1882). A student of Oberlin College from 1857-1861, he enlisted as a private, at the age of seventeen, in the 7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry for service in the Union Army, and participated in the western Virginia campaign of 1861 under General McClellan. He was discharged in November 1861. In December he entered Yale College, where he was graduated in the class of 1863.

He immediately began his active career as superintendent of the public schools of Kenton, Ohio. Meanwhile, he began the study of law with Colonel A. S. Ramsey, and after his admission to the bar in 1865, he moved to Greenville, Tennessee, where he began practice with James Britton, then an attorney general of the state, and Herbert I. Terrell, one of his classmates at Yale. This firm was dissolved in 1869, and Ingersoll next formed an association with Felix W. Earnest, which lasted four years (1871-74). In 1878 he located at Knoxville and associated in practice with Colonel John M. Fleming. During 1879-80 he was judge of the Supreme Court commission at Knoxville, under appointment of Governor Marks – having meantime for

several months in 1878, been special judge of the Supreme Court at Knoxville, a position to which he was again appointed by Governor Bate in September 1884.

During the intermediate years (1881-87) his practiced had so enlarged throughout east Tennessee that he was obliged to form no less than four contemporaneous firms: Ingersoll & Dosser at Jonesborough, Ingersoll & Shoun at Greeneville, Ingersoll & Cocke at Knoxville, and Ingersoll & Park at Dandridge. During 1866-67 he was acting attorney general for the 1st state circuit and during the last five years of President Andrew Johnson's life was his attorney and counsel. He was a trustee of Emory and Henry College, Virginia (1884-92), president of the board of education of Knoxville (1887-88), Dean of the law faculty at the University of Tennessee (1891-1914), and trustee of The University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee (1898-1908).



Governor Albert Marks



Samuel J. Tilden

Ingersoll was an elector from the 1st District of Tennessee for the Democratic nominee for President, Samuel J. Tilden in 1876; secretary of the Democratic National Convention in Saint Louis (1888); President of the Tennessee State Bar Association (1887-88) and Vice President of the American Bar Association (1907-13); Deputy to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church (1898-1912) and was editor of Barton's Suit in Equity in 1886.

He authored the University of Tennessee Law Syllabi in 1900, The Handbook of the Law of Public Corporations in 1904, Equity, in Library of America School of Correspondence (1912) and Municipal Corporations, in Standard Encyclopedia of Law and Procedure (1913), among others.

Yale College conferred on him a Master of Arts degree in 1866 and a Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Judge Ingersoll by Washington College, Tennessee, in 1889. He married Emily Gertrude Rogers (1847-1915), the daughter of Everett Rogers (1806-1861), on April 11, 1864 and they had one daughter, Mabel (1869-unknown). A member of Oriental Lodge 453, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1888.



Judge Henry Hurlbert Ingersoll died on March 12, 1915 and was buried in Old Gray Cemetery on Broadway in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Henry Hulburt Ingersoll, Oriental Lodge No. 453, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1888. Sponsor for restoration: Oriental Lodge No. 453, 2014.

John Thomas Williamson

50th Grand Master – 1889



John Williamson

John Thomas Williams was born August 11, 1839, the son of George Cuthbert (1815-1904) and Mildred Angeline Brown (1818-1901) Williamson. His parents, residing in Culleoka, Tennessee, were married for 67 years. His mother was born, reared, wedded and always lived in the same house. His parents never suffered a death in their immediate family.

John was a lawyer and graduate of Cumberland University Law School. During the War Between the States he enlisted with the 51st (Consolidated) Tennessee Infantry, Company D, Confederate States of America holding the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He then served with 3rd (Clack's) Regiment, Tennessee Infantry, Company F. He entered this regiment as a 3rd Lieutenant and was discharged as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Williamson later served in the Tennessee State Senate and was postmaster at Columbia, Tennessee for four years under President Grover Cleveland's administration. It is unknown when, but he married Albina G. Bugg (1844-1897) and they had at least four children; Ella Vernon (1873-1873), George Bugg (1874-1954), Lucie (1877-1952) and Lottie G. (1880-1965).

A member of Columbia Lodge 31, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1889 and Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1893. He died December 10, 1915 and was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery at Columbia, Maury County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Thomas Williamson, Columbia Lodge No. 31, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1889. Sponsor for restoration: Columbia Lodge No. 31, 2014.

Benjamin F. Haller

51st Grand Master – 1890



Benjamin F. Haller

Benjamin Franklin Haller was born in Marion, Smyth County, Virginia, March 4, 1836, the son of Dr. George W. Haller (1800-1860) and Ann Fullerton Webb (Johnson) Haller (unknown-unknown). He was the seventh of nine children. He remained at home until he reached his seventeenth year, attending school the greater portion of the time, acquiring the elements of a good education. He then, of his own accord and at his own expense – the only way he ever traveled – went to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he engaged a short time as reporter on the *Wilmington Herald*, and afterward, for two years, as salesman in a dry goods establishment.

From Wilmington he went to Memphis, Tennessee, arriving there March 4, 1858, with only a few hundred dollars in hand. Having letters of introduction to Bishop Otey and other prominent citizens, he soon obtained the responsible position of cashier in one of the largest mercantile houses in the city, which place he retained until May 15, 1861, when he went into the Confederate army, joining the “Shelby Grays,” which afterward became Company A of the Fourth Tennessee Infantry Regiment (Colonel R. P. Neely), and remained with that command until August, when he was commissioned captain and

authorized to raise a company for himself, which, after being partly formed, he merged into the “Sumpter Grays.” This company became Company A of the Thirty-eighth Regiment Tennessee Infantry, Colonel R. F. Looney commanding. With this command he served until after the Battle of Shiloh, when the company was detached and assigned to artillery service, in which capacity it commanded the position on the lower Farmington road at Corinth until the evacuation of that place, when it was ordered to Columbus. There Captain Haller was appointed by General Dick Taylor, provost marshal of the first military district, extending from Corinth to Meridian, Mississippi, and remained there until early in 1864, when the company was assigned to duty with General Nathan Bedford Forrest, and with him he remained until May 15, 1865, when the forces were surrendered, at Gainesville, Alabama.

Captain Haller returned to Memphis, June 23, 1865, and engaged in business in the ensuing fall, but after sever business changes, in February, 1876, he engaged in cotton seed oil manufacturing. He continued in that business the rest of his life and became secretary and treasurer of a leading company in that line. After twenty-six years in Memphis, beginning with less than a thousand dollars, he rose to a comfortable social and financial position through hard work, taking care of what he made and by staying in one place and pursuing one line of business. His family before him was old line Whigs, and so was he until the war, but after that no course was left him but to vote with the Democrats. He was a stockholder in various companies, but director in none. In religion, he was a Presbyterian.

Haller was made a Mason at Columbus, Mississippi, while on duty there during the war, in 1863, and held the position of Worshipful Master four terms, at Memphis Lodge 118; High Priest of the Chapter two terms; thrice Illustrious Master of the Council; Eminent Commander of Knights Templar three terms; Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite; Grand High Priest of the State of Tennessee 1878, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee 1876; Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood of Tennessee 1879; Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Tennessee 1881; 33° Scottish Rite Mason; was General Grand Principal Sojourner of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council of the United States.

Captain Haller married, in Memphis, October 10, 1868, Miss America Clementina “Clemmie” Fisher (1845-1923), daughter of Major George W. Fisher (1801-1866), who represented Shelby and Fayette counties in the State Senate two or three terms before the war. Originally from Pennsylvania, he was a wealthy planter. By his marriage with Miss Fisher, Captain Haller had one child, a son, Frank Elma Haller, born July 11, 1869 (1869-1920).

Captain Benjamin Franklin Haller died on April 4, 1890 at the age of 54, becoming the second Grand Master to die in office. He is buried at historic Elmwood Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Benjamin Franklin Haller, Memphis Lodge No. 118, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1890. Sponsor for Restoration: Memphis Lodge No. 118, 2014.



Red circle is B. F. Haller, the green circle is G. F. Haller



William S. Smith

52nd Grand Master – 1891



William S. Smith

William Swan Smith was born September 6, 1847 in Knoxville, Tennessee, the son of James Monroe Smith (1814-1865) and Cynthia Elvira (Gambill) Smith (1819-1904).

William Smith was left behind to care for his younger siblings when his father and older brothers went to fight in the Civil War for the south. He refused to stay home and followed his father and brothers and caught up with them. His father then beat him and turned around and took him home and told him stay there. He waited two days, then joined his neighbors and enlisted with the NORTH. His mother never forgave him for this.



Daughter, Lou Smith

These same neighbors had threatened his father that if he fought for the south he would be killed on sight if he returned. When the war ended the father and brothers returned home and his father was shot dead in the street the day after returning. His mother, Cynthia, cut all ties with William Swan, sold him the family home and took the rest of her family and moved to Roane County, Tennessee.

Smith married Margaret Ellen Hardin (1851-unknown) on November 19, 1868 in Knox County, Tennessee. They were parents of at least three sons and three daughters. Anna Blanche (1870-1905), Jeremiah "Breck" Breckenridge (1874-unknown), Lou (1876-1955), Samuel McKinney (1878-unknown), Maggie (1880-unknown) and Reverend Dr. James Hardin Smith (1880-1954). After the death of his first wife, he married Margaret Isabel Garrison (1861-1952) who had been widowed at age 49 with four children still at home, ages 19 to 22.



William S. Smith

Smith later became a Presbyterian minister. A member of Beaver Ridge Lodge 366, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1891. He died July 23, 1901 while preaching a sermon in Madisonville. He is buried in the Concord

Masonic Cemetery, Concord, Knox County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master William Swan Smith, Beaver Ridge Lodge No. 366, giclee on canvas, Lucy Lee Smith, 1891. Original portrait located in Beaver Ridge Lodge No. 366. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund 2014.

M. D. Smallman

53rd Grand Master – 1892



M. D. Smallman

Montreville Dillon Smallman was born in Van Buren County, Tennessee on May 8, 1838, the son of William G. and Cynthia Smallman. He was educated in Burritt College, after which he took up the study of law. Before he had been admitted to the Bar, he laid aside his books to enlist in the Twenty-fifth Tennessee Infantry in May 1861. He was commissioned first lieutenant on July 26, 1861 and while in this capacity he fought at Fishing Creek and Farmington, and when the army was reorganized, at Corinth, he returned home, where he assisted in the organization of the Eighth Tennessee Calvary, commanded by Colonel G. G. Dibrell, and when the regiment was complete Smallman was appointed adjutant on September 4, 1862.

He served with Nathan Bedford Forrest's command, taking part in all the battles and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged, until February 20, 1864, when he was taken prisoner near Knoxville and sent to Camp Chase on February 25, 1864. He was then sent to Fort Delaware on March 27, 1864. Smallman was

released on oath of Allegiance June 16, 1865 in accordance with General Order 109.

After the war, M. D. Smallman resumed his studies, and in 1867 was admitted to practice. He practiced at Smithville until 1881, when he removed to McMinnville. In 1881 he was elected to the Tennessee State Senate, where he made an honorable record, and in 1886 was elected circuit judge. As a judicial officer, he became equally as distinguished as a legislator, and at the close of his first term as judge was re-elected.



M. D. Smallman



JUDGE M. D. SMALLMAN.

Judge Smallman was married, on May 26, 1868, in DeKalb, Tennessee, to Miss Cordelia Alta Magness (1850-1893) and they had four children; Frederick William (1874-1914), Lillian (1874-1937), Ernest (1877-1936) and John H. (1879-unknown). Cordelia died on July 27, 1893 in DeKalb County, Tennessee at the age of 42 years. He remarried to Lula Alice Leonard Cowden (1869-1954) on August 5, 1914 in Marshall, Tennessee. Lula died on April 6, 1954 at the age of 84 years.

A member of Warren Lodge 125, Smallman was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1892. He died August 17, 1928. The funeral was held at his residence conducted by Elder P. Q. Martin of St. Mary's, West, Virginia, assisted by Elder J. P. Slayden and Rev. L. T. Lawrence of the Presbyterian Church and is buried in Riverside Cemetery at McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Montreville Dillon Smallman, Warren Lodge No. 125, giclee on canvas, Lucy Lee Smith, 1892. Original portrait is located in Warren Lodge No. 125. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge 88.

Bernard “Bun” Francis Price 54th Grand Master – 1893



Bernard Price

Bernard Francis Price was born November 30, 1845 at Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia, the son of George Crook Price (1821-1888) and Mary Jane Basford Price (1825-1897). He left there when small with his father and went first to Shreveport, Louisiana to live, then Lyons, Iowa and then Rock Island, Illinois. He began his trade as a printer at the early age of 10 years at Lyons, Iowa. He went to Memphis and finished on the old *Bulletin* under J. M. Keating before joining the army at the first tap of the drum, as a drummer boy, with the Ringgold Guards, however, it was disbanded at Lynchburg, Virginia for want of the quota to make the company.

Young Price returned to Memphis and went out in the “Sumpter Grays,” whose first captain was Jas. A. Lee, subsequently Captain T. W. Rice, and known as Company A, Thirty-eighth

Tennessee Regiment, Colonel R. F. Looney, General G. M. Pond’s Brigade, and General Ruggles’ Division. After the battle of Shiloh the company was placed in heavy artillery service, in charge of a battery commanding the Farmington road. After the evacuation of Corinth it was placed in light artillery in General Nathan Bedford Forrest’s command.



Mary Jane Basford Price

At this time Private Price was detailed and sent to Selma, Alabama, to assist in getting out the House and Senate journals of Mississippi; was subsequently moved to Montgomery for the same purpose, where he was when the war closed, and was paroled there.



Francis Higbee Price

He never went to school except for three months. He was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Virginia Price (1844-1916) the daughter of Charles R. Price (1814-1884) and Mary Ann Dearbon Price (1819-1866) and this marriage produced eight children. Frank Ramsey (1863-1870), Virginia Basford (1871-1947), Mary Dearbon (1873-1878), Francis Higbee (1875-1962), Robert Nelson (1880-1949), McAllister Dearbon (1883-1966), George Charles (1885-1906) and Bernard Francis (1897-1914) After the war Mr. Price was for some time

in the printing business, but for some years he was the secretary of a leading local insurance company. He had an elegant home in one of the fashionable suburbs of Memphis and a fine library, and found time to make valuable contributions to Masonic literature through the daily press, as well as the magazines of the day.



McAllister Dearbon Price

Price was a member of DeSoto Lodge 299 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1893. He died May 4, 1903 at the age of 57 years and was buried in historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Bernard Francis Price, DeSoto Lodge No. 299, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1893. Sponsor for restoration: DeSoto Lodge No. 299, 2015.

Henry A. Chambers

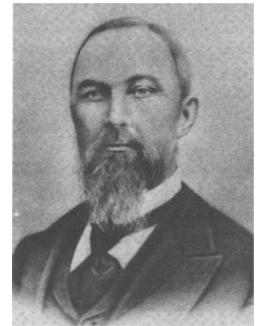
55th Grand Master – 1894



Henry A. Chambers

Henry Alexander Chambers was born May 17, 1841 at Iredell County, North Carolina, the son of Joseph 1820-1842) and Ellen Cashion Chambers (1820-1876). His parents married in 1840 and his father died the year following his birth in 1842.. A student at Davidson College when war broke out, he enlisted on June 7, 1861 at Statesville, North Carolina. He was promoted to Captain on December 3, 1862 and participated in the following battles or engagements: Fredericksburg, New Bern, Drewry's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred, the Crater, and the siege of Petersburg. Captain Chambers commanded the regiment at Five Forks and was wounded there. He was hauled to Appomattox in an ambulance and surrendered.

Chambers married Laura Lenoir (1845-1891) in 1867, and lived at Madisonville, Loudon and Chattanooga, Tennessee. They had two children, Henry Lenoir (1871-1872) and Joseph Pinckney (1875-1920). He married a second time to Lizzie Welcker Turner (1874-1919) in 1877. A lawyer by profession, he was appointed U. S. Postal Agent in Chattanooga in 1877. In 1878, he was assigned to New Orleans as Postal Agent over Texas, Louisiana and southern Mississippi. He returned to Chattanooga in 1888 and lived at 511 Poplar Street.



Henry A. Chambers

He was a member of the Tennessee Legislature in both the House and Senate.

A member of Tennessee Lodge 2, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1894. Captain Henry Alexander Chambers died November 18, 1925 at the age of 84 years. He was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery at Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Henry Alexander Chambers, Tennessee Lodge No. 204, oil on canvas, W. A. Cooper, 1894. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge No. 204 and Avery Lodge No. 593, 2015.



George H. Morgan

56th Grand Master – 1895



George H. Morgan

George Hampton Morgan was born September 5, 1841 in Jackson County, Tennessee, the son of Reverend Daniel M. Morgan (1809-1872) and Susanna H. Smith (1813-1873). He was mainly educated in the schools of his native county, before and after the War Between the States. Morgan entered the war in 1861 as a private in Hamilton's Battalion, which was afterwards attached to Dibrell's Brigade, in which command he served as Adjutant General. A glorious old Brigade whose record can never be blotted from the pages of history or the memory of man.

He was married on October 15, 1876 to Mary Ann Butler (1845-1883). They had four children; Daniel Harvey (1870-1951), Mary Lou (1873-1943), George Edgar (1878-1906) and a son Morgan who was born and died on July 16, 1876. A lawyer, George Morgan was a Tennessee State Senator and served as Speaker of the Senate from 1881-1883. He was also attorney general of the Fifth Judicial District. He married again on April 16, 1885 to Mary Elizabeth Trogdon (1844-1929).

A member of Cookeville Lodge 266, he was elected Grand Master of Masons in

Tennessee in 1895.

George Hampton Morgan died on the morning of July 28, 1900, age 58 years. The cause of death was throat cancer, from which he suffered for nearly twelve months. He was buried in Cookeville City Cemetery, Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master George Hampton Morgan, Cookeville Lodge No. 266, giclee on canvas, Ella Donaldson, 1895. Original located in Cookeville Lodge No. 266. Sponsor for restoration: Cookeville Lodge No. 266, 2012.

Philip N. Matlock

57th Grand Master – 1896



Philip N. Matlock

Philip Neely Matlock was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, January 9, 1844, and was the only son in a family of five children born to Simpson (1814-unknown) and Maria (Shumate) Matlock 1822-unknown, both of whom were natives of Davidson County. Simpson Matlock owned a farm of five hundred acres and was a citizen of prominence there. Simpson Matlock was the youngest of ten children of William (1762-1845) and Mary (Simpson) Matlock (1765-unknown). William Matlock came to Tennessee from North Carolina in 1789. A soldier of the Revolution, William was captured by the British at Charleston. His wife Mary was the lone survivor of her family from a murderous Indian attack near Nashville, Tennessee.

Philip grew up on the home farm and after pursuing the usual studies in the common schools of that locality. He completed a course in Franklin College. In 1861 young Matlock, then but a youth of seventeen years, entered the Confederate service as a private in Harding's Artillery, being subsequently transferred by the war department to Carter's Scouts with the commission of first lieutenant, which rank he held until the close of the war. Carter's Scouts was actually the 21st Regiment, Tennessee Calvary organized in September 1864, but was never officially numbered, thus why it was commonly called Carter's or Wheeler's Scouts. During the course of the war he was thrice wounded, the first time at Stone's River on December 31, 1862, when his right shoulder was injured. He was next wounded in his left thigh at Sulphur Branch Trestle, Alabama, September 2, 1862, and on April 3, 1865, at Tuscaloosa, a few days before he surrendered, he received a wound in his right leg.

Few who knew him would have ever suspected that this quiet, dignified gentleman had been, in his younger days, one of the most daring scouts of the Confederacy during the Civil War, yet the story of his service in the Army is one of thrilling interest:

"Enlisting in the Artillery at the age of seventeen, he served in many battles under various commanders, was transferred to Calvary in 1862, was wounded in the battle of Murfreesboro, requiring two months in the hospital, and in July, 1863 was commissioned First Lieutenant in 'Carter's Company, Wheeler's Scouts', often scouting within the enemy's lines, gathering information, or doing any mischief that opportunity offered.

"On September 20, 1863, the last great day of the battle of Chickamauga, he with a selected detail of eight fearless Scouts, spent the day carrying orders from General A. P. Stewart to his various commands on the battlefield. Seven of the nine were wounded. Fourteen days later, with five selected men, on his way back from a scouting trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky (under orders from General Bragg) Lieutenant Matlock with two comrades, Sam Davis and James Castleman, rode into Nashville on a countryman's market wagon; registered at the St. Cloud Hotel; dined at the table with the Federal Commander of the Post, General Rosseau, and other officers of the Federal Army; slept comfortably at the hotel that night, spent the next day moving about the city, and left at night well mounted on horses belonging to Federal Officers, and taking with them two sacks filled with purchased six-shooters, and their memories stored with valuable information. Forty-four days later Sam Davis, one of three, and one of the outstanding heroes of the Confederacy, was captured and, after seven days delay, was hung as a spy."



Sam Davis



Being paroled shortly afterward, he returned to his home in Tennessee and at once took up a course of medical study at Nashville College. Graduated in 1867 he began the practice of medicine, locating first at Fredonia, Kentucky, but removing in 1869 to Mason Hall, Obion County, Tennessee, where he was the only representative of his profession.

Dr. Matlock was married June 18, 1865 to Miss Mary J. Litton (1846-1921), and to this union was born six children. He was a member of Pearl Lodge 200. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1896, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1906, President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1911 and Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1916. He died March 25, 1921 from cancer of the bladder and intestines and was buried in Mason Hall, Tennessee.

**Portrait of Grand Master Phillips Neely Matlock, Pearl Lodge No. 200, oil on canvas, E. Calvert, 1896.
Sponsor for restoration: Pearl Lodge No. 200, 2015.**

Archibald N. Sloan

58th Grand Master – 1897

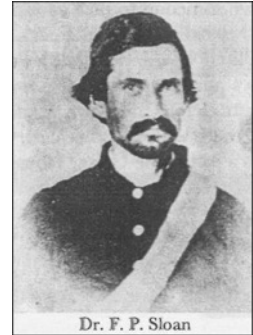


Archibald N. Sloan

19, 1865 he died in the home of Confederate Colonel John B. McEwen in Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee from the complications of the lung injury.

Archibald Nevins Sloan was born January 12, 1851 at Ocoee, Polk County, Tennessee, the son of James Sloan (1803-1880) and Susan Harland Brown (1808-1875). He was the youngest of eleven children. He was a railroad employee and active in the insurance business during his lifetime. He was postmaster of Chattanooga, having been selected to fill the interim between a resignation and an appointment.

One of his notable brothers was Dr. Fielding Pope Sloan (1833-1865). The Confederate States Senate confirmed Fielding Sloan as Assistant Surgeon on January 30, 1864. In the bloody battle of Franklin all of his litter bearers having been shot down; he went on the line to look after the wounded; and was shot through the right elbow. Turning to leave the field; he was shot through the left lung; from the effects of which he died the following June. When the Confederate troops evacuated, Dr. Sloan was left behind in a hospital in Franklin, Tennessee. On June



Dr. F. P. Sloan

Archibald Sloan married Lavallette Steffenson (1859-1932) and they had two children, Nevins Steffner (1886-1974) and Lavallette (1890-unknown)



Grand Lodge remember how well he and his Board exemplified that work before the Grand Lodge.

He was a member and Worshipful Master of Temple Lodge 430 and a member and Eminent Commander of Lookout Commandery 14. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1897, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1904 and Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1911. He also served as Potentate of Alhambra Shrine Temple in Chattanooga. For many years he was the efficient head of the Board of Custodians of the esoteric work of the Grand Lodge. Many members of this

He died November 28, 1920, age 69 years, of pneumonia. The funeral was held at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. J. W. Bachman officiating. The services were in charge of the Knight Templars. Elders and Deacons were honorary pallbearers. Active pallbearers were C. H. Huston, W. C. Johnson, W. H. Stokes, George E. MacKenney, Charles Barham and Creed F. Bates. Interment was at Forest Hill Cemetery at Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee. As a tribute to the memory of Brother Sloan the Chattanooga Public Library, of which he was the first acting president, was closed during the funeral hour from 10 to 11 o'clock. All offices at the city hall were closed that afternoon at 2, and the city commissioners in resolutions adopted, expressed their regret of his death.



Portrait of Grand Master Archibald Nevins Sloan, Temple Lodge No. 430, giclee on canvas, J. W. Wallace, 1897. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2009.

William H. Bumpus

59th Grand Master – 1898



William H. Bumpus

William Hill Bumpus was born August 26, 1843 in Buckingham County Virginia, the son of Evans (1813-1892) and Juliet Mary Hill Bumpus (1825-1900). The oldest of five children. He was a relative of Chief Justice John Marshall. He received his primary education from a private tutor and was a cadet at Virginia Military Institute when he was forced to retire on account of ill health. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, but his health prevented his active practice of medicine.

He moved to Nashville and became connected with the L. & N. Railroad, where he served as freight agent for the old South Nashville depot for over 40 years. He retired as assistant general agent.

Dr. Bumpus married Mrs. Mary Susie Duncan (1848-1922) of Simpson County, Kentucky, in 1875. They had no children. She died in November 1922, and in April 1923, he married Mrs. Susan Curtis of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, who survived him.

Dr. Bumpus who was one of the incorporators of the Old Masons' Home, and one of the founders of the Tennessee Home for Masonic Widows' and Orphans', was made a Mason in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 1864. He became affiliated with Cumberland Lodge 8 July 15, 1876, when he first moved to Nashville and was Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1891.

During his long Masonic career, Bumpus was a member of Nashville Commandery 1 Knights Templar; High Priest of Cumberland Chapter 1 Royal Arch Masons; a member of the Council of the Thrice Illustrious Masters; and a member of Trinity Consistory 2 Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1898.

Dr. Bumpus, who devoted half of his lifetime to the Widows' and Orphans' Home, died at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 27, 1926 at the age of 83 years. Funeral services were held on Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Tulip Street Methodist Church. He was buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville with graveside services conducted by Cumberland Lodge 8. Honorary pallbearers were the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master William Hill Bumpus, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1898. Sponsor for restoration: Cumberland Lodge No. 8, 2015.

Joseph H. Bullock

60th Grand Master – 1899



Joseph H. Bullock

One night in May 1870, the Senior Deacon of Paris Lodge 108, reported “an alarm at the door,” and on responding there stood without a tall and symmetrical young man, seeking admission into this ancient and honorable fraternity. In June he was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and July 15, was raised to the sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

In December 1870, he became a Royal Arch Mason. In 1873 he took the Council Degrees, and entered the sacred precincts of the asylum and was dubbed and created a Knight Templar. The records show that he was several times elected as Master of the Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter, and Eminent Commander of the Commandery of Knights Templar. In 1878, in the Grand Chapter, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest.



JOSEPH H. BULLOCK
(Secretary of School Board).

In the Grand Lodge for many years he served on various important committees, notably, that of Ways and Means, in which latter capacity he became a strong supporter of the Widows and Orphans’ Home enterprise, being always anxious to economize the funds of the Grand Lodge so as to have a surplus to turn over to that institution. In 1896 he was elected Junior Grand Warden. Senior Grand Warden in 1897; Deputy Grand Master in 1898, and in January 1899, received the highest honor within the gift of the Fraternity of Tennessee by being chosen Grand Master.



Brother Bullock was married to Mary Ursula Ettlinger (1861-1916) in 1884. To them were born three daughters and one son. Winifred (1887-1959), Haller (1889-1911), Louise (unknown) and Joseph Holmes (1898-1899) The little boy died the year his father served as Grand Master. He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was a merchant, bookkeeper and Collector of Internal Revenue in his district.

The night of January 1, 1902 found him at the midweek prayer meeting of his church. He had just recorded on the minute book an item of business transacted by the session of his church when his pencil fell from his nerveless grasp, and his body yielding to a fatal stroke, fell across the desk.

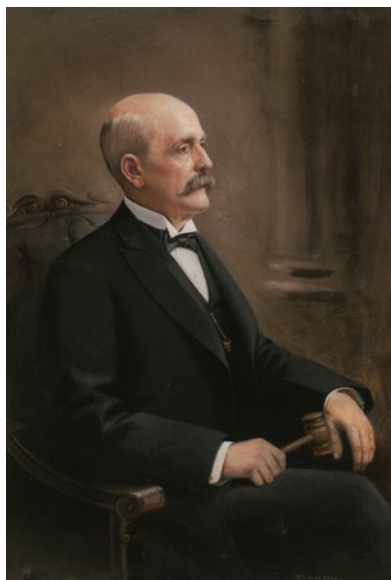
He was buried in Paris City Cemetery at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Joseph Holmes Bullock, Paris Lodge No. 108, tinned photo on paper, W. A. Clendenning, 1899. Original in Morristown Lodge No 231. Sponsor for restoration: Collection during Grand Communication, 2010.

James H. McClister

61st Grand Master – 1900



James H. McClister

James Henry McClister was born April 22, 1844, the son of David (1820-1889) and Maria Louise (Helm) McClister (1816-1897) in Hamblen County, Tennessee, about ten miles from Morristown. The ancestral home was an original grant by the State of North Carolina to David Campbell on November 1, 1786, and was by him transferred to Brother Archibald Roane, August 1, 1789. James McClister's grandfather, also named James, was married to Sarah Roane.

Brother McClister spent his boyhood days on the old plantation and in the local schools. This was supplanted by a higher course of study in the school of Reverend A. W. Wilson, a noted educator of those days. He abandoned the classroom in 1862, and on October 2nd of that historic year, enlisted in Company I, Second Tennessee (Confederate) Cavalry, as a private soldier. He was enlisted for nearly three years until the colors were dipped at Appomattox, and on April 26, 1865, with others of his command, he was paroled at Charlotte, North Carolina. After the war, he returned to farming on the old family farm.

McClister married Margaret Elizabeth Ford (1849-1942) of Petersburg, Virginia, on February 4, 1874 at the age of 29. To them were born six children, three boys and three girls.

Ida (1876-1935), Lena Leota (1880-1979), Myrtle Mae (1883-1974), Carl H. (1885-1967), Cecil Morna (1891-1986) and Henry Heim (1895-1984). As a grandson of a veteran of the Revolution, he acquired membership in The Sons of the American Revolution, and was attached to the Tennessee Society for the State at large. He was for many years a devout and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church.



Restored McClister Home

He was regularly initiated in Morristown Lodge 231 on January 11, 1868, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, March 7th, and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 4th. Brother McClister became a charter member of Leadvale Lodge 390, for which a dispensation was issued by Grand Master, Jonathan Smith Dawson, June 8, 1869, and at the annual communication in October following, visited the Grand Lodge for the first time, as its representative.



*Lena McClister, age 20 on the left,
age 95 on the right*

On March 30, 1870, he withdrew his membership from Morristown Lodge 231, and in November following, returned to the Grand Lodge as Master of Leadvale Lodge 390, to which a charter had been granted, on October 5, 1869. With this Lodge he remained for more than twelve years, when he withdrew therefrom and again affiliated with Morristown 231, on February 2, 1882. During that interval, he repeatedly served as Master, and was a frequent attendant on the annual communications of the Grand Lodge.

He received the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master in Morristown Chapter 79 on November 17, 1881, being exalted to the August Degree of Royal Arch Mason the following day. He was chosen Excellent High Priest in December 1884, and was re-elected in 1885, 1887, 1888, 1889, and 1890. He represented the Chapter in 1883, returning in 1885 as its High Priest, at which time he received the Order of High Priesthood in the Grand Council of Tennessee, and served as its Grand Vice-President in 1888 and 1889, becoming Grand President in 1890. In the Grand Chapter he was elected Grand Master of the Second Veil in January 1887 and advanced each year, being elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest on January 30, 1894.

Companion McClister was in attendance upon the General Grand Chapter at its Triennial convocation in 1891, as Grand Scribe, and again in 1894 as the chief representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee. On the same occasion, he also attended the Triennial Assemblies of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, in 1891, as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work; and in 1894, as a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master.



*James Henry & Margaret
Elizabeth McClister*

Companion McClister was greeted in Nashville Council 1, January 29, 1890; and when Morristown Council 85 was formed by dispensation in 1902, for which a charter was granted January 26, 1903, he became its first Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1893, our beloved Companion served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Tennessee; and was its senior Past Grand Master, as well as the senior Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and was also the senior Past Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood.

He was created a Red Cross Knight in Coeur de Lion Commandery 9, at Knoxville, May 15, 1891; and on the following day was made a Knight Templar. He was a charter member of Morristown Commandery 22, which was constituted by the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, June 23, 1911, and served as its Eminent Commander in 1913.

At Nashville, Tennessee, on February 1, 1901, Brother McClister was initiated into the Order of the Easter Star, in Rock City Chapter 2. He engaged in the formation of several new Chapters, including Morristown Chapter 31, which was instituted December 9, 1904, and of which he became the second Worthy Patron. At the annual session of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, on January 31, 1906, his meritorious services were recognized and to some extent compensated by his election to the office of Associate Grand Patron. A year later, he was chosen Worthy Grand Patron. His later membership was in Jefferson Chapter 41, at White Pine, Tennessee

In Alhambra Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Brother McClister was initiated on February 24, 1899. When Kerbela Temple at Knoxville was formed, his membership was moved there on October 15, 1920.

In 1897, Brother McClister was elected Junior Grand Warden, and was regularly advanced to the Grand East in 1900. He was a member of the Past Grand Masters' Association of Tennessee; also of the Masonic Veterans. For a quarter of a century he served on the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge.

James McClister died May 15, 1930, age 86 years, and is buried in Saint Paul Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Morristown, Hamblen County, Tennessee. At that time, he was the oldest Past Grand Master in point of service, since the passing of William Hill Bumpus on October 27, 1926.



Portrait of Grand Master James Henry McClister, Morristown Lodge No. 231, giclee on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1900. Original located in Morristown Lodge No. 231. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88.



Isaac J. Thurman

62nd Grand Master – 1901



Isaac J. Thurman

Isaac Jones Thurman was born August 14, 1858, near Dunlap, Tennessee, the son of Oliver Miller Thurman (1827-1895) and Lucinda Jones Thurman (1835-1924). His father was engaged in farming. When nine years of age his father removed to McMinnville and engaged in merchandising. There, Isaac received his early training, being educated in the schools of McMinnville, completing his education at Burnett College, at Spencer.

Thurman married Miss Beulah Benton Randolph (1860-1942) of McMinnville on September 4, 1879. They had nine children; Edwin Benton (1882-1953), Lou Myrtle (1885-1886), Joe R. (1887-1908), George Gaines (1890-unknown), Inoy (1890-1890), Ada Lucille (1894-unknown), William Coleman (1895-1949), Isaac Jones, Jr. (1899-1982) and Clayton (1901-unknown).

From The Hollis Post Herald, August 20, 1908:

“Joe R Thurman Dead

On last Monday at the store of A R Johnson of Bethel, Mr. J R Thurman son-in-law of Mr. Johnson fell dead with heart failure. He was about 21 years old. Joe R Thurman wed Miss Claris Johnson.”

Isaac Thurman was a long time member of the Christian Church at McMinnville. He was a traveling salesman for the Carter Dry Goods Company of Louisville, Kentucky, in Middle and part of West Tennessee.

His Masonic record dates from June 1, 1885, when he received the Entered Apprentice degree. July 6 he received the Fellow Craft degree, and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, August 18 in Warren Lodge 125 in McMinnville, and was its Master in 1889. He received the Chapter degrees in McMinnville Chapter 99, being exalted to the Royal Arch degree December 31, 1885. He received the Council degrees in Nashville Council 1 in 1887, and was knighted in Murfreesboro Commandery, Knights Templar, in 1887. He received the Scottish Rite degrees on April 9, 1888. In 1887 he served his Chapter as High Priest, and was admitted a member of the Order of High Priesthood in 1888. In 1894 he was elected Grand Scribe, Grand King in 1895, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1896 and Grand High Priest in 1897. In 1893 he was elected Grand Vice President of the Grand Council, Order of High Priesthood, and Grand President in 1894. In 1898 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden in 1899, Deputy Grand Master in 1900 and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1901. He was also a member of McMinnville Lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Isaac Thurman died August 27, 1920, age 62 years, and is buried at Riverside Cemetery, McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Isaac Jones Thurman, Warren Lodge No. 125, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1901. Original located in Warren Lodge No. 125. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge 88, 2014.

John R. Smith

63rd Grand Master - 1902



John R. Smith

John Robert Smith was born May 5, 1857 in Nashville, Tennessee, moving with his father to Trenton, Tennessee in 1862. He was educated at Andrew College, Trenton. He learned the cabinetmaker's trade in his father's shops and afterwards clerked and kept books in his father's furniture store for some years. In 1882 he became the general southern agent for the Evansville Coffin Co., and held that place until March, 1900, when he resigned to accept a similar position with the Ohio Valley Coffin Co., of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, one of the largest casket manufactories in the United States.

He was elected Mayor of Trenton in 1881 and made a splendid record during this term of office. In 1884 he married Estella "Stella" Keeney (1862-1929) of Evansville, Indiana. They had at least one child, a son named Ira (1888-1945).

He was raised in Trenton Lodge 86 on September 9, 1889 and later served as Worshipful Master. He was also a member Kenton Chapter 125 and

Kenton Commandery 18. He was appointed Grand Lecturer for the 9th district in 1896. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1899, and advanced each year until he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1902. John R. Smith died July 30, 1910 in Jackson, Tennessee and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master John Robert Smith, Trenton Lodge No. 86, oil on canvas, E. Calvert, 1902.
Sponsor for restoration: Trenton Lodge No. 86, 2015.

Edmund P. McQueen

64th Grand Master – 1903



Edmund P. McQueen

Edmund Preston McQueen was born February 9, 1851 in Rabun County, Georgia. He was educated at Newport, Loudon and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. After completing his literary education he took up the study of law, having obtained his license to practice in 1876, from which time until about the time of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1909, when his health failed him almost completely, he was actively and successfully engaged in the work of his chosen profession.

On October 18, 1882, he was married to Elizabeth Eliza Mason (1855-1933), daughter of the Honorable Thomas J. Mason, of Loudon, Tennessee, to which union were born four children – three sons and one daughter, Thomas Mason (1884-1963), James M. (1887-1930), Norman Mason (1893-1970) and Martha Josephine (1897-unknown). When a boy he joined the Southern Methodist Church, in which he was active and earnest, at times holding official lay positions in the Church and Sunday School.



Elizabeth Mason

He was made an Entered Apprentice Mason in Tennessee Lodge 204, at Loudon, Tennessee, November 4, 1872; a Fellow Craft on December 4, 1872, and a Master Mason on January 6, 1873. He was secretary of the Lodge during the years 1876 to 1878, 1882 and 1883, 1905 to 1908; was Senior Warden during 1884-1885, and Worshipful Master for the year 1889.

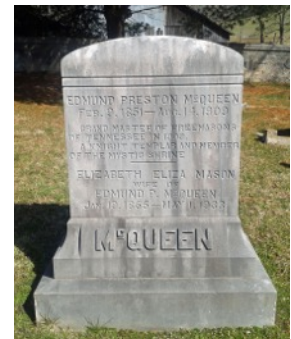


Edmund P. McQueen

He was exalted to the Royal Arch in Pearl Chapter 24, at Knoxville, in 1889; was knighted in Couer de Lion Commandery 9, at Knoxville, and was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Alhambra Temple, at Chattanooga.

In the Grand Lodge he was a member of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances during the years 1891 to 1900, inclusive, of which committee he was chairman during the years 1894 to 1900. He was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden in 1900, advancing each year until being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1903.

McQueen died August 14, 1909, age 58 years, in Knoxville, Tennessee, where he had gone for treatment of his disease (valvular leakage of the heart) and was interred in Steekee



Cemetery in Loudon County.

Portrait of Grand Master Edmond Preston McQueen, Tennessee Lodge No. 204, oil on canvas, Lloyd Branson, 1903. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge No. 204, 2016.

James L. Sloan

65th Grand Master – 1904



James L. Sloan

James Lloyd Sloan was born January 17, 1841, the son of James B. Sloan (1795-1848) and Mary A. (Sterritt) Sloan (1803-1885) on Walden's Ridge in Rhea County, Tennessee. James Lloyd was the youngest of twelve children, and his father died when he was but seven years of age. Soon after the death of his father the family moved to Nashville, and a year later moved to Virginia. While living in Virginia young Sloan learned the printer's trade. In 1854 the family returned to Nashville, in whose public schools James received the only educational training of his life.

Failing health forcing him to quit the printing business, he learned the molder's trade in the foundry of T. M. Brennan, in Nashville. While working at this trade the Civil War broke out, when he promptly enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Tennessee. He became the Orderly Sergeant of his company and at the organization of the regiment was chosen Second Lieutenant, after having declined the Captaincy, which he was urged to accept. Being a molder, his services were needed by the Confederacy in manufacturing munitions of war, and after serving two years with his company he was detailed in the ordnance department.

After the war, while living at Centerville, Hickman County; he studied law and was admitted to the Bar. In 1869 he moved to Linden, which was his home up to the time of his death.

On January 8, 1862, while his regiment was stationed at Cumberland Gap, he was married to Miss Sarah Wills Corbett (1844-1906), the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas P. Corbett. She preceded him to the grave by about four months. Together they had five children, four sons and a daughter. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and for a number of years was on the Joint Board of Finance of the Tennessee Conference.

He received the first three degrees of Masonry in Claiborne Lodge 293 in Nashville, on February 10, 1866, and affiliated with Polk Lodge, Centerville, in April 1866. He served as Senior Warden of that Lodge in 1867, and as Worshipful Master in 1868 and 1869. He first attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge in 1868, and from that time until the time of his death had missed only three meetings. He demitted from Polk Lodge in December 1869, and affiliated with Linden Lodge 210 in 1870. During his Masonic career he served as Worshipful Master fourteen years.

He received the Chapter degrees in Centerville Chapter and the Council degrees in Goodrich Council in Centerville in 1868. He was the first High Priest of Linden Chapter 156, and received the Order of High Priesthood in 1900. He received the Orders of Christian Knighthood in Jackson Commandery 13, at Jackson, Tennessee, and at the time of his death was a member of Jackson Council 13. Royal and Select Masters, and John Chester Lodge of Perfection 1, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, at Jackson.

In the Grand Lodge he served on many committees, for a number of years being on the Committee on Accounts. In 1885 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, but was not promoted, as the honor belonged to East Tennessee, so another was given his place. He was again elected Junior Grand Warden in 1901 and advanced each year until he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1904.



James Sloan died August 26, 1906, age 65 years, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master James Lloyd Sloan, Linden Lodge No. 210, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1904. Sponsor for restoration: Linden Lodge No. 210 & Portrait Restoration Fund, 2010.

James W. Irwin

66th Grand Master – 1905



James W. Irwin

Captain James William Irwin was born at Savannah, Hardin County, Tennessee, April 13, 1835, the third son of James William Irwin (1797-1858) and Nancy Conway Sevier Irwin (1806-1885). Nancy Irwin was the great-niece of John Sevier, the first Governor of Tennessee, being the granddaughter Colonel Valentine Sevier, the Governor's brother. He married Miss Cornelia Broyles (1847-1933) of Hardin County, Tennessee, February 25, 1868 and to them was born six children, two of whom died in infancy. Two sons and two daughters survived him, John Lewis (1868-1931), Nancy Gertrude (1874-1969), Elizabeth Florence (1876-1935) James William (1890-1977).

In the summer of 1861, at Savannah, he enlisted as a private in Captain Charles Robertson's company, which became Company G of the First Regiment of Confederate Cavalry. At the organization of the company he was elected second lieutenant, and later was detailed in command of ten men of his company who were to report to General Beauregard at Corinth, Mississippi, in March, 1862, to act as guides and scouts. He was so employed up to and during the battle of Shiloh (in which he participated and remained with General Beauregard until the army fell back to Tupelo, Mississippi. When the army started on the march to Kentucky, by way of Chattanooga, he and his

men returned to the regiment. In Kentucky the regiment was reorganized, Captain Robertson was elected Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment and James W. Irwin became Captain of the company. He participated in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862, and was in active service on all cavalry duties on the retreat from Kentucky to Middle Tennessee, his company being the last Confederate organization to leave Kentucky, it having been sent back with a number of prisoners to meet the Federal army and make an exchange. Captain Irwin went as far as London, Kentucky, with his company; but meeting no enemy with whom to exchange prisoners, he paroled those he had and returned to the command at Cumberland Gap.

Captain Irwin was in the battle of Chickamauga, in the march and retreat from Missionary Ridge and the hundred days' battle from Dalton to Atlanta, in the advance under Hood back into Tennessee, at Columbia, Franklin, Nashville, and in the retreat south to Alabama. After the battle at Nashville the regiment was transferred to General Forrest, and remained with him until his surrender at Gainesville, Alabama, May 11, 1865. He then took his company in a body to Savannah, where the company was originally organized, where they disbanded. Captain Irwin was in active service nearly four years, participating in all of General Wheeler's raids and in long, fatiguing marches, including the raid into Middle Tennessee, while the Federal Army was in Chattanooga, and when the capture was made in Sequatchie Valley of a train of six hundred wagons loaded with supplies for the Federal army, together with a large number of mules.



Nancy Sevier Irwin

After the surrender and his return to his home at Savannah, Captain Irwin resumed for several years the business of merchandising, which he had followed for a time before the war. In the meantime he read law, was admitted to the Bar, practiced at Savannah, and later, in 1884, at Sparta, at which place he was a partner of the late Colonel Columbus Marchbanks and William T. Murray, under the firm name of Marchbanks, Irwin & Murray.

In 1885 he was appointed Deputy United States Revenue Collector, removed to McMinnville, Tennessee, and served in that office during the first Cleveland administration. In 1895, during the second Cleveland administration, he was appointed by the Secretary of War as Purchasing Agent on the Shiloh National Military Park Commission, moved from McMinnville to his old home at Savannah, near the battlefield, and served on this Commission for eleven years. At the time of his death, he had been for many years Commander of Albert Sidney Johnston Camp, United Confederate Veterans, which met semi-annually on the battlefield of Shiloh. He joined the Methodist

Episcopal Church, South, in Savannah, November 6, 1870, and the church honored him with a place to work, in official position, during the greater part of his church life. He was a zealous member of the church for forty-three years, and had been Sunday School Superintendent and chairman of the Board of Stewards for twenty-seven years. He was president of the Sunday School Board of the Tennessee Conference for twelve consecutive years; he was twice elected by the Tennessee Conference as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.



He was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Savannah Lodge 102, November 4, 1861; passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, December 2, 1861; and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, February 3, 1862. He was greeted in Savannah Chapter 85 on March 8, 1869 and Greeted in Savannah Council 51 on May 10, 1869. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1884 at the session of the Grand Chapter at Nashville. Irwin was knighted in Murfreesboro Commandery 10 in 1888, and later was a member of Jackson Commandery 13 of Jackson, Tennessee.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Senior Grand Deacon in 1884 and was a member of the Ways and Means Committee from 1892 to 1902, being chairman for the last five years. He was elected Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1902 and advanced each year until being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1905. He joined the Past Grand Master's Association in January 1906, and was a charter member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Tennessee, of which he was President in 1909. He was also an honorary member of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Brother Irwin was also a member of the Knights of Honor and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was often actively engaged in helping poor and worthy Confederate soldiers to get pensions from the State.

He attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in Nashville, January 26-30, 1914, and took an active part as a member of the important Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. He was cheerful, active, friendly, enjoying the friendship of his brother Masons and performing well his full part in Committee and Grand Lodge business. On his way home he was taken ill and James William Irwin died twelve days later, February 12, 1914 at his home and is buried in Savannah, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master James William Irwin, Savannah Lodge No. 102, oil on canvas, W. A. Clendenning, 1905. Sponsor for restoration: Savannah Lodge No. 102, 2013.

Robert Burrow

67th Grand Master – 1906



Robert Burrow

Robert Burrow was born April 5, 1857 at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee, the son of James Arnold (1823-1894) and Ann Elizabeth (Carty) Burrow (1823-1893). He was reared in Elizabethton and Bristol, and was educated at King's College, and in 1877 read law with Colonel N. M. Taylor. Burrow was admitted to the bar in November 1878 and Judges Hacker and Smith signed his license. He began practice in Bristol, but after 1883 was in Johnson City and in partnership with Governor Robert Taylor, until the latter became United States pension agent.

In 1880 he became a county elector and in 1882 he was nominated for the State Legislature, but defeated. On November 20, 1883 he married Arabella Aby "Belle" Lyle (1860-1952). They had eleven children; Ella Augusta (1885-1977), Emma Gertrude Lyle (1887-1987), Robert F. Jr. (1889-unknown), Joseph (1890-1890), Frances E. (1890-unknown), Bess R. (1891-unknown), James (1892-unknown), Henry Lyle (1895-1978), Barbara Bell (1899-unknown), Jackson



(1904-1914) and Margie M. (1906-unknown). In 1884 he was a Grover Cleveland elector, and in 1886 made a vain race for attorney general. He was made chairman of the executive committee of the First Congressional District, and April 15, 1887 he was appointed Superintendent of the Tennessee penitentiary. By 1923 he was in practice at Burrow and Burrow with his sons, Robert Jr. and Lyle Burrow.

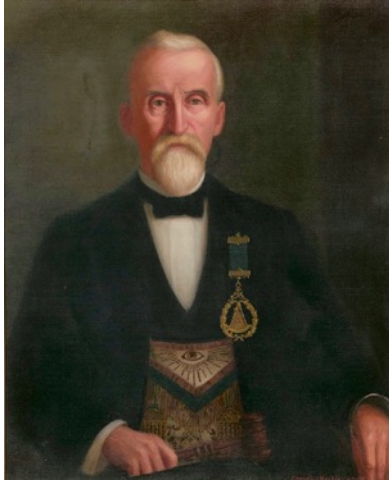
Burrow was a member of Johnson City Lodge 486 and was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1906. He also served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1923. Robert Burrow died March 16, 1949, age 91 years, at Bristol, Sullivan County, Tennessee and was buried in East Hill Cemetery of that city.



Portrait of Grand Master Robert Burrow, Johnson City Lodge No. 486, giclee on canvas, artist unknown, 1906. Original portrait located in Johnson City Lodge No. 486. Sponsor for restoration: Portrait Restoration Fund, 2013.

George E. Seay

68th Grand Master – 1907



George E. Seay

George Edward Seay was born July 26, 1840 at Hartsville, Tennessee, the son of Edmond Edward Tucker Seay (1803-1894) and Mary Brown Seawell (1807-1845). When a young man he entered Cumberland University and graduated in June 1860 with the Degree of A. B. He then entered the Law Department and would have graduated with the Class in June 1861, but the war clouds were hovering over the land and he left school about the first of May and enlisted in the 2nd Tennessee Regiment in the Confederate Army. There as elsewhere, he performed his full duty. Later he was transferred to the Cavalry service and was with General Forrest. He was paroled at the close of the war with the rank of Captain, at Gainesville, Alabama.

On August 14, 1865, he was married to Mary Jane Lauderdale (1845-1931) and six children survived him; Clara L. (1867-1956), Edward T. (1869-1941), Annie (1870-1949), Harry Lauderdale (1872-1957), Dero Eugene (1875-1933) and Katherine Lee (1877-1941). His son, Judge Edward T. Seay, was an American lawyer and a politician. He served as the speaker of the Tennessee Senate from 1901 to 1903. He represented the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and he was the acting dean of the Vanderbilt University Law School from 1929 to 1930.

On his return from the army, Brother Seay began the practice of law at Gallatin, Tennessee and had a successful practice until August when he was elected Chancellor of the Sixth Division for a term of 8 years. At the expiration of the term he was re-elected for a second term. About September 1894 he moved to Texas and practiced law with his brother. In 1898, on account of his health he came back to Tennessee and formed a partnership with his son Edward T. Seay and practiced law at Gallatin until 1907 when Edward T. Seay moved to Nashville and opened a law office in that city. Brother Seay was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1870 and served as a member of that Convention which framed the present Constitution of Tennessee.

Seay was a member of the Knights of Pythias and was Grand Chancellor of that Body and for several years was Supreme Representative. He was one of five men who drafted the present constitution of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and after the adoption of the Constitution by the Supreme Lodge he was elected a member of the Supreme Tribunal, the Highest Judicial order and was elected Chief Justice of this Tribunal.

During the years of strife and turmoil which characterized the early 1860s, Lieutenant George E. Seay was made a Mason in Prairie Lodge 87 at Okolona, Mississippi, probably in 1863, receiving the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry and on December 7, 1865, became affiliated with Union Lodge 113 at Hartsville. Demitting May 19, 1886, he immediately afterward became a member of King Solomon Lodge 94 at Gallatin, where his membership continued except during his sojourn in "The Lone Star State." He served as Master of King Solomon Lodge during 1889 and 1890, and again in 1900. Brother Seay was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in Gallatin Chapter 48 in May 1885. He served as High Priest in 1888, 1889 and 1892.

Brother Seay was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in January 1904, advancing each year until he became Most Worshipful Grand Master on February 1, 1907. He was a member of the Past Grand Masters' Association, and was one of the early members of the Masonic Veteran's Association of Tennessee.

Later in life he moved back to Dallas, Texas where he died on August 22, 1925. He was buried in Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

Portrait of Grand Master George Edward Seay, King Solomon Lodge No. 94, oil on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1907. Sponsor for restoration: King Solomon Lodge No. 94, 2013.

Milton H. Price

69th Grand Master – 1908



Milton H. Price

as Eminent Commander. In 1908, he was Grand Captain General of the grand Commandery of Tennessee. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in 1888 and in 1905 he was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary.

Brother Price first came to Grand Lodge as the representative of DeSoto Lodge in 1888, was appointed a member of Appeals and Grievances Committee in 1893, and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1905, and Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1908.

Shortly after the completion of his term as Grand Master, he moved to Oakland, California. After arriving in Oakland, he married Maryland (1885-1948) in 1909 and to them was born a son, Milton Humphries Price, Jr. (1910-1986). Milton Sr. died November 23, 1927, age 74 years, and was buried in Oakland, California.

Portrait of Grand Master Milton Humphries Price, De Soto Lodge No. 299, oil on canvas, Grays Studio, 1908. Sponsor for restoration: De Soto Lodge No. 299, 2015.

Milton Humphries Price was born in Alexandria, Virginia, December 26, 1853, the son of Benjamin Franklin (1828-1894) and Mary Humphries Price (1830-1895). Educated near his birthplace, Price moved to Chicago, Illinois, at the age of twenty, where he became engaged in business until the summer of 1878, when he came to Tennessee and made his home in Memphis. In 1874, Price married Elizabeth Thomas of Chicago. Of this union no children were born. At the age of 19 years Brother Price joined the Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and upon his coming to Memphis he affiliated with Central Baptist Church.

Brother Price was initiated, passed and raised to degree of Master Mason in Ashlar Lodge 208, Chicago, Illinois, affiliated with DeSoto Lodge 299, Memphis, Tennessee, in 1883, which Lodge, he served as Worshipful Master 1888 and 1889. He received the Royal Arch Degree in Penn Chapter in 1883, and affiliated with Memphis Chapter in 1908. Brother Price received the Council Degrees in Eureka Council 6, over which Council he served two years as presiding officer. He was appointed Grand Steward in the Grand Council in 1893. He was knighted in Memphis Commandery 4, Knight Templar in 1885, and later served 4 years



Mary Humphries Price

Edward K. Bachman

70th Grand Master – 1909



Edward K. Bachman

Edward Kelsey Bachman was born March 23, 1871 to Nathan DeWitt Bachman (1844-1917) and Nancy Jonathan Davis Bachman (1848-1933). He married Mary Elizabeth Martin on November 25, 1903 and they had five children. A graduate of Emory and Henry College in Virginia, he won the Robertson prize medal for oratory, the most coveted honor in that famous old institution. He studied law and was admitted to the Bar. He was well-educated, well read, and a fluent and forceful speaker.

He was made an Entered Apprentice in King Lodge 461, Bristol, Tennessee. He progressed step-by-step until he became Eminent Commander of St. Omer Commandery, and later Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1909. The first Grand Master born after the Civil War. Although only thirty-eight years old he presided over the Grand Lodge with ease, dignity and ability. Perhaps his best work was done as secretary of the Jurisprudence Committee, a position he held for a number of years.

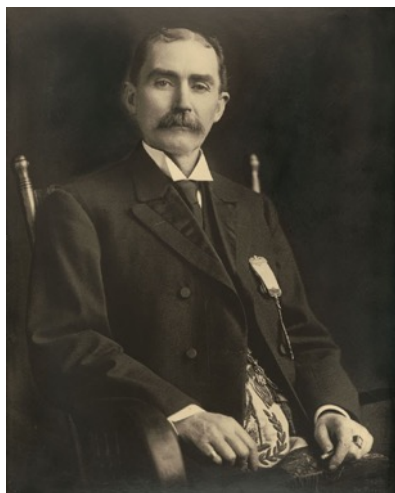
He died July 5, 1926 and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery in Bristol, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Edward Kelsey Bachman, King Lodge No. 461, giclee on canvas, S. D. Roger, 1909. Original located in King Lodge No. 461. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2012.



Charles H. Byrn

71st Grand Master – 1910



Charles H. Byrn

Charles Hall Byrn was born February 8, 1856 near Milton, Rutherford County, Tennessee, the youngest of six children of William Bascom Byrn (1811-1883) and Sarah Caroline Hunt (1824-1886). A scion of an old and honored southern family. His paternal grandfather, James Byrn, was born in Wilson county on June 27, 1775, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Tennessee.

At the age of nineteen, Charlie Byrn moved to Murfreesboro and entered the hardware establishment of William Street as a clerk. That was then one of the leading business enterprises in Murfreesboro and Mr. Byrn was connected with it two years. At the end of that time he entered the employ of Dickens & Nichols, a dry goods firm, and one year later he became associated with the hardware firm of Binford and Wade. Two years later he severed his connections with that firm and resumed work with his old employer. William Street.

Subsequently he became a partner in the business under the firm name of Street, Byrn & Company, which existed until 1887. In January of the following year he entered business on his own account, establishing a wholesale and retail hardware store. He was also a member of the board of directors of First National Bank in Murfreesboro.



Allie Byrn



Annie Mary Byrn

On the 26th of December, 1889, Byrn was united in marriage with Miss Allie Sue Richardson (1869-1947), a daughter of Honorable James D. Richardson, later Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite and a Past Grand Master of Tennessee. Seven children were born to them, one son and six daughters. Sarah (1890-1914), Charles Richardson (1893-1964), Lucile (1896-1986), Annie Mary (1900-1994), Allie Richardson (1903-1995), Ida Lee (1906-1998) and Virginia Dare (1910-1989)



Charles Richardson Byrn

The religious faith of Brother Byrn was that of the Baptist church. For a time he held the office of treasurer and was a member of the board of deacons. In 1905 he was vice president of the Baptist State Convention. He was a dominant factor in the establishment of Tennessee College at Murfreesboro and he was chosen first president of the board of trustees.



Virginia Dare Byrn

Charles Byrn was initiated in Mount Moriah Lodge 18 February 5, 1895. He became a Master Mason April 8, 1896, and received the Scottish Rite degrees on November 27, 1896. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor October 19, 1899 and the Thirty-third Degree was conferred upon him on October 21, 1901 at Washington, D. C. He made a Royal Arch Mason in Pythagoras Chapter 150 on May 24, 1897; a Knight Templar in Murfreesboro Commandery 10 on May 4, 1898; and was elected Worshipful Master of Mount Moriah Lodge in 1897. He held the office of High Priest and Commander in both his Chapter and

Commandery and was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in January 1907, advancing each year until becoming Grand Master in 1910. He served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1923. Byrn was also



Charles H. Byrn

affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Charles Hall Byrn died December 24, 1929, age 73 years, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery at Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Charles Hall Byrn, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, photograph, photographer unknown, 1910. Sponsor for restoration: Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, 2012.



John R. Rison

72nd Grand Master – 1911



John R. Rison

office he held for over thirty years. He was one of the county's most popular public officials, and for more than a quarter of a century was actively identified with the administration of municipal affairs of Paris. For over seven years he was mayor of Paris, giving to the community a most businesslike and progressive administration; and for about fifteen years he was secretary of the board of education of the same city; and for four years was public administrator of Henry county. For many years he was president of the First National Bank of Paris and was also president of the Paris Library Association. He was likewise president of the Paris Toilet Company.

John Rush Rison was born near Paris, Tennessee, November 12, 1858, a son of Jasper Vassar (1827-1903) and Julia Ann (Cherry) Rison (1836-1911), both members of old and honored Tennessee families. From the obituary of Jasper Rison: "He was a zealous member of the Masonic Fraternity, and in his dealings with his fellow-men practiced its teachings. For his fidelity to the order he was often entrusted with official positions in his lodge, chapter and commandery." John received a good education in the schools of Paris, and in 1876 began the study of law in the office of Cole & Sweeney, then one of the leading legal firms of West Tennessee. After spending three years in the service of that firm Mr. Rison was granted a license to practice his profession on the day he arrived at his majority, and he was in active practice until he entered the field of journalism, in 1881.

As a journalist he won a statewide reputation and achieved substantial success. He owned the *Post-Intelligencer*, one of the oldest and leading newspapers of the state, and is active in journalistic circles. In October 1892, he was appointed clerk and master of the chancery court at Paris, which



JOHN R. RISON
(Clerk and Master, Chancery Court). 1900

John R. Rison in 1900



John R. Rison Jr (as candidate for Paris Mayor)
The Parisian, Paris, TN, Friday, February 11, 1921

John R. Rison, Jr.

Rison was twice married. On May 2, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Hinda Edmunds (1859-1914), the eldest daughter of the late Dr. S. C. Edmunds, who for many years was one of the leading physicians of West Tennessee. Four children were born to that union: John Rush, Jr. (1884-1954), Samuel Edmunds (1885-1956), Hinda Edmunds (1890-1963) and Jasper Edmunds (1898-1964). Hinda Rison died December 3, 1914 at the age of 54 years. Mr. Rison was married a second time on June 28, 1916 to Miss Laura B. Shouse (1868-1958) of Centerville, Tennessee. Laura died at the Masonic Home in Nashville on November 3, 1958 at the age of 89 years.

The records show that Brother Rison received the Entered Apprentice degree on August 8, 1889; Fellowcraft degree, November 11, 1889; Master Mason's degree on June 17, 1890 in Paris Lodge 108; Past Master's degree, September 15, 1890; Most Excellent Master's degree, October 20, 1890, and Royal Arch degree, October 20, 1890. He was knighted in Paris Commandery 16, Knights Templar, October 17, 1893. In 1910 the Tennessee Consistory in Memphis conferred upon him the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

He was elected Junior Warden, Paris Lodge, December 1892; Senior Warden, December 1893; reelected Senior Warden, December 1894 and Worshipful Master, December 1895. He was elected King, Paris Chapter, December 1890; elected High Priest, December 1891; had conferred upon him the Order of Priesthood in Nashville, January 1892; since the latter date served as Principal Sojourner for many years. He was chosen by Paris Commandery 16 Warden; Eminent Commander, 1898 and 1899. Since the latter date he served as one of the Wardens for many years. He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1908, advancing each year until he was installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1911.

Aside from his membership in the Masons, he was affiliated with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, having held the office of Exalted Ruler of the Paris Lodge. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias and is Past Chancellor Commander of Paris Lodge. The religious faith of Brother Rison is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, and for over fifteen years he was treasurer of the Sunday school of the First Church in Paris. While active as a journalist he was president of the Tennessee Press Association, in 1909. It is of note that for more than ten years Past Grand Master John T. Irion, now deceased, was associated with Brother Rison in the publication of the *Post-Intelligencer*.

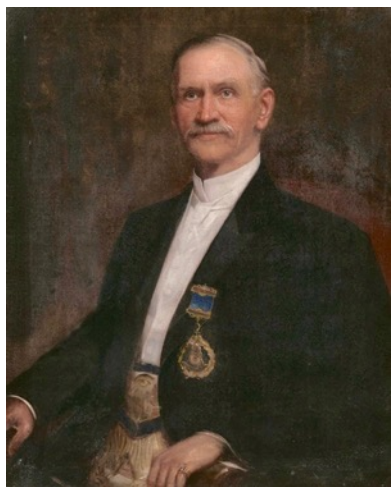


John Rison died March 19, 1935, age 76 years, and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Paris, Henry County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Rush Rison, Paris Lodge No. 108, oil on canvas, Gray Studios, 1911. Original portrait located in Paris Lodge No. 108. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun Lodge No. 88, 2012.

John Lynn Bachman

73rd Grand Master – 1912

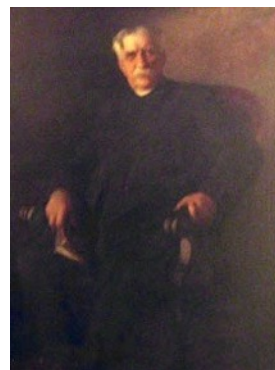


John Lynn Bachman

John Lynn Bachman was born June 23, 1841, at his father's home, Roseland, near Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee. The son of Jonathan (1801-1844) and Fanny Rhea Bachman (1799-1850), he was one of the well known Bachman Brothers, four of whom were Confederate soldiers, one dying in the hospital; and of the two who survived him, one, Reverend Jonathan Waverly Bachman, D.D., (1837-1924) was chaplain general, United Confederate Veterans. The family was originally from Switzerland and had come to America in the time of William Penn. The family migrated to what would become Tennessee around 1779.

In June 1860, as a young schoolmaster, Lynn (as he was called) Bachman volunteered at the age of 20 at Estillville (now Gate City), Virginia and enlisted in Company D, 37th Virginia Regiment of Infantry. He served under Stonewall Jackson's division and participated in the arduous service of that noted regiment until wounds and fever waylaid him. He was first appointed color sergeant and after six months promoted to orderly sergeant, the rank in

which he served during the remainder of the war. For six or seven months, however, he acted as captain of the company on account of the disability of the captain. Among the battles in which he participated were Philippi and Rich Mountain, Romney, the engagements of Jackson's "Valley Campaign," the Seven Days before Richmond, Cedar Mountain, Harper's Ferry, Sharpsburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House and all other engagements of his brigade, including the campaign with Early in the Shenandoah Valley, the battle of Hare's Hill before Petersburg and the last charge at Appomattox. He swam the Potomac River when it was filled with slush ice in the dead of winter and contracted pneumonia from which he was at death's door. His youngest brother, Robert (a Confederate soldier at 17) went to Winchester and brought him back to Kingsport in their lovely Roseland home. There John Lynn regained health only to participate in the Battle of Kingsport fought in front of his sister's (Ann Peoples Bachman Phipps) home (Rotherwood I). For a day and night after the defeat of the Confederate forces in this battle and while Federal forces were searching for him, he concealed himself in a small dark room used as a lumber room on the second floor of Rotherwood I Mansion.



Rev. Jonathan Waverly Bachman



Rotherwood Mansion

After the surrender he came home and in 1865 he, with his brother and cousin, went to Hamilton College at Utica, New York where in 1872 he graduated with a B.A. degree, a Phi Beta Kappa. He then began his career as a teacher, opening a private school at Rogersville, Tennessee that he conducted for three years. He had not taught there long when in 1873 a call came from Sweetwater to come and take charge of the male academy there. He moved there and in 1874 established the Sweetwater Military School (which since then was called Tennessee Military Institute). He was president of the school for twenty-four years.

Later, he gave himself up in theology, took the regular course, was examined by Presbytery and ordained a regular minister. Reverend Bachman had charge of two churches in addition to his schoolwork. It appears that from 1893 he was preaching and thus was installed as the pastor of the church where he served until his death in 1919. Also, he inspired the building of the Lynn Bachman High School at Farner, Tennessee although it was not completed until after his death. It was renamed Bachman Academy in



Bachman Academy

1999 and closed in 2017 due to declining enrollment. After he was seventy years of age his old “boys” whom he had taught years before took up a generous donation and sent him on a trip to the Holy Land.

A member of Sweetwater Lodge 292, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1912. Bachman married Fannie Rogan (1850-1915), on July 9, 1873, of Rogersville, Tennessee. She died May 25, 1915, and he was ready to go, for he was lonely without her, his only grief being the leaving of the seven splendid children they reared, James Rogan (1874-1962), Annie Lynn (1876-1965), Byers McKinney (1879-1964), Bessie Coffin (1881-1949), Jonathan Waverly (1884-1970), Lillie Belle (1886-1977) and Fannie Rhea (1889-1983). They had another daughter, Margaret Ayer born in 1882 and lived less than a month. John Lynn Bachman died December 15, 1919, age 78 years. He was laid to rest at West View Cemetery in Sweetwater, Monroe County, Tennessee, all the business of the town being suspended.

Portrait of Grand Master John Lynn Bachman, Sweetwater Lodge No. 292, giclee on canvas, Lloyd Branson, 1912. Original located in Sweetwater Lodge No. 292. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun 88, 2012.



Charles C. Comstock

74th Grand Master – 1913



Charles C. Comstock

Charles Comstock was born June 2, 1856 in northern New York, the son of Charles C. Comstock, Sr. (1827-1861) and Philanda Shaver (1829-1893). He relocated to Tennessee in 1885 and eventually settled in Crossville. He was a civil engineer and looked after Bon Air Coal Company lands. He married Ida L. Toan (1862-1912) on January 24, 1885. To them was born one son, Claude Toan Comstock (1885-1957). They seemed to have divorced prior to 1890 when she married again to George Elias Gill. Charles remarried on January 24, 1901 to Dollie T. Morgan (1872-1932)

Comstock was made a Mason in Tullahoma Lodge 262 in 1890 and at some time affiliated with John Sevier Lodge 638. He served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1898, President of the Order of High Priesthood in 1904, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1908, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1913 and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge from 1924 to 1933. From February 1919 and for many years after, he served as State Chairman of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, and gave much time and effort to the accomplishment of this valuable undertaking.



Ida L. Toan Comstock

Brother Comstock received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in 1910 and in 1921 was accorded the distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of Amanda Chapter 4, Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron. In 1913 he became a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a member of the Masonic Veteran's Association and of the Past Grand Masters Association of Tennessee.



Charles Comstock

On May 8, 1933, since he had been ill, the honorary degree of Grand Warden of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of U.S.A. was conferred on Brother Comstock. He was a member of Lookout Commandery 14 of Chattanooga and Mt. Pisgah Chapter and Drummond Council of Crossville.

Outside the Masonic fraternity, he was a member of the Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution and was connected for many years with the Congregational Church, Crossville, as one of its trustees. For many years he had been active in Masonic historical research work and at the time of his death he was serving as necrologist

for the Grand Masonic Bodies of Tennessee.

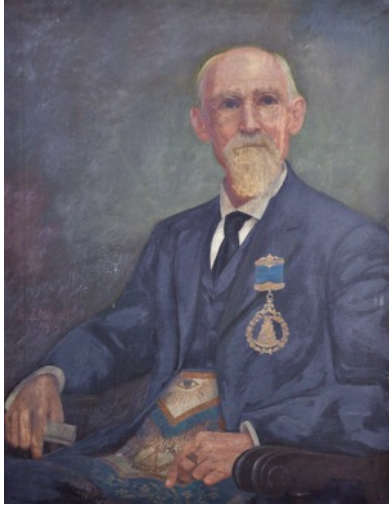
Charles Comstock died June 8, 1933, age 77 years, and was buried in Crossville City Cemetery at Crossville, Cumberland County, Tennessee.



**Portrait of Grand Master Charles Comstock, John Sevier Lodge No. 638, oil on canvas, E. Calvert, 1913.
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Thomas J. Bonner

75th Grand Master – 1914



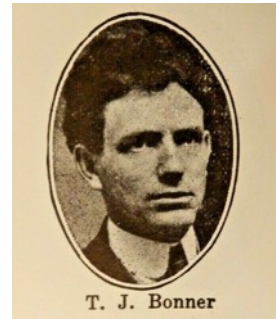
Thomas J. Bonner

in general merchandising in Rives, and was very successful. He continued in in this work until 1885, when impaired health caused him to abandon that branch of commercialism and engage in drug business. He was the earliest Registered Pharmacist in the South. After his mother passed in 1886, the father removed to Chico, Texas where he died, April 20, 1904.

Thomas was a lifelong Democrat, and in 1876 made the race for the Legislature, but was defeated. In 1884 he was elected to represent Obion County in the General Assembly, serving three terms. For ten years he served as Secretary of the Democratic Committee for Obion County, and for two years he was Chairman of the Floterial Committee. He was a member of the Congressional Committee for twelve years, and served eight years as Election Commissioner. He presided for three years as President over the affairs of the Farmers and Merchants' Bank at Rives, subsequently serving as Chairman of its Finance Committee. He was a strong advocate of Constitutional prohibition and from 1876 to 1882 was postmaster at Rives. To compensate for his early lack of educational facilities, he also served as School Commissioner for a period of twenty-eight years. On February 11, 1880 he married Miss Textia Anna Perkins (1860-1952), of Obion County, born December 31, 1860. They had four children, two sons and two daughters; Medona (1880-1946), Leiron Perkins (1882-1944), Cothon (1885-1973) and Althea Mary (1889-1966) They were both active in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Brother Bonner served for forty-six years as Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the local Church, and for an equal period, excepting 1932, he served as Sunday School Superintendent.



A member of Rives Lodge 356, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1914. Thomas Bonner died November 30, 1932 and was buried in East View Cemetery at Union City, Obion County, Tennessee.



T. J. Bonner

Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Jefferson Bonner, Rives Lodge No. 356, oil on canvas, E. Calvert, 1914. Sponsor for restoration: Union Lodge No. 538, 2015.

Teda A. Hisey

76th Grand Master – 1915



Teda A. Hisey

Teda Ashbel Hisey was born January 2, 1867, the son of James (1832-1870) and Nancy “Nannie” (Benson) Hisey (1839-1918), at Corydon, Indiana. He was educated in the local schools and Corydon High School, where he graduated in May 1883. Brother Hisey learned the brick moulders trade. Higher aspirations, however, prevailed, and in April 1885, he began the study of dentistry with Dr. Frank M. Harris, at New Albany, Indiana. To this undertaking he devoted three and one-half years, which included a partial course in medicine at the University of Louisville.

He located to Sweetwater, Tennessee, in November 1888. There he remained for nearly four years, when, for a couple of years, he was engaged as a traveling salesman, and in 1895, located at Morristown, Tennessee, which became his permanent home. On March 29, 1893, he married Penelope Cobb King (1867-1941), a daughter of Colonel Oliver Caswell King (1841-1893) and Catherine Rutledge (1843-1925), a daughter of John Crockett (1806-1868) and Sarah Caswell Rutledge (1806-1875) of Blountville, Tennessee. Brother Hisey and his wife had four sons and two daughters; Sidney Marion (1894-1956), Katharine (1897-unknown), James (1899-unknown), Oliver King (1901-unknown), Alan (1905-unknown) and Leander John (1907-1980). At the age of sixteen he united with the Presbyterian Church at Corydon, Indiana. Later he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Sweetwater, and, after locating at Morristown, transferred his membership

to the Church of that Society at Dover, Hamblen County, Tennessee.

While located at Sweetwater, Tennessee, Brother Hisey became intimately associated with a number of leading Craftsmen connected with Sweetwater Lodge 292, including Reverend John Lynn Bachman, D.D., who later became Grand Master. In the latter part of 1891, inspired by the spirit of Brotherhood, he filed an application for admission to the Sublime Mysteries, and on December 12 of that year was regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason. He was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft January 8, 1892 and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, March 11, 1892, the Grand Master, Brother William Swan Smith, officiating in the East.

Withdrawing from Sweetwater 292, Brother Hisey became a member of Morristown Lodge 231, May 6, 1897. At the next annual election, he was chosen Junior Deacon, and the next year became Senior Deacon. In December 1899, he was elected Senior Warden, which was followed by his advancement to the Master’s station a year later. He was made a Royal Arch Mason, September 15, 1898, in Morristown Chapter 79 and was elected High Priest in December 1901, serving therein for a two-year period. On January 28, 1902, while serving as High Priest he was consecrated as an Anointed High Priest, at the annual convention of the Grand Council. In January 1908 he was chosen Grand Chaplain of that Order and two years later became its President.

In Morristown Council 85, Companion Hisey received the Cryptic Degrees May 23, 1902, while it was laboring under dispensation. The charter was granted January 26, 1903, and at the subsequent annual election, he became its Thrice Illustrious Master.

Morristown Commandery 22 received its charter June 23, 1911, and the record discloses that on October 27 following, Sir Teda Ashbel Hisey, became a Knight of the Red Cross, and received the accolade of Knight Templar, November 11 of that year.

Brother Hisey first attended Grand Lodge in January 1900, while serving as Senior Warden of Morristown Lodge 231. He returned a year later as its master, and rarely missed an annual gathering afterward until impaired health deterred him from attending. He became a member of the Correspondence Committee of the Grand Lodge in January 1907, serving during a three-year period.

He and his wife became charter members of Hamblen Chapter 31, Order of the Eastern Star, at Morristown on December 9, 1904 serving as the first Worthy Patron of that chapter with Worthy Matron Lena McClister. Of note, is that Lena McClister served as Worthy Matron the first two years of the chapter's existence, the second year with her husband, James Henry McClister, these two men both becoming Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star. Hisey was chosen Associate Grand Patron on January 25, 1910 and advanced to Worthy Grand Patron in 1911.

On February 1, 1912 he was chosen to fill the station of Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, advancing each year until on January 29, 1915, he was unanimously elected and duly inducted into the exalted station of Grand Master of Masons.

After suffering from the effects of partial paralysis for four years prior, Teda Hisey died October 7, 1932 and was buried with his parents in Cedar Hill Cemetery at Corydon, Harrison County, Indiana on October 9. The Masonic Rites were performed under the auspices of Pisgah Lodge 32.

Portrait of Grand Master Teda Ashbel Hisey, Morristown Lodge No. 231, giclee on canvas, Lloyd Branson, 1915. Original portrait located in Morristown Lodge No. 231. Sponsor for restoration: Western Sun 88, 2014.

Charles A. W. Barham

77th Grand Master – 1916



Charles A. W. Barham

Charles A. W. Barham, son of Alexina Goldsborough Ballard (1839-1844) and Claudius Augustus Winfield Barham (1832-1911), was born April 16, 1867 at Goldsboro, North Carolina. On February 20, 1889, at West Point, Virginia, he married Mary Hannah Wilkinson (1865-1928), the daughter of Jane (Dyke) (1843-1918) and Edwin Wilkinson (1842-1908). They had five children: Peyton Earle (1889-1973), Jane Alexine (1891-1977), Helen Louise (1894-1938), Martha Elizabeth (1895-1976) and Charles A. W., Jr. (1903-1983). Mary Hannah was born April 2, 1865 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and died April 13, 1928.

Charles was educated in the public schools at Durham, North Carolina, and graduated from Durham High School in 1884, as valedictorian of his class. After graduation he was employed in a tobacco warehouse at Durham, where he was known as a “lightning calculator,” and in his spare time he studied stenography. In 1887 he became connected with the Richmond & Danville Railroad as a stenographer, and followed railroading for the remainder of his business career. In 1898 he became associated with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad as chief clerk to the traffic manager, and in later years served as assistant general freight agent, general freight agent, and

Vice-President in charge of traffic, the post he held at the time of his retirement. He also served as chairman of the Southern freight Association for several years, President of the American Association Freight Traffic Officers, Director of Associated Freight Traffic Clubs, Traffic Manager for the southern district for the U. S. Food Administration during World War I, and as chairman of the southern regional committee under the Federal Coordinator of Transportation in 1933-34.

He was Past President of the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, Nashville Round Table, and Rotary Club of Nashville. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church of Nashville.

He was raised in Phoenix Lodge 131 of Nashville on December 22, 1908, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1911. He was exalted in Cumberland Chapter 1 of Nashville in November 1910, and became a charter member and the first High Priest of Corinthian Chapter 197 in 1921. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1924. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 in January 1911, and was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 in February 1911.



Charles Barham

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in April 1909, and was elected Master of Kadosh in 1910. In October 1911 he was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, and received the 33° at Washington on October 24, 1913. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Rock City Chapter 2 at Nashville in 1919 and served as its Worthy Patron in 1921. He was elected Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in January 1924, and served until the Silver Anniversary of the Grand Chapter in 1925. Twenty-six Chapters were organized during his administration as Grand Patron.



Barham was the first Potentate of Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville, serving in 1912 and 1913. He has the distinction of having been the only Potentate of Al Menah to serve two terms.

In the Grand Lodge he was elected Junior Grand Warden in January 1913, and advanced each year until January 1916, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. During that year he devoted practically his entire time to Masonry, and his administration stands out as one of the most constructive in the history of the Grand Lodge. In spite of the fact that many of the 457 chartered Lodges were in isolated localities, he visited 314 Lodges in 72

counties, including every Lodge in each of 34 counties. After serving as Grand Master, he rendered invaluable service to Masonry in Tennessee as a member and chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee over a period of many years, until the condition of his health made it imperative for him to curtail his activities. One of his most important contributions to Masonry was his compilation of and Index Digest of Masonic Law in Tennessee for the period 1813-1920, which he presented to the Grand Lodge in 1921.



Charles Barham died January 14, 1952, age 84 years, at Sarasota, Florida and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee on January 17. The Most Worshipful Grand Master and four Past Grand masters were among the pallbearers.

Portrait of Grand Master Charles Barham, Phoenix Lodge No. 131, oil on canvas, Sophonisba Hergesheimer, 1916. Sponsor for restoration: Al Menah Shrine Temple, 2010.

John T. Peeler

78th Grand Master – 1917



John T. Peeler

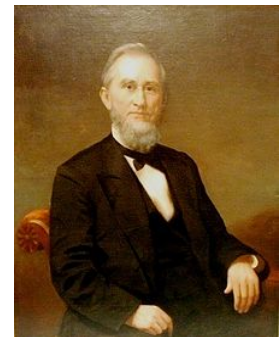
Born in the little village of Juno in Henderson County on September 19, 1868, John Thomas Peeler moved with his parents, John Wesley Hammett Peeler (1832-1896) and Martha Ann Barron Peeler (1845-1878) to Carroll County in 1872, settling in the 20th district near Shiloh Church. He was educated in the public schools of Carroll County, at McTyeire school at McKenzie, and at the Southern Normal University that was located at Huntingdon. He studied law under Governor Alvin Hawkins, was admitted to the bar, and in 1885 formed a law partnership with Judge Joe R. Hawkins in Huntingdon.

Mr. Peeler was prominently active in the religious, civic and political life of Carroll County throughout his career. He served as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1901 where he gained statewide fame as author of the Peeler Bill extending local option to towns of 5,000 or less.

He was for two terms, Mayor of Huntingdon, and was appointed Clerk and Master of Chancery Court by Governor Rye, but resigned the office in a short time to continue his law practice. He served on a number of occasions as special judge both in Chancery Court and Circuit Court. He was associated with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad for many years.

Along with his active work as a lawyer, Judge Peeler gave much time to the Methodist church. Long an active member of the Huntingdon congregation, and teacher of the Men's Bible Class, he was a delegate to a number of General Conferences, climaxing his service in this respect by going to the Unifying Conference at Kansas City in 1939. He was personally acquainted with many of the leading Methodists throughout the South, and was considered an authority on the laws of the church. He was also Chairman of the Carroll County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

On December 31, 1903, Judge Peeler married Luna Harriet Hastings (1873-1931) of Big Sandy, Tennessee. She died November 18, 1931. Their only daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hastings Peeler (1914-1993), was Librarian for Southwestern College at Memphis. They had one son, John, who was born and died on April 1, 1908.



Governor Alvin Hawkins

A member of Huntingdon Lodge 106, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1917 and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1919.

John Thomas Peeler died Tuesday afternoon, February 11, 1941, age 72 years, at a Nashville convalescing home where he had gone from St. Thomas Hospital. He had been in declining health for a number of years, and more or less seriously ill for several months. Funeral services were conducted at the Huntingdon Methodist Church at 10:30 Thursday morning with Reverend A. W. Lassiter of Memphis, later Grand Master, and Reverend G. W. Bell, his pastor, in charge. Masonic services were conducted at the grove in Oak Hill Cemetery in Huntingdon, with Dr. Neal M. Rutland, of Nashville, Past Grand Master, in charge.

Portrait of Grand Master John Thomas Peeler, Huntingdon Lodge No. 106, oil on canvas, Sophonisba Hergesheimer, 1917. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Samuel C. Brown

79th Grand Master - 1918



Samuel C. Brown

Samuel Chase Brown was born in Cumberland County, Tennessee, November 5, 1855, the son of James Washington (1830-1916) and Mahulda Paralee (Naramore) Brown (1834-1890). Reared on a farm, he was educated in the public schools and at Grant Memorial University, of which he was the oldest living alumnus. He was also the oldest member of Trinity Methodist Church at Athens, and a bible class, which he organized and taught for many years, was later named the Judge Brown Bible Class in his honor. He married Mary Alice Cline (1862-1943) on December 5, 1887 and four daughters and two sons survived him; Mabel Claire (1889-1964), Bethel Cline (1891-1964), Foster Clay (1893-1955), Florence (1895-unknown), Mary Lela (1899-unknown) and Vera Alice (1905-unknown).

He was County Superintendent of Public Instruction in Cumberland County for five years, and Clerk and Master of Chancery Court of Cumberland County for four years, during which time he studied law. He resigned as Clerk and Master in 1892 to begin the practice of law in Crossville. In 1896 he moved to Harriman, where he was City Attorney for seven years. In 1910 he was elected Judge of the Fourth Circuit, and continued in office for 16 years. He moved to Athens in 1913, and after leaving the bench he practiced law in Athens until 1941, when he became secretary and treasurer of the McMinn

County Farm Loan Association, serving in that capacity for two years.

His political persuasion was Republican and was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis in 1892. Brown became the Republican nominee for Judge of Court of Civil Appeals in Tennessee in 1908.

He was raised in South Gate Lodge 569 of Harriman on August 13, 1900, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1904. In 1920 he transferred his membership to Meridian Sun Lodge 50 at Athens. He was exalted in Harriman Chapter 145 in 1902, and served as its High Priest in 1908. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1908. Brown was greeted in Harriman Council 87 in 1906, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1909.



He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee on January 29, 1915, and advanced each year until January 30, 1918, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He served as a member of the Jurisprudence Committee for a number of years after his term as Grand Master and was a regular attendant at the Annual Communication until his advanced age and the condition of his health forced him to discontinue the annual trips to the Grand Lodge Communications.

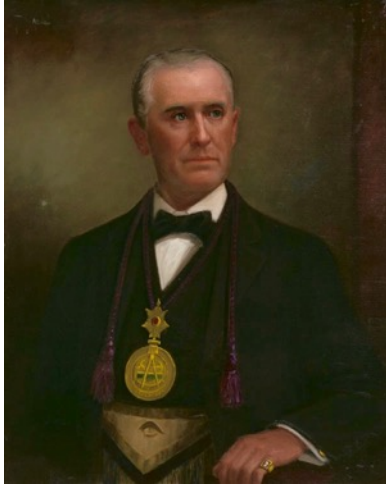
He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Samuel Chase Brown died May 12, 1946 at his home in Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee and was interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery in the same location with Masonic honors.



Portrait of Grand Master Samuel Chase Brown, 1918 – 1919, South Gate Lodge No. 569, oil on canvas, Lloyd Branson, 1918. Sponsor for restoration: Faith Lodge No. 756, 2016.

Thomas J. Brandon 80th Grand Master – 1919



Thomas J. Brandon

Thomas Jefferson Brandon was born February 7, 1856 in Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee, the son of Nathan Brandon (1820-1891) and Minerva Elizabeth Morris (1828-1881). One of his brothers was General William Milton Brandon (1866-1908). He was widely known throughout the State and especially in political circles. He had been a member of the Legislature from Stewart County, was Adjutant General under Governor McMillin, and in 1906 was campaign manager for Bob Taylor in his race for Senate. Later he was appointed Attorney General for his district. Many of the citizens of Putnam County became acquainted with General Brandon while he was managing Bob Taylor's campaign, and he was universally liked and respected by all who knew him well.

Early in life, Thomas Brandon married Miss Mollie Hart and they had three children, two sons and a daughter. In September 1881, he was appointed Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court by Chancellor George E. Seay, who happened to be a Past Grand Master. He held that office until 1886, when he was elected Circuit Court Clerk, and held

that office continuously until 1902. During this period he was City Manager for the town of Dover at least one term.

He was manager for Dover Iron Works property for a short while. Then in the spring of 1903 he was instrumental in organizing the Dover Bank & Trust Co. of which he became cashier. He retained this position until his death.



Nathan Brandon



William Milton Brandon

He was a member of the Christian church, though he was a liberal giver to all denominations that promised good to the souls of men. His heart, mind and purse were ever opened to the poor and distressed wherever he found them.

A member of Dover Lodge 270, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1919.

Thomas Brandon died February 21, 1919, becoming the third Grand Master to die in office, only serving 23 days. The previous Friday afternoon he had undergone an operation, from which he rallied and seemed to be doing well, but later he began to sink, and in his weakened condition, he was unable to stand the shock.

Reverends M. B. Williams and A. L. Alliano conducted the religious services, consisting of the reading of the 14th chapter of St. John's gospel, the favorite chapter of the deceased, and a discourse on his life's work. All the Masonic Lodges in the county were represented and Stith M. Cain, Secretary of Phoenix Lodge 131 in Nashville; Rodney Blake, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; and Brothers Stratton and Carr of Clarksville Lodge, conducted the Masonic services. He was buried in Dover Cemetery at Dover, Stewart County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Jefferson Brandon, Dover Lodge No. 270, oil on canvas, S. D. Rogers, 1919. Sponsor for restoration: Doric Lodge No. 732, 2012.

Thomas J. Steele, Jr. 81st Grand Master – 1920



Thomas J. Steele, Jr.

Thomas J. Steele, Jr. was born February 22, 1879 in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, the son of Thomas J. Steele, Sr. and Laura Wardlaw Steele. He was educated in the public schools of Ripley, Vanderbilt Training School at Elkton, Kentucky, and Vanderbilt University, graduating from the latter with the degree of LL.B. on June 19, 1901. He married Elizabeth “Bessie” Fisher on January 28, 1918.

Immediately after his graduation he began the practice of law in Ripley, as a member of the law firm of Steele and Steele with his father and brother, and at the time of his death had been a practicing attorney for fifty years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church at Ripley, and served on the church building committee and for 25 years taught the Comeback Sunday School Class, which he helped organize. He was also a leader in the civic affairs of Ripley over a long period.

He was raised in Ripley Lodge 630 on June 2, 1904, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1910. He was exalted in George D. Holmes Chapter 157 at Covington on March 1, 1907, and served as its High Priest in 1916. After the charter of George D. Holmes Chapter was arrested, he affiliated with Shiloh Chapter 198 at Humboldt. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1916. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in March 1949. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Memphis on April 23, 1949.



In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Steward in 1910, 1911 and 1912, and on the Dispensation and By-Laws Committee in 1914, 1915 and 1916. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1917, Senior Grand Warden in 1918, and Deputy Grand Master in January 1919. At the death of Grand Master Brandon in February he assumed the duties of the office, and served as Acting Grand Master until Wednesday, January 28, 1920, when he elected and installed Most Worshipful Grand Master for the remainder of the term. After his service as Grand Master he served for a number of years on the Jurisprudence Committee, and at the time

of his death was Chairman of the Welfare Committee composed of all Past Grand Masters.

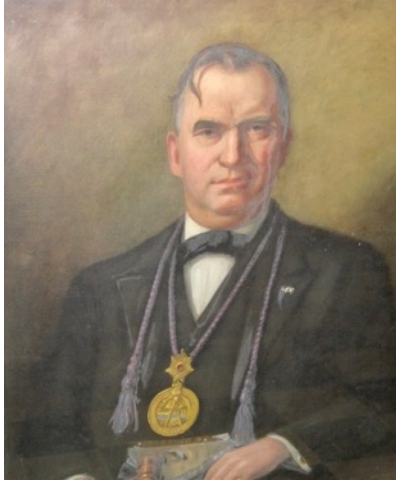
Thomas J. Steele died July 13, 1951, age 72 years, after an illness of several months. He was buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Ripley, Lauderdale County, Tennessee on July 14, and Past Grand Master W. W. Herron represented the Grand Master at the funeral. Also in attendance was Past Grand Master Connell, and the Worshipful Master of Ripley Lodge 630 conducted the Masonic burial service.



Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Steele, Jr., 1920 – 1921, Ripley Lodge No. 630, oil on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1920. Sponsor for restoration: Ripley Lodge No. 630, 2015.

Taylor W. Peace

82nd Grand Master – 1920



Taylor W. Peace

Taylor Williams Peace was born in Madisonville, Tennessee on February 19, 1868, the son of Silas H. Peace (b. 1847) and Elizabeth M. Callahan. He was educated in the public schools at Madison and at Hiwassee College, from which he graduated in 1888. After studying law in the office of T. E. H. McCroskey of Madisonville, Tennessee, he was admitted to the bar in June 1889, and formed a partnership with his preceptor that continued for twenty-three years. He was engaged in the practice of law in Madisonville until the time of his death, a total of about sixty years, and served as Attorney General of the Fourth Judicial Circuit for two terms. He was also engaged in agricultural conservation work during World War I, and served on the Selective Service Committee during World War II.

He was first married to Miss Buna Ervin (1871-1912) of Madisonville on December 22, 1892. Together they had one daughter, Cora Arnetta Peace (1904-1988). After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Mary Wilson Hastings (1887-1967) of Big Sandy on June 10, 1915, who survived him. They also had one daughter, Mary Judith Peace (1920-2014). He was a member of the Methodist Church at Madisonville.

He was initiated in Tellico Lodge 80 at Madisonville on February 1, 1892, passed on April 4, and raised on May 2, and served as Worshipful Master in 1895, 1896 and 1906. He was presented with a 50-year certificate from the Grand Lodge in 1942. He was exalted in McMinn Chapter 74 at Athens on April 13, 1920. Peace was knighted in Trinity Commandery 24 at Etowah (later consolidated with Cleveland Commandery 28 at Cleveland) on October 23, 1921. He was a member of the Scottish Rite bodies at Knoxville, having been a member of the Dedication Class of Tennessee Consistory at Memphis in 1909, transferring to Knoxville when Knoxville Consistory was organized. He was a member of Kerbel Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Knoxville.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Committee on Appeals and Grievances in 1916, 1917 and 1918, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 31, 1918, Senior Grand Warden on January 30, 1919, and Grand Master on January 29, 1920. After his term of office as Grand Master he served for many years on the Jurisprudence Committee, being relieved at his own request after the 1948 Annual Communication because of ill health.

He died at his home in Madisonville on July 14, 1949. He was buried in Sunset Cemetery at Madisonville with Masonic honors, the Grand Lodge being represented at the services by Past Grand Master John C. Crawford, Jr.

Portrait of Grand Master Taylor William Peace, Tellico Lodge No. 80, oil on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1920. Sponsor for restoration: Vonore Lodge No. 658, 2015.

Rodney Blake 83rd Grand Master - 1921



Rodney Blake

Rodney Blake was born November 10, 1872, the son of Andrew Johnson Blake (1842-1928) and Martha Ann Rice Edmondson (1832-1909). They were living on Salmons Branch when their son was born, however, seven years later in 1879 they bought the Andrew Brown farm on Yellow Creek from W. S. Ellis. The home place and farm was in the Blake family for over 115 years.

Rodney Blake and Fannie Boone (1876-1968), the daughter of John Daniel Boone (1844-1913) and Nancy Catherine Graham (1853-1920) of Erin, Tennessee were married October 6, 1897. They lived at the Blake home place for over 60 years. They had one daughter, Bessie Blake, and a son, Daniel Wells Blake. Blake farmed and raised registered Hereford cattle.

Beloved Houston County Citizen
And Mason Passes Away



Houston County lost one of its oldest and most beloved citizens in the passing of Mr. Rodney Blake who died at his home in Yellow Creek Community on Thursday night of last week. He will be sadly missed not only by his family and many friends of his community and Houston County but many adjoining counties. He was a native of this county and was eighty-five years young. Mr. Blake was the oldest surviving Grand Master of the Tennessee Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He was elevated to the office of Grand Master in 1912 and had assumed its duties at the Grand Lodge. He was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite - Mason and a member of the Shrine. He was also a member of Wisdom Lodge No. 235 in Erin.

He was a member of Wisdom Lodge 300 and was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1903 and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1921. He was also a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Shrine. He attended 63 consecutive sessions of the Grand Lodge and was the oldest surviving Past Grand Master up to that time.

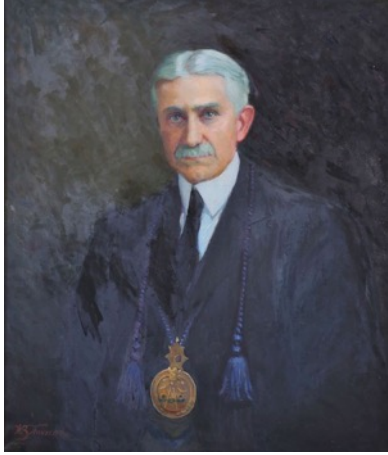
Rodney Blake died January 30, 1958, age 85 years, at Houston County, Tennessee and was buried in Union Cemetery at Dickson, Dickson County, Tennessee.

**Portrait of Grand Master Rodney Blake, Wisdom Lodge No. 300, tinned photo on canvas, A. J. Thuss, 1921.
Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2016.**



Walker M. Taylor

84th Grand Master – 1922



Walker M. Taylor

Walker Mooring Taylor was born on a farm in Mason, Tipton County, Tennessee, October 12, 1868. His father was Thomas John Taylor (1847-1916), who served with the Confederate army in the Civil War, entering the service at the age of sixteen years as a member of Company F, Twelfth Tennessee Regiment. When the war was over he was married at the age of twenty years to Hannah Walker (1843-1880) on January 8, 1868 and they became the parents of three children, a son and two daughters, of whom Walker M. is the oldest. His mother, a native of Haywood County, Tennessee, died when Walker M. was but ten years of age and the father afterward married Helen Claiborne (1851-1911), by whom he had two children.

Walker M. Taylor was reared in Tipton County, spending his youth in the county seat of Covington, where he was educated in the public schools and also attended the private school conducted by Judge James Byars. He put aside his textbooks at the age of seventeen in order to make his initial start in the business world and his first job was that of clerk in a grocery store in Covington, where he worked at a wage of five dollars per week. He came to

Memphis when eighteen years of age and here first entered the department store of John Gerber as manager of the furnishing goods section. He there remained for fourteen years, at the end of which time he resigned, about 1900, and took his wife, who he had married in 1891 and who was in ill health, to the west, hoping that she might be benefited thereby. She grew worse, however, and they returned to Memphis, her death occurring there in 1902 at the age of 32 years. His wife's maiden name was Mary Tipton Hill (1870-1902) and she left three children, two sons and one daughter, Walker M. (1895-1931), Eugene H. (1896-1974), Eleanor M. (1898-1982).

When he again became a resident of Memphis, Mr. Taylor went to work for the Leader Clothing Company in a clerical capacity, remaining there until 1905, when he gave up the position and embarked in the clothing business on his own account, becoming a partner in the firm of Wertheim, Taylor & Lewin. The location became Odom, Taylor & White in 1917 and Mr. Taylor became President.

He took an active part in civic affairs as a member and one of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and as a director of the Tri-State Fair Association. He was likewise a representative of the directorate of the Memphis Rotary Club and he cooperated in every project that he deemed of substantial worth and value to the city. He also belonged to the Memphis Colonial Club and to the Horseshoe Lake Hunting and Fishing Club.

Taylor was a member of DeSoto Lodge 299 in Memphis, a Past Master, presided over all three of his local York Rite bodies, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He was elected Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1922.

Walker Taylor died July 9, 1944, age 75 years, and was buried in Munford Cemetery at Covington, Tipton County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Walker Mooring Taylor, De Soto Lodge No. 299, oil on canvas, Willie Betty Newman, 1922. Sponsor for restoration: DeSoto Lodge No. 299, 2015.

George L. Hardwick

85th Grand Master – 1923



George L. Hardwick

George Lee Hardwick was born October 13, 1861, the son of Christopher Lafayette (1827-1901) and Isabella Minerva (Tucker) Hardwick (1835-1915), near Cleveland, Tennessee. He was one of 13 children. He was educated in the public schools of Bradley County and at Vanderbilt University, where he graduated at the age of 17. He spent a few years in Cedartown and Dalton, Georgia, and in the early 80's he returned to Cleveland and joined his father in the operation of woolen mills. He served as President of the Hardwick Woolen Mills at Cleveland for forty-five years, and until his health failed he was President of the Hardwick Banking Company of Dalton, Georgia.

He was married on January 22, 1885, to Miss Frances McCutcheon (1860-1929), a member of a prominent Dalton, Georgia family. She passed away on December 28, 1929. To them were born seven children, 4 daughters and 3 sons. Lollie Bell (1886-1962), Margaret (1887-1977), George Lee, Jr. (1891-1947), Cicero McCutchen (1893-1951), Jennie May (1895-1979), Frank Tucker (1899-

1982) and Frances (1902-1981).

He was an active member of the Methodist Church South at Cleveland for a great many years, and served on the board of stewards for a number of terms. He was a trustee of the old Centenary College at Cleveland, and was at one time president of the college.



*Isabella Minerva Tucker
1834 - 1915*



Frank Tucker Hardwick

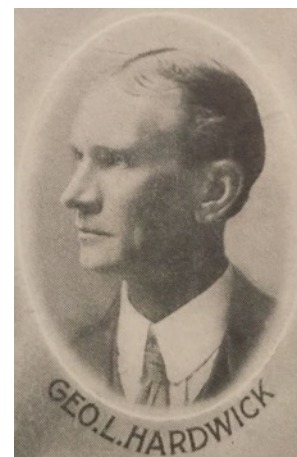
He was raised in Cleveland Lodge 134 on June 17, 1891, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1898 and 1900. He was a life member at the time of his death. He was exalted in Cleveland Chapter 39 on October 6, 1891, and served as its High Priest in 1897 and 1898, from 1900 through 1908, and from 1914 through 1918. He was greeted in Cleveland Council 72 on October 14, 1897, and served as Deputy Master in 1914, 1914 and 1915. He was knighted in Lookout Commandery 14, at Chattanooga, on March 3, 1892, and withdrew to become a charter member of Cleveland Commandery 28 on May 17, 1923.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in November 1919 and was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 16, 1923. He received the Eastern Star degree in Harmony Chapter 143 at Cleveland on September 24, 1923, and served as Worthy Patron in 1925 and 1926. He served as Worthy

Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1926. He was initiated in Alhambra Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Chattanooga, and was a Past Potentate and life member of that Temple.

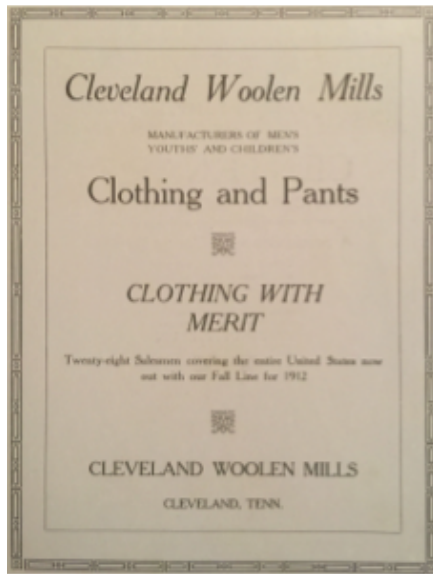
He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1920, and advanced each year thereafter until February 1, 1923, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. Prior to his elected as Junior Grand Warden, he served for a number of years on the Ways and Means Committee.

George Hardwick died at his home on in Cleveland on July 12, 1940, age 78 years, after an illness of sixteen months. He was buried in Fort Hill Cemetery at Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee.



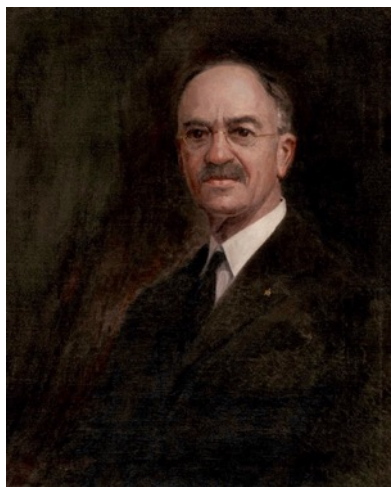
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Portrait of Grand Master George Lee Hardwick, Cleveland Lodge No. 134. Original located with his son in Cleveland, Tennessee in 1972. Oil on canvas board, Lloyd Branson, 1923. Sponsor for frame restoration: Restoration Fund, 2016.



Howell E. Jackson

86th Grand Master – 1924

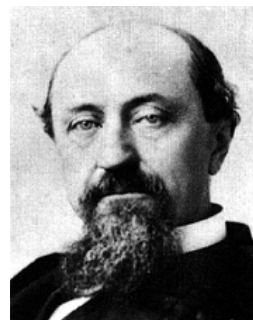


Howell E. Jackson

Howell Edmunds Jackson was born December 16, 1867, at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee; the son of Howell Edmunds Jackson, Sr. (1832-1895), former United States Senator and Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and Sophie Harrison (Molloy) Jackson (1837-1873).

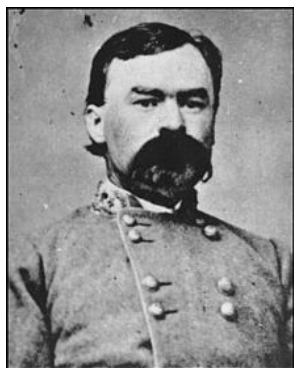
His uncle on his father's side was William Hicks "Red" Jackson (1835-1903), Civil War Confederate Brigadier General. General Jackson graduated from the US Military Academy in 1856, serving as an officer in the US Mounted Riflemen during the Comanche and Kiowa expedition of 1860. At the start of the Civil War, he resigned his commission and entered the service of the Confederate States as a Captain of artillery. In the Battle of Belmont, November 1861, he was seriously wounded. After recovering, he returned to the field as Colonel of the 1st Tennessee Cavalry and was promoted Brigadier General, Chief of Cavalry in December 1862. He commanded cavalry at the Battle of Corinth, Vicksburg Campaign and the Meridian Campaign of February 1864. During the Atlanta Campaign, he

commanded the Cavalry Corps of the Army of the Mississippi, led his division through the Nashville, Murfreesboro campaigns and was assigned command of all Tennessee Cavalry until the close of the war. After the war, he engaged in stock raising and farming.



Howell E. Jackson, Sr.

Howell, Jr. received his education in the public schools of Jackson, Tennessee and Washington D. C., and at Montgomery Bell Academy and Vanderbilt University in Nashville. He was in the insurance business in Nashville for many years until the condition of his health forced him to retire from active business. He married Miss Jessie H. Mabry (1871-1965), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on March 31, 1891. They had no children.



William Hicks Jackson

He was raised in Nashville at Phoenix Lodge No. 131 on March 25, 1910, and served as Worshipful Master in 1914. He was exalted in Corinthian Chapter 197, Royal Arch Masons, of Nashville on June 20, 1922. He was created a 32° Scottish Rite Mason at Nashville in April 1910, elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 22, 1913, and coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 22, 1915. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville on February 10, 1913.

In the Grand Lodge he served as a member of the Board of Custodians for a number of years, and for several years was Chairman of that Board. He assisted in compiling the Tennessee Craftsmen and its several revisions. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in January 1921, and advanced each year until January 31, 1924, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Howell Jackson died in Nashville on January 12, 1947, age 79 years, as the result of a heart attack. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, on January 14.

Portrait of Grand Master Howell Edmonds Jackson, Phoenix Lodge No. 131, oil on canvas, Gray Studio, 1924. Sponsor for restoration: Phoenix Lodge No. 131, 2012.

Charles W. Polk 87th Grand Master – 1925



Charles W. Polk

Charles Wesson Polk, the son of William Eddins Polk (1856-1939) and Lena Elizabeth (Wesson) Polk (1855-1940), was born June 27, 1880 in Ripley, Tennessee. He was educated in the public schools of Shelby County and at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. A graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, he was engaged in the practice of medicine, pharmacy, and farming, until January 1938, when he retired because of ill health. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church and a former director of the Mid-South Fair.

He was married on December 12, 1902, to Miss Thelma Maude Gladden (1880-1939) at Millington, Tennessee. Mrs. Polk was a native of Henning, Tennessee and after their marriage they made Millington there home until moving to Memphis in 1912. Polk was a distant relative of James K. Polk, 11th President of the United States.

He was raised a Master Mason in Cuba Lodge 230, at Cuba, Tennessee (now extinct) on April 5, 1902, and transferred his membership successively to Henning Lodge 654 (now extinct), Millington Lodge 671, Ripley Lodge 630, and Stonewall Lodge 723. He was the first Worshipful Master of Millington Lodge 671, serving in 1912, 1913, 1914, and 1915, and served as its Secretary from 1917 through 1927.

He was exalted in Hiram Chapter 45 (now extinct) at Mt. Zion, Tipton County, and later affiliated with Memphis Chapter 95 at Memphis. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in 1920. He served as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the Grand Lodge for several years prior to 1922.

Brother Polk was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1922, and advanced each year thereafter until 1925, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.



Dr. Polk's father died April 12, 1939 at the age of 83 years. His wife, Thelma Maude Polk predeceased him by one day on July 4, 1939 at the age of 57 years. The coma, into which Dr. Polk had lapsed before his wife died that Tuesday night, was ended by death at 11:45 o'clock the night of July 5, 1939 at his residence, 1742 North Parkway. He was 59. Dr. Polk suffered paralysis in January 1938, a short time after he had resigned his Shelby County Health Department position as clinician to become superintendent of health of Lauderdale County. His condition became serious about four weeks prior to his death and he entered a stage of coma on Sunday, July 2. Mrs. Polk, who died at the residence 27 hours before her husband, had suffered a heart attack July 9, 1938, one year prior to her death. Funeral services for Mrs. Polk, which had been planned for July 6, were changed and a double service was held July 7, 1939 at 11 o'clock at National Funeral Home with burial in Pleasant Ridge Methodist Church Cemetery at Arlington, Shelby County, Tennessee. They left two daughters. Dr. Polk's mother died the following year on March 21, 1940 at the age of 78 years.

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Portrait of Grand Master Charles Wesson Polk, Millington Lodge No. 671, oil on canvas, artist unknown, 1925. Sponsor for restoration: Millington Lodge No. 671, 2011.

Andrew E. McCulloch

88th Grand Master – 1926



Andrew E. McCulloch

Andrew Edward McCulloch was born September 21, 1880 at Ellejoy, Blount County, Tennessee, the son of Samuel J. (1844-1893) and Hetty Caroline (McTeer) McCulloch (1848-1927). He was educated in the public schools of Blount County and at Maryville College. In his early youth he worked on a farm and operated a blacksmith and wagon shop, but shortly after reaching his majority he learned the jeweler's trade, and in 1905 opened a jewelry store in Maryville, which he operated until his death. His store was known as the oldest mercantile establishment in Maryville that had remained under the same management and name.

He married Miss Mary Freddie Goddard (1884-1970) on September 14, 1910. To the union were born two sons and one daughter, Samuel Lloyd (1912-Deceased), Albert D. (1914-Deceased) and Eleanor (1917-1941). At an early age he was affiliated with the Old Eucebia Presbyterian Church, and was Superintendent of its Sunday School for five years. He later affiliated with New Providence

Presbyterian Church at Maryville, and was an active worker in the Church and Sunday School until the time of his death. He had just returned home from attending Church services when he suffered the fatal attack.



Andrew E. McCulloch

He was raised in New Providence Lodge 128 at Maryville on October 21, 1907, and served as Worshipful Master in 1912 and 1917 and as Secretary in 1920, 1925, and from 1931 until the time of his death. He was exalted in Paxton Chapter 184 at Knoxville on April 11, 1913, became a charter of Maryville Chapter 186 in 1914, and served as High Priest in 1918, Secretary in 1929, 1930, and 1931, and in various other offices. He was greeted in Pride Council 103 at Maryville on January 17, 1939, and served as its Chaplain in 1941. He was knighted in Cyprus Commandery 23 at Knoxville on February 3, 1920. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in October 1926 and was initiated in Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Knoxville.

In the Grand Lodge, he served on the Ways and Means Committee in 1923, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on February 1 of that year. He advanced each year thereafter until January 28, 1926, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.



Andrew McCulloch died suddenly at his home on February 28, 1943. He was buried with Masonic honors in Grandview Cemetery at Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee on March 4. Past Grand Master Neale M. Rutland officiated at the Masonic service.

Portrait of Grand Master Andrew Edward McCulloch, New Providence Lodge No. 128, oil on canvas, Knaffl & Brother, 1926. Sponsor for restoration: New Providence Lodge No. 128, 2012.

Henry L. Fox

89th Grand Master – 1927



Henry L. Fox

Henry Lee Fox was born February 4, 1863, the son of William R. (1833-Deceased) and Tennessee Rowton Fox (1839-1923) in Rutherford County, Tennessee. He was educated at The Webb School, Union University and Vanderbilt University. Early in life, he made his home in Nashville where he was in the banking business at City Savings Bank of Nashville and later with the First National Bank of Murfreesboro. After returning to Murfreesboro, he formed an insurance partnership with his brother-in-law, Ed Rion. At one time, he served as County Court Clerk. He was named a Colonel on the staff of Governor John Price Buchanan.

He was married on September 25, 1888, to the former Miss Betty Gumm (1872-1944). They had five children, William Lee (1890-1937); Walter W. (1891-1892); Annalee (1894-1972); Jonathan Henry (1898-1940) and Martha (1904-Deceased). He was a member of the Methodist church and for many years had served on the board of stewards, and as a trustee of the church.

Colonel Fox was a member of Mount Moriah Lodge 18. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Free and Accepted Masons in 1927; Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Tennessee in 1934; Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1933; a 32° Scottish Rite Mason; and a charter member of Al Menah Shrine Temple in Nashville.

Henry Lee Fox became seriously ill from complications suffered from a fall. About two weeks later, he died in his sleep in the early morning hours of February 25, 1952 at his home on East Lytle Street. He was 89 years old. The Masonic fraternity conducted funeral rites on February 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Woodfin Chapel. Religious services were officiated by Reverend M. J. Triplett. Burial took place at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee. An Assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was named in his memory.



**Portrait of Grand Master Henry Lee Fox, Mount Moriah No. 18, oil on canvas, Laura Yates Burnett, 1927.
Sponsor for restoration: Mt, Moriah No. 18, 2015.**

Stanley W. McDowell

90th Grand Master – 1928



Stanley W. McDowell

Stanley Wilton McDowell was born July 27, 1885 at Humboldt, Gibson County, Tennessee, the son of the Reverend Arthur Wilton (1856-1901) and Addie (Bondurant) McDowell (1858-1942). Humboldt was the location of his father's first pastorate. On June 18, 1908 Stanley married Evelyn Pope (1887-1926), who passed away in 1926. They had one son, Stanley Pope McDowell (1909-1991). His second wife, Leonora Chism McDowell and a son, Stanley Pope McDowell, survived him.

His early years were spent on a farm in Shelby County, Tennessee, near Bolton, and was educated at Bolton College and a Cumberland University at Lebanon. For many years he was engaged in the banking business in Memphis and for the last few years he was Administrative Superintendent of Success Laundry. He was an active member of First Methodist Church at Memphis, and had served as pianist and choir director and Superintendent of the Church School. He taught a class in the Church School for twenty years.

He was raised in Arlington Lodge 641 at Arlington on August 13, 1907, and served as Worshipful Master in 1912 and as Secretary in 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919. During the first twelve years of his membership he attended every meeting of his Lodge except two. On January 13, 1947, he transferred his membership to McLemore Avenue Lodge 715 at Memphis, a Lodge he had helped create in 1922. He was an honorary member of several of the other Memphis Lodges, and several clubs in Tennessee composed of Masons were named for him in recognition of his activity in Masonry over a period of many years.

He was exalted in Memphis Chapter 95 on May 3, 1919, and transferred his membership to Parsons Chapter 168 (later Lexington Chapter 168) on December 15, 1930, and served as its High Priest in 1931. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1931. He was greeted in Eureka Council 6 at Memphis on October 15, 1919, and transferred his membership to Parsons (later Roy Holland) Council 89 on December 15, 1930, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1931. He was knighted in Park Avenue Commandery 31 at Memphis on August 5, 1929, and served as its Commander from April 1935 to April 1936.



He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in October 1923. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Memphis, November 22, 1923. He was a Past Patron of Stonewall Chapter 280, Order of the Eastern Star, at Memphis.

In the Grand Lodge he served as District Lecturer from 1916 until March 5, 1919, when Acting Grand Master Thomas Steele, Jr., who, by coincidence, preceded him in death by four days, appointed him a member of the Board of Custodians. He continued as a member of the Board of Custodians until 1944, and also served on the Jurisprudence Committee from 1930 to 1940 and from 1947 until the time of his death. He was also Secretary of the Welfare Committee, composed of all Past Grand Masters. During his long service on these important committees he assisted in the several revisions of the Tennessee Craftsmen and the Masonic Code.

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He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1925, and advanced each year until January 26, 1928, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. At that time, so far as the Grand Lodge records show, he was the youngest man ever elected by it to serve successively and regularly in all four elective line offices.

He died of respiratory failure on July 17, 1951, age 65 years, in a Memphis hospital. He was buried in historic Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis with Masonic honors, and the Grand Master and a number of other Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters attended his funeral.

Portrait of Grand Master Stanley Wilton McDowell, Arlington Lodge No. 641. Original located in Arlington Lodge No 641. Oil on canvas board, Gray Studio, 1928. Sponsor for frame restoration: Restoration Fund, 2016.

Quincy Adams Tipton

91st Grand Master – 1929



Quincy Adams Tipton

In August 1850, his father, Quincy Adams Tipton, Sr., a direct descendant of President John Quincy Adams, applied for a dispensation to organize a Masonic Lodge in Morganton, Blount County, Tennessee. Before the dispensation was granted, Brother Tipton received employment in Loudon (then in Roane County) with the newly created East Tennessee and Georgia Railroad. Brother Tipton then petitioned the Grand Lodge of Tennessee for a change of location from Morganton to Loudon. That petition was granted and a charter for Tennessee Lodge 204 was issued effective October 7, 1851. He was the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, serving five years from 1850 through 1854.



Quincy Adams Tipton

Quincy Adams Tipton II was a telegraph operator, involved in coal and silver mining and was a banker in Loudon, Tennessee. He married Caroline Leticia Corpening (1864-1934) on September 26, 1889 in Macon, North Carolina. They had one son, Quincy Adams Tipton, III (1881-1950). Brother Tipton was a member of Tennessee Lodge 204 and served as Worshipful Master in 1893. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1929.

Quincy Adams Tipton II died September 25, 1940 and was buried in Steekee Cemetery at Loudon, Loudon County, Tennessee.



William Tipton



Portrait of Grand Master Quincy Adams Tipton, Tennessee Lodge No. 204, tinted photograph on canvas, Knaffl & Brother, 1929. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge No. 204, 2016.

Edward R. Burr

92nd Grand Master – 1930



Edward R. Burr

Edward Ross Burr, son of Eugene (1845-Deceased) and Evaline Bradford Burr (1848-Deceased), was born in Nashville, Tennessee on December 20, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of Nashville, and at the age of 17 entered the employ of Union Bank and Trust Company of Nashville. He rose to the position of Cashier of that bank, and became assistant cashier of the American National Bank when the two banks merged in 1911. He was soon promoted to cashier, and upon the formation of the American Trust Company in 1921 he was made vice-president of the American National Bank and executive vice-president of the American Trust Company. He held these posts until June 1933, when he became associated with the Third National Bank as vice-president. Shortly thereafter he was elected to the board of directors, and served in both capacities until his death. He was married to Elizabeth Parkes (1881-1965) and they had one daughter, Ruth (1907-1993).



Elizabeth Parkes Burr

He was raised in Corinthian Lodge 414 of Nashville on August 9, 1912, and served as its Worshipful in 1926. He was Chairman of its Board of Trustees for ten years. He was exalted in Cumberland Chapter 1 on May 31, 1917. He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on May 31, 1917.



He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in 1912; was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1919; and was coroneted 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 1921. He served as Venerable Master of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Nashville from 1919 until 1927. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., on November 27, 1912, and served as Illustrious Potentate in 1917.

He was elected a member of the Endowment Fund Commission of the Grand Lodge in 1913, and was instrumental in building the Endowment Fund from a few thousand dollars to more than half a million dollars. He served the Grand Lodge as a member of the Board of Control in 1924 and 1925; a member of the Ways and Means Committee in 1926; and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1927, advancing each year until 1930, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was reappointed to the Board of Control in 1933, and continued as a member of the Board until his death. He was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge in 1934, and served in that capacity until the time of his death.

Edward Burr died at his Nashville home on May 11, 1940 at the age of 66 years, following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Edward Ross Burr, Corinthian Lodge No. 414, tinted photograph on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1930. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Robert V. Hope

93rd Grand Master – 1931



Robert V. Hope

Robert Virgil Hope was born October 9, 1877, the son of Thomas Lafayette (1844-1915) and Martha Ann (Craven) Hope (1852-1904), at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He received his training for the ministry in the College of the Bible and Transylvania College at Lexington, Kentucky, and held pastorates in the Christian Church in Washington, Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina and Humboldt and Memphis, Tennessee, prior to becoming pastor of Front Street Christian Church at Burlington. He had been in retirement from that pastorate for two years at the time of his death.

He was raised in Clay Lodge 207 at Excelsior Springs, Missouri on November 5, 1904, and transferred his membership to Orr Lodge 104 of North Carolina, Corinthian Lodge 230 of North Carolina, and Humboldt Lodge 202 of Tennessee. He served as Worshipful Master of Humboldt Lodge in 1921 and 1922 and as Chaplain from 1924 to 1928, and was a life member of that Lodge at the time of his death. He was an honorary member of Bula Lodge 409 at Burlington.

He was exalted in Rocky Mount Chapter 57 of North Carolina on February 1, 1917, and served as High Priest in 1918. He transferred to Shiloh Chapter 198 at Humboldt, Tennessee on January 24, 1922, as a charter member, and served as its first High Priest. He was an honorary member of Keystone Chapter 96 at Burlington, North Carolina. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1929. He was greeted in Jackson Council 13, Jackson, Tennessee, on May 5, 1923, became a charter member of Humboldt Council 100 at Humboldt on January 28, 1924, and served as its first Thrice Illustrious Master. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville in January, 1948, and served as Illustrious Chaplain from 1950 until his death. He was knighted in St. Bernard Commandery 21 at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on April 4, 1917, and transferred his membership to Jackson Commandery 13 at Jackson, Tennessee, in 1927, and served as Prelate for two years and as Commander from April 1933 to April 1934.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in New Bern, North Carolina, and transferred his membership to Tennessee Consistory 1 at Memphis. He was a member of Humboldt Chapter 256, Order of the Eastern Star. He was initiated in Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at New Bern, North Carolina, on November 22, 1916.

In the Grand Lodge of Tennessee he was elected Junior Grand Warden in January 1928, and advanced each year until January 29, 1931, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In the Grand Council of Tennessee he was elected Grand Steward on January 26, 1925, advancing each year until January 27, 1930, when he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master.



He was faithful in attendance at the annual meetings, even after his removal to North Carolina, and was present in 1958, only a few days before his death.

He was married to Lillie Lee Freeman (1893-1945) on March 10, 1915 and they had two sons, Robert Virgil, Jr. (1915-1998) and Frank Freeman (1919-1994). Frank was a Major in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. Mrs. Hope passed away in 1945. Reverend Hope died April 7, 1958 at his home in Burlington, Alamance County, North Carolina and was buried there in Pine Hill Cemetery with Masonic



Frank Freeman Hope

honors. Grand Master Charles A. Harris of North Carolina conducted Masonic services.

Portrait of Grand Master Robert Virgil Hope, Indian Mound Lodge No. 303, tinted photograph on canvas, Jascha Shaffran, 1931.

William Porter Chandler

94th Grand Master – 1932



William Porter Chandler

William Porter Chandler was born in Blount County, Tennessee, January 25, 1872, the son of Richard P. (1850-1902) and Annie Houston (Porter) Chandler (1850-1930). He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1890. Chandler married Lucie Rebecca Harris (1874-1942) on August 21, 1895. They had two children, Richard Gordon (1897-1958) and Mary Louise (1899-1986).

William Chandler was one of the Commissioners of East Tennessee who erected the Centennial building at the State Centennial Exposition in 1896 at Nashville. He entered newspaper work as city editor and managing editor of the *Knoxville Tribune*, later telegraph and city editor of the *Knoxville Sentinel*. Chandler was Major of 3rd Tennessee State Guards from 1901-1903, Chief of the Knoxville Police Department from 1906-1909, elected Judge of Knoxville City Court 1909-1912 and served as postmaster of Knoxville from 1914 to 1923.

A deacon and member of 3rd Presbyterian Church of Knoxville; he was also a member of the Appalachian Club (Elkmont, TN), Past Regent of Royal Arcanum of Tennessee (Chilhowee Council), a fraternal benefit society founded in 1877; and held a commission as Captain on the staff of General John F. Horn, commander of Department of Tennessee, United Confederate Veterans.

A member of Masters Lodge 244, he served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, Knights Templar in 1918 and was the first Potentate of Kerbela Shrine Temple. He served as the 94th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1932.

William Porter Chandler died June 12, 1951, age 79 years, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery on Tazewell Pike in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master William Porter Chandler, Masters Lodge No. 244, oil on canvas, Emile Dodamead, 1932. Sponsor for restoration: Widow's Son Motorcycle Club, 2013.

Jesse B. Templeton

95th Grand Master – 1933



Jesse B. Templeton

Jesse Baldwin Templeton was born in Coffee County, Tennessee on July 3, 1878, a son of Dr. John Wiley (1838-1926). and Susan Thaddeus (Jones) Templeton (1848-1945). Dr. John W. Templeton was born in 1838 and upon the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Tullahoma and was appointed a captain under General Nathan Bedford Forrest's command. He had charge of the hospital at Corinth, Mississippi, and was active in the battle of Chickamauga. He served on the staff of Brigadier General Johnson until the close of the war and was discharged at the surrender at Appomattox Courthouse.

Jesse Baldwin Templeton had four brothers and one sister. The public schools of Coffee County afforded Jesse his education until he was eleven years of age, when he moved with his parents to Wartrace and was graduated from the high school there. He then read law in the office of H. M. Templeton at Winchester. In 1907 he was admitted to the bar and practiced law in Franklin County. He was the legal representative for four banks in this county. Aside from his profession Mr. Templeton had extensive farm interests.

In Nashville, on the 14th of November, 1900, occurred the marriage of Jesse Baldwin Templeton to Miss Sarah Jessie Gant 1882-1945), a daughter of William Washington (1832-1926) and Tennessee "Tennie" (Williams) Gant (1838-1925), natives of Tennessee. To their union one child was born: Dorothy Tennessee (1911-1926). Unfortunately, she died in 1926 at the age of 14 years after a bout of measles.

Socially, he was a member of the Civitan Club and along strictly professional lines is identified with the American and Tennessee State Bar Association. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian Church. During World War I he served on the local exemption board.

Fraternally, Templeton was a member of the Knights of Pythias; Winchester Lodge 158, Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite, and a Past Potentate of Al Menah Shrine Temple in Nashville. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1933.



Jesse Templeton and his wife were in an automobile accident near Nolensville, Tennessee on January 12, 1945. Sarah died in the accident and he died of his injuries at Nashville's St. Thomas Hospital on January 17, age 66 years. He was buried in Winchester City Cemetery at Winchester, Franklin County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Jesse Baldwin Templeton, Winchester Lodge No. 158, tinted photograph on canvas, Cornelius Hankins, 1933. Sponsor for restoration: District No. 11, 2012.

Alfred W. Lassiter

96th Grand Master – 1934



Alfred W. Lassiter

Alfred Wells Lassiter was born July 28, 1880 near Murray, Kentucky, the son of Richard Rix (1849-1920) and Harriet Anne (Wells) Lassiter (1844-1934). He married Mabel Matilda Lewis at Humboldt, Tennessee on December 23, 1908 and they had two daughters, Harriet Erin (1909-1996) and Mary Jane (1914-1994). He was active in the Methodist ministry from 1911 until his retirement in 1951, having held pastorates at many points throughout the Memphis Conference during his 40 years in the ministry.

He was raised in Sulphur Well Lodge 215, in Henry County, Tennessee on January 18, 1908, and later held membership in Shelby Lodge 576, Dyer Lodge 351, Oakland Lodge 647, New Friendship Lodge 251, Ed Worsham Lodge 505, Grand Junction Lodge 709, Trenton Lodge 86 and O. K. Houck Lodge 707. He served as an officer in several of these Lodges, and was Worshipful Master of Oakland Lodge 647 in 1921-1922 and Grand Junction Lodge 709 in 1929.

He was exalted in Dyer Chapter 175 on March 9, 1917, and later held memberships in Goodwill 144, Brownsville 196, Saulsbury 153, parson 168, and Shiloh 198 at Humboldt. He served as High Priest at Brownsville in 1927. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 25, 1927, and served as its Grand President in 1934.

He was greeted in Fayette Council 188 at Somerville on October 27, 1920, and transferred his membership to Parsons 89 and then to Humboldt 100. He served as Thrice Illustrious Master 89 in 1934. He received the Thrice Illustrious Masters degree in the charter class at Nashville on January 29, 1940. He was knighted in Jackson Commandery 13 at Jackson on June 5, 1925.

He was elected a member of the Masonic Veterans Association on January 30, 1929, and served as its Chaplain from 1931 until March 26, 1958, when he was elected Chaplain emeritus. He received the Easter Star degrees in Louise Chapter 243 at Oakland on April 24, 1922. He served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Council in 1935, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945, and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery in 1930-1931.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Chaplain in 1928 and 1930, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 29, 1931, and advanced each year until February 1, 1934, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Lassiter passed away at his home in Memphis on June 17, 1958. He was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, and the Grand Lodge was represented at the services by a number of past and present Grand Officers. A number of past and present Grand Officers of the other Masonic Grand Bodies were also in attendance.



Portrait of Grand Master Alfred Wells Lassiter, Grand Junction Lodge No. 709, tinted photograph on canvas, Harris Ewing, 1934. Sponsor for restoration: Unity Lodge No. 95, 2016.

Martin S. Roberts

97th Grand Master – 1935



Martin S. Roberts

Martin Smith Roberts was born December 17, 1883 in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Martin Smith Roberts, Sr. (1850-1933) and Margaret Fredonia (Kirby) Roberts (1860-1910). He was married to music teacher Adelaide Melrose Hawkins (1884-1951) on January 16, 1907 in the Presbyterian Church at Huntingdon, Tennessee. They had two sons and a daughter, Martin Smith, III (1907-Deceased), Joseph McCall (1913-1944) and Adelaide (1922-2006). Only the daughter survived him. He attained an engineering degree from Vanderbilt University and was a Founder's Medal winner. In his early adulthood Martin was a wholesale merchant. Roberts was the founder and senior partner in the architectural-engineering firm of Hart, Freeland & Roberts, founded in 1908 and shared in the creation of many of Nashville's finest landmarks, among which were the Baptist Hospital, Third National Bank Building, National Life Building and the Baptist Operations Building. It was one of the oldest such partnerships in Tennessee.

A Baptist from the days of his youth, he was affiliated with Central Baptist Church, later united with Edgefield Baptist, and in October 1923 united with Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he rendered outstanding service as Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, and Treasurer. A lifelong resident of Davidson County, he was active in the civic affairs of the community, a former member of the Board of Trust of Baptist Hospital, and a member of Belle Meade Country Club.

He was raised in Edgefield Lodge 254 of Nashville on February 10, 1910, transferred to Cumberland Lodge 8 in 1912 and to Corinthian Lodge 414 in 1915, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1922. He was exalted in Cumberland Chapter 1 on July 21, 1917, became a charter member of Corinthian Chapter 197 in 1922 and served as its first Scribe. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on January 23, 1935. He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on November 30, 1917.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in Doric Chapter 321 of Nashville on June 15, 1932. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in October, 1914, and served as Wise Master of Immanuel Chapter Rose Croix from 1912 to 1933. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 21, 1919, and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 19, 1923. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville in 1914, and served as Potentate in 1924.

In the Grand Lodge of Tennessee he was appointed a member of the Board of Control of the Widows' and Orphans' Home in 1927, and served until his death. He served as Chairman for the entire period of 35 years. He also served as a member and chairman of the Grand Lodge Building Committee until the time of his death, and as a member of the Welfare Committee from its inception. For years he was a member of the Endowment Fund Commission.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1933, Senior Grand Warden in 1934, and on January 31, 1935, after the death of Deputy Grand Master Walker, he was advanced to the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master. During his administration as Grand Master he instituted the present system of District Meetings, to enable the Grand Master to contact representatives of all Subordinate Lodges at a series of meetings throughout the State, it being obviously impossible for him to visit every Lodge. While Chairman of the Board of Control, Brother Roberts was instrumental in establishing our present system of outside maintenance for the beneficiaries of our charity work. This system has enabled us to supply the needs of many more beneficiaries than was possible under the former system of institutional care.

Living at 627 Westview Avenue, the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Evans in Belle Meade, Martin Roberts was 78 years old, a widower and had arteriosclerosis when he died on August 29, 1962. Survivors included his daughter, sister Mrs. E B Donnell of Palm Beach, Florida and five grandsons. Funeral Services were held at

Emmanuel Baptist Church on August 31st, and burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, with Marshall-Donnelly-Combs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Portrait of Grand Master Martin Smith Roberts, Corinthian Lodge No. 414, tinted photograph on canvas, Harris Ewing, 1935. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

W. Roy Holland

98th Grand Master – 1936



W. Roy Holland

William Roy Holland, son of Emanuel Gipson (1847-1920) and Albina Josephine (Skaggs) Holland (1851-1938), was born near Murray, Kentucky on October 18, 1879. He was educated in the public schools of Murray, Kentucky, and by private tutors, and at the early age of 15 he entered the service of the N. C. & St. L. Railway, where he worked his way up to the position of Station Agent at Lexington, which position he occupied at the time of his death. He served as Mayor of Lexington for twelve years, and was a member of the City School Board for 23 years. He was very active in the civic and political affairs of Lexington and of Henderson County, and his prominence and popularity was attested by the closing of all the business establishments in Lexington on the afternoon of his funeral.

He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ, at Murray, Kentucky, and conducted a Bible Class for the M. E. Church South, at Lexington, for a number of years. In 1900, he married Ivy Green McKissack (1879-1951) and they had one daughter also named Ivy (1910-1992).



Emanuel G. Holland

He was raised a Master Mason in Macon Lodge 120 at Rossville, on December 31, 1903, withdrew in 1908 to become a charter member of Oakland Lodge 647, at Oakland, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1911; transferred his membership to Constantine Lodge 64 in 1913 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1914, 1921, and 1928.



Albina J. Holland

He was exalted in Goodwill Chapter 144 on October 19, 1905, withdrew December 2, 1913, affiliated with Ebenezer Chapter 120 at Lexington, and served as its High Priest in 1914. After the charter of 120 was taken up, he affiliated with Clinton Chapter 9, at Jackson, and in 1933 transferred his membership to Parsons Chapter 168. He was greeted in Fayette Council 88, at Somerville, on May 22, 1907, withdrew in December 1933 and affiliated with Parsons Council 89, serving as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1935. He was knighted in Jackson Commandery 13, at Jackson, on March 20, 1931.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in Sunset Chapter 154, at Lexington, on May 29, 1914, and served as Worthy Patron in 1915 and 1916. He served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1922. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in June 1913. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Memphis, on November 22, 1923.

He was appointed Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge in 1915 and Grand Marshal in 1916, and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1934, advancing each year until 1936, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was appointed a member of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge in January 1937, and served in that capacity until his death.

W. Roy Holland died suddenly in Nashville, Tennessee on May 26, 1938. His mother and a daughter survived him. He was buried with Masonic honors at Lexington, Tennessee on May 28, 1938.

Portrait of Grand Master William Roy Holland, Constantine Lodge No. 64, tinted photograph on canvas, Harris Ewing, 1936. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Neale M. Rutland

99th Grand Master – 1937



Neale M. Rutland

Neale Mulligan Rutland was born December 4, 1879, the son of Albert Van Buren Rutland (1831-1911) and Melissa Mulligan Rutland (1841-1923). He graduated in the twenty-second annual commencement of the Department of Dentistry of Vanderbilt University on May 7, 1901. He was unmarried.

A member of Edgefield Lodge 254; he was a 33° Scottish Rite Mason; K. Y. C. H.; Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1930; and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1937. He also served as President of the Order of High Priesthood the same year. Rutland was Grand Conductor of the Grand Council of Tennessee at the time of his death.

Dr. Neale M. Rutland died August 25, 1945, age 65 years, and was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. A Tennessee DeMolay Chapter was named in his memory.

Portrait of Grand Master Neale Mulligan Rutland, Edgefield Lodge No. 254, giclee on canvas, Harris Ewing, 1937. Sponsor for restoration: Jere Baxter Edgefield Lodge No. 254, 2010.



Charles H. McKinney

100th Grand Master – 1938



Charles H. McKinney

Charles Harvey McKinney was born September 8, 1879, the son of Isaac French (1840-1904) and Margaret Ann Caperton (1851-1890), at Elgood, Mercer County, West Virginia. He was married to Laura Augusta Tanner (1881-1959) on February 27, 1900. Together they had three daughters and two sons, Mabel May (1901-1989), Lena Grace (1905-1986), Lillian Victoria (1907-1999), Frederick William (1910-1958) and Roy Frank (1918-1974).

He received his education in the public schools of West Virginia, Concord College at Athens, West Virginia, and Lincoln-Jefferson University at Hammond, Indiana. He taught in the public schools of Mercer County, West Virginia from 1896 to 1907, when he moved to Tennessee and took a position with the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He remained with the L. & N., and was attorney and District Claim Agent at the time of his death.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, of Knoxville, and was active in the men's department of the Church for many years.

He was raised a Master Mason on November 6, 1914, in Maxwell Lodge 433 (now Charles H. McKinney Lodge 433), of Knoxville, served as Worshipful Master in 1917, Treasurer from 1918 to 1922, and was a Trustee at the time of his death.

He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason on October 20, 1916, in Paxton Chapter 184, of Knoxville, and served as its High Pries in 1920. He was anointed in the Holy Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 27, 1920, and served as its Grand President in 1932.

He was greeted a Royal and Select Master on May 21, 1920, in Williamsburg Council 79 of Kentucky, and affiliated with Knoxville Council 75, at Knoxville, on may 21, 1925.

H was knighted on January 22, 1920, in Cyprus Commandery 23, Knights Templar, at Knoxville, and served as its Commander from April 1927 to April 1928.

He received the Eastern Star degrees on March 14, 1917, in Knoxville Chapter 69, at Knoxville, and served as its Worthy Patron in 1918. He served on the Appeals and Grievances Committee of the Grand Lodge from 1929 to 1936, and was elected Senior Grand Warden on January 29, 1936, advancing to Deputy Grand Master in 1937 and Grand Master in 1938.

Grand Master McKinney suffered several heart attacks during the last year of his life, but in spite of this he gave unsparingly of his time and energy to Masonry, and was one of the most beloved Grand Masters in the history of the Grand Lodge. Charles McKinney died August 24, 1938; age 58 years, at his home, becoming the fourth Grand Master to die in office. He was buried with Masonic honors in Woodlawn Cemetery at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee on August 26.



Portrait of Grand Master Charles H. McKinney, Charles H. McKinney Lodge No. 433, tinted photograph on canvas, Harris Ewing, 1938. Sponsor for restoration: Charles H. McKinney Lodge No. 433, 2013.

Lindsay B. Phillips

101st Grand Master – 1939



Lindsay B. Phillips

Lindsay Brassfield Phillips was born April 10, 1882, in Huntsville, Tennessee, the son of Marian (1839-1892) and Vina Parker Phillips (1846-1893). He received his education in Huntsville Presbyterian Academy in his hometown, Maryville College at Maryville, Tennessee, and Knoxville Business College at Knoxville. He married Mildred E. Nethercott (1899-1977) on August 18, 1920. They had a son and a daughter, Robert Lindsay (1924-1951) and Helen M. (1926-2019).

He was a practicing attorney in Memphis for many years, and served as United States district attorney for West Tennessee from 1926 until 1931. He was active in the civic and fraternal affairs of Memphis, having served as the first president of the A. B. Hill Co-operative Club, a trustee in the Calvary Methodist Church, and a member of the Memphis and Shelby County and Tennessee Bar Associations and the South Side Business Men's Club.

He was raised on September 15, 1922, in McLemore Avenue Lodge 715 of Memphis, while the Lodge was working under dispensation, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1928. He was exalted on April 21, 1939, in Evergreen Chapter 209 of Memphis, becoming a member of Penn Chapter 22 by consolidation of the two chapters.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances from January 1928 until January 29, 1936, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He advanced to Senior Grand Warden in 1937 and Deputy Grand Master in 1938, and on August 24, 1938 he came Acting Grand Master at the death of Grand Master Charles H. McKinney, serving in that capacity during the remainder of the unexpired term. On January 26, 1939, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After his term as Grand Master, he served on the Jurisprudence Committee in 1941, 1942 and 1943.

Lindsay Phillips died February 26, 1949, age 66 years, in Methodist Hospital at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, following a series of heart attacks. He was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown at Memphis with Masonic honors. The Grand Lodge was represented at the service by Past Grand Master Stanley W. McDowell, Deputy Grand Master Elbert C. Coleman and Senior Grand Warden W. Phelan Douglas, and more than 200 Masons were in attendance.



Portrait of Grand Master Lindsay Brassfield Phillips, McLemore Avenue Lodge No. 715. Original was with his wife in Memphis in 1972. Tinted photo on canvas board, artist unknown, 1939. Sponsor for restoration: Oakville Lodge No. 599, 2016.

Paul F. Lanius

102nd Grand Master – 1940



Paul F. Lanius

Paul Fisher Lanius was born January 15, 1898 in Wilson County, Tennessee, the son of William Lambert (1875-1928) and Chloe Atkinson (Fisher) Lanius (1873-1910). He was educated in the public schools of Wilson and Davidson County, the preparatory department of Ruskin Cave College, and Cumberland University at Lebanon. He married Louise Paty (1904-1996) on August 17, 1921 in Wilson County. They had five children, Mary Louise (1923-1999), William Robert (1925-1994), Neal F. (1930-Deceased), Paul Fisher, Jr. (1931-2013) and Linda (Deceased). Paul, Jr. was a member of Columbia Lodge No. 31 and Al Menah Shrine Temple.

He was the senior active minister in the Methodist Church's Tennessee Conference, having served for 45 years as a Methodist minister, serving churches throughout Middle Tennessee. He was District Superintendent at Nashville for four years immediately prior to his final assignment as Pastor of the First Methodist Church at Franklin in 1963. He was also a member of the Lions Club.



Louise Paty Lanius

He was raised in Farris Creek Lodge 509 at Lois, Tennessee, on September 7, 1923, and transferred his membership to Bigbyville Lodge 167, Benton Lodge 111, and then Mt. Moriah Lodge 18 at Murfreesboro. He served as Worshipful Master at Bigbyville 167 in 1926. He was exalted in LaFayette Chapter 4 at Columbia on November 10, 1924, and served as its High Priest in 1928. He transferred his membership to Pythagoras Chapter 150 at Murfreesboro on February 9, 1931. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 26, 1931. He was greeted in Tullahoma Council 102 on October 25, 1932. He was knighted in DePayens Commandery 11 at Franklin on March 13, 1929, transferred his membership to Murfreesboro 10 on June 23, 1930, and served as its Commander from March 1941 to March 1942.



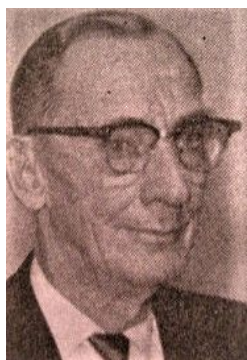
Paul F. Lanius, Jr.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in the Chapter at Bigbyville, Tennessee, and later transferred to Allisona Chapter 346 and then to Doric Chapter 321 at Nashville. He was Past Patron of Allisona Chapter. He served as Grand Chaplain of the

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee in 1935, and as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee from May 1934 to May 1925 and from September 1954 to September 1955.



Paul F. Lanius, Sr.



Paul F. Lanius, Sr.

In the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, he served as Grand Chaplain in 1933, District Lecturer from 1930 to 1935, member of the Board of Custodians in 1936, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 28, 1937, advancing each year until February 1, 1940, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After his term as Grand Master he served on the Committees on Jurisprudence and Welfare, being Chairman of the latter at the time of his death.

Brother Lanius passed away at his home in Franklin, Tennessee on May 23, 1964, age 66 years, after an illness of several months. He was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery at Franklin, Williamson County, Tennessee. The Grand Lodge was represented at the service by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Ralph Worthy and Past Grand Masters Kirkpatrick and Hagan.

Portrait of Grand Master Paul Fisher Lanius, Mount Moriah Lodge No. 18, tinted photograph on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1940. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.



Samuel H. Cooper

103rd Grand Master – 1941



Samuel H. Cooper

Samuel Howard Cooper was born July 30, 1888, at Whitesburg, Hamblen County, Tennessee, the son of Landon Marion and Lucy Horner Cooper. He was married to Grace Bayless (1896-1977) on June 1, 1911 and they had one son and two daughters. He was educated in the public schools of Hamblen County, and had been a resident of Johnson City for 56 years. He retired in 1953 as Division Traffic Manager of General Mills, after 42 years of service. He had been a member of Central Baptist Church at Johnson City since 1909, was a member of the Baracca Class, and was a former Deacon of the Church.

He was raised in Johnson City Lodge 486 on September 4, 1913, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1919 and as its Secretary from 1915 through 1917 and from 1921 through 1938 and as its Treasurer from 1943 through 1963.

He was exalted in Thomas E. Matson Chapter 131 at Johnson City on November 19, 1914, and served as its High Priest in 1920, Secretary from 1925 through 1934, Treasurer from 1943 through 1953, and Secretary from 1954 through 1963. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 26, 1920.

He was greeted in Greeneville Council 77 at Greeneville on October 18, 1918, and became a charter member of Holston Council 101 at Johnson City in 1929. He served the latter as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1937, Recorder from 1929 through 1931, Treasurer from 1943 through 1955, and Recorder from 1956 through 1963.

He was knighted in St. Omer Commandery 19 at Bristol on July 26, 1915, became a charter member of Watauga Commandery 25 at Johnson City in 1916, and served as Recorder from the time of its organization until 1934, its Commander from April 1934 to April 1935, and Recorder again from April 1935 until March 1946, Treasurer from 1946 to 1954, Recorder from June 1954 to June 1955 and June 1957 until the time of his death; a remarkable record of 46 years of service as an officer since the organization of the Commandery.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in November 1941, and transferred his membership to the new Consistory at Knoxville after its organization. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Nolachucky Chapter 194 at Johnson City on July 1, 1918, and served as its Worthy Patron from 1931 to 1934. He served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee in 1938. He was initiated in Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Knoxville on October 1, 1915. He was a charter member of Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, at its organization at Johnson City in 1941, and served as its Eminent Prior in 1947. He was a member and Past President of the Masonic Veterans Association of Tennessee. In the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee, he served on the Committees on Place of Meeting and on Finance and Accounts from time to time.



In the Grand Lodge, he served on the Committees on Returns and on Ways and Means prior to his election as Junior Grand Warden on January 27, 1938. He advanced each year until being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on January 30, 1941. After completion of his term he served on the Jurisprudence and Welfare Committees.

Samuel Cooper died in Memorial Hospital at Johnson City on May 4, 1964, age 75 years, after a long illness. He was buried in Happy Valley Memorial Park at Elizabethton, Carter County, Tennessee. Watauga Commandery 25 furnished a Templar escort. Past Grand Master Stephenson and Grand Secretary Doss represented the Grand Lodge. Present and past Grand Officers of the other Masonic bodies were present, along with a large number of other Masons and friends.

Portrait of Grand Master Samuel Howard Cooper, Johnson City Lodge No. 486, giclee on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1941. Original located in Johnson City Lodge No. 486. Sponsor for restoration: Johnson City Lodge No. 486, 2016.

William W. Herron

104th Grand Master – 1942



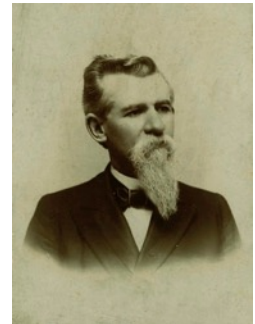
William W. Herron

William Wade Herron, son of Edgar Alexander (1853-1932) and Alice Amelia (Wade) Herron (1865-1945), was born August 25, 1890 at the home of his maternal grandfather at Brazil, Gibson County, Tennessee. He came with his parents to Trenton, Tennessee within a year, where he made his home from then on. He graduated from Peabody High School in 1909, worked his way through college, graduating from Cumberland University School of Law in June 1912 as the youngest member of his class; licensed to practice law in July of the same year by the State Board of Law Examiners at the age of twenty years. He tried his first case in a Court of Record before he was twenty-one and his first case before the State Supreme Court when the same age. He was admitted as a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court in 1913 and of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States in 1951. He became a member of the Tennessee Bar Association, of the American Bar Association and a member of the American Judicature Society.

From 1912 until 1934 he practiced law in Trenton. He was elected the 19th Chancellor of the 9th Division in 1934, where he served the regular two eight-year terms. He disposed of 6,672 cases involving several million dollars as well as a vast amount of property rights, without one penny unaccounted for

when he left office. Under his administration, his court was the first to hold that a title at a Chancery sale of land for delinquent taxes conveyed a good title.

It was after Judge Herron left the bench that he handled the famous Johnson-Lowery election contest in Polk County. In 1951 he was named by the House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly as Commissioner to take proof. It is believed that this is the first time such a proceeding had ever been had in this state, and there has been none since. He spent a week in hearing the testimony of over 350 witnesses, with some of the best lawyers in the state taking part in the hearing. One was a former Supreme Court Judge. The report of the Committee who passed on this proof is a fine testimonial to the manner in which this service was performed. The hearing was carried in Collier's Magazine in detail. At that time politics were at a boiling point in that county and four or five persons had been killed. He had eight state patrolmen in attendance at this hearing before it was over.



Rev. A. B. Jones

Judge Herron married the former Miss Mary Belle Jones (1893-1994) of Jackson, daughter of Dr. Amos Blanch Jones (1841-1924), Confederate Captain, outstanding educator and minister in the Methodist Church. In 1954 Cumberland University School of Law invited Herron to become a full professor in that famous institution. He accepted, expecting to only serve a year, but he continued there four years, when he voluntarily left and returned home.



A member of Trenton Lodge 86, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Free and Accepted Masons in 1942.

William "Will" Wade Herron died June 18, 1972 and was buried in Oakland Cemetery at Trenton, Gibson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master William Wade Herron, Trenton Lodge No. 86, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1942. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Arch E. McClanahan

105th Grand Master – 1943



Arch E. McClanahan

Arch Erwin McClanahan was born near Centerville, Hickman County, Tennessee, on October 29, 1888, the son of James Thomas (1855-1943) and Mary Smith McClanahan (1867-Deceased). He received his education in the public schools of Williamson County and at Battle Ground Academy at Franklin, Tennessee. He was engaged in dairy farming, and in the breeding of registered Jersey cattle for a number of years. He was president of the Davidson County Farm Bureau for 51 years from 1931 to 1981, a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee State Fair for 32 years, a member of the Tennessee Jersey Cattle Club, American Jersey Cattle Club, Nashville Rotary Club, and Davidson County Planning Commission. He was a member of the Price Memorial Methodist Church of Donelson, and had served as a member of its official Board.

He was married twice, first to Miss Sue Weakley (1891-1965), of Nashville, and after her death in 1965 he married Mae Conaster, who died in 1971.

Brother McClanahan was raised in McWhirtersville Lodge 375, at Donelson, on January 18, 1913, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1917. He was exalted in Cumberland Chapter 1 of Nashville on February 5, 1915, and served as its High Priest in 1919. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 28, 1919, and served as Grand President of the Order in 1923. He conferred the Order each year for 50 years before illness forced his retirement. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest in 1932 and was Grand Treasurer from 1948 through 1981.

He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on April 2, 1917, and served as its Illustrious Master in 1928. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in the organizational class of this Order in Tennessee, on January 29, 1940, and served as Illustrious King in 1950. He served the Grand Council as Grand Master in 1951 and as Grand Treasurer from 1957 through 1981.

He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on January 31, 1918, and served as its Commander in 1921-1922, and its Prelate from 1938 until 1941 and from 1944 until 1977. He was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1937 and served as Grand Treasurer from 1952 through 1981.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in November 1943 and was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 1979. He was made a member of Tennessee Priory 15, K.Y.C.H., on May 12, 1943 and served as Prior in 1951. He was a charter member of Old Hickory Conclave 83, Red Cross of Constantine, receiving this honor in the charter class of September 11, 1947 and was a past Sovereign. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville, on May 31, 1919.

In the Grand Lodge, he was elected Junior Grand Warden on February 1, 1940, and advance each year until January 28, 1943, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After serving as Grand Master, he served as Grand Treasurer from 1946 through 1981. Most Worshipful Brother McClanahan had the distinction of being one of only five in the state of Tennessee to have served as presiding officer of all four Tennessee York Rite Grand Bodies, holding this honor with John Frizzell, Wilbur F. Foster, Henry M. Aiken and Benjamin F. Haller.

McClanahan was also a philanthropist. One of his most notable achievements in life was his donation of 189 acres of land (valued at \$500,000) in Southeast Nashville, to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In death, his estate made a bequest in 1990 to the Widows and Orphans' Home Fund of Tennessee in the amount of \$1,421,793.00.

Arch McClanahan died November 6, 1986, at age 98; the longest lived Past Grand Master. He was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee on November 10, 1987.

Portrait of Grand Master Arch Erwin McClanahan, McWhirtersville Lodge No. 375, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1943. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Burton F. Whitaker

106th Grand Master – 1944



Burton F. Whitaker

Burton Freeman Whitaker was born June 14, 1892 in Bedford County, Tennessee, near Bell Buckle, Tennessee, the son of John Lewis Whitaker (1852-1910) and Mary Alice Earls Whitaker (1865-Deceased). He married Mary Abbie Scarborough (1893-1980) on May 28, 1915 and they had two sons, Freeman Monroe (1917-2010) and James Earls (1922-1998). He was educated in the public schools of Bedford and Coffee Counties, and for many years had been in the service of the N. C. & St. L. Railway. At the time of his death he was chief clerk in the transportation department of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad at Chattanooga, and had served as Treasurer and General Manager of the Chattanooga Terminal Employees Bank.

For a number of years he was affiliated with the First Baptist Church at Nashville, where he served as Secretary –Treasurer of the Men's Class of the Church School. On his removal to Chattanooga he affiliated with the First Baptist Church of that city and served the Men's Class as Secretary-Treasurer, Group Leader, Vice-President and President; also as Superintendent of the Young Peoples Department, Adult Department, and Associate General Superintendent of the Sunday School.

He was raised in Temple Lodge 430 at Chattanooga on September 19, 1924, and served as Worshipful Master in 1930 and Secretary from 1931 through 1941. He was exalted in John Bailey Nicklin Chapter 49 at Chattanooga on May 29, 1939, and served as High Priest in 1944. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 24, 1944. He was greeted in John Bailey Nicklin 95 at Chattanooga on October 16, 1942. He was knighted in Lookout Commandery 14 at Chattanooga on February 27, 1940, and served as Commander from March 1945 until March 1946.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in North Chattanooga Chapter 333 on March 4, 1936, and was a Past Patron of that Chapter.

In the Grand Lodge he served as a member and chairman of the Committee on Dispensations and Appeals for several years prior to his election as Junior Grand Warden on January 30, 1941. He advanced each year until January 27, 1944, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After his term as Grand Master he served as a member of the Welfare Committee.

Burton Whitaker died February 2, 1959 in Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee, as a result of a heart attack. He was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery at Chattanooga with Masonic honors. His own Lodge, Temple 430, conducted the Masonic burial. Past Grand Master Nathan L. Roberts represented the Grand Lodge at the service.

Portrait of Grand Master Burton Freeman Whitaker, Temple Lodge No. 430, photo on paper, Sam M. Judd, 1944. Sponsor for restoration: Temple Lodge No. 430, 2016.

Benjamin T. Dawkins

107th Grand Master – 1945



Benjamin T. Dawkins

Benjamin Tate Dawkins was born on a plantation in Benton County, Mississippi, October 21, 1886, and was the son of Benjamin Terrell Dawkins (1841-1898), a farmer, who spent his last days in Memphis, passing away in 1898. His mother bore the maiden name of Martha Ann Gatlin (1850-1922), and like her husband she was a native of Mississippi. Her death occurred in Memphis on the 7th of March 1922, when she was seventy-two years of age.

His parents brought Benjamin to Memphis in 1896, being then a youth of eleven years. At the age of sixteen he began learning the electrical business and was first employed by the firm of Browne & Borum. He received the princely sum two dollars and a half per week at the beginning, but from the initial point in his career advanced steadily. For several years he was in the employ of the Lytle Electric Company, starting with that firm at a salary of twelve dollars per week, from which he was advance to one hundred and fifty dollars per month, a fact indicative of the ability that he developed. He was also made Vice President of the company and while still with that concern he acted as superintendent of construction and as such wired many of the largest and most modern buildings in the city, including the Exchange building, the Union Planters Bank building, the Hotel Chisca, the Union Station, the Goodwyn Institute building, the Bank of Commerce, the Shelby County

Courthouse, the motor plant of the Virginia Bridge & Iron Company and still others.

In 1918 he resigned this position with the Lytle concern and embarked in business for himself under the style of the Dawkins Electric Company. He at once incorporated his interest, becoming President and Treasurer of the company. In fact, he was practically the sole owner, save that he gave a few shares of stock to some of his employees in order to increase interest in the business and encourage them to better and more faithful efforts. After starting independently he wired many of the largest and finest structures of Memphis, including the new Brys department store. This was a sixty-two thousand dollar job and at that time was the largest electric job ever let in the city. He also wired the A. B. Hill school, the Gordon school, the Shaw school at Shaw, Mississippi, and other fine school buildings. From the outset he remained a student of the science of electricity and was constantly broadening his knowledge through reading and experience. The stock of fixtures at the Dawkins Electric Company was one of the most complete in the city. He installed a twenty thousand dollar broadcasting radio plant in the Commercial Appeal building and acquired the wiring contract for the fifteen-story Tri-State Hotel building, corner Main and Adams, and the ten-story Family Hotel building on Poplar Avenue at Overton Park.

On the 1st day of July 1914, Mr. Dawkins was married to Miss Lottie P. Wright (1894-1980) of Memphis. They became the parents of two sons: Benjamin Tate (III), born November 26, 1916; and Terrell Wright, born July 7, 1920. Benjamin, Jr. served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1968 and died in 2006. Terrell died in 2000.



*Terrell Dawkins & his wife
Evelyn*

Brother Dawkins was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the City Club, Woodmen of the World, the Order of the Eastern Star, and his religious belief was that of the Methodist Church. He was fond of golf, hunting, fishing and baseball and is the inventor of the electric scoreboard being used in the Southern Baseball League.

A member of Park Avenue Lodge 362, he was a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason, K.Y.C.H., a member of Al Chymia Shrine Temple, a Past Master of Park Avenue Lodge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1936, Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1945 and Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1953.

Benjamin Tate Dawkins died August 25, 1971, age 84 years, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Benjamin Tate Dawkins, Sr., Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, oil on canvas, Jascha Shaffren, 1945. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund 2017.



Addison B. McClure **108th Grand Master – 1946**



Addison B. McClure

Addison Brown McClure was born July 24, 1897 at Athens, Limestone County, Alabama, the son of John B. (1842-1919) and Minnie Ora (Beckham) McClure (1875-1958). He was married to Annie Lou Green (1897-191965), a native of Giles County. They had one daughter, Evelyn B. (1917-2007). McClure was an assistant train master for the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad. The McClure's lived in Nashville for many years and he took a leading part in the Methodist Church.

He was a member of Corinthian Lodge 414 and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1946. McClure also served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 1942.

Addison B. McClure died Friday, June 30, 1950, age 52 years, at a Nashville hospital. His wife; his daughter, Mrs. Wayne Grout of Memphis; three grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Brittain of Nashville; and a sister, Mrs. H. E. Beckham of Athens, Alabama, survived him. Services were held Monday, August 3 at 3:30 p.m. at West End Methodist Church in Nashville. Burial took place at Woodlawn Memorial Park and Mausoleum at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

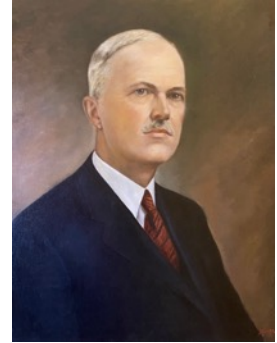
Portrait of Grand Master Addison Brown McClure, Corinthian Lodge No. 414, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1946. Sponsor for restoration: Corinthian Lodge No. 8, 2017.

John C. Crawford, Jr. 109th Grand Master – 1947



John C. Crawford, Jr.

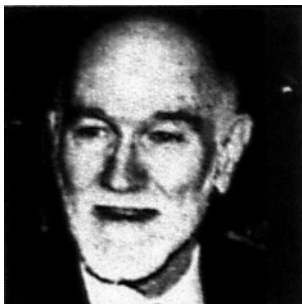
John Calvin Crawford, Jr. was born July 24, 1906 at Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee, the son of John C. Crawford, Sr. (1875-1949) and Mary Maud (Farnham) Crawford (1878-1960). His father served as Clerk and Master of the Blount County Chancery Court from 1903 to 1909; a member of the senate of the State of Tennessee from 1913 to 1915; Blount County judge from 1924 to 1934. He was always active in efforts for good government, temperance and law enforcement. Judge John Crawford, Sr. was a member of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the Revolution and was a member of all Masonic bodies in Maryville. In the later fraternal organization he served as an officer in the Knoxville Consistory, was a Knight Templar and a 32nd Degree Mason.



John C. Crawford, Sr.

John, Jr. was educated in the public schools of Maryville, Maryville College (A.B.) and Harvard University (LL.B.)

On January 1, 1933 John, Jr. married America Arey Moore (1906-1986) in San Antonio, Texas and they had three children, Carolyn, John Calvin III (1937-2008) and Duncan. After active duty, John, III continued his military career in the Naval Reserve, retiring after 21 years service in the rank of Commander. He graduated from Vanderbilt Law School in 1966 and joined his family law firm, Crawford & Crawford, in Maryville, where he practiced law with his father, John Jr., and his uncle, Roy. In 1973 he left the firm to become an assistant district attorney for Blount, Loudon, and Roane counties. In 1978 he was elected Circuit Court Judge, Division II, for Blount County, handling primarily criminal cases; he was reelected in 1982.



John C. Crawford, III

John C. Crawford, Jr. was engaged in the practice of law at Maryville for a number of years with his brother and son, served as State Senator 1941-44 and as U. S. Attorney from 1953 to 1961. He was active in civic and religious circles of Maryville and was a member of the New Providence Presbyterian Church, where he served as elder. Crawford's political persuasion was Republican and he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention from Tennessee in 1952.



John C. Crawford, Sr.

Brother Crawford was raised in New Providence Lodge 128 at Maryville on August 22, 1930, served as Master in 1935 and was Treasurer for a number of years. He was exalted in Maryville Chapter 186, Royal Arch Masons, on April 23, 1936, served as High Priest in 1940 and was Treasurer for many years. He received the Order of High Priesthood on January 29, 1940. Companion Crawford was greeted in Knoxville Council 75, Cryptic Masons, April 15, 1937 and served as the first Illustrious Master of pride Council 103 in Maryville in 1939. He served as Recorder in 1940-41 and as Treasurer for many years. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel on January 29, 1940 and served as president in 1943. In the Grand Council he served as Illustrious Grand Master in 1947, the same year he served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. He was knighted in Cyprus Commandery 23 of Knoxville on May 29, 1942 and served as Commander in 1945.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in April 1941, was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 16, 1945. He became a charter member of



Roy Crawford

Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies in 1945 and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 21, 1949. He served as Venerable Master of the Knoxville Scottish Rite from 1946 to 1959. Brother Crawford was a member of Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor and served as Prior in 1962. He was also a member of Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Knoxville, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Red Cross of Constantine and the Eastern Star Chapter at Maryville.



John C. Crawford, Jr.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Dispensations and Appeals Committee from 1936 to 1943, on the Jurisprudence Committee in 1943 and was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1944. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on January 30, 1947. The first Grand Master born in the 20th Century. In 1948 he was appointed to the Jurisprudence Committee and served until 1976, most years as chairman.



John C. Crawford, Jr. died December 24, 1981 at Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee and was buried in Grandview Cemetery of the same city.

Portrait of Grand Master John Calvin Crawford, Jr., New Providence Lodge No. 128, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1947. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund 2017.

Anderson Lacy Price 110th Grand Master – 1948



Anderson Lacy Price

Anderson Lacy Price was born October 30, 1891 at Pinson, Tennessee, the son of Rufus Etheridge (1857-1934) and Luna May (Croom) Price (1866-1941). He was married at Pinson, Tennessee, November 10, 1920, to Nellie Vesta Mays (1900-1991), the daughter of Dr. Thomas Bruce Mays (1871-1930), then Master of Pinson Lodge 222. He was educated in the Pinson schools and graduated from the University of Tennessee. He served as President of the UT Alumni Association.

Upon graduation from UT he became cashier of the Pinson Savings Bank, a position he held until he joined the Army, April 26, 1918. During World War I he served as a private and non-commissioned officer, spending 10 months overseas in England and France, and was in the Somme offensive. In September 1941 he organized Company M of the Tennessee State Guard at Jackson. He was commissioned Captain of the Infantry, October 14, 1941; promoted to Major, March 12, 1942; to Colonel on May 20, 1942 and on August 20, 1943 he was promoted to Brigadier General, commanding the First Infantry Brigade which included all State Troops in West Tennessee. He was a member of Post 1848 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and had served as President of the A. V. Patton Men's Bible Class and Sunday School superintendent, and chairman of ushers for 14 years. He was Vice President and advertising manager of The Jackson Sun, and served as president of the Tennessee Press Association. He was a member of Jackson Lodge 192, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

He was raised in Pinson Lodge 222, Pinson, Tennessee, September 1, 1914 and served as Junior Warden before transferring his membership to Jackson Lodge 45, January 11, 1924. He served as Senior Warden in 1926 and Worshipful Master in 1927. He was exalted in Clinton Chapter 9 of Jackson on May 29, 1941. He was greeted in Jackson Council 13 on April 1, 1946. He was knighted in Jackson Commandery 13 on November 25, 1946. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis, April 1926 and had served as Secretary of the Scottish Rite Guards. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Memphis in 1926, and served as Ambassador to Al Chymia for several years. He was president of the Jackson Shrine Club.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Appeals and Grievances Committee from 1940 to 1945 and on February 1, 1945 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, advancing each year until January 29, 1948 when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After his term, he served on the Welfare and Jurisprudence Committees.

As a member of Jackson Lodge 45, he wrote and published a history of the lodge. He hosted former President Harry Truman in Jackson in the Summer of 1960.

Anderson Lacy Price died February 22, 1969, age 77 years, after a long illness, in Jackson, Tennessee. He was buried in the Shrine at Highland Memorial Gardens at Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee, with graveside Masonic service conducted by Brother Jesse Barnes, Secretary of Jackson Lodge 45. Senior Grand Warden Coy H. Duke and a number of other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters from over the State represented the Grand Lodge.



Portrait of Grand Master Anderson Lacy Price, Jackson Lodge No. 45, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1948. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Lucien C. Connell

111th Grand Master – 1949



Lucien C. Connell

Lucien Campbell Connell was born in Nashville, Tennessee, July 24, 1886, the son of William Alexander (1848-1900) and Louisa Garnet Bradford Connell (1852-1895). He married Emma Frances Scudday (1885-1906) on September 23, 1905, however she passed away November 22, 1906 at the age of 21 years from uremic poisoning. They had one daughter, Frances Scudday Connell (1906-1913). This daughter died, March 26, 1913, age 7 years. Lucien Connell remarried to Dorothy Rollow (1885-1959) on October 12, 1909 and they had one son and one daughter.

He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home from 1922 until his death and Executive Manager of the Masonic Home from 1922 to until it was closed, when he took over the supervision of the Masonic charity program under the outside Maintenance plan.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church at Nashville for many years, moving his membership to the First Presbyterian Church at Clarksville when he moved to that city after the closing of the Masonic Home. He was active in the civic affairs of his community, with emphasis on the Community Chest and welfare work.

He was raised in Edgefield Lodge 254 at Nashville on November 10, 1915, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1918. He was exalted in Edgefield Chapter 197 at Nashville on September 15, 1921, and served as its High Priest in 1943. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 25, 1943, and served as its Secretary-Treasurer until the time of his death. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on August 14, 1922, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1945. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville in January 1945. He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on December 9, 1927, and served as its Recorder from March 1953 to June 1955.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in November 1917, and May 1918, and served as Treasurer of the co-ordinate bodies from 1922 until his death. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1921, and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary on October 25, 1929. He received the Red Cross of Constantine in Old Hickory Conclave 83 at Nashville in 1947, and was its Treasurer in that year and its Sovereign in 1953. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville, on June 7, 1918, served as its Almoner from 1947 until his death, and was a life member. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Rock City Chapter 2 at Nashville, and became a charter member of Jere Baxter Chapter 343.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Treasurer from May 14, 1940, until January 31, 1948, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden, advancing each year until January 27, 1949, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil on January 25, 1944, advancing each year until January 29, 1952, when he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest. In the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Tennessee he was appointed Grand Prelate at the Annual Conclave on September 4, 1957, and served in that capacity until the time of his death.

Always interested in Youth Work, he was very active in promoting the Order of DeMolay and at the time of his death he was an Active Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay, and Executive Officer in Tennessee.

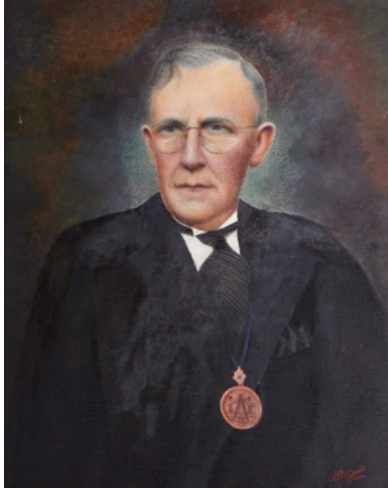


Lucien Connell died in a local hospital on April 6, 1958, age 71 years, after an illness of a few days. His funeral was conducted at the First Presbyterian Church at Clarksville, in which he had taught the Men's Bible Class for a number of years, and was buried in Rossvie Cemetery in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Lucien Campbell Connell, Edgefield Lodge No. 254, photograph on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1949. Sponsor for restoration: Jere Baxter Edgefield Lodge No. 254, 2016.

Elbert C. Coleman

112th Grand Master – 1950



Elbert C. Coleman

Elbert Carlton “Carl” Coleman was born June 2, 1894 at Hayesville, Clay County, North Carolina, the son of Marvin Lee (1873-1964) and Nora (Hardin) Coleman (1869-1948). He married Florence Marcum (1894-1967) on December 18, 1919 in Scott, Tennessee. They had one daughter, Nova Carlene (1921-2010). His wife passed away in 1967, fifteen months before his own death. He was educated in the public schools of Hayesville and at Grant University, and moved to Oneida around 1915 as an employee of the Cook Construction Co., builders of the Oneida and Western Railroad. He later served for a number of years as General Superintendent of the railroad, and was a well-known farmer and cattleman in the community for many years. At the time of his death he was a public accountant with offices in Oneida.

He served in the United States Army in World War I, and was a long-time member of the Oneida Methodist Church, which he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary of the official board and member of the finance committee.

He was raised in Oneida Lodge 695 on October 12, 1923, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1937, Secretary in 1940 and Chaplain in 1943 and 1944. He was elected Treasurer in December 1955, and served in that capacity until his death.

He was exalted in Morgan-Scott Chapter 213 at Oneida on October 21, 1939, and served as its Secretary in 1945 and 1952, its High Priest in 1962 and Key Man in 1963 and 1965. After the surrender of the charter of 213 he affiliated with Palmyra Chapter 218 at Oak Ridge on November 3, 1965. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in March 1962. He was greeted in Pride Council 103 at Maryville on June 28, 1941. He was knighted in Chevalier Commandery 21 at Harriman on October 23, 1943.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in April 1927, and transferred his membership to the Knoxville Bodies when they were organized. He was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary on October 23, 1959. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Sapphire Chapter 259 at Oneida on July 15, 1932 and served as its Worthy Patron in 1944 and 1946. He was initiated in Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Knoxville on December 7, 1946.

In the Grand Lodge, after serving for several years on committees and one year as Junior Grand Deacon, he was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 30, 1947, and advance each year until January 26, 1950, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. After his term as Grand Master he served for a number of years on the Jurisprudence Committee, and from 1951 through 1966 he installed the new Grand Officers at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Elbert Coleman died in a Knoxville Hospital June 30, 1968; age 74 years, after a long illness. He was buried at Oneida, Tennessee in Carson Memorial Cemetery with Masonic honors after services at the West Funeral Home Chapel on July 3. Most Worshipful Grand Master Quisenberry and other present and past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies attended the services.



Portrait of Grand Master Elbert Carlton Coleman, Oneida Lodge No. 695, oil on canvas, Sam M. Judd, 1950. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

W. Phelan Douglas

113th Grand Master – 1951



W. Phelan Douglas

Wallace Phelan Douglas was born July 18, 1894 in Union City, Tennessee, the son of Charles Austin (1864-1947) and Mollie Elizabeth (Phelan) Douglas (1866-1942). He was educated in the public schools of Humboldt, Tennessee. He spent 36 years in the postal service in Humboldt and was married on August 22, 1917 to Robbie Cowles Hunt (1896-1962) in Humboldt. To this union was born one son, Charles Hunt Douglas (1919-1945), born October 16, 1919. She died on September 20, 1962 and he was married to Sarah McConnell Stewart (1912-2010) of Nashville on May 30, 1965. Sarah was a Past Matron of Claiborne Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Davidson County Past Matron's Association.

Brother Douglas was a member of the First Baptist Church in Humboldt from August 14, 1906 to September 11, 1949, when he transferred to Immanuel Baptist Church in Nashville. Shortly after his second marriage, he transferred his membership to First Baptist Church, Nashville. He served the church in Humboldt as deacon, treasurer, chairman of the finance committee and director of music. He also served as president of

the Friendly Men's Bible Class of the First Church in Nashville.

He was a member of Humboldt Lodge 202; Shiloh Chapter 198, Royal Arch Masons; Humboldt Council 100, Cryptic Masons; all of Humboldt and Jackson Commandery 13, Knight Templars in Jackson. He served a presiding officer over all of the above bodies and was received a Knight of York Cross of Honor on May 8, 1950 in Tennessee Priory 15. He served as Prior in 1957 and Registrar-Treasurer for several years. He served as president of the Order of High Priesthood in 1932. He was a member of the inaugural class in the Order of the Silver Trowel (then called the Thrice Illustrious Masters Degree) in 1940 and was elected president of this order in 1942.



Sarah Douglas

He received the Eastern Star degrees in Humboldt Chapter 256 as a member of the charter class, January 31, 1923 and was its Worthy Patron in 1925 and 1934. Brother Douglas received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Tennessee Consistory, Valley of Memphis in April 1948 and transferred to Trinity Consistory, Valley of Nashville on January 10, 1950. He was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 20, 1959 and was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 23, 1969.

He was received into Old Hickory Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, June 1, 1950 and was Sovereign in 1962. He was initiated by Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Memphis in April 1949 and transferred to Al Menah Temple, Nashville, November 10, 1949. Brother Douglas was a charter member of Holy Manger Tabernacle 48, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, in 1964 and was Preceptor in 1966. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Great Priory of America, C.B.C.S., in which he held the distinct title of Eques Sympathiae.

In the Grand Commandery he was first Grand Instructor-Inspector for the entire state in 1950 and was one of the principal advocates and promoters of York Rite Festivals in Tennessee. He was elected Grand Recorder on August 26, 1966.

In the Grand Chapter, he served on the Ways and Means Committee from 1931 to 1934 and was elected Grand High Priest on January 13, 1941. He served as General Grand Custodian of the Work of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International from 1948 to 1978. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee on March 22, 1966. In the Grand Council Brother Douglas was elected Grand Recorder on March 22, 1966.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Education Committee in 1940 and 1941 and was its Fraternal Correspondent from 1942 until January 28, 1949, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He advanced each year and was Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1951. He was elected Grand Secretary on March 24, 1966. Brother Douglas retired on November 30, 1974 as Grand Secretary-Recorder and was elected Grand Secretary-Recorder Emeritus at the annual meetings in 1975.

W. Phelan Douglas died March 18, 1982 in Nashville. Humboldt Lodge 202 conducted Masonic services with burial in Spring Hill Cemetery at Madison, Tennessee. He is buried with his second wife Sarah, her first husband Elliot Stewart who died in 1957 and her grandson who predeceased her, W. Chris Hewgley.



Portrait of Grand Master Wallace Phelan Douglas, Humboldt Lodge No. 202, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1951. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Amzie Hall Kirkpatrick 114th Grand Master – 1952



Amzie Hall Kirkpatrick

Amzie Hall Kirkpatrick was born at Lebanon, Wilson County, Tennessee, on March 31, 1896 the son of Lee (1866-1910) and Pearl (Hooker) Kirkpatrick (1876-1969). He received his education in the public schools of Wilson County and Castle Heights Military Academy. He was owner and operator of a retail shoe store in Lebanon until his retirement and was a member of Lebanon Presbyterian Church. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 22 during World War I and rose to the rank of Sergeant. He married Maggie Lou Whitefield (1912-2008) on August 22, 1935.

He was raised in Lebanon Lodge 98 on March 1, 1920 and served as Worshipful Master in 1925 and 1928. He was exalted in Lebanon Chapter 25 on October 8, 1920 and served as High Priest in 1926. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on January 25, 1944. He became a charter member of Lebanon Council 109 in 1947 and was Thrice Illustrious Master in 1950. He was knighted in Baldwin Commandery 7 on November 8, 1920. He served as Commander in 1926, 1936 and 1937.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Nashville; Rose Croix Chapter 95, Order of the Eastern Star in Lebanon; Past Sovereign of Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.



He served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1946. In the Grand Lodge he was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1949 and advanced each year and was installed Most Worshipful Grand Master in January 1952.

Amzie Kirkpatrick died January 8, 1992, age 92 years, and was buried in Bethlehem Cemetery in Wilson County, Tennessee. Lebanon Lodge 98 conducted the Masonic graveside service. His wife Maggie Lou survived him.

Portrait of Grand Master Amzie Hall Kirkpatrick, Lebanon Lodge No. 98, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1952. Sponsor for restoration: Lebanon Lodge No. 98, 2016.

Clyde H. Wilson

115th Grand Master – 1953



Clyde H. Wilson

Clyde Hubert Wilson was born December 28, 1889 at Bellbrook, Ohio, the son of Walter Clement (1862-1942) and Amanda Malvina (Snethen) Wilson (1861-1925). He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in 1910 and a Master of Science in Education from the University of Tennessee in 1917. Wilson was appointed the head of the industrial arts department at the University of Tennessee in 1925.

Wilson was a football, basketball and baseball coach. He served as the head football coach at Eastern Kentucky University from 1910 to 1911 and head basketball coach from 1909 to 1912. He volunteered as the first head football coach at West Tennessee Normal School (now University of Memphis) in 1912 and served until 1915. He was also head baseball coach from 1915 to 1919. Coach Wilson compiled an overall record in football of 11-19-2, 10-11 in basketball and 19-12-1 in baseball. He coached West Tennessee Normal School in their first ever football game on October 5, 1912 and they played to a 0-0 draw against Memphis University School at Red Elm Park. Their first victory came in the 1912 season when they defeated Bolton Agricultural College 13-0.

Wilson was also an educator and taught in several schools in Kentucky and Tennessee, ending at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

He was a member of Oriental Lodge 453, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, Past Potentate of Al Chymia Shrine Temple, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1939 and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1953.

Clyde Wilson died November 2, 1959, at a doctor's office in Knoxville and was buried in Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery in Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Clyde Hubert Wilson, Oriental Lodge No. 453, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1953. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

Raymond Lee Allen

116th Grand Master – 1954



Raymond Lee Allen

Raymond Lee “Mike” Allen was born November 28, 1903 at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, the son of Abner Coleman (1869-1953) and Daisy Laura (Jarret) Allen (1876-1957). He was educated in the public schools of Memphis and at the University of Southern California. He was married to Kathryn Agnes Blakemore (1908-1994) on July 31, 1934. To them was born two sons and one daughter.

He was a member of Boulevard Baptist Church, a member of Shelby County School Board and a former member of the city’s Traffic Advisory Committee. His business career was spent in the baking business. He began working with Wonder Bread where he stayed for three years before becoming associated with Schneider’s Bakery for 30 years, serving as Vice President and General Manager. He was a member of the American Society of Bakery Engineers and a member of the American Bakers Association. He was also a member of the Memphis Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He retired from the bakery business in 1966 and became the Recorder of Al Chymia Temple, a position he held at the time of his death.

He was raised in Leila Scott Lodge 289, Memphis, on June 25, 1936 and served as Worshipful Master in 1941 and Secretary in 1943 and 1944. He was exalted in Penn Chapter 22, Royal Arch Masons at Memphis, March 31, 1944. He was greeted in Eureka Council 6, Royal and Select Masters on October 18, 1944. He was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery 15, Knights Templar, Memphis, on April 17, 1945.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Tennessee Consistory 1 at Memphis in November 1936 and was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1943, and coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary on October 24, 1947. He served as Wise Master, Knights Rose Croix in 1943 and was a member of the Cathedral Board.

He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. of Memphis, on December 5, 1936 and served as Illustrious Potentate in 1952. He was Recorder of Al Chymia at the time of his death. He was Past President of the Association of Shrine Oriental Bands of North America, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Unit of the Shriners Hospitals for Cripple Children.

He received the Eastern Star degrees on March 14, 1941 in Memphis Chapter 62 and transferred to Summer Avenue Chapter 313 on November 28, 1944 and served as its Worthy Patron in 1946. He was a member and Past Sovereign of St. Stephen Conclave 20, Red Cross of Constantine of Memphis, having served as Sovereign in 1952. The Grand Monarch in Zaman Grotto of Memphis made him a Prophet at sight on February 9, 1953. He was a Past President of the Memphis Masonic Temple Board and served for a number of years as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

In the Grand Lodge he was appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 1943, and since 1944 he had served on the Board of Custodians. On February 1, 1951, he was elected Junior Grand Warden, advancing each year until March 25, 1954, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Mike Allen died October 23, 1970, age 66 years, at Methodist Hospital in Memphis and was interred in Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown at Memphis.



Portrait of Grand Master Raymond Lee Allen, Leila Scott Lodge No. 289, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1954. Sponsor for restoration: Memphis Lodge No. 118, 2016.

Hardin Henry Conn

117th Grand Master – 1955



Hardin Henry Conn

Hardin Henry Conn was born in Adairville, Logan County, Kentucky on November 3, 1893, the son of Eugene Phillip (1868-1939) and Annie Laura (Copeland) Conn (1875-1945). He was one of four children, Frederick Eugene (1895-1956), Virgil Copeland (1896-1920) and Alice Lucille (1905-1993). He married Mary Lee Robertson (1894-1964) at Springfield, Tennessee, on June 21, 1911 and they had one son and three daughters, Ann Frances (1912-1995), Hardin Henry, Jr. (1918-1978), Jeanette Rose (1919-1999) and Mary Josephine (1923-2001). He was educated in the public schools of Adairville and at Wallace School in Nashville, graduating from the Vanderbilt Law School in June 1916.

He was City Attorney at Sweetwater, Tennessee, in 1918-19, and was County Attorney and special Attorney General of Robertson County, Tennessee from 1936 to 1942, Special Representative of the State of Tennessee in Washington in 1941, 1942 State Rationing Officer of the Office of Price Administration from 1942 to 1945, and practice law in Nashville beginning in 1945. He was General

Counsel and Executive Secretary of Tennessee Businessmen's Association from 1945 to 1954. He also served as Chairman of the Governor's Small Business Commission in Tennessee in 1951-52. He held membership in the Robertson County Bar Association, the Nashville Bar Association and the State Bar Association of Tennessee.



Eugene Phillip Conn



Virgil, Hardin & Frederick

While residing in Springfield he was affiliated with the Springfield Baptist Church and taught a Men's Bible Class. After Moving to Nashville in 1945 he affiliated with the First Baptist Church of that city, where he served as a deacon and as teacher of the Friendly Men's Bible Class. He had served on the Board of Trustees of the Mid-Sate Baptist Hospital at Nashville.

He was raised in Sweetwater Lodge 292 at Sweetwater on February 28, 1919, and transferred his membership to Western Star Lodge 9 at Springfield in 1921 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1926 and 1927. He was

exalted in Doric Chapter 210 at Nashville on November 14, 1945. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 at Nashville on January 8, 1947 and was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 at Nashville on March 2, 1946.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in April 1921, was invested with the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 22, 1929, and was coroneted



Mary Lee Conn

a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 22, 1943. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Nashville on April 5, 1930. He became a member of Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Nashville, on January 15, 1949.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances from 1945 to 1951, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 31, 1952, and advanced each year until March 24, 1955, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. At the expiration of his term as Grand Master he became a member of the Welfare Committee, and also served on the Jurisprudence Committee in 1957 and 1958.



Annie Laura Conn

Hardin Conn died March 19, 1963, in a hospital at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee, after an illness of several months. His funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in Nashville on March 21, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Adairville, Kentucky. Senior Grand Warden Ralph F. Worthy and a number of other present and past Grand Lodge officers represented the Grand Lodge at the funeral.

Portrait of Grand Master Hardin Henry Conn, Western Star Lodge No. 9, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1955. Sponsor for restoration: Western Star Lodge No. 9, 2017.



Hardin Henry Conn



Nathan L. Roberts

118th Grand Master – 1956



Nathan L. Roberts

Nathan Linville Roberts was born July 18, 1898 in Hamilton County, Tennessee, the son of John Franklin (18858-1943) and America Winfrey Roberts (1860-1949). He was married to Cecile Tonkin on March 17, 1923 and they had one son, Nathan, Jr. (1924-2003). He was President and General Manager of Nathan L. Roberts Company, Inc., and was also associated with Clemons Brothers Company, where he was manager of the floorcovering and drapery department, at the time of his death. He served in both World Wars, receiving eight decorations including the Victory Medal and Purple Heart. He was discharged with the rank of Colonel in the U. S. Air Force. He was a member of the Summers-Whitehead Post 14 of the American Legion and a Past Commander of that Post.

He was a member of the Chattanooga Kiwanis Club and served as a board member, club treasurer and chaired many of its committees.

He was a member of the First Christian Church for over three decades. He served as chairman and co-chairman of the building committee during different times of development. He taught the Pennybacker Sunday School

Class and was a former Sunday School superintendent.

Brother Roberts was raised in Chattanooga Lodge 199 on June 2, 1922 and served as Master in 1937. He was exalted in John Bailey Nicklin Chapter 49 at Chattanooga, June 27, 1950. Companion Roberts was greeted in Lookout Commandery 14 at Chattanooga on October 26, 1950.

Brother Roberts received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Knoxville Bodies on September 30, 1953 as a member of the Stanley Lachman Class. He was a 33° Inspector General Honorary. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Mission Ridge Chapter 210 at Chattanooga on November 19, 1937 and served as Worthy Patron in 1940.

Brother Roberts was elected Junior Grand Warden on January 29, 1953 and advanced each year until March 29, 1956 when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Nathan Roberts died June 6, 1977 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and was buried in Chattanooga National Cemetery.

Portraits of Grand Master Nathan Linville Roberts, Chattanooga Lodge No. 199, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1956. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund, 2017.

James Walker Kerr 119th Grand Master – 1957



James Walker Kerr

James Walker Kerr was born near Kenton, Obion County, Tennessee on August 10, 1892, the son of William David (1856-1926) and Valutia Alice (Walker) Kerr (1859-1943). He was educated in the public schools of Kenton and Jackson School of Business at Jackson, Tennessee. He was active in the business, civic and religious life of Union City for many years, and was President of the Old and Third National Bank of that city. He was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, and served as clerk of the session in the church for 25 years. He was Treasurer and teacher of a Sunday School class until he became ill.

On April 17, 1917 he was married to Kate Henderson (1892-1919), who died on February 20, 1919 of acute Bright's disease at the age of 26 years. Two years later he was married to Ethel Henderson (1886-1966), his first wife's sister, who passed away in 1966. To the first union was born one daughter, Mary Katherine (1918-2001), whose mother died when she was just seven months old, and to the second union was born one daughter, Frances Walker (1926-2020).

He was made a Master Mason in Union City Lodge 538 on April 16, 1918, and served as Worshipful Master in 1921 and 1922 and as Secretary in 1923. He was exalted in Union City Chapter 132 on September 16, 1920, and served as High Priest in 1933. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 23, 1933. He was greeted in Troy Council 79 at Troy on May 2, 1923, transferred to Humboldt Council 100 on February 15, 1938, and became a charter member of Union City Council on March 26, 1956, serving as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1955 (under dispensation) and in 1956. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville on March 25, 1957. He was knighted in Dyersburg Commandery 8 at Dyersburg on October 24, 1921, became a charter member of Union City Commander 29 on May 17, 1923, and served as its Commander from April 1925 to April 1927.

He became a member of Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, at Knoxville on September 20, 1956, and a member of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Memphis on October 18, 1958. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Memphis, April 1958. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Union City Chapter 165 on January 11, 1921. On October 10, 1922, he was initiated in Al Chymia, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Memphis.

In the Grand Commandery, Knight Templars, he was elected Grand Warden on May 16, 1934, and advanced each year until his election as Right Eminent Grand Commander on April 29, 1942. After the expiration of his term of office as Grand Commander he served on the Jurisprudence Committee, and served as President of the Past Grand Commanders Association from 1952 to 1954.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Ways and Means Committee from 1933 until his election as Junior Grand Warden in 1954. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 1957. After his term of office he served on the Jurisprudence and Welfare Committees.

James Kerr died February 3, 1967, age 74 years, at Union City, Tennessee, after a long illness. He was buried in Beulah Church Cemetery near Union City, Obion County, Tennessee. A number of present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery attended the services.



Portrait of Grand Master James Walker Kerr, Union City Lodge No. 538, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1957.

William J. Sanders, Jr. 120th Grand Master –1958



William J. Sanders, Jr.

William Josiah Sanders, Jr. was born October 29, 1893, near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the son of the William Josiah, Sr. (1862-1953) and Frances “Fannie” (Adams) Sanders (1871-1954). He was educated in the public schools of Murfreesboro. He was in the lumber and building material business at Tullahoma. During World War I he served in the United States Marine Corps. He was married on October 27, 1920, at Overall, Rutherford County, to Miss Inez Smith (1893-1965), and to this union was born two sons; William Josiah, III (1922-2003) and Robert Smith (1927-2006).



William J. Sanders, Sr.

Sanders served as a member of the Board of Stewards of the Tullahoma M. E. Church and later as one of its Trustees. He was a member and past president of the Tullahoma Rotary Club, and was also past District Governor of Rotary for his district.

He was raised a Master Mason, December 10, 1918 in Port Royal Lodge 242, Port Royal, South Carolina, and on October 19, 1920 transferred his membership to Tullahoma Lodge 262, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1926.



William Jr. as a boy

He was exalted on August 25, 1919 in Pythagoras Chapter 150, Murfreesboro, and became a charter member of Tullahoma Chapter 193 in 1921 and served as its High Priest in 1923, 1928 and 1929. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1924, and served as its President in 1954. He was greeted on August 3, 1921 in Nashville Council 1, and in January, 1932 became a charter member of Tullahoma Council 102, serving as Illustrious Master in 1935. He was knighted in Murfreesboro Commandery 10 on September 26, 1919, and served as its Commander from March 1943 to March 1944.

He was initiated in 1924 in Tullahoma Chapter 269, Order of the Eastern Star and served as its Worthy Patron in 1929 and 1933. He served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1939. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in November 1921, and was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 16, 1951.



Frances Sanders

Brother Sanders received the Red Cross of Constantine as a member of the charter class in Old Hickory Conclave 83 at Nashville on September 11, 1947, and served as Sovereign in 1956. He was initiated October 10, 1919 in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Nashville.



William J. Sanders, Jr.

He was elected Grand Master of the Third Veil on January 27, 1931, and advanced each year until January 26, 1937, when he was elected Grand High Priest. He later served on the Jurisprudence Committee. He is a member of Tennessee Priory 15, K. Y. C. H. In the Grand Commandery he served as Grand Inspector in 1944, 1945 and 1946. On April 30, 1947, he was elected Grand Warder, and advanced each year until September 15, 1954, when he was elected Grand Commander.

For a number of years he served on various committees of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

In the Grand Lodge, after having served on almost every committee, he was elected Junior

Grand Warden on March 24, 1955, and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 27, 1958.

William Sanders died September 14, 1961, age 67 years, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery at Tullahoma, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master William Josiah Sanders, Jr., Tullahoma Lodge No. 262, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1958.



Inez Smith Sanders



William J. Sanders, III

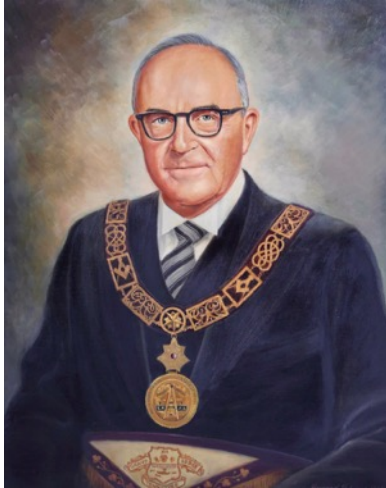


Robert Smith Sanders



Euel Guy Frizzell

121st Grand Master – 1959



Euel Guy Frizzell

Euel Guy Frizzell was born December 4, 1897 at Chesterfield, Henderson County, Tennessee, the son of William Gaston (1866-1940) and Dora Angelina (Essary) Frizzell (1876-1958). He was educated in the public schools of Henderson County. He was married to Lorena Willie Childers (1902-1983) at Jackson, Tennessee, on September 28, 1918.

He accepted a clerical position with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Experiment Station in January 1927, was made Administrative Secretary in 1938, and in July 1958 was advanced to the position of Manager, General Services, University of Tennessee, College of Agriculture.

He was formerly a member of the Union Baptist Church in Henderson County, and affiliated with Central Baptist Church in Fountain City in 1927, where he served as a General Officer of the Sunday School.

Brother Frizzell was raised on April 5, 1923 in Crittenden Lodge 607 of Earle, Arkansas, and transferred to Bright Hope Lodge 557 at Fountain City on December 10, 1929, serving as its Worshipful Master in 1936, and its Chaplain beginning in 1945.

He was exalted in Fountain City Chapter 207 at Fountain City on October 27, 1932, serving as its High Priest in 1938 and 1943, and served as its Secretary 1947, 1948 and 1949. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 24, 1938, and served as President of the organization in 1944. He was greeted in Knoxville Council 75 at Knoxville on April 21, 1938, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1941. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville on January 27, 1941, and was elected Illustrious Captain of the Guard in 1948 and illustrious King in 1952. In 1949 he served the Grand Council as Most Illustrious Grand Master. He was knighted in Coeur de Lion Commandery 9 at Knoxville on May 26, 1943, and served as Eminent Commander in 1949-1950. He served for many years as a member of the Educational Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery and served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1955. At the time of his death he was Second Vice President and Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

He was received into Tennessee Priory 15, K.Y.C.H., November 25, 1949 and served as Eminent Prior in 1958. He was awarded the Grand Cross of Honor with three quadrants. He was also a Past Sovereign of St. Mathias Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and for many years served as Intendent General in Tennessee for the United Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Frizzell received the Eastern Star degrees in Fountain City Chapter 160 on June 5, 1943, and served as Worthy Patron in 1945, and served as Chairman of Appeal and Grievances Committee in Grand Chapter in 1946. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Knoxville in December 1946 and was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1955. He was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1961. He was initiated in Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Knoxville on December 4, 1948.

He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1959. Euel Frizzell died April 5, 1981, age 83 years, at Knox County, Tennessee and was buried in Union Church Cemetery at Chesterfield, Henderson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Euel Guy Frizzell, Bright Hope Lodge No. 557, photograph with oil on canvas, Howard P. Lane, 1959.

Wiley Odell May 122nd Grand Master – 1960



Wiley Odell May

Wiley Odell May was born in West Memphis, Arkansas on December 28, 1905, the son of Jacob Oscar (1868-1943) and Katherine Gentry May (1877-1928). He was educated in the public schools of Memphis, Tennessee. He was married to Miss Wilma Hardwick (1906-2000) at Memphis on September 12, 1924, and they had five children, Wiley O. Jr. (1925-2013), William H., Wilma, Jon R. (1939-1980), and Michael D.

May was President-Treasurer of Automatic Heating and Service Co. with headquarters in Memphis until his retirement in May of 1970. He was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church.

Brother May was raised in O. K. Houck Lodge 707 on May 20, 1929, served as Worshipful Master in 1934 and began serving as Secretary in 1938. He was exalted in Penn Chapter 22 on March 31, 1944, was instrumental in the organization of O. K. Houck Chapter in 1958 and served as its Secretary

while it operated under dispensation, and became a charter member thereof on March 24, 1959. He was greeted in Eureka Council 6 on October 12, 1944 and was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery 15 on April 27, 1945.



Wiley Odell May



He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in March 1930, was designated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in October 1943 and was coroneted a 33rd Honorary on October 21, 1949. He served as Wise Master of Calvary Chapter, Rose Croix, in 1948-49 and Venerable Master of the Memphis Lodge of Perfection and Personal Representative for the Valley of Memphis from 1969 until his death on November 7, 1991. He received the Grand Cross on October 18, 1979, the highest individual honor bestowed by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction.

May was initiated into Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Memphis on April 21, 1943. He was initiated into the Eastern Star in O. K. Houck Chapter 229 on November 25, 1933. He was a member and

Past Sovereign of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and also served as Recorder. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and of the Royal Order of Jesters. He was long active in the work of the Order of DeMolay and was the first Senior DeMolay to be elected Grand Master of Tennessee.

In the Grand Lodge he served as a member of the Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws from 1945 to 1954, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means from 1955 to 1957, he was elected Junior Grand Warden and advanced each year until March 24, 1960 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Wiley O. May died November 7, 1991 and was buried Forest Hill Cemetery Midtown at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Wiley Odell May, O. K. Houck Lodge No. 707, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1960. Sponsor for restoration: Unity Lodge No. 95, 2016.

Lewis A Hagan

123rd Grand Master – 1961



Lewis A. Hagan

5-6-7, 1930-31 and 1937, and as its again in 1954.

Lewis Aubrey Hagan was born July 19, 1896 in Giles County, Tennessee, the son of John Alexander (1873-1947) and Malissa Vanilla (Jackson) Hagan (1874-1960). He was educated in the public schools of Giles County and a Vanderbilt University. He was co-owner of Hagan Brothers, Druggists, at Pulaski, and served three terms as sheriff of Giles County. During World War II he served as coordinator of Civilian Defense in Giles County.

He was married on December 28, 1915, to Alma Penn Smith (1897-1981), and they had one son, Lewis Aubrey Jr. (1918-1980), and one daughter, Sara Elizabeth (Mrs. Elbridge Buford) White. (1922-2003) He was a member of the Methodist Church at Pulaski, in which he began serving as a Steward on July 16, 1928 and later served as a Trustee.

He was raised in Pulaski Lodge 101 on March 9, 1920, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1924-



Lewis A. Hagan

He was exalted in Elk Chapter 187 at Fayetteville on November 16, 1953, and became a charter member of Pulaski Chapter 230 in 1955, serving as its Scribe in 1955-6-7, its High Priest in 1958, and its Treasurer beginning in 1959. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in March 1958.



Alma Hagan

Hagan was greeted in Nashville Council 1 at Nashville on February 3, 1954, and in 1959 became a charter member of Fayetteville Council 125 at Fayetteville. He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 at Nashville on May 7, 1954.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in April 1920. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville on March 31, 1923. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Pulaski Chapter 312 in 1926, as a charter member, and served as its Worthy Patron in 1928. After that Chapter surrendered its charter he affiliated with Pulaski Chapter 376 on July 10, 1958.

In the Grand Lodge he served on the Returns Committee in 1947 and 1948 and the committee on Dispensation and By-laws from 1949 until 1957, and also served as District Chairman and County Chairman on several occasions. He was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 27, 1958, and advanced each year. On March 23, 1961, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Lewis Hagan died November 2, 1984 and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Lewis Aubrey Hagan, Pulaski Lodge No. 101, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1961.

Samuel Stephenson

124th Grand Master – 1962



Samuel Stephenson

Samuel Edward Stephenson, Sr. was born April 25, 1902 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Samuel Josiah (1872-1942) and Lena Willaredt Stephenson. He was educated in the public schools of Chicago and at Parsons, Kansas. He was a bookkeeper and credit manager for a builder's supply company at Kingsport, Tennessee. He was married to Hazel Beatrice Walters ((1903-1999) at Bristol, Tennessee, on April 28, 1925, and they had two sons; Samuel E. Jr. and George Clarence (1928-2012).

He was affiliated with the First Methodist Church at Bristol, Tennessee, beginning in 1930, and served as financial secretary for several years and as Class President and Class Secretary in the Sunday School.

He was raised in King Lodge 461 at Bristol on March 26, 1925, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1932, its Treasurer from 1940 to 1951, and began serving as Secretary in 1952.

He was exalted in Anderson Chapter 141 at Bristol on August 27, 1925, and served as its High Priest in 1934 and its Secretary from 1950 to 1953 and again, beginning in 1955. He received the Order of High Priesthood at

Nashville on January 29, 1934.

Brother Stephenson was greeted in Holston Council 101 at Johnson City on November 21, 1945, became a charter member of Kingsport Council 117 on January 28, 1952, and a charter member of Bristol Council 126 on March 21, 1960, and served as Recorder of the latter Council from its organization.

He was knighted in St. Omer Commandery 19 at Bristol on October 23, 1950, served as its Recorder from April 1952 to March 1954, and began serving as Treasurer in June 1959.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Knoxville in March 1949. He was initiated in Kerbela Shrine Temple at Knoxville on August 20, 1949 and served as Secretary of the Bristol Shrine Club. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Border City Chapter 162 at Bristol in October 1925 and served as its Worthy Patron in 1945.

In the Grand Lodge he has worked closely with the Board of Control of the Widows' and Orphans' Home for many years in the Upper East Tennessee section, and served as Chairman of the Committee on Accounts for a number of years. On March 26, 1960 he was elected Senior Grand Warden to fill the vacancy created by the death of Brother Walter T. Williams, and advance each year. On March 29, 1962, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

He died February 13, 1985 in Bristol, Tennessee and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Samuel Edward Stephenson, Sr., King Lodge No. 461, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1962.

John Elvis Malone

125th Grand Master – 1963



John Elvis Malone

John Elvis Malone was born March 20, 1896 at Right, Hardin County, Tennessee, the son of John Harrison (1859-1948) and Minnie Belle (Newell) Malone (1872-1956) and was educated in the public schools of Hardin County and at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee, with graduate work at Peabody College in Nashville.

He began serving as Postmaster at Adamsville, Tennessee on August 20, 1936. Prior to his appointment as Postmaster he taught for 18 years in the public schools of Tennessee. He was married to Willie Daniels (1898-1988) at Adamsville on July 21, 1913 and they had one daughter, Mrs. Lyle P. Varnell.

He became a member of the Methodist Church at Adamsville in 1922, and served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, Steward, Trustee and District Steward. During World War I he served for two years in the U. S. Army and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He served as Adjutant of American Legion Post 97, and was a member of the Lions Club at Adamsville.

Brother Malone was raised in Tennessee River Lodge 629 at Saltillo, Tennessee, on April 19, 1929, transferred to Decaturville Lodge 218 in 1932 and to Adamsville Lodge 338 on December 7, 1936. He served as Worshipful Master of Tennessee River Lodge in 1930 and served Adamsville Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1937, Secretary in 1938 and 1939, and Chaplain for 14 years. He began serving as Treasurer in 1961.

He was exalted in Selmer Chapter 77 at Selmer on October 13, 1941. He was greeted in Selmer Council 104 at Selmer on April 28, 1952 and was knighted in Jackson Commandery 13 at Jackson on September 9, 1958.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in Saltillo Chapter 275 at Saltillo on August 9, 1929, and served as its Worthy Patron in 1930. He transferred to Adamsville Chapter 330 on October 11, 1934, and served as its Worthy Patron in 1937.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in 1959. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, at Memphis, November 24, 1962.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Steward in 1951, Grand Sword Bearer in 1959, District Chairman 1951-1959, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 24, 1960. He has advanced each year, and on March 28, 1963, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

John Malone died October 5, 1987, age 91 years, and was buried in Adamsville Cemetery at Adamsville, McNairy County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master John Elvis Malone, Adamsville Lodge No. 338, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1963.

Ralph F. Worthy

126th Grand Master – 1964



Ralph F. Worthy

Ralph Francis Worthy was born June 3, 1908 in Lenoir City, Loudon County, Tennessee, the son of John Edgar (1881-1956) and Lula B. (Logan) Worthy (1883-1936) and was educated in the public schools of Lenoir City and the extension schools of the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University.

He was employed with Stauffer Chemical Company (Victor Chemical division) for over 30 years, starting at the Chicago Heights, Illinois plant and transferring to the Nashville plant on December 1, 1936. He started as paymaster in the accounting department in 1945.

He was married to Ursa Mae Hatfield (1908-Deceased) at Powell, Tennessee, on March 21, 1933, and they had two daughters, Mrs. Hubert H. Townes and Mrs. Edward T. Luther. He was a member of West Nashville Methodist Church and served as Trustee, member of the Official Board, and President of the Men's Class. He served three terms as a member of Davidson County Court, and was on various committees from time to time.

He was raised in West Nashville Lodge 612 on July 22, 1938, and served as Secretary from 1942 to 1950 and Worshipful Master in 1952. He was again elected Secretary at the end of his term as Master.

He was exalted in Doric Chapter 210 at Nashville on April 13, 1948, became a charter member of West Nashville Chapter 228 in 1954, and served as its High Priest in 1955. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on March 21, 1955. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on January 25, 1949 and was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on March 23, 1956.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees (4th through 18th) in April, 1946, and 19th through 32nd in April 1960. He became a member of Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Nashville on February 25, 1963. He received the Eastern Star degrees in West Nashville Chapter 168 on March 11, 1943. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville, on June 1, 1957.

In the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. of Tennessee, he served on the Credentials Committee from 1954 to 1963. In the Grand Council, R. & S.M. of Tennessee, he also served on the Credentials Committee from 1954 to 1963.

In the Grand Lodge, he served as District Chairman from 1953 through 1957 and as Chairman of the Credentials Committee from 1954 to 1961. On March 23, 1961, he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and advanced each year. On March 26, 1964, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 1982 and served until 1996.

Ralph Worthy died July 12, 1997, age 89 years, and was buried in Harpeth Hill Memory Gardens at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Ralph Francis Worthy, West Nashville Lodge No. 612, photograph with oil on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1964. Sponsor for restoration: West Nashville Lodge No. 612, 2014.

Ralph F. Worthy Ring

At the closing of the One Hundred Seventy-Fifth Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1989, Past Grand Master Ralph F. Worthy presented Billie R. Brown; the first Past Grand Master Ring that is identical to the Americus V. Warr Ring except it contains the words Past Grand Master on the face. The Ring to be worn during the year following the year when he served as Grand Master. The Ring is to be transmitted to the next Junior Past Grand Master with appropriate injunctions when he completes his year as Junior Past Grand Master

Francis Yearwood 127th Grand Master – 1965



Francis Yearwood

Francis Carter Yearwood was born November 1, 1895 at Attalla, Etowah County, Alabama the son of Francis Carter Sr. (1864-1932) and Mattie Caroline (Moulton) Yearwood (1867-1940). He was educated in the public schools of Alabama and Tennessee and at Loudon College, Loudon, Tennessee, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, and Southern College of Pharmacy, Atlanta, Georgia. His parents and grandparents were native Tennesseans, the family home having been at Sweetwater.

He started his career as a telegraph operator and later became a lawyer and pharmacist at Loudon, Tennessee. He served as Secretary and as President of the Bar Association of Loudon County and as Chairman of the Loudon County Election Commission. For many years he served as a football and basketball referee and baseball umpire in high school and college games. He was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, with the United States armed forces in 1918.

He was married to Jennie Mae Harrison (1895-1980) of Sweetwater, Tennessee, on September 12, 1921. He became a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweetwater on January 26, 1910, and held a 50-year membership certificate. He served as Assistant Secretary of the Sunday School.

Brother Yearwood was raised in Sweetwater Lodge 292 on September 28, 1917, transferred his membership to Tennessee Lodge 204 at Loudon in 1922, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1935. He served as Secretary from 1937 to 1943 inclusive, and again was elected to that office in 1947. He is a member of the East Tennessee Past Masters Association and was one of the original members of the Knoxville Area York Rite Association. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

He was exalted in Loudon Chapter 138 at Loudon on April 9, 1920, and served as its High Priest in 1942, Secretary in 1943, Scribe in 1945, and began serving as Secretary again in 1947. He represented the Grand Chapter of Texas in Tennessee. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 26, 1942.



Francis Yearwood, Jr.

He was greeted in Knoxville Council 75 at Knoxville on April 29, 1920, became a charter member of and the first Deputy Master of Tipton-Greer Council 111 at Loudon in 1948, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1949. He began serving as Recorder in 1950. He represented the Grand Council of Illinois in Tennessee and held the Merit Medal for 1958 from the Grand Council of Tennessee. He was knighted in Coeur de Lion Commandery 9 at Knoxville on May 29, 1944.

He was knighted in St. Mathias Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Knoxville on September 30, 1964. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in November 1944, and became a charter member of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies in 1945, where he was the first Master of Ceremonies in the Lodge of Perfection. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on November 26, 1963. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Lenoir Chapter 188 at Lenoir City in January 1920. He was initiated in Kerbel Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Knoxville on April 15, 1963.

In the Grand Lodge, he served on the Committee on Appeals and Grievances for nineteen years, and was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 29, 1962. He advanced each year since that time, and on March 25, 1965, he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master. He died May 4, 1982, age 86 years, at Loudon, Loudon County, Tennessee and was buried in the same town in Steekee Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Francis Carter Yearwood, Tennessee Lodge No. 204, photograph with oil on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1965. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge No. 204, 2016.

James E. McFadin

128th Grand Master – 1966



James. E. McFadin

James Edgar McFadin was born April 25, 1911 at Water Valley, Mississippi, the son of Edgar Eugene (1879-1960) and Jessie Delia (Avent) McFadin (1885-1962), and was educated in the public schools of his native county. He was a locomotive engineer with the Illinois Central Railroad.

He was married to Loraine Haley (1912-1999) at Hernando, Mississippi on December 13, 1932. He became a member of McLemore Avenue Presbyterian Church at Memphis in 1915 and was a former Deacon.

Brother McFadin was raised in Memphis Lodge 118 on December 1, 1936, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1951 and became Secretary in 1952. He was on the Finance Committee of the Memphis Masonic Temple Board.

He was exalted in Penn Chapter 22 at Memphis on February 22, 1946, transferred his membership to Memphis Chapter 95 on November 11, 1949, and served as its High Priest in 1957, and was its Secretary from 1962 until the consolidation of Nos. 22 and 95 and carried as Memphis Chapter 22. He

received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on March 25, 1957.

He was greeted in Eureka Council 6 at Memphis on January 21, 1947, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1956. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville on March 26, 1956, and served as Illustrious King in 1962. He was knighted in Memphis Commandery 4 on June 21, 1947 and served as its Commander in 1952. He was made a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Tennessee Priory 15 at Nashville on March 26, 1957, and on March 22, 1966, he was elected Eminent Prior of this Priory.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in April, 1944, became a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 21, 1949, and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary on October 21, 1955. He served as Wise Master of Calvary Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix, in 1954-55. He was a member of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Memphis, and served as its Sovereign in 1956. He received the Royal Order of Scotland in Washington on October 21, 1959.

McFadin was a member of the Masonic Veterans Association for several years. He received the Eastern Star degrees in McLemore Chapter 265 at Memphis on June 9, 1944 and served as its Worthy Patron in 1946. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Memphis on April 26, 1944, and served as a member of the ritualistic cast, Oriental Band and membership committee.

In the Grand Commandery of Tennessee he served on the By-Laws Committee for a number of years. In the Grand Council of Tennessee he was elected Grand Steward on March 24, 1958, and advanced each year. On March 23, 1964, he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master. He was received into Holy Manger Tabernacle of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests on October 24, 1964.

In the Grand Lodge, he served as Chairman of the Committee on Dispensation and By-Laws for a number of years and on March 28, 1963 was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. He advanced each year and on March 24, 1966 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

James McFadin died July 22, 2008, age 97 years and 87 days, and was entombed in the mausoleum of Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master James Edgar McFadin, Memphis Lodge No. 118, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1966. Sponsor for restoration: Memphis Lodge No. 118.

D. Porter Henegar

129th Grand Master – 1967



D. Porter Henegar

Daniel Porter Henegar was born September 21, 1897 in McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee, the son of Thomas Jefferson Sr. (1840-1918) and Susan Sophia (Smoot) Henegar (1856-1943) and was educated in the Warren County Public Schools and at Pleasant Hill Academy and Normal Institute in Cumberland County, Tennessee.

Henegar was nurseryman and served from 1958 to 1971 as executive secretary of the Southern Nurseryman's Association. He was a partner in a retail florist shop for ten years. He was a former city councilman and vice mayor in McMinnville, Tennessee and a past president of the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce and the Exchange Club. He also served as manager of the chamber for several years. He was a former member of the Warren County School Board, the executive board of the Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America and a Director of the Middle Tennessee Gas District.



Susan Sophia Henegar

He was married to Pearlee Elliott (1903-1975) at McMinnville on August 30, 1924, and they had one son, Thomas Lee Henegar (1929-2011), born August 18, 1929. Brother Henegar held membership in the Central Church of Christ at McMinnville from 1924 to 1950, when he became a charter member of Westwood Church of Christ in McMinnville.

Brother Henegar was raised in Warren Lodge 125 at McMinnville on May 1, 1919, and served as Worshipful Master in 1931. He was exalted in McMinnville Chapter 211 on May 12, 1936 and served as High Priest in 1938. After its charter was surrendered he affiliated with Pythagoras Chapter 150 at Murfreesboro. He was greeted in Murfreesboro Council 115 at Murfreesboro on November 20, 1951. He was knighted in Murfreesboro Commandery 10 at Murfreesboro on February 20, 1939.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in November 1965. He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Nashville, on December 2, 1966. He was a charter member of McMinnville Chapter 349, Order of the Eastern Star, and is a Past Patron of that Chapter.

In the Grand Lodge he was appointed a member of the Appeals and Grievance Committee at the 1937 Annual Communication and served until his election as Junior Grand Warden on March 26, 1964. He was advanced each year, and on March 23, 1967 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

D. Porter Henegar died August 24, 1979, age 81 years, at McMinnville, Warren County, Tennessee. Services were held August 26, 1979 at Westwood Church of Christ with burial in Mount View Cemetery at McMinnville.



Portrait of Grand Master Daniel Porter Henegar, Warren Lodge No. 125, photograph with oil on canvas, G. Ewin Shofner, 1967. Sponsor for restoration: Warren Lodge No. 125, 2017.

J. Phillip Quisenberry

130th Grand Master – 1968



J. Phillip Quisenberry

James Philip Quisenberry, better known through the years as “Quiz”, was born May 10, 1909 at Charleston, Bradley County, Tennessee, the son of James Elmer (1880-1961) and Pearl (Phillips) Quisenberry (1882-1960). He attended the public schools of Charleston and was graduated from Carson-Newman College and Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science. He was a funeral director and embalmer at Athens, Tennessee.

He was married to Ruth Walker (1910-1998) at Dalton, Georgia, on May 29, 1937, and they had two daughters, Ruth Ann (1938-2020) and Phyllis (1943-2008). He was a member of First Baptist Church, Athens, Tennessee.

Brother Quisenberry was raised in Meridian Sun Lodge 50 at Athens on November 24, 1944, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1950. He was exalted in McMinn Chapter 74 at Athens on October 24, 1946 and served as its High Priest in 1950. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 23, 1950. He was greeted in Mt. Moriah Council 95 at Chattanooga on February 18, 1947, became a charter member of Athens Council 118 on January 25, 1953, and served as its Illustrious Master in 1956. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville on March 24, 1958.

He was knighted in Cleveland Commandery 28 on May 1, 1947, became a charter member of Athens Commandery 34 on April 23, 1948, and served as its Eminent Commander from June 1959 to June 1960.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Knoxville in May 1963. He became a member of Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, on August 26, 1959, the Royal Order of Scotland on November 1, 1966, St. Gregory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, on November 16, 1967, and the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests at Nashville on November 25, 1967.

He was Past President of the Chattanooga York Rite Association (1964) and received the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Medal in 1964. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Japan near that of Tennessee. He was initiated in Alhambra Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Chattanooga on November 27, 1957. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Athenian Chapter 159 at Athens on December 17, 1948, and served as Worthy Patron in 1951 and 1952.

In the Grand Lodge of Tennessee he served on the Appeals and Grievances Committee from 1962 to 1965. He was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 25, 1965 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 1968.

J. Philip Quisenberry died April 8, 1986, age 76 years, and was buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master James Philip Quisenberry, Meridian Sun Lodge No. 50, photograph on canvas, photographer unknown, 1968.

John Riley

131st Grand Master – 1969



John Riley

John Riley was born June 8, 1903 in Haywood County, near Keeling, Tennessee, the son of Rev. Robert Quitman (1865-1941) and Addie Wilkins (Maclin) Riley (1869-1945). He was educated in the public schools of Milton, Tennessee, and Hubbard and Bridgeport, Texas, Austin College at Sherman, Texas, Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee, and Southwestern at Memphis, Tennessee, receiving his B. A. Degree on June 15, 1926.

He was employed by the Southern Bell Telephone Company at Memphis on March 1, 1928, and served at Memphis, Tullahoma, Winchester, Humboldt, Selmer and Jackson before retiring in 1968 as Public Relations Manager.

He was married at Memphis on March 27, 1931, to Mrs. Lena Rivers (Harris) (Williamson) (1901-1977) of Mason, Tennessee, and had one daughter, Mrs. Anne Elizabeth (1931-2016), and a stepson, William Taylor Williamson. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, where he served as an elder, having been elected to the office first at Mason in 1929.

He was a charter member and the first President of Winchester Rotary Club in 1947, President of Humboldt Rotary Club in 1950-51, charter member of Selmer Rotary Club in 1956, and charter member of North Side Lions Club at Jackson in 1958. He was also active in the American Red Cross; Health, Welfare and Safety Council; the United Fund, and Telephone Pioneers of America.

Brother Riley was raised in Winchester Lodge 158 on April 25, 1946, transferred to Humboldt Lodge 202 in 1948, to Selmer Lodge 743 in 1956, and was a member of St. John's Lodge 332 at Jackson beginning on October 7, 1957, where he served as Chaplain. He served as Secretary of Winchester Lodge in 1947 and part of 1948, and as Worshipful Master of Humboldt Lodge in 1951.

He was exalted in Shiloh Chapter 198 at Humboldt on June 22, 1950, served as its High Priest in 1954, transferred to Selmer Chapter 77 in 1956 and became a member of Clinton Chapter 9 at Jackson on October 14, 1957. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on March 25, 1957, and the Grand Council Distinguished Service Medal in 1962.

He was greeted in Humboldt Council 100 on July 3, 1950, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1955. He transferred to Selmer Council 104 in 1956 and became a member of Jackson Council 13 on October 14, 1957. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville on March 25, 1957.

He was knighted in Jackson Commandery 13 on May 19, 1952, and served as its Eminent Commander from June 1963 to June 1964. He was received into Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor on August 4, 1964.

He was made a member of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, at Memphis on February 24, 1956, and served as its Sovereign in 1966. He became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland on June 25, 1965. He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Memphis in November 1955, and was elected Class President. He was made a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 17, 1961. He was initiated in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. at Memphis on August 21, 1952.

In the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee, he served for several years on the York Rite Co-ordination Committee.



Anne Elizabeth Riley

In the Grand Lodge, he served on committees on several occasions and as Junior Grand Deacon in 1954. On March 24, 1966, he was elected Junior Grand Warden, advancing each year until March 27, 1969, when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master.

John Riley died April 6, 1974, age 70 years, and was interred at Highland Memorial Garden at Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Riley, St. Johns Lodge No. 332, photograph on canvas, Jackson Town & Country, 1969. Sponsor for restoration: St. Johns Lodge No. 332.



Coy H. Duke

132nd Grand Master – 1970



Coy H. Duke

Coy Henderson Duke was born August 21, 1908 at Morrison, Tennessee, the son of George Henderson (1883-1969) and Elizabeth Ann (Swanger) Duke (1884-1962). He was educated in the public schools of Cannon and Warren Counties and at Draughton's Business College in Nashville.

He was connected with the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee Fund from 1932 to 1958, and in 1958 was named Executive Secretary-Treasurer in charge of the charity work of the Grand Lodge under the Board of Control. He served in that position until 1964. In 1944, 1945 and 1946 he served in the United States Air Force.

He was married to Mary Lou Burr (1905-1988) at Warren, Tennessee on May 15, 1936 and they had one daughter, Mrs. Mary Carolyn Duke Benson, and one granddaughter. He became a member of the Ivy Bluff Methodist Church in 1928, and later affiliated with the Inglewood United Methodist Church at Nashville, where he served on the Board of Stewards and as Trustee. He served for eleven years as Treasurer and was also a member of the Administrative Board

He was raised in Jere Baxter Lodge 742 at Nashville on October 20, 1936, and served as its Worshipful Master in 1944 and as its Secretary from 1947 through 1951. He was exalted in Edgefield Chapter 197 at Nashville on October 28, 1943 and served as its High Priest in 1948 and Secretary from 1949 through 1960. He received the Order of High Priesthood at Nashville on January 29, 1948 and served as M. E. Grand President in 1957. He served as Grand Treasurer-Recorder of the Grand Chapter beginning in 1958.

He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on November 29, 1943, and served as its Thrice Illustrious Master in 1949 and as its Recorder from 1950 through 1957 and again beginning in 1967. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville in 1949 and began serving as Illustrious-Scribe in 1966.

He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on November 5, 1948 and served as Recorder from March 1950 to March 1953, Commander from June 1956 to June 1957 and Recorder again, beginning in 1957. He was awarded the Grand Encampment Distinguished Service Award in 1966.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees at Nashville in November 1947. He was received into Old Hickory Conclave 83, Red Cross of Constantine, on January 30, 1950. He served as Sovereign in 1963 and as its Recorder beginning in 1967. He was received into Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, on September 20, 1956 and was awarded the Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant in 1959. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons in 1953 for outstanding work in Capitular Masonry in Tennessee. He began serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Veterans Association of Tennessee in 1959. He received the Eastern Star degrees in Jere Baxter 343 at Nashville on August 14, 1958.

He was initiated in Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Nashville on May 13, 1949. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and Holy Manger Tabernacle, Knight Templar Priests where he served as Registrar. He served as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee in 1959.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge on March 23, 1967 and advanced each year, being elected Grand Master of Tennessee, on March 26, 1970.



Coy Duke died November 27, 1991, age 83 years, and was buried in Ivy Bluff Cemetery at Cannon County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Coy Henderson Duke, Jere Baxter Lodge No. 742, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1970.

Charles B. Jones, Jr. 133rd Grand Master – 1971



Charles B. Jones, Jr.

Charles Burton Jones, Jr. was born November 13, 1923 at Flag Pond, Tennessee, the son of Charles Burton (1885-1946) and Ida Blanche (Propst) Jones (1898-1972). He was educated in the public schools of Washington County. He was married to Alma Jean Sluder (1926-2010) on February 15, 1947 in Johnson City, Tennessee. They had two sons, Kenneth David (1947-2020) and Robert Wayne Jones.

He became a member of Temple Baptist Church, Johnson City in 1947 and served as Deacon, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Superintendent of Missions and taught in the Adult Department.

Jones enlisted in the U.S. Army on October 22, 1942 at Richmond, Virginia and served in the 84th Chemical Motor Battalion in Africa, Sicily and Italy until 1945. After the war he became a cost analyst for the Eastman Corporation at Kingsport, Tennessee.

He was raised in Sinking Creek Lodge 575 at Gray Station, Tennessee, May 29, 1947 and transferred to Johnson City Lodge 486 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1954.

He received the Royal Arch Degree on April 15, 1948 in Thomas E. Matson Chapter 131, Johnson City. He served as High Priest in 1955, and received the Order of High Priesthood in Nashville in 1955. He received the Distinguished Service Medal in 1961.

He received the Royal and Select Masters Degrees in Holston Council 101, Johnson City, on October 17, 1952 and the Order of the Silver Trowel in Nashville in 1962, having served as Illustrious Master of Holston Council in 1962.

He received the Orders of Knighthood, October 18, 1952 in Watauga Commandery 25, Johnson City, and served as Eminent Commander in 1957-58.

He received the Knights of York Cross of Honor in Nashville in 1962 and was a member of St. Mathias, Red Cross of Constantine in Knoxville and Holy Manger Tabernacle No. XLIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

He received the Eastern Star Degrees in Nolachuckey Chapter 194, Johnson City, in 1947 and served as Worthy Patron in 1955. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Knoxville Consistory, in 1967. He received the Ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Kerbela Temple, Knoxville, in 1968.



He served as County and District Chairman, and on the Appeals and Grievance Committee. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1968 and advanced each year, being elected Grand Master, March 25, 1971.

Charles B. Jones died June 13, 1988, age 64 years, and was buried in Monte Vista Memorial Park at Johnson City, Washington County, Tennessee.



Kenneth David Jones

Portrait of Grand Master Charles Burton Jones, Jr., Johnson City Lodge No. 486, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1971.

Joseph C. Mobley

134th Grand Master – 1972



Joseph C. Mobley

Joseph Clinton Mobley was born on April 22, 1911, the son of Dr. John Clinton (1872-1963) and Julia Catherine (Foppiano) Mobley (1887-1957), in Memphis, Tennessee. His father and paternal grandfather were Freemasons. He was educated in the public schools of Memphis, received his B.S. Degree from Southwestern (originally the Masonic College at Clarksville), and graduated from the College of Medicine, University of Tennessee, in 1935. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War II, received three battle stars in the Pacific Campaigns, and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. From 1948 he was a medical advisor with the Selective Service.

His professional accomplishments include: Fellow of American College of Surgeons; Fellow of American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Diplomate American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Past President, Memphis Obstetrical and Gynecological Society; and Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Tennessee. He was engaged in the private practice of Medicine in Memphis with his brother Everett Cullen Mobley (1919-1999), a member of Park Avenue Lodge.

He married Thirza Lurline Smith (1916-1981) in 1936, and they had three daughters and seven grandchildren. Two of his sons-in-law were members of the Masonic Fraternity. He was a member of Evergreen Presbyterian Church in Memphis, and served as a choir member, teacher, Deacon and Elder.

In a sense he began his Masonic career in becoming a member of the Order of DeMolay in Memphis Chapter in 1927, and was made a member of the Legion of Honor in 1962. He was also a member of Acacia, a national college fraternity with a Masonic background.

He was made a Master Mason in Park Avenue Lodge 362 in 1932, and served as Master in 1947. He was a member of Park Avenue Chapter, Council and Commandery, and served as presiding officer over all three of those bodies. He was inducted into Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, August 4, 1964. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Memphis Consistory in 1940, was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1957, and was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 1963. He served as Wise Master of Memphis Chapter Rose Croix in 1966-67, and became Junior Warden of Memphis Lodge of Perfection in 1970.

He became a member of Al Chymia Shrine Temple in Memphis in 1953, and the Royal Order of Jesters in 1963. He was received into St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, in 1961, and served as Illustrious Sovereign in 1970. He became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Park Avenue Chapter 205. Mobley was made a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 1963.

In the Grand Lodge he served for a number of years on the Ways and Means Committee. When a committee was appointed for the Advancement of Freemasonry and Masonic Education, he was made Chairman and served during the primary development of the program. In 1951 he was appointed Senior Grand Deacon. In 1969 he was elected Junior Grand Warden, and was advanced each year, being elected Grand Master on March 23, 1972.

He was the second Senior DeMolay to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee.

Dr. Joseph Clinton Mobley died October 21, 1974, age 63 years, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Joseph Clinton Mobley, Park Avenue Lodge No. 362, photograph on canvas, photographer unknown, 1972.



Daniel S. Johnson

135th Grand Master – 1973



Daniel S. Johnson

Daniel Shirley Johnson was born February 28, 1911 at Tullahoma, Tennessee, the son of William Acton (1876-1949) and Alma (Daniel) Johnson (1883-1965). He was educated in the public schools of Tullahoma and Tullahoma Business College. He attended the First Christian Church in Tullahoma, having affiliated with them in 1928, and served as Deacon, Elder, Chairman Official Board, Trustee, Superintendent of Church School and teacher in the Youth Department.

He was married September 14, 1930 in Paris, Tennessee to Lula Clayton Thomas (1904-1982). They had two children: Peggy Jean (Mrs. Bobby Teague) (1932-2020) and Joyce Marie (Mrs. Jack Hice) (1934-2015)

He was a partner in Johnson's Dry Cleaners from 1930 to 1952 in Tullahoma, when he became Agent for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He then became Postal Clerk for ARO, Inc. (Contract Station). He was a former member of the Tullahoma City School Board, Rotary and Civitan Clubs of Tullahoma and president of Elk River Dry Cleaners Association.

He was raised in Tullahoma Lodge 262, May 3, 1938 and began serving as Secretary in 1950. He served as Worshipful Master in 1943 and 1944.

He was exalted in Tullahoma Chapter 193 on October 12, 1938 and served as High Priest in 1942. He served as Secretary beginning in 1950. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1942 at Nashville and was elected M. E. Grand Master of Ceremonies in 1971.

He was greeted in Tullahoma Council 102 on November 19, 1938 and served as Illustrious Master in 1941. He began serving as Recorder in 1950. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel at Nashville in 1941. He was knighted in Murfreesboro Commander 10 on November 17, 1939 and served as Commander in 1952.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Nashville in November 1943 and was first Secretary and second President of the Coffee County Scottish Rite Club. He became a member of Al Menah Shrine Temple in December 1943 and served as Secretary of the Tullahoma Shrine Club and was Ambassador to Tullahoma for several years.

He received the Knights York Cross of Honor in 1952. He received the Grand Chapter Medal in 1965 and the Grand Council Medal in 1969. He was a charter member of Old Hickory Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and served as Sovereign in 1968. He served as President of Middle Tennessee York Rite Association in 1969 and served as District Chairman for the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Council for several years. He was a member of the Ways and Means Committee in the Grand Chapter in 1962.

He served as Grand Pursuivant in the Grand Lodge in 1958 and Senior Grand Deacon in 1967. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1970, and advanced each year, being elected Grand Master, March 29, 1973.

Daniel Johnson died January 29, 1989, age 77 years, and was buried in Maplewood Cemetery at Tullahoma, Coffee County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Daniel Shirley Johnson, Tullahoma Lodge No. 262, giclee on canvas, Musey of Manchester, 1973. Sponsor for restoration: Tullahoma Lodge No. 262, 2010.



Peggy Jean Johnson Teague



Joyce Marie Johnson Hice

J. Castro Smith

136th Grand Master – 1974



J. Castro Smith

James Castro Smith was born June 2, 1916 at Afton, Tennessee in Greene County, and was a son of Edgar James (1891-1968) and Opal L. (Hope) Smith (1893-1975). He was educated in the Greene County School System, at Tusculum College in Greeneville, and at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio. He was honored by Otterbein College in 1961 with a doctor of divinity degree. He was married to Nina Elizabeth French (1915-1990) and after her death he married Katherine Stuart Agee (1922-2012)

He was a clergyman with the United Methodist Church. Reverend Smith joined the United Brethren church (Mount Zion congregation) in Greene County in 1925. His first appointment was to a rural church in Knox County. He remained in the pastorate until 1959 when he was elected superintendent of the Tennessee Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He served in that capacity until 1969. Following the union of the EUB Church and Methodist Church, he was appointed district superintendent of the Morristown District of the Holston Conference.

Dr. Smith had served as a pastor of area churches until his retirement at Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City in October 1981. He served as visitation minister for First United Methodist Church of Newport from 1982 to 1993. He was a member of Dandridge First United Methodist Church at the time of his death.

He was raised in Marbledale (later Sbekinah) Lodge 524 in Knoxville, on July 19, 1949, and served as chaplain in 1950 and Worshipful Master in 1955. He was greeted in Knoxville Council 75 in 1954. He was knighted in Cyprus Commandery 23 in Knoxville in 1955 and served as commander in 1972. He joined the Order of the Eastern Star in 1951. A member of the Scottish Rite, he was coroneted a 33° in 1963. He received the Ceremonies of A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1967 in Kerbel Temple in Knoxville.

Brother Smith was a member of St. Mathias Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in 1955; Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery in 1968; and Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge three times.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1971, and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in 1974.

He held numerous offices the remaining years, including vice-chairman of the Executive Committee, chairman of the Executive Committee, Almoner and Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Knoxville.

J. Castro Smith died Sunday, April 27, 2003. The funeral was held Wednesday, April 30, 2003 at Dandridge First United Methodist Church. Officiating was the Reverend Dwight Kenney and Reverend Dan Moore. A graveside Masonic funeral was held in Newport's Union Cemetery with Grand Lecturer Lynn Spangler and Chaplain and Past Master of New Market Lodge 246 Jack Akard officiating.



Portrait of Grand Master James Castro Smith, Shekinah Lodge No. 524, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1974.

George R. Baddour

137th Grand Master – 1975



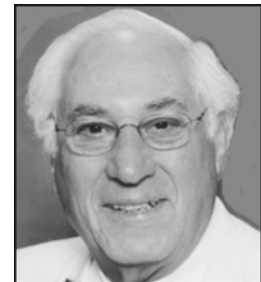
George R. Baddour

George Robert Baddour was born January 29, 1927 in Munford, Tipton County, Tennessee to Robert Kary (1900-1985) and Rose (Haddad) Baddour (1903-1960). He grew up in Munford and after serving in the U. S. Navy from 1945 through 1946 as a hospital corpsman in the Pacific Theater, married his childhood sweetheart in 1950, Clara Evelyn Fletcher (1926-2000). They were married for almost 50 years when she passed away in 2000 and had four children: Dr. George R. Baddour, Jr., Marybelle Baddour, Commander Barry A. Baddour, and Kary Baddour. He later remarried to Charlotte O. Baddour.

Brother Baddour was a member of the Munford Presbyterian Church for over 60 years. He served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon from 1948-1965 and Elder from 1965 until his death. Brother Baddour served his community as City of Munford Alderman for 22 years, 1965-1987 and Tipton County Magistrate (County Commissioner) for 8 years 1970-1978. He also served on the Tipton County Planning Committee and the Tax Rate Committee. In 2001, he was selected Outstanding Person of the Year by the South Tipton Chamber of Commerce. Baddour was educated in the Tipton County Schools and graduated from Gupton Jones College of Mortuary

Science in 1947. He was a funeral director for 65 years. He owned and operated Munford Funeral Home and branches for 56 years.

Brother Baddour was raised a Master Mason in Tipton Lodge 226 in Munford, Tennessee in 1948, served as Worshipful Master in 1951, and served as Treasurer, until the time of his death, a period of over 40 years. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1975. At the time of his death, he was the Senior Past Grand Master. Since 1975, Past Grand Master Baddour served on several Grand Committees from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. In 1952, he received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies; received the KCCCH in 1967; was coroneted a 33° IGH in 1975; served as Master of Kadosh in the Memphis Consistory in 1978-1979; Treasurer of the Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies from 1980-1991; became a life member in 1981; appointed Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Tennessee on January 1, 1987 and served in that capacity until becoming Personal Representative Emeritus on February 1, 2007, and served as Venerable Master of the Memphis Lodge of Perfection 1992-1993. Brother Baddour was elected a 33° Grand Cross at the 2001 Bicentennial Session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Scottish Rite Mason. At the time of his death, he was the only Grand Cross in Tennessee. He was a long time member of the Advisory Committee of the Memphis Bodies and the Memphis Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc.



George R. Baddour

Brother Baddour was a life member and past presiding officer of each of the Rosemark York Rite Bodies; Past Prior of the Tennessee Priory 15, K.Y.C.H.; Past Sovereign of St. Stephens Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Intendant General in Tennessee for the Red Cross, and in 2005 served North America as Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine. He was a member of Tralee Council, Knight Masons; West Tennessee York Rite College; Emerald Isle Council 346, Allied Masonic Degrees; Royal Order of Jesters; Royal Order of Scotland; Al Chymia Shrine Temple; and Past Preceptor of Holy Manger Tabernacle XLVIII, H.R.A.K.T.P. For his service to the youth, Brother Baddour received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, the highest honor bestowed for service by each of those organizations. He was also a member Volunteer



Chapter 414, National Sojourners; the Isaac Shelby Camp, Hero's of '76; the Munford Chapter 380, Order of the Eastern Star; and the Tennessee Masonic Veterans.

George Robert Baddour died February 24, 2009 at the age of 82 years. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 28, at Munford Baptist Church with burial following at Helen Crigger Cemetery in Munford, Tipton County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master George Robert Baddour, Tipton Lodge No. 226, photograph on canvas, T. Well, 1975.

James P. Buck

138th Grand Master – 1976



James P. Buck

James Peek Buck was born March 6, 1903 in Cookeville, Tennessee, the son of Stephen Decatur (1862-1932) and Laura Dee (Peek) Buck (1876-1968). Stephen D. Buck was a man of strict integrity, plain and unassuming. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him and was known as a man who attended to his own affairs without interfering with others. He was a son of Enoch and Kittie Buck, pioneer settlers in Putnam County, the former a son of Isaac Buck and the latter a daughter of William Quarles.

James P. Buck was one of two children. His sister, Callie, died in 1906 at the age of seven. He was educated in the public schools of Cookeville, and received a B.S. and M.A. degree from Tennessee Technological University at Cookeville and retired from that University as Assistant Librarian.

He was married first to Pauline Wiggs (1905-1930) on October 8, 1926. They had two sons, James Peek, Jr. (1928-2019) and Robert Harold. The latter was only 22 days old at the time of his mother's death on February 17, 1930 at the age of 24 years. Brother Buck then married Bertie Lou Brown (1909-1999) on October 2, 1943. She was retired from the Putnam County school system after completing 45 years as teacher and counselor. In 1963, she became the

first certified counselor in the Upper Cumberland and one of the first in Tennessee. In 1949, she served as Worthy Matron of her Eastern Star chapter.

He was a member of the First United Methodist in Cookeville where he served as Steward and Trustee. He was a former County Historian, a member of the Putnam County Rotary Club, former member of Nashville Elks Club and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Brother Buck was raised in Cookeville Lodge 266 on August 22, 1939 and served as Worshipful Master in 1942. He served as Secretary from 1942 to 1955 and from 1961 to 1975.

He was exalted in Cookeville Chapter 112 on May 10, 1940 and served as High Priest in 1943. He was elected Secretary in 1943, served until 1956, and then again from 1960 to 1974. He was consecrated as a member of the Order of Anointed High Priests on January 25, 1943 in Nashville.

Companion Buck was greeted in Frizzell Council 84, Livingston, September 10, 1945, transferred to Cookeville Council 112 as a charter member, served as its first Illustrious Master in 1947 while it was under dispensation, and again in 1948. He was Recorder from 1949 to 1956 and from 1960 to 1974. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1956.

He was knighted in Cumberland Commandery 26, November 24, 1940 and served as Commander in 1946. He was Recorder from 1951 to 1956 and from 1961 to 1974.

Brother Buck became a member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor, April 22, 1948 in Johnson City and holds the Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant.

He was a member of Trinity Consistory, Nashville, having received the Consistory Degrees in November 1948. He was coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary on October 21, 1971.

Brother Buck was initiated into the A.A.O.N.M.S., Al Menah Temple, at Nashville, June 1, 1945 and was Regional Ambassador from 1972 to 1975.



James P. Buck, Jr.



Companion Buck was chairman of the Dispensations and By-Laws Committee of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, from 1946 to 1950 and was Grand High Priest in 1958.

He was a member of the Red Cross of Constantine, having been knighted January 13, 1949 and served as Sovereign in 1967. He became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland July 15, 1972.

Brother Buck was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1973 and advanced each year, being elected Grand Master March 25, 1976.

James Buck died June 21, 1986, age 83 years, and was buried in Cookeville City Cemetery at Cookeville, Putnam County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master James Peek Buck, Cookeville Lodge No. 266, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1976.

Gus J. Vlasis

139th Grand Master – 1977 & 1986



Gus J. Vlasis

Gus J. Vlasis was born February 9, 1918 at Fort Worth, Texas, the son of John K. (1887-1957) and Stravoula Chokas Vlasis (1897-1992). He moved as a young child with his parents to Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was a 1937 graduate of Chattanooga High School, the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, and Erlanger School of Medicine and did his residency at Horsely Clinic in Richmond, Virginia.

Dr. Vlasis was a well-known local physician, and was former chief of surgery at Erlanger Medical Center and was former county physician. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a captain in the Army Medical Corps and dropped behind enemy lines on fact-finding missions. Vlasis fought bulls in Mexico City with Manolete in 1947. Manuel Laureano Rodríguez Sánchez, better known as Manolete, was a Spanish bullfighter and considered to be the greatest of all time. Incidentally, Manolete died in August 1947 following a goring in the upper right leg as he killed the fifth bull of the day in the town of Linares, Spain.

He was married to the former Marie Roupas and they had three children, Nicholas G., John Gus, and Constance. His son Nicholas preceded Vlasis in death.

Dr. Vlasis was a member of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. He was Worshipful Master of Mountain City Lodge 549 in 1965, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Alhambra Shrine Temple, Royal Order of Scotland, Royal Order of Jesters and the Red Cross of Constantine. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1977 and 1986. He was the only Mason to have served more than one term in over a century.

Dr. Gus J. Vlasis died Friday, January 6, 2006 at the age of 87 years. Mountain City Lodge 549 conducted Masonic services at the funeral home on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Trisagion Service at 7:30 p.m. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church with Father Stavros Ballas officiating. Burial followed at Chattanooga Memorial Park, Chattanooga, Hamilton County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Gus J. Vlasis, Mountain City Lodge No. 549, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1977.

G. Edward Rothrock

140th Grand Master – 1978



G. Edward Rothrock

George Edward Rothrock was born January 3, 1911 at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the son of George Waverly (1886-1938) and Rosa Alma (Bullin) Rothrock (1889-1969). His parents married on February 26, 1910 and when George Waverly died in 1938, she re-married to Benjamin Henderson Williamson (1883-1968).

Brother Rothrock was educated in the public schools of Winston-Salem He married January 8, 1934 to Husis Catherine Bovender (1908-2002) at Forsyth, North Carolina. They had one daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Hackney of Osceola, Arkansas.

Brother Rothrock was a member of Christ Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he served as a Trustee and was in charge of church music for thirteen years.

He was employed by Southern and Union Pacific Railroads for a total of 45 years prior to his retirement, April 1, 1972. At that time he accepted the position of General Secretary of the Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies, which he held until 1992.

Brother Rothrock was raised in Memphis Lodge 118 on August 28, 1951 and served as Master in 1958. He was exalted in Memphis Chapter 95 on July 28, 1952. Companion Rothrock was greeted in Eureka Council 6 on October 1, 1952. He was knighted in Memphis Commandery 4 on October 9, 1952.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in April 1953 in Memphis Consistory. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1959 and was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary on October 25, 1963. He was a Past Commander of Memphis Council of Kadosh.

Brother Rothrock was received in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., on December 7, 1955. He was a Past Sovereign of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; is a member of the Royal Order of Jesters; the Royal Order of Scotland; held the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color.

Brother Rothrock served as District Chairman and Senior Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge. He was a member of the original committee for the Advancement of Freemasonry in Tennessee. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1975 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, March 23, 1978.

George Edward Rothrock died January 21, 1998, age 87 years, and was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master George Edward Rothrock, Memphis Lodge No. 118, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1978. Sponsor for restoration: Restoration Fund.

Leslie L. Farmer

141st Grand Master – 1979



Leslie L. Farmer

Leslie Leon Farmer was born September 22, 1917 in Cheatham County, Tennessee, the son of John William and Lula Pelham Farmer. He was educated in the public schools and took a course in business administration and bookkeeping while working with Wertham Bag Corporation, and short courses in management while employed at Avco Corporation.

He was married to Marie Graves, September 9, 1939 in Franklin, Kentucky. They had three children: Dorris Fay Paris, John Randall and Linda Annette Farmer. He was retired from Avco Corporation where he was employed as a cost estimator and shipping foreman. He was a member of First Christian Church, Nashville, where he served as a deacon.

Brother Farmer was raised on May 27, 1954 in Cumberland Lodge 8, Nashville, and served as Master in 1958. He has served as Secretary and President of the Board of Trustees.

Companion Farmer was exalted in Edgefield Chapter 197, Nashville, on November 22, 1954, and was High Priest of that Chapter in 1961. He received the Order of High Priesthood on March 20, 1961 in Nashville.

He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on November 23, 1954, and served as Illustrious Master in 1962. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel March 19, 1962.

Sir Knight Farmer was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1, March 11, 1955, and was Commander in 1965-66. In 1976 he served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee.

He received the Eastern Star degree July 4, 1956 in Buena Vista Chapter 75, Nashville. He served as Worthy Patron in 1959 and 1968. Brother Farmer received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in 1968 and 1969. He received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Nashville's Al Menah Temple May 10, 1968. He was appointed as Marshal by the Divan in 1970 and was a member of the Shrine Royal Arch Degree Team.

He served as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. He is a past president of the Middle Tennessee York Rite Association and received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor on April 8, 1970. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Farmer served as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge in 1964. He served as Grand Tiler from 1968 to 1976, when he was elected Junior Grand Warden. He advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 29, 1979.

Farmer died August 10, 1986 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Leslie Leon Farmer, Cumberland Lodge No. 8, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1979.

Ray W. Pearson

142nd Grand Master – 1980



Ray W. Pearson

Ray Wayland Pearson was born September 25, 1914 at Surgoinsville, Hawkins County, Tennessee, the son of Absalom David (1873-1952) and Carrie Ewing (Forgey) Pearson (1887-1980). His father first married Nancy McClellan Forgey (1875-1911) on June 29, 1898 and to them was born six children. Upon her death in 1911, he married Carrie Ewing Forgey on October 8, 1913 to whom was born one child, Ray Wayland Pearson.

Ray Pearson married Ada Mae Watterson (1912-2011) in Hendersonville, Henderson County, North Carolina on August 17, 1938 and they had one daughter, Elizabeth Ann (1944-2012).

He was a life-long resident of Hawkins County and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Church Hill. He retired as Vice-President and Manager of Citizens Union Bank, Church Hill branch in 1982.

Pearson was a member of Clay Lodge 386, Past Master of Kyle Lodge, Whitesburg. He was a member of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies where he was coroneted a 33°; the York Rite Bodies; Fairview Chapter 80, Order of the Eastern Star; Jericho Shrine Temple; the Royal Order of Scotland; and the Red Cross of Constantine. He was

elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in 1980.

Ray Pearson died Thursday, October 28, 1999 at Indian Path Hospital after a brief illness at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 31, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church of Church Hill, with Reverend Harry Hite, Jr. and Walter Wininger (Grand Master 1998) officiating. Burial was in New Providence Presbyterian Cemetery at Surgoinsville, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Ray Wayland Pearson, Clay Lodge No. 386, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1980.

Danny W. Seaton

143rd Grand Master – 1981



Danny W. Seaton

Danny Wayne Seaton was born October 28, 1943 in Camden, Tennessee, the son of Gerald Wayne and Lola Arnold Seaton. He was educated in the public schools of Camden. Brother Seaton was married to Carol French March 7, 1965 in Camden. They have two children, Rebecca Joyce and Kevin Wayne.

He was Assistant Vice President of the Bank of Camden and is a member of Rushing Creek Missionary Baptist Church of Camden.

Brother Seaton was raised in Camden Lodge 179 on March 9, 1967 and served as Master in 1971. Companion Seaton was exalted in Camden Chapter 159 on May 2, 1977. He was greeted in Camden Council 132, May 6, 1977. Sir Knight Seaton was knighted in Paris Commandery 16 on September 20, 1977.

Brother Seaton received the Scottish Rite degrees in Memphis Consistory in 1971. In 1975 he was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. Later, he was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary. He served as president of the Camden Scottish Rite Club.

He is a member of Al Chymia Shrine Temple, the Royal Order of Scotland and St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Seaton was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1978 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 26, 1981. At the time of publication, he is the senior Past Grand Master, having served over 40 years ago.

Portrait of Grand Master Danny Wayne Seaton, Camden Lodge No. 179, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1981.

John T. Pigg

144th Grand Master – 1982



John T. Pigg

John Taylor Pigg was born May 4, 1919 in Pulaski, Tennessee, the son of Robert Taylor (1886-1977) and Mary Malinda (Roland) Pigg (1887-1955). He was educated in the public schools of Giles County and Draughton's College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Brother Pigg served with the Second Armored Division during World War II, with the rank of Master Sergeant. He participated in the invasion of North Africa, Sicily, and France. He saw active service in seven campaigns: Algeria-French Morocco, North Africa; Sicily; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Central Europe, and Ardennes. He received the following decorations and citations: EAME Theater Ribbon with seven bronze stars; Good Conduct Ribbon; Purple Heart; Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, and Belgian Fourrangere.

He was married to Doris June Card (1925-2006), February 15, 1947 in Chattanooga. They had two children, John Taylor, Jr., and Susan Smith. He was a retired executive of GAF Corporation, New York City, New York, and has served as Director of Burkart-Schier Chemical Company, Chattanooga, Old Hickory Chemical Company, Atlanta, Georgia, and Yale Chemical Company, Nashville.

Brother Pigg was a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and held the office of Elder. He served in various offices at Woodmont Christian Church, Nashville, and First Christian Church, Chattanooga.

He was raised in Corinthian Lodge 414, Nashville, November 22, 1955, and served as Master in 1964. He began serving as Secretary in 1976.

Brother Pigg received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Nashville in 1956, and was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1973. He was assistant to the class director and held an appointed office in St. Michael Council of Kadosh.

He was exalted in Cumberland Chapter 1, Nashville, November 28, 1958, and served as High Priest in 1966. He received the Order of High Priesthood, March 21, 1966. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1, November 22, 1960. Sir Knight Pigg was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1, October 4, 1962.

He received the Eastern Star degrees in Rock City Chapter 2, Nashville. Brother Pigg received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Al Menah Temple, Nashville, December 7, 1957. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Middle Tennessee York Rite Association, East Tennessee Past Masters Association, Masonic Veterans Association, Honorary Member National Sojourners, a charter member of the Davidson County Worshipful Masters Association, and held the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Pigg was elected Junior Grand Warden, March 29, 1979, and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master March 25, 1982.

John Pigg died November 29, 1997, age 78 years, and was buried in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master John Taylor Pigg, Corinthian Lodge No. 414, photograph on canvas, Marion Ward, 1982.

John B. Arp, Jr. 145th Grand Master – 1983



John B. Arp, Jr.

John Burton Arp, Jr. was born April 11, 1929 at Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee, the son of John Burton, Sr. (1891-1947) and Edith May (Campbell) Arp (1899-1949). He was married to Lucille Clark Lowrance (1928-2018). Lucille was a 63-year member of Kingston Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. They had four children, Don, Pat, Kathleen Linda (1956-2021) and Jack N. Arp (1958-2017). Kathleen was a member of Kingston Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and Jack was a plural member of East Fork Lodge #460 and Omega Lodge #536, having served twice as Worshipful Master. John B. Arp, Jr. was an ironworker for 16 years.

John Arp became a Master Mason in Bright Hope Lodge 577, Knoxville, Tennessee, on October 2, 1951. After moving to Kingston he transferred his membership to Union Lodge 38 in 1954. He entered his Masonic activities with great enthusiasm and worked hard in support of Union Lodge and its activities. He served as Junior Warden in 1964 and Senior Warden in 1965. He was elected Worshipful Master for the year 1966, and presided over the

movement of the Lodge from its old location at the corner of Race and Kentucky Streets to its new and now present location on Spring Street.



Kathleen Linda Arp Carter

From the date of his Master Mason degree in 1951, Brother Arp maintained a steady pace of service and achievement within the Masonic fraternity. He became a member of the Scottish Rite and coroneted a 33°, York Rite and received the Knight York Cross of Honor, and Shrine of Knoxville. As he worked in these bodies and in his Lodge, he acquired an unusual knowledge of Masonry, its history, its teachings, and its philosophies of life. The Grand Lodge had been considering the starting of a program to improve the understanding of Masonry in Tennessee and needed someone to organize and promote such an effort. After search and study, it was determined that Brother Arp met the needs and qualifications of such a Mason. As a result, after



Lucille Clark Lowrance Arp

serving as Worshipful Master of Union Lodge, he was appointed Director of Masonic Education for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and served in that capacity from 1966 to 1980, when he was appointed Grand Lecturer and served in that capacity from 1980 to 1992. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1980 and he advance each year until he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 24, 1983.



Jack N. Arp

John Burton Arp, Jr. died March 29, 1993, age 63 years, and was entombed in the Sanctuary of Peace Mausoleum at Kingston Memorial Gardens at Lawnville, Roane County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Burton Arp, Jr., Union Lodge No. 38, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1983.



James E. McDaniel

146th Grand Master – 1984



James E. McDaniel

James Emmitt McDaniel was born March 29, 1918 in Shelby County, Tennessee, the son of Emmitt D. and Sally Pearl (Ware) McDaniel. He was educated in the public school system of Memphis. He was married to Iris Marnette Joyner (1917-2012) on April 20, 1941 in Memphis and they had one daughter, Joyce Ann. An Army veteran, he was also a Captain in the Army Reserves. He retired from Memphis Light, Gas and Water.

He was raised in Summer Avenue Lodge 729, Memphis, August 19, 1947 and served as Worshipful Master in 1954. He began serving as Secretary in 1961 and continued for 40+ years.

Companion McDaniel was exalted in Memphis Penn Chapter 22 on October 26, 1961. He was greeted in Eureka Council 6 on October 27, 1961. Sir Knight McDaniel was knighted in St. Elmo Commandery 15 on October 28, 1961.



James E. McDaniel

Brother McDaniel received the Scottish Rite degrees in Memphis, on April 22, 1948, was awarded the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1965 and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary on October 29, 1969. He served as Master of Kadosh in 1970-71 and started serving as Director of the Work beginning in 1971.



He received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Al Chymia Temple, in Memphis, May 5, 1948. He held the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and the Rainbow Grand Cross of Color.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother McDaniel was elected Junior Grand Warden, March 26, 1981 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, March 29, 1984.

James E. McDaniel died November 7, 2015. A

Masonic service was held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 with burial following in Memphis Memory Gardens at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master James Emmitt McDaniel, Summer Avenue Lodge No. 729, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1984.

Samuel D. Chandler

147th Grand Master – 1985



Samuel D. Chandler

Samuel David Chandler was born May 19, 1924 in Rhome, Texas, the son of David Cooper Chandler and Nora Belle Pinkerton Chandler. He was educated in the public schools of Texas and Tennessee. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was engaged in ranching and real estate and was a member of the Water Street Church of Christ in Charlotte, Tennessee. He was chairman of the Dickson County Soil Conservation District and served as crusade chairman and president of the Dickson County Cancer Society. He married Elizabeth Virginia McClelland (1926-2017) on June 2, 1950 in Nashville. They had no children.

He was raised in John B. Garrett Lodge 711, Nashville, October 9, 1952, transferred to Claiborne Lodge 293 on June 21, 1954, where he served as Master in 1959. He then transferred to Charlotte Lodge 97 on February 13, 1978 and served as Master there in 1979 and 1980. He was a member of the Masonic Veterans Association.

Companion Chandler was exalted in Edward G. Corbitt Chapter 147, Nashville, on April 15, 1953 and served as High Priest in 1957. He received the Order of High Priesthood on March 25, 1957 in Nashville.

He was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on November 17, 1953 and served as Illustrious Master in 1960. He transferred his membership to Dickson Council 107 on March 17, 1980. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in Nashville, March 21, 1960.

Sir Knight Chandler was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on May 21, 1954, where he continued as a member.

Brother Chandler received the Scottish Rite degrees in Nashville in November 1980. He received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Al Menah Temple, Nashville, December 5, 1958 and was a charter member of the Motor Corps. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and held the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Chandler served as District Chairman and was a member and chairman of the Dispensation and Bylaws Committee. He was elected Junior Grand Warden, March 25, 1982 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, March 28, 1985.

Samuel Chandler died September 14, 2000 and was buried in Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Samuel David Chandler, Charlotte Lodge No. 97, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1985.

W. Douglas Rice

148th Grand Master – 1987



W. Douglas Rice

Walter Douglas Rice was born September 2, 1917 at Newbern, Tennessee, the son of Walter Harrison (1883-1958) and Millie (Jackson) Rice (1896-1979). He married Maggie Mae Watson (1921-2001) on November 26, 1938 in Caruthersville, Missouri and they had four children; Linda, Carol Denise, Donald Allan and Thomas Lynn.

He was the owner of Doug Rice & Sons Mechanical Contractors, served on the Newbern City Board of Alderman for ten years and was Chairman of the Election Commission for two years. Rice was a Deacon and 50 year member of Newbern First Baptist Church.

Brother Rice was raised on February 5, 1952, in Newbern Lodge 285, Newbern, Tennessee. He served as Master in 1962. He also served as Secretary beginning in 1971.

He was exalted February 3, 1953 in Newbern Chapter 16, where he served as High Priest in 1975. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1975. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand Master of the Third Veil in 1980.

Companion Rice was greeted in Dyersburg Council 94 on February 24, 1953. He served as Illustrious Master in 1977. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 21, 1977.

He was knighted in Dyersburg Commandery 18 on June 6, 1962 and served as Commander in 1981. He served the Grand Commandery as a member of the Patriotic and Civic Activities Committee. He was inducted a Knight York Cross of Honor on March 23, 1982.

Brother Rice received the Scottish Rite degrees on June 15, 1974 in Memphis Consistory and was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor on October 21, 1985.

He received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Al Chymia Temple in Memphis on April 22, 1972. He was a member of Newbern Chapter 372, Order of the Eastern Star; St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; the Royal Order of Scotland and Holy Manger Tabernacle XLVIII, Holy Royal Arch, Knight Templar Priests. Brother Rice served for several years as County and District Chairman. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1984 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 26, 1987.

W. Douglas Rice died Wednesday, August 14, 2002, age 84 years, at Methodist Healthcare-Dyersburg Hospital at Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee. Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 17, 2002 in the chapel of Johnson Funeral Home with the Reverend Bill Phipps and Brother Laddie Owens officiating. Burial followed at Dyer County Memorial Gardens in Dyersburg.



Portrait of Grand Master Walter Douglas Rice, Newbern Lodge No. 285, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1987.

B. R. Brown

149th Grand Master – 1988



B. R. Brown

Billie Reginald Brown was born June 19, 1932 at Granville, Tennessee, the son of James Hooper (1910-1989) and Neva Ethel (Ragland) Brown (1914-2004). He was educated in the Jackson County public schools, and attended Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee Night School. He married Jean Bowman on June 27, 1952 in Sparta, Tennessee. They had two daughters, Lynne and Sherrie. They were members of Gainesboro Methodist Church in Gainesboro.

Brother Brown was raised in McWhirtersville Lodge 375 on February 26, 1966. He served as Master in 1973 and served as Secretary for many years. He was exalted December 27, 1966 in Donelson Chapter 234 and transferred his membership to Cumberland Chapter 1 in Nashville, where he served as High Priest in 1982. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1982. Companion Brown was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on September 7, 1968. He served as Illustrious Master in 1981. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1981. He was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on November 24, 1971 and served as Commander in 1980. He served as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery in 1982 and was a member of the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Commandery. He was inducted a Knight York Cross of Honor on March 22, 1983.

He received the Scottish Rite degrees in April 1976 in Nashville Consistory and was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 19, 1981 and later was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary. He received the ceremonies of the A.A.O.N.M.S. in Al Menah Temple on December 13, 1974. He was a member of Buchanan Chapter 286, Order of the Eastern Star; Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, the Royal Order of Scotland and Holy Manger Tabernacle XLVIII, Holy Royal Arch, Knight Templar Priests. Brother Brown was a permanent member of the Grand Executive Board, Rainbow for Girls in Tennessee, holds the Grand Cross of Color, Rainbow for Girls and the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of DeMolay.

Brown was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1985 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee on March 24, 1988. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee Fund from 1975 to 1999 and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee from 1990 to 1996.

B. R. Brown died January 10, 2008, age 75 years, at Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee and was buried in Granville Cemetery at Granville, Jackson County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Billie Reginald Brown, McWhirtersville Lodge No. 375, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1988.

L. Bruce Austin

150th Grand Master – 1989



L. Bruce Austin

Lilburn Bruce Austin was born January 6, 1934 in Scott County, Virginia, the son of Walter Benton (1910-1966) and Lelyia (Gilreath) Austin (1914-2007). He was married to Peggy (Edwards) Austin (1936-) on February 18, 1956 in Gate City, Virginia and they had two children Angela Dawn and Jeffrey Bruce Austin who both predeceased him.

Austin was a 1953 graduate of Shoemaker High School (Virginia) and a veteran of the U. S. Army in both the 101st and 82nd Airborne Division achieving the rank of Specialist 3rd Class. He retired from Tennessee Eastman Company following 43 years of service where he worked as an Engineering Technologist. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Kingsport, where he was an elder, sound technician and president of the Men's Bible Class. Later he was a member of Morrison City Christian Church.

Austin was raised in Kingsport Lodge 688 on January 25, 1958 and served as Master in 1976. He was serving as Treasurer at the time of his death, a position he had held for 25 years. He was a member of the Charles Newton Bush Past Master Association and the Masonic Veterans Association. He was also an honorary member of Whiteside Lodge 13, Zollicoffer Lodge 444, Arcana Lodge 489 and M. M. Martin Lodge 547.

He was exalted in Lynn Bachman Chapter 195 on April 1, 1967 and served as High Priest in 1974. He received the Order of High Priesthood on March 25, 1974. He was awarded the General Grand Chapter Bronze Distinguished Service Medal in 1983. In the Grand Chapter he served as Grand Principal Sojourner in 1976 and was the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Hawaii.

Companion Austin was greeted in Kingsport Council 117 on April 8, 1967, served as Illustrious Master in 1977 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 21, 1977.

He was knighted in Kingsport Commandery 33 on May 7, 1967 and served as Commander in 1976. He was made a member of the Knight Crusader of the Cross on April 24, 1987. He was inducted into Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor on March 21, 1978.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Knoxville, having received the degrees in October of 1973. He was elected president of the class. He was a member of the Sullivan County Scottish Rite Club. Brother Austin was a charter member of Jericho Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., having received the ceremonies of the Shrine in Kerbela Temple, Knoxville. He served as Ambassador for Jericho Temple and was a former member of the Kingsport marching patrol.

He was a member of Liberty Chapter 198, Order of the Eastern Star, where he served as Worthy Patron in 1973. He was also a member of the Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association, where he served as president in 1975, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and St. Mathias Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Knoxville.

Brother Austin was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1986 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 23, 1989.

L. Bruce Austin died on Friday, July 18, 2014 at the age of 80 years. A funeral service was held at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20, 2014 in the chapel of Carter-Trent Funeral Home in Kingsport, Tennessee with Pastor David Salley and Pastor Bob Underwood officiating. A graveside service was conducted at 12:00 p.m., Monday, July 21, 2014 in Oak Hill Memorial Park (Masonic Gardens) at Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Lilburn Bruce Austin, Kingsport Lodge No. 688, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1989.

J. D. Tisdale

151st Grand Master – 1990



J. D. Tisdale

Jethro Davidson Tisdale was born in Cotton Gin, Texas, March 16, 1926, one of seven children born to the William Henry(1897-1959) and Willie (Teer) Tisdale (1899-1989). He was educated in the public schools of Fairfield, Texas and George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He attended Ridgeway Baptist Church in Memphis and was retired after 37 years with the FBI. Brother Tisdale was married to Dorothy Jean Wright (1930-2017) on June 3, 1951 in Washington, D.C. Dorothy Jean also worked briefly for the FBI where she met her future husband. She also served as Worthy Matron and longtime Secretary of Oakville Chapter #265, Order of the Eastern Star. They had four children, Gregory, Bradley, Linda and Rebecca.

He was raised in Oakville Lodge No. 760 on May 28, 1962 and served as Master in 1968. He served as Treasurer from 1970 to 1975 and as Secretary from 1976 to 1989. He was exalted in Memphis Penn Chapter No. 22, Royal Arch Masons, on February 9, 1968, greeted in Eureka Council No. 6, Cryptic Masons, on February 23, 1968 and knighted in St. Elmo Commandery No. 15, Knights Templar, on May 4, 1968.

He was a member of the Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies having received the degrees in April 1963. He was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander, Court of Honor in 1975 and in 1985 was coroneted a Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary. He was a member of Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Memphis where he was initiated in 1969. He was a member of Oakville Chapter No. 307, O.E.S., where he served as Worthy Patron in 1971. He was a Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee having served in 1974-1975.



William Henry Tisdale



Dorothy Jean Tisdale

Brother Tisdale was also a member of St. Stephens Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Memphis; the Royal Order of Scotland; and the York Rite Sovereign College. He held the Grand Cross of Color from the Order of Rainbow for Girls and the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

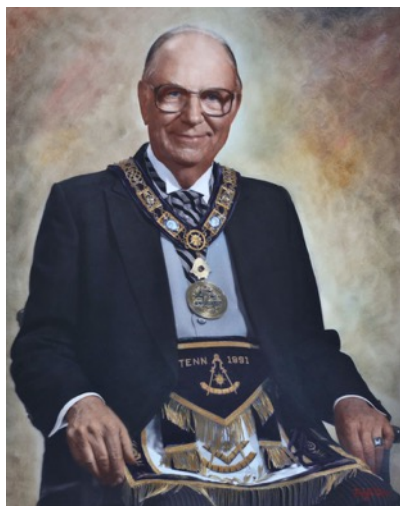
In the Grand Lodge he served as District Chairman, member of the Board of Custodians, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Lecturer and Grand Lecturer Emeritus. As Grand Master he created the Grand Lodge Library and Museum and served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Library and Museum Committee. He also proposed the establishment of the Andrew Jackson Medal, the highest honor in the gift of the Grand Lodge. Brother Tisdale was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1987 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 29, 1989.

J. D. “Tex” Tisdale died Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Services were held Sunday, October 21, 2018 in the chapel of Forest Hill East Funeral Home with burial in the cemetery of the same funeral home at Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Jethro Davidson Tisdale, Oakville Lodge No. 760, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1990.

John D. Templeton

152nd Grand Master – 1991



John D. Templeton

John David Templeton was born June 7, 1916 in Lincoln County, Tennessee, the son of William Eden (1879-1956) and Orpha (Speck) Templeton (1880-1968). He was educated in the public schools of Moore County, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Tennessee Tech University and Cumberland University Law School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Navy. Brother Templeton was District Attorney in Middle Tennessee and retired as Judge of the Chancery Court.

Templeton was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville. He married Nancy Waggoner (1921-1977) of Lynchburg on October 27, 1940 and they had one son, Dr. John W. Templeton of Winchester.

Brother Templeton was raised in Farris Creek Lodge 509 on March 16, 1946. He served as Master of Shelbyville Benevolent Lodge 122, where he later became a member.

He was exalted in Tannehill Chapter 40, Royal Arch Masons, greeted in Tullahoma Council 102, Cryptic Masons, and knighted in Murfreesboro Commandery 10, Knight Templars. He later became a member of Fayetteville Commandery 35.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Nashville. He was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of Al Menah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S in Nashville and Shelbyville Chapter 248, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Templeton was also a member and Past Sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, Knights of York Cross of Honor and Knight Crusader of the Cross.

In the Grand Lodge, he served as District Chairman, Grand Marshal, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1988 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 1991.

John Templeton died August 5, 2001 and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery at Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John David Templeton, Shelbyville Benevolent Lodge No. 122, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1991.

William B. Anderson 153rd Grand Master – 1992



William B. Anderson

William Ben Anderson was born December 8, 1921 in Knox County, Tennessee, the son of William P. (1873-1941) and Naoma L. Anderson (1879-1971). He was educated in the public schools of Knox County. On September 4, 1946, he was married to Juanita Cain (1921-2007). They were members of Gallaher Memorial Baptist Church. He was a U. S. Army Medic during World War II and later worked for Union Carbide Nuclear Company X-10 plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Brother Anderson was raised in Cherokee Lodge 728 on August 22, 1949 and served as Worshipful Master in 1956. He was exalted in Paxton Chapter 184, on February 24, 1956, served as High Priest in 1966. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1966.

Companion Anderson was greeted in Knoxville Council 75 on February 24, 1956, served as Illustrious Master in 1967 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1967. Sir Knight Anderson was knighted in Cyprus Commandery 23, and served as Commander in 1970. He was received as Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Tennessee Priory 15 on April 7, 1971.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, having received the degrees in April 1952. He was invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on October 20, 1975 and was coroneted at 33° Inspector General Honorary in 1987.

Companion Anderson was a Past Sovereign of St. Mathias Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; member of the Royal Order of Scotland; Kerbela Shrine Temple and was also a member and Past Patron of Bearden Chapter 437, Order of the Eastern Star.

He served as President of the Knoxville Area York Rite Association in 1973, President of the East Tennessee Past Master's Association in 1976, Grand Conductor of the Council of the Grand Council in 1971 and Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter in 1974. He was Chairman of the Masonic Education Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1975 and 1976.

He received the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest degree in Holy Manger Tabernacle XLVIII at Nashville, December 10, 1977 and served as Preceptor in 1987.

He is a Charter Member of Frizzell York Rite College 146, and received the Order of the Purple Cross at Atlanta, Georgia on February 2, 1990. On July 19, 1991, he received the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

On March 27, 1979 he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., March 23, 1989 and advanced each year, elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 26, 1992.

William Anderson died May 6, 1995, age 73 years, and was buried in Edgewood Cemetery at Knoxville, Knox County, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master William Benjamin Anderson, Cherokee Lodge No. 728, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1992.

Robert F. Henderson

154th Grand Master – 1993



Robert F. Henderson

Robert Floyd Henderson was born June 9, 1932 in Jackson, Tennessee, the son of Floyd (1889-1969) and Ruth Harrison Henderson (1898-1980). He was educated in the Jackson City Schools, Lambuth College and West Tennessee Business College. He was president of Miller Lumber Company, Incorporated in Jackson and served on the Board of Directors of this company in Jackson and Selma, Alabama.

He was a member of First Methodist Church in Jackson. He was Past President of the Men's Bible Class and was a member of the Administrative Board for several years.

Brother Henderson was married to the former Janelle Luckman (1932-2015), who was his DeMolay chapter sweetheart. They had three sons, Robert, Jr., Sidney Coleman, and William Jeffery and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was raised in Jackson Lodge No. 45 on July 24, 1956 and served as Worshipful Master in 1983. He was exalted in Clinton Chapter No. 9 on November 27, 1956 and served as High Priest in 1962. He was greeted in Jackson Council No. 13 on November 28, 1956 and served as Illustrious Master in 1992. He was knighted in Jackson Commandery No. 13 on November 30, 1956 and served as Commander in 1963.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Memphis, having received his degrees in March of 1970. He was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander, Court of Honor in 1975 and in 1981 was coroneted a Thirty-Third Degree, Inspector General Honorary. He was Past Master of Memphis Consistory and Past President of the Jackson Scottish Rite Club.

He was a member of Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Memphis, having received the ceremonies in 1964. He was Imperial Representative for the Shrine for fifteen years, and served on the Board of Governors for the Shrine Hospital, St. Louis Unit for seven years. He was also Past President of the Jackson Shrine Club and Motor Corps.

Brother Henderson was also Past Sovereign of St. Stephens Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the York Rite Sovereign College, Knight Masons, Tralee Council No. 41 and the first State Senior Councilor, Order of DeMolay. Also, in DeMolay, he was the holder of the Legion of Honor and Cross of Honor and was Dad Advisor for sixteen years.

In the Grand Lodge, he was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 29, 1990 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 25, 1993.

The third Senior DeMolay to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee.

Robert F. Henderson died August 7, 2016 at the age of 84 years. The funeral service was held at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Northside United Methodist Church in Jackson, Tennessee with Reverend Don Thrasher officiating. Interment followed at Ridgecrest Cemetery with Masonic rites provided by Jackson Lodge 45.



Portrait of Grand Master Robert F. Henderson, Sr., Jackson Lodge No. 45, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1993.

Thomas E. Hager

155th Grand Master – 1994



Thomas E. Hager

Thomas Earl Hager was born April 10, 1947 in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of James Earl and Fannie Mae (Bryant) Hager. He was a 1965 graduate of DuPont High School and attended the University of Tennessee at Nashville. He was employed as a sales executive for O'Neal Steel Company in Nashville and retired from KGS Steel.

He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church in Hermitage, Tennessee. Hager was married to the former Bobbye Ray Gewin on March 26, 1966. They had three children, two sons, Robert Earl and Thomas Ryan, and a daughter, Mika Lynell.

He was raised in Old Hickory Lodge 598 on November 25, 1968 and served as Worshipful Master in 1981. He was exalted in Jere Baxter Chapter 197 on November 22, 1976. He transferred his membership to Donelson Chapter 234 on January 14, 1991. Companion Hager was greeted in Nashville Council 1 on November 23, 1976 and was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 on November 24, 1976.

He was a member of Trinity Consistory 1, Nashville Scottish Rite Bodies and was honored with the rank and decoration of a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989. He later was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary.

Hager was a member of Al Menah Shrine Temple in Nashville, where he served as Captain of the Drum and Bugle Corps in 1989. He was a member of Old Hickory Chapter 203, Order of the Eastern Star; Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; the Tennessee Lodge of Research and the Royal Order of Scotland.

In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Marshal in 1987. Brother Hager was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1991 and was advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee on March 24, 1994. He served as Grand Treasurer from 1998 until his death.

Thomas Earl Hager died Tuesday, October 22, 2019, age 72 years. Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 26 at New Hope Baptist Church with Reverend Ron Patterson officiating. Interment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens in Old Hickory, Davidson County, Tennessee.



Thomas E. Hager

Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Earl Hager, Old Hickory Lodge No. 598, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1994.

Charles J. Eads, Jr.

156th Grand Master – 1995



Charles J. Eads, Jr.

Charles Jahew Eads, Jr. was born June 7, 1928 at Charleston, Tennessee, the son of Charles Jahew (1897-1979) and Mary Abigail (Moore) Eads (1906-1993). He was educated in the Bradley County public schools and the University of Tennessee where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He was a retired plant engineer for Allied Signal Incorporated located in Cleveland, Tennessee.

He was married May 11, 1959 in Spring City, Tennessee to Iva Lee Manies. Eads was a member of Broadstreet United Methodist Church in Cleveland where he served as usher and past property chairman.

Brother Eads was raised November 21, 1957 in Cleveland Lodge 134, served as Worshipful Master in 1967 and was Secretary for many years. In the Grand Lodge, Brother Eads served as District Chairman from 1983 until 1992.

He was exalted in Cleveland Chapter 39 on May 16, 1966 and served as High Priest in 1994. Companion Eads was greeted in Cleveland Council 124 on August 18, 1966. He was knighted in Cleveland Commandery 28 on September 11, 1966.

Brother Eads received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Knoxville Consistory in April of 1961. He later became a member of Chattanooga Consistory where he was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1983. He received the ceremonies of A.A.O.N.M.S. in Alhambra Temple, Chattanooga in 1966. He was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland; St. Gregory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Tennessee Lodge of Research; National Sojourners Chapter 514, Knoxville and Heroes of 76, Chapter 514 also in Knoxville; East Tennessee Past Masters Association; Cherokee York Rite College 152, Chattanooga and the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 26, 1992 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 23, 1995.

Charles J. Eads, Jr. died December 7, 2004, age 75 years, and was buried in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master of Charles J. Eads, Jr., Cleveland Lodge No. 134, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1995.

Alton E. Tollison

157th Grand Master – 1996



Alton E. Tollison

Alton Eugene Tollison was born September 28, 1930 to James Edgar (1898-1976) and Lola (Woods) Tollison (1900-1975) at New Albany, Union County, Mississippi. He was educated in the public school system of Union County, Mississippi, the University of South Carolina and Columbus College, Georgia.

He retired from the U. S. Army as a First Sergeant with over 22 years of active duty as well as fighting in the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. He received many awards and medals during this time such as Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Award, Good Conduct Medal, and Army Occupation in Germany, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation for Meritorious Service, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Ribbon and the Jungle Expert Badge. After his service in the Army, he taught for 25 years in the Memphis City Schools System before retiring.

He was married to the former Faye Black on June 18, 1956 in New Albany, Mississippi. They had two sons, Michael and Mitchell.

Brother Tollison was initiated passed and raised in Broadriver Lodge 377 in Columbia, South Carolina on July 28, 1961. He affiliated with Raleigh Lodge 770 in Memphis in 1971. He served as Worshipful Master in 1980 and for 18 years as Secretary. He affiliated with Bartlett Lodge 211 when Raleigh Lodge merged with another Lodge. He became a 50-year member in 2011. In the Grand Lodge he served on the Dispensation and Bylaws Committee and was appointed Junior Grand Deacon in 1990.

Companion Tollison was exalted in Millington Chapter 225 in 1977 and served as High Priest and received the Order of High Priesthood in 1985.

He was greeted in Millington Council 131 in 1977. He served as Illustrious Master and received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1989.

Sir Knight Tollison was knighted in Millington Commandery 39 in 1977. He served as Commander in 1986 and was made a member of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 1987.

Brother Tollison was a member of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; Royal Order of Scotland; Past Sovereign of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Masonic Veterans Association, Tennessee Lodge of Research and was Past Master of the West Tennessee Past Master's Association. He was inducted into Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor in 1990. He became a member of Zaman Grotto in Memphis on September 12, 1995; served as Worthy Patron of Raleigh Chapter 478, Order of the Eastern Star; was received in Al Chymia Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Memphis in 1976 and served as President of the Shrine Past Masters Club in 1989.



He became a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Memphis in 1964. He was honored with the rank and distinction of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1981, and in October, 1989, was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary.

Brother Tollison was elected Junior Grand Warden in March, 1993 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee on March 28, 1996.

Alton Tollison died August 4, 2019, age 88 years, at Winston Medical Center Nursing Home in Louisville, Mississippi. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Sammy McMillan officiating. Interment followed in Whitehall Methodist Church Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Alton Eugene Tollison, Raleigh Lodge No. 770, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1996.

John L. Palmer

158th Grand Master – 1997



John L. Palmer

John Lawrence Palmer was born May 24, 1949 in Jackson, Tennessee, the son of John Billie and Ann Palmer of Union City, Tennessee where he grew up and attended public schools, graduating in 1967. He and his wife Glenda, are members of the First Baptist Church of Nolensville, Tennessee, where they currently reside. They have one son, Lawrence. John is retired from Bellsouth and from Electronic Data Systems where he worked in information technologies and as a communications engineer.

Brother Palmer was received into the Order of DeMolay in 1963, served as Master Councilor of Union City Chapter in 1966, and is an active member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 1970 in Union City Lodge 538 after having received his Fellow Craft degree in Cookeville Lodge No. 266 as a courtesy. He transferred his membership to Hiram Lodge No. 7 when he moved into the community of Franklin Tennessee in 1973 after graduating from Tennessee Technological University with a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering.

He has served twice as Master of Hiram Lodge and as the charter Worshipful Master of Conlegium Ritus Austeri Lodge 779. He served as Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1997 and as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in 2005 and 2006. Nationally, he chaired the Commission for Information and Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference of North America in the year 2002, served on the Board of Directors of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial and the Masonic Information Center of the Masonic Service Association. He is a founding fellow The Masonic Society and is Chief Adept of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis in Tennessee. He served all the York Rite Grand Bodies in Tennessee as Grand Sentinel from 1978 until 1992, is a holder of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor, and has been designated a Knight Grand Cross of the Temple by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar U.S.A. where he serves as managing editor for the *Knight Templar* magazine. He is a Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor and holds the Order of the Purple Cross in the York Rite as well as the 33° degree in the Scottish Rite.

Brother Palmer's memberships include The Order of the Eastern Star, The Royal Order of Scotland, The Red Cross of Constantine, The Knight Masons, The Allied Masonic Degrees, The Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, The Rectified Scottish Rite, The Knights of St. Andrew (honorary), The Scottish Rite Research Society, The Rainbow Grand Cross of Color, The Philalethes Society, and The Tennessee Lodge of Research.

Fourth Senior DeMolay to serve as Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master John Lawrence Palmer, Hiram Lodge No. 7, photograph on canvas, Bing T. Gee, 1997.

Walter E. Wininger

159th Grand Master – 1998



Walter E. Wininger

Walter Earl Wininger, Sr. was born in Scott County, Virginia on April 4, 1923. He was the son of Robert L. and Clara (Fields) Wininger. He married Ottalee Skelton and they had one daughter, Vanessa and one son, Colonel Walter E. Wininger, Jr. He and his wife resided in Church Hill, Tennessee from 1946 until his death. Mrs. Wininger was a 50+ year member of Fairview Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and served as the Grand Representative of Massachusetts in Tennessee from 1984 to 1986.

He was wounded serving his Country during World War II. He retired from Tennessee Eastman Company where he was employed as a Supervisor over the refrigeration services. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, in Church Hill, serving as Chairman of the Administrative Board. He was appointed to the Hawkins County Election Commission in 1990 and served faithfully for over 13 years.



Ottalee Wininger

Wininger was raised a Master Mason in Clay Lodge 386 in 1952, serving as Master in 1959. He was a charter member of Church Hill Chapter 238, Royal Arch Masons, serving as High Priest in 1980. He was a member of Kingsport Council 117 and Kingsport Commandery 33. He belonged to Fairview Chapter 80, Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Patron in 1959, 1960 and 1991. He served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1966. He also served on the Education Committee of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. In 1970 he received the Grand Cross of Color from the Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

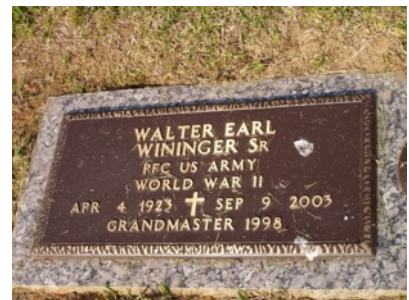


Walter E. Wininger

Brother Wininger was a member of the Scottish Rite and worked in the fourth degree for many years. He was coroneted a 33^o in 1989. He was also a member of The Royal Order of Scotland and The Red Cross of Constantine. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1998.

Walter Wininger died Tuesday, September 9, 2003; age 80 years, at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, following an extended illness. Services were conducted on Thursday, September 11, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Ron Ramsey officiating. An Eastern Star funeral service followed. Clay Lodge 386 conducted

masonic graveside services on Friday, September 12, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Church Hill Memory Gardens followed by military honors conducted by the Hawkins County Color Guard.



Portrait of Grand Master Walter Earl Wininger, Clay Lodge No. 386, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 1998.

John Vincent 160th Grand Master – 1999



John Vincent

John Vincent was born December 14, 1925, the youngest son of Jack Thompson (1896-1975) and Vera Bell (Jeans) Vincent (1891-1970), in Weakley County, Tennessee. He was married to former Jean Oliver (1926-) and they had four children; Alona, Johnny, Charlotte and Janie. After many years of farming, livestock training, and acting as a broker for produce shipped into Martin, Tennessee, he became a John Deere dealer on December 1, 1962. His three dealerships were located Martin, Paris and Union City. He served as the President of the West Tennessee and West Kentucky John Deere Dealers Association and President of the Weakley County Farm Bureau. During the 1970s, his dealership was ranked in the top ten dealerships in the country. During the 1960s, he was elected a legislator in the 84th General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Vincent believed in hard work, and he looked forward to the give and take of the business world.



Jean Oliver Vincent

Over the years he worked with Lions Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Heart Fund. He served on the Board of Directors for Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina for six years. He was active with the West Tennessee Regional Interfaith Association and the First United Methodist Church in Martin. He was a co-founder of the We Care Ministry. Vincent loved his community and the people of Martin, and they responded with great kindness to him. In addition to his community work, he and his wife of 67 years, enjoyed travel. They visited all 50 states and 13 foreign countries.



In 1943 he became a Mason and was a member of Martin City Lodge 551. He was also a 65-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. A 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, he served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 1999. He was a 70-year Mason.

John Vincent died Tuesday, November 26, 2013. Services were held at 2:30 p.m., Friday November 29, 2013 at Murphy Funeral Home with burial following in East Side Cemetery.



Portrait of Grand Master John Vincent, Martin City Lodge No. 551, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris 1999.

Kenneth Irwin Wright

161st Grand Master – 2000



Kenneth Irwin Wright

Kenneth Irwin Wright was born May 23, 1940 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee. He was educated in the public school system of Nashville and graduated from Hume-Fogg Tech in 1958. Brother Wright is married to the former Joyce Miller. He is a member of Shelby Avenue Church of Christ in Nashville.

He served in the United States Army Reserves for six years and received an honorable discharge in 1969. He began his career with the Nashville Metropolitan Police Department in 1962, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1974, and retired in 1989 after a distinguished career of dedicated service for almost 27 years. He is an active member of the Fraternal Order of Police Andrew Jackson Lodge 5.

Brother Wright was raised to the degree of Master Mason in Edgefield Lodge 254 on October 25, 1966 and served as Worshipful Master during 1974. He was elected as Secretary in December 1979 and served for many years in that position. Companion Wright was exalted in Jere Baxter 197 Royal Arch Masons on November 24, 1980. He was greeted in Nashville Council 1

Cryptic Masons on November 25, 1980 and knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 Knights Templar on November 26, 1980.

Brother Wright received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Nashville Scottish Rite Bodies in 1966. He was honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 1977 and was coroneted a 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 1989.

He was initiated a member of the Al Menah Shrine Temple in 1966 and is serving as an active member of the Shrine Ritual Committee. He joined Edgefield Chapter Order of the Eastern Star in 1974 and served as Worthy Patron during 1996, 1997, and 1998. He is a member of Cumberland Chapter 151 Royal Order of the Shrine Hillbillies and served as the Raban of the Clan during 1997. He is a Past President of the Middle Tennessee Past Masters' Association and a life member of the East Tennessee Past Masters' Association. Brother Wright has received the Honorary Legion of Honor in the Order of DeMolay. He is a member of the Tennessee Lodge Research, Middle Tennessee York Rite Association, Tennessee Masonic Veterans Association, Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, Charter Member of Tennessee Forrest 195 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Royal Order of Scotland, National Sojourners, the Heroes of 76, Allied Masonic Degrees, Zelmar Grotto 176 of Knoxville, and Gaelic Council 60 Knight Masons of Chattanooga.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Wright served as Senior Grand Deacon during 1989, has served on the Board of Custodians of the Work, is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico, and has served continuously as the Grand Lecturer for Middle Tennessee having been appointed to that position in March 1989. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in March 1997 and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 23, 2000.

Portrait of Grand Master Kenneth Irvin Wright, Edgefield Lodge No. 254, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2000.

Esco L. Owens

162nd Grand Master – 2001



Esco L. Owens

Esco Levon Owens was born June 26, 1932 in Pioneer, Tennessee, the son of Seborn Ethric Owens (1908-1992) and Odea V. (Stevens) Owens (1911-2007). He was educated in the public school system of Campbell County, graduating from Jacksboro High School. He attended Lincoln Memorial University of Harrogate, Tennessee and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics with a Minor in Physics. Brother Owens was of the Baptist faith.

He volunteered for the Armed Forces and served in the United States Navy from December 12, 1952 to November 1956. He completed instruction leading to Aviation Electronics Technician from the Naval Training Center at Millington, Tennessee, and then served as an Electronics Technician and Flight Crewman aboard a P5M seaplane. He was honorably discharged in November 1956 as an Aviation Electronics Technician Petty Officer 3rd Class.

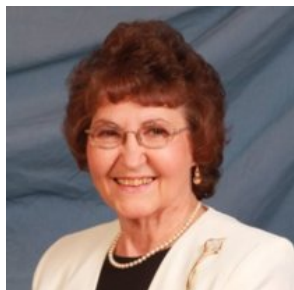
A sterling scholar, throughout his life, Esco Owens distinguished himself as a consummate professional, earning the respect and admiration of his peers and superiors for the exemplary quality of his work. He served skillfully as a mathematics teacher at Jacksboro High School from 1960 through 1964. He then made a career change becoming employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority as an Electrical Engineering Associate. He remained employed by TVA until his retirement in October 1993 as a System Analyst in Computer Science. After his retirement from TVA, he attended Jacksboro Vocational School as a student machinist.



Seborn Owens

Brother Owens was married to the former Charlotte Overbey (1938-2013) on June 1, 1959. From this union was born three children; Mark Levon, born October 29, 1962, deceased March 2, 1970; Karen Arlene Owens and Kevin Murl Owens.

Brother Owens was raised a Master Mason on January 25, 1958 in Jacksboro Lodge 322 of Jacksboro, Tennessee. He served as Worshipful Master during 1972 and later as Secretary for many years. Companion Owens is a member of Hiram Chapter 212 Royal Arch Masons of Caryville, Tennessee and served as High Priest during 1987. He received the Order of High Priesthood on March 23, 1987. Companion Owens is a member of Adoniram Council 114 Cryptic Masons of Oak Ridge, Tennessee and served as Illustrious Master during 1995. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 20, 1995. Sir Knight Owens was a member of Chevalier Commandery 21 Knights Templar of Oak Ridge, Tennessee and served as Eminent Commander during 1993. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross on April 22, 1993. In the Grand Commandery, Sir Knight Owens served as Junior Warden during 1996.



Charlotte Owens



Odea Owens

Brother Owens was made a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Knoxville during 1983. He assisted in the design, programming, and implementation of the Knoxville Scottish Rite office computer system. He received the honor of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1987 and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary in 1991. He served as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Class Director, and a member of the board of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies.

Brother Owens was a member of Tennessee Priory 15 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, the Royal Order of Scotland, the Red Cross of Constantine, the York Rite College, the Masonic Veterans Association, the Tennessee Lodge of Research, Past President of the Knoxville York Rite Association, and Past President of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Consistorians.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Owens served on the Ways and Means Committee from 1992 through 1996 and was Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. He was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 26, 1998, advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 29, 2001. The first Grand Master elected from Campbell County.

Esco Owens died on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at the age of 88 years. Visitation was at Martin Wilson Funeral Home in LaFollette, Tennessee on March 25, 2021 with Masonic services conducted by Jacksboro Lodge #322 at 7:45 p.m. followed by the Christian service. He was laid to rest the next day at 11:00 a.m. at Pond Cemetery.

Portrait of Grand Master Esco Levon Owens, Jacksboro Lodge No. 322, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2001.

Joseph C. Harrison

163rd Grand Master – 2002



Joseph C. Harrison

Joseph Curtis Harrison was born July 21, 1951 in Memphis, Tennessee, the son of J. C. and Margarie Harrison. His family moved to Paris, Tennessee in 1952 where he was educated in the public schools of Henry County. He attended several colleges in Tennessee and Missouri receiving degrees in electronic engineering technology, psychology, business administration and management information systems. He retired in September 2019 from Union University, a Christian liberal arts college in Jackson, Tennessee, where he was an Associate Professor of Information Systems in the School of Business. Harrison has taught at five colleges and universities, owned a heavy equipment sales agency, a computer consulting group, worked as an engineering technician, a radio station announcer, and station engineer. His interests include hunting, ham radio and golf.

He married Laurel Ellingson on August 3, 1974. Laurel retired as a Senior Vice President at Union Planters Bank (now Regions Bank). They have one son, Thomas. Joe and Laurel are members of Bartlett United Methodist Church in Bartlett, Tennessee. Laurel was elected Associated Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in

April 2019 and will advance each year, serving as Worthy Grand Matron in 2023.

Brother Harrison was raised a Master Mason on October 13, 1983 in Bartlett Lodge 697 and served as Worshipful Master during 1990. He served as Grand Tiler of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee with Most Worshipful Brother Ben Anderson during 1993 and was a member of the Jurisprudence Committee and the Vision 2013 Officer Training Committee.



Joe & Laurel Harrison

Companion Harrison was exalted in Millington Chapter 225 on November 26, 1983, served as High Priest during 1993, and received the Order of High Priesthood on March 22, 1993. He was greeted in Millington Council 131 on November 26, 1983, served as Illustrious Master during 1996, and received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 25, 1996. Sir Knight Harrison was knighted in Millington Commander 39 on November 26, 1983, served as Commander during 1994, and was made a member of Knight Crusader of the Cross on April 22, 1994. He has served as Treasurer and is a Life Member of the Rosemark (formerly Millington) York Rite Bodies. He was elected to the York Rite College in 1992, Knight York Cross of Honor on March 25, 1997, and received the Order of the Purple Cross of Honor from the York Rite Sovereign College in 2000. Companion and Sir Knight Harrison served the Grand York Rite Bodies as Grand Master of the Third Veil with Most Excellent Brother Bruce Taylor during 1994 and Grand Principal Sojourner with Most Excellent Brother Richard Van Tassell during 1998, as well as several committee positions.

Brother Harrison received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Memphis Consistory in 1983. He received the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989 and was elected a 33rd Inspector General Honorary in 1997. He is a Life Member, serves in the ritual case of several degrees. He has served on the Board of the Scottish Rite Foundation, the Finance Committee and as Assistant Director of the Work. He served as Personal Representative to the Sovereign Grand Inspector General. He assumed the role of Deputy of the Supreme Council in Tennessee on December 8, 2013 and was elevated to Sovereign Grand Inspector General on August 23, 2015.

Brother Harrison is a member of Al Chymia Shrine Temple, where he has served as Membership Chairman and President of the Shrine Past Masters. He is a member of St. Stephen Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and served as Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine. He is a member of Knight Masons; the Philalethes Society; the Royal Order of Scotland; Tennessee Lodge of Research;

Bartlett-O. K. Houck Chapter 216, Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron in 1989; West Tennessee York Rite Association; Societas Rosicruciana; Allied Masonic Degrees; Tall Cedars of Lebanon and was awarded the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. He serves on the Committee of Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

In the Grand Lodge, Brother Harrison was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 25, 1999 and progressed each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 2002.

Portrait of Grand Master Joseph Curtis Harrison, Bartlett Lodge No. 697, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2002.

Ronald Jasper Coates

164th Grand Master – 2003



Ronald J. Coates

Ronald Jasper Coates was born August 16, 1961 in Centerville, Tennessee, the son of A. J. and Willie B. (Russell) Coates. He was educated in the public school system of Hickman County, graduating from Hickman County High School in 1979. Brother Coates was employed with the Hickman County Highway Department as a road grader operator since June 4, 1979. He served as a County Commissioner of the Hickman County Legislative Body from 1986 to 1990. He is a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. He has been given the honor and distinction of Kentucky Colonel.

Brother Coates was raised a Master Mason on May 24, 1984 in Centerville Lodge 618 and served as Worshipful Master in 1988. In the Grand Lodge, he served as Grand Steward in 1996, District Chairman from 1989 through 2000.

Companion Coates was exalted in Dickson Chapter on 123 on February 21, 1987, served as High Priest in 1991 and received the Order of High Priesthood on March 25, 1991. He was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Tennessee in 2017. He was greeted in Dickson Council 107 on February 24, 1987, served as Illustrious Master in 1991 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 25, 1991. In the Grand Council, he served as Grand Marshal in 1992. He was awarded the

Cryptic Mason of the Year Medal from the General Grand Council in 1992. During 1999 and 2000, he served as Grand Instructor.

Sir Knight Coates was knighted in Clarksville Commandery 8 on March 21, 1987, becoming a charter member of Dickson Commandery 41 in 1991, served as Commander in 1993. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross on April 23, 1993. In the Grand Commandery, he served as Grand Standard Bearer in 1993 and served as a District Instructor from 1994 through 2000.

Brother Coates received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Trinity Consistory, Valley of Nashville in April 1985. He later transferred to the Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies where he was awarded the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and later coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary. He was made a Noble of Al Menah Shrine Temple on December 13, 1985; served as Hickman County Shrine Ambassador from 1987 through 1997, member of Al Menah Shrine Past Masters Club, Cumberland Clan 151 Shrine Hillbillies and served on the Al Menah Shrine Membership Committee.



Ronald J. Coates

Brother Coates was made a member of Tennessee Priory 15 Knights of the York Cross of Honor on March 28, 1994. He is a member of Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, served as Governor in 2001 and received the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America on July 28, 2001; Middle Tennessee York Rite Association and served as President in 1995; Old Hickory Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Tennessee Lodge of Research and served as Worshipful Master in 2001.

Brother Coates is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Tralee Council 41 Knight Masons, Middle Tennessee Past Master's Association, Ray S. Garton Council 403 Allied Masonic Degrees, Andrew Chapter 385 National Sojourners, Heroes of 76 and Centerville Chapter 329 Order of the Eastern Star; serving as Worthy Patron in 1993 and 1996. He was also awarded the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Ronald Coates was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 23, 2000, advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 27, 2003.

Portrait of Grand Master Ronald Jasper Coates, Centerville Lodge No. 618, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2003.

Richard E. Durham

165th Grand Master – 2004



Richard E. Durham

Richard Eugene Durham Sr. was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on December 7, 1934. The son of George William and Eva (Pelfrey) Durham, he was educated in the public schools of Hamilton County and graduated from Kirkman High School in 1952.

He married Joyce Morgan (1933-2021) on December 26, 1952 and they were blessed with four children, Starr Durham Alexander, Richard Durham Jr., Kim Durham Thomas and Traci Beth Durham. They were also the proud grandparents of April and Ashley Durham and Drew Thomas.

Richard served in the United States Army Reserve from 1952 through 1966 and was a member of TNG 30th Armored Division, 115th AFA, A Battalion. He attended Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., and attained the rank of First Lieutenant before receiving Honorable Discharge in 1966.

Richard was one of the top sales representatives for Dyke Industries of Knoxville, Tennessee. He retired from Dyke Industries, Inc. in April of 1997 after a career that spanned 42 years in the building industry.

He was a member and ordained deacon at Frawley Road Baptist Church and had been a former member at Kingwood Baptist Church and East Ridge Baptist Church, where he also served as deacon, Sunday School teacher and advisor on various church committees.

Brother Durham was a member of the East Ridge Lions Club from 1969 until his death, and had perfect attendance after becoming a member.

Brother Durham was raised a Master Mason on May 12, 1956 in East Lake Lodge 698 and served as Worshipful Master in 1964 and 1987.

He served as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee with Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John Pigg in 1982, and served on the board of custodians and the jurisprudence committee.

Companion Durham was exalted in Keystone Chapter 208 on June 9, 1970 and received the Order of High Priesthood on March 20, 1989. He was greeted in Hiram Council 116 on November 6, 1971 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel on March 20, 1989. Sir Knight Durham was knighted in Chattanooga Commandery 32 on April 22, 1972 and was made a member of the Knight Crusader of the Cross on April 21, 1989. He received the Order of Knight Commander on June 29, 1989. He is a member of Cherokee York Rite College, and received the Knight York Cross of Honor in 1990. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1995.

Brother Durham received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Chattanooga Consistory in 1988. He is a member of Alhambra Shrine Center, The Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degree, Royal Order of Scotland, Tennessee Lodge of Research, East Lake Chapter 238, Eastern Star (Worthy Patron in 1966), Chattanooga area York Rite Association, Joe Foss Chapter 540 National Sojourners, Heroes of 76 and several other orders in the Chattanooga Area.

In the Grand Lodge Brother Durham was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 29, 2001, and progressed each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 25, 2004.



Joyce Durham

He was also a member of the Chattanooga Half Century Club and held countless honorary memberships in Masonic lodges and temples throughout the state of Tennessee, as well as across the country. Richard and his family were named Chattanooga Family of the Year in 1987.



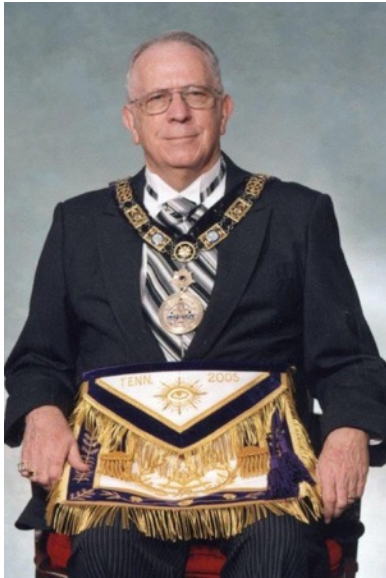
He worked as a session's clerk for the Hamilton County Criminal Court and had served in several campaign and community outreach positions in East Ridge, where he, his wife and family had lived for 56 years. He served as head of the East Ridge Welfare Committee under then Welfare Commissioner, Headrick Witt, for more than two decades.

Richard Durham died Tuesday, August 18, 2009. A Masonic service was held at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 2009. Services were held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2009 in the chapel of Heritage Funeral Home with the Reverends Ken Wolfe and Billy Dean officiating. Burial followed at Lakewood Memory Gardens, South in Rossville, Georgia.

Portrait of Grand Master Richard Eugene Durham, Sr., East Lake Lodge No. 698, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2004.

Paul L. Phillips

166th Grand Master – 2005



Paul L. Phillips

Paul Lincoln Phillips was born November 20, 1934, at Gainesboro, Tennessee, the son of the late Reverend E. A. and Bessie (Gant) Phillips. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lambuth University in Jackson, Tennessee in 1956 and Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity Degrees from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee in 1959. Brother Phillips served for over 42 years as a United Methodist minister in the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving United Methodist Churches in Western Kentucky and Western Tennessee. He comes from a family of United Methodist ministers, his father and both brothers having served for a number of years as ministers in the United Methodist church. Brother Phillips retired from the active ministry December 31, 1996, but remained active, still preaching the gospel at a number of churches and always willing to speak at nursing homes, retirement communities and wherever asked to do so.

He served as Chaplain of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Memphis. Brother Phillips was raised a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge 332 on March 29, 1956, and served as Worshipful Master in 1981. He was exalted in Rosemark Chapter 225, Royal Arch Masons on October 23, 1969 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2000. He was greeted in Rosemark Council 131 on October 24, 1969 and served as Illustrious Master in 2002. He was knighted in Memphis Commandery 4 on October 25, 1969 and later became a charter member of Rosemark Commandery 39 and served as Eminent Commander in 1999. Brother Phillips received the Scottish Rite Degrees in November of 1970. In 1997 he was coroneted a 33° Inspector Honorary General. Brother Phillips did extensive ritualistic work in the Blue Lodge, York Rite and Scottish Rite. In addition, he conducted more than 75 Masonic funerals.

Brother Phillips was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Knight Masons, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, Masonic Veterans Association, Tennessee Lodge of Research, Tennessee Priory No.15, Red Cross of Constantine and Societas Rosicrucian. He received the Order of High Priesthood on March 26, 2001, and the order of the Silver Trowel on March 25, 2002. He was governor of York Rite College 141. Brother Phillips was also a member of Al Chymia Shrine and Jackson Chapter 85, Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Phillips married Kathleen Allen (1923-2009) of Jackson, Tennessee on August 30, 1958 and they were parents of one son, Paul Allen Phillips. Mrs. Phillips died July 24, 2009 and Brother Phillips later remarried in 2012 to Jimmie Alexander.

Brother Phillips served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Chaplain of Cryptic Masons and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery.

Brother Phillips was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 28, 2002, advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 24, 2005.



Paul Lincoln Phillips died March 16, 2020. A service of celebration was held Friday, March 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of George A. Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Jackson, Tennessee in the midst of the health concerns sweeping the nation over the Covid-19 virus pandemic. He was laid to rest in Highland Memorial Gardens in Jackson, Madison County, Tennessee.

Portrait of Grand Master Paul Lincoln Phillips, St. Johns Lodge No. 332, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2005.

Sid C. Dorris, III

167th Grand Master – 2006



Sid C. Dorris, III

Sid Cornelius Dorris, III was born November 3, 1947 in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Sid C., II and Elizabeth Dorris. He attended public schools in Goodlettsville, Tennessee and graduated from the School of Modern Photography in 1968. He served in the United States Army Reserves as a Public Information Office photographer. Brother Dorris was employed for forty years at the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tennessee as Photography Manager and retired August 2005. He was a member of Hermitage United Methodist Church. He married Sherry Lynn Damron (1951-2010) in 1970. Together they had one child Chad Brandon Dorris. They had one grandchild.

Brother Dorris began his Masonic career in 1974, when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason at McWhirtersville Lodge 375 in Donelson, Tennessee. In 1985, he served as Worshipful Master and served as a Trustee for many years. From 1976 to 2002 he served The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Tennessee as Grand Photographer and also served a five-year term on the Appeals and Grievances Committee.

He was a member of the East, Middle, and West Tennessee Past Masters Associations. Exalted in Donelson Chapter 234 in 1975, he served as the High Priest in 1985 and 2001, and he received the Order of the High Priest in

1986. He received the Bronze Medal for Distinguished Service from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Companion Dorris was greeted in Nashville Council 1 in 1975 and served as Illustrious Master in 1986. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1987 and served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons as Grand Conductor of the Council in 1986.

Brother Dorris was knighted in Nashville Commandery 1 in 1975 and served as Commander in 1986. He also served as a Trustee and received the Knights Crusader of the Cross in 1988. He is also a Past Knights Crusader of the East. He served the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Tennessee as Grand Senior Warden in 1988 and as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1994.

In the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, he served as Aide De Camp (1997-2000) for the Grand Master and was the Co-Chairman of the 61st Triennial Conclave held in Nashville, Tennessee during August of 2000. Dorris received the Knight Commander of the Temple honor in 2000 and served on the Public Relations Committee from 2000 to 2003. He served as Southeastern Department Commander (2003-2006) Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA. Brother Dorris was knighted KYCH in 1987, Tennessee Priory 15, KYGCH 1994, and served as Prior.

Brother Dorris is a member of Tralee Council 41 Knight Masons, Old Hickory Conclave Red Cross of Constantine-Puissant Sovereign, 1997, Tennessee College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana. In Civitatibus Foederatis, he is Past Celebrant and Past Secretary.

Brother Dorris's Masonic achievements also include:

- Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, Governor (1992), and holder of the Order of the Purple Cross.
- Arch E. McClanahan Council 358 Allied Masonic Degrees-Sovereign Master 2004.
- Member of Holy Tabernacle No. XLVIII Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest.
- Member of the Valley of Nashville A. & A. S. R. Southern Jurisdiction, received KCCH in 1991 and was coroneted as 33^o Inspector General Honorary in 2003.
- Member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

- Member of Buchanan Chapter 286 Order of the Eastern Star.
- Member of Al Menah Shrine Temple.
- Member of the Tennessee Lodge of Research.
- Member of the Knight Commanders

Brother Dorris was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 23, 2003, advancing each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 23, 2006.

He was serving as Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA at the time of his death.

Sid Dorris died Friday, November 19, 2010; age 63 years, a little over three months after his wife. A Masonic service was held at the visitation at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 22, 2010. Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of Madison Funeral Home, with Reverends Paul Phillips and Dickie Johnson officiating. Interment was at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

Portrait of Grand Master Sid Cornelius Dorris, III, McWhirtsville Lodge No. 375, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2006.



Orville R. Armstrong

168th Grand Master – 2007



Orville R. Armstrong

Orville Robert Armstrong was born to Clayton Powell and Virginia Backus Armstrong in Greenville, Tennessee on August 15, 1953. He was educated in the Hawkins County Public School System. Armstrong Machine Works, Inc. in Rogersville, Tennessee employs him.

Brother Armstrong married Geraldine Hughes on September 2, 1972. Orville and Geraldine have two children, Orville Brian Armstrong and Laura Armstrong Hicks. They also have two grandchildren (Kayson Brian and Connor Allen Armstrong.) Brother Armstrong is a member of Rogersville United Methodist Church.

Brother Armstrong was raised a Master Mason on February 1, 1975 in Overton Lodge 5 in Rogersville and served as Worshipful Master in 1986. Companion Armstrong was exalted in Church Hill Chapter 238 in 1993 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2000. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 2000.

He was Greeted in Kingsport Council 117 in 1993 where he served as Illustrious Master in 1999. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1999. Sir Knight Armstrong was Knighted in Kingsport Commandery 33 in 1993 where he served as Commander in 1998. He was made a member of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 1998.

He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Northeast Tennessee York Rite College 153. He received the Order of the Purple Cross and K.Y.C.H. in 2004. He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Knoxville Consistory in 1975. He was decorated K.C.C.H. in 2005.

Other Masonic affiliations include:

- Jericho Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.
- Tennessee Lodge of Research
- Masonic Veterans Association
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis
- Knight Commanders
- Allied Masonic Degrees:
- Knight Masons
- Knight York Cross of Honor
- Order of the Purple Cross
- Knight Commander of the Court of Honor
- Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association
- Charles Newton Bush Past Masters' Association
- East Tennessee Past Master Association
- Order of Eastern Star

M.W. Brother Armstrong was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 25, 2004, advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 29, 2007.

Portrait of Grand Master Orville Robert Armstrong, Overton Lodge No. 5, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2007.

Jerry L. Hanson

169th Grand Master – 2008



Jerry L. Hanson

Jerry Lynn Hanson was born to Frazer Douglas and Laverne Yarborough Hanson in Charleston, South Carolina on March 28, 1947. He was educated in the Carter County Public School System - Elizabethton, TN., University of Tennessee, and the University of Memphis. He served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam and received a combat medal for valor. He is a retired Federal Aviation Air Traffic Control Supervisor of 39 years. Brother Hanson married Mary Dianna Sheely on April 19, 1980 and had four children, Timothy Christopher, Bradley Douglas, Amanda Michele, and Shelley Lynn Hanson. Brother Hanson and Mary were members of New Hope Christian Church in Bartlett, Tennessee.

Brother Hanson had a giving spirit and fascination with magic that began at an early age. He used to perform shows in grade school with his brother Rodney and built many of his own illusions. He even used his talents on stage to benefit charity organizations like the Shrine Hospitals for Children and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Brother Hanson was raised a Master Mason on August 23, 1983 and served as Worshipful Master of Germantown Lodge 95 in 1985 thru 1989. Most Worshipful Brother Hanson was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 24, 2005, and advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee on March 27, 2008.

Appendant Bodies:

- Past Master (Germantown #95 1985 thru 1989)
- Life Member #73, #211, #95
- Director of the Work - Scottish Rite - Life Member
- 33rd Inspector Honorary
- Al Chymia Shrine - Life Member - Hospital Staff
- Life Member Zaman Grotto
- Royal Order of Jesters
- Order of Quetzalcoatl
- Past High Priest 225-Life Member
- Past Illustrious Master #131-Life Member
- Past Commander 39 - Life Member
- Knights Templar Grand Commander's Club
- Order of Knight Commanders
- Order of High Priesthood
- TN Council of Anointed Kings - Order of the Silver Trowel
- International DeMolay Alumni Association
- Life Member Emerald Isle 346 Allied Masonic Degrees
- Life Member Knights of the York Cross of Honor
- Life Member Tralee Council 41 Knight Masons USA
- Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
- Quator Coronati Lodge 2076
- Red Cross of Constantine
- Tennessee Lodge of Research
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- Life Member - West Tenn. York Rite College 141



Jerry L. Hanson

- West TN Past Masters Association
- Royal Order of Fleas and Yellow Dog (Ruff-Ruff-Ruff)

Jerry Lynn Hanson passed away on January 14, 2020. Services were held at Memphis Funeral Home Poplar Avenue Chapel. Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Joseph C. Harrison conducted the Masonic Service. Burial was in Memphis Memory Gardens.

Portrait of Grand Master Jerry Lynn Hanson, Unity Lodge No. 95, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2008.

Dickie Wayland Johnson

170th Grand Master – 2009



Dickie W. Johnson

Dickie W. Johnson was born in Smith County, Tennessee on September 22, 1939, the son of Ruby Vantrease Johnson and Jim B. Johnson. He attended Grant Elementary School and graduated from Gordonsville High School in 1957. Brother Dickie attended Vol State, University of Tennessee and Cambridge State University, earning a degree in Sociology. He received his theology training in Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Brother Johnson worked at Nashville Electric Service for thirty-seven years, serving as CEO of the Employees Credit Union. He retired in 1996. Brother Johnson was called into the ministry in 1968 and has served several United Methodist Circuits over the years. While working at Nashville Electric Service, he also served as pastor on a part-time basis for several years.

In June of 1997, Rev. Johnson was appointed to the Gordonsville-Temperance Hall-Lancaster United Methodist Circuit on a full-time basis, retiring in June 2008. He is ordained and serves as an Associate Member of the Tennessee Annual Conference.

Brother Johnson was married on November 23, 1957 to Delores Hemontolor of Lebanon, Tennessee. They have two children and five grandchildren. The eldest grandson was killed in 2004 in a motorcycle accident while serving in the United States Marines. Dolores is a retired high school teacher having served at Watertown High School for over twenty-five years.

Brother Johnson was raised a Master Mason in Lebanon Lodge 98 in July, 1961 and served as Worshipful Master in 1965. He holds a plural membership in New Middleton Lodge 249. Brother Johnson served the Grand Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer in 1972 and Grand Chaplain in 2003. He is Past High Priest of Lebanon Chapter 25 RAM and served the Grand Chapter in 2002 as Grand Chaplain. Brother Johnson is Past Grand President of the Order of High Priesthood. He served as Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter RAM. Brother Johnson is Past Illustrious Master of Lebanon Council 109 Cryptic Masons and received the Cryptic Mason of the Year award in 1995. He has received the Order of the Silver Trowel. He is Past Commander of Baldwin Commandery 7 KT and served the Grand Commandery in 1992 as Grand Sword Bearer and in 1997 as R.E. Grand Commander. Brother Johnson is also a member of Nashville Commandery 1. He is a Knight Crusader of the Cross and a Knight Commander of the Temple. He served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar as a member of the Finance Committee. Brother Johnson is KYGCH in the York Rite and KCCH in the Scottish Rite. He is Past Puissant Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine. He served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

Brother Johnson is Past Patron of Rose Croix Chapter 95, Order of the Eastern Star. He is Past Governor of Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, having received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1998. He is a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Nashville, SJ. Brother Johnson is a member of Al Menah Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. and served as Chaplain for three years. He holds membership in several other affiliated Masonic bodies.

Brother Johnson was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden on March 23, 2006, and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 26, 2009.

Portrait of Grand Master Dickie Wayland Johnson, Lebanon Lodge No. 98, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2009.

Dr. Thomas Boduch

171st Grand Master – 2010



Dr. Thomas Boduch

Dr. Thomas Boduch was born August 28, 1953 in Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of Irene and Mitchell Boduch. He attended local schools, Springfield College (1971-1974) and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1979. After graduation, he entered active duty with the U. S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Captain. He completed additional training at Wilford Hall USAF Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and then served the Air Force as a Family Physician at Hancock AFB, Syracuse, N.Y. In 1984, he moved to Tennessee and worked as an Emergency Room Physician. In 1989, he established a Family Practice Office in Kingston.

He married Betty McKissack Voyles on January 20, 1996, and together they raised her two children, William Joshua Voyles and Elizabeth Marie Voyles.

He was raised in Union Lodge 38 on April 13, 1991, and served as Worshipful Master in 1995 and 1996. He also served as Secretary.

In the Grand Lodge, he served on the Vision 2013 committee from 1996 until 2006. While serving as committee chairman from 2006-2008, he facilitated the transformation of that committee to the present Long Range Planning Committee. Additionally, from 2001 to 2006, he served as a member of the Masonic Education Committee. He also served as Grand Marshal in 1997, Grand Tiler in 2004, and Junior Grand Deacon in 2005.

His other Masonic affiliations include:

- Tennessee Lodge of Research
- East Tennessee Past Masters Association
- Palmyra Chapter 218, RAM
- Adoniram Council 114, CM
- Plateau Commandery 38, KT
- Nicholas E. Oldham Council 378, AMD, PSM 2004
- Frizzell York Rite College 57
- William B. Anderson Council 73, Knight Masons
- Knoxville Scottish Rite—33° Inspector General Honorary
- Kerbela Shriners (Medical Director)
- Hillbilly Clan 24
- Tenasi Teocali 138, Order of Quetzacoatl
- Knoxville Court 57, Royal Order of Jesters
- The Royal Order of Scotland (State Petition Screening Chairman)
- The Philalethes Society
- Knoxville Chapter 514, National Sojourners
- Burlington Forest 207, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
- Kingston Chapter 405, Order of the Eastern Star
- Charity Court 17, Order of the Amaranth
- DeMolay Legion of Honor
- He is also a Tennessee Colonel and a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

In the Grand Lodge, he served on the Vision 2013 committee from 1996 until 2006. While serving as committee chairman from 2006-2008, he facilitated the transformation of that committee to the present Long Range Planning

Committee. Additionally, from 2001 to 2006, he served as a member of the Masonic Education Committee. He also served as Grand Marshal in 1997, Grand Tiler in 2004, and Junior Grand Deacon in 2005.

He was elected R.W. Junior Grand Warden on March 28, 2007 and advanced each year. He was elected M.W. Grand Master on March 25, 2010.

Portrait of Grand Master Thomas Boduch, Union Lodge No. 38, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2010.

Mack E. Johnson

172nd Grand Master – 2011



Mack E. Johnson

Mack Evans Johnson was born October 11, 1942 in Parsons, Tennessee, the son of Joseph Allison (1919-1989) and Mondelea (Evans) Johnson (1923-2011). He was educated in the public schools of Decatur County, Tennessee. He served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic. He volunteered in October 1960 and was honorably discharged in October 1964. He has been a farmer, a service manager at a car dealership, a heavy equipment operator and a millwright in construction, before becoming disabled in 1988 with a heart attack. He is a member of New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Holladay, TN.

He was married to Jeanetta Gibson (1943-2005) on Wednesday, March 29, 1961, until her death on Monday, December 5, 2005. They had two children, a son, Mark and daughter Joelle. He married the widow, Diann Collett Floyd (1942-2021) Sunday, February 14, 2010. She had worked for an insurance agency in Parsons, Tennessee for 47 years. She had one daughter, Tracie Miller of Mississippi. Diann was a more than 50-year



Jeanetta Johnson

member of Parsons Chapter #127, Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron three times, secretary for 30 years, Grand Instructor for District 3, Grand Representative of New York in Tennessee from 2001-2003 and secretary of the Line Officers Club and the West Tennessee Gavel Club. Diann Johnson passed away on April 27, 2021.

Brother Johnson was raised a Master Mason on September 29, 1978 in Mt. Carmel Lodge 333 in Holladay, Tennessee. He transferred to Parsons Lodge 586 at Parsons, Tennessee in 1981. He served as Worshipful Master in 1989. He was elected secretary in 1992 and served that office until his death. He was also Grand Representative of Grand Lodge of Tennessee to Ceara, Brazil.



Diann Johnson

He was an Honorary Member of Constantine Lodge 64 F. & A.M., Lexington, TN and an Honorary Member of Center Lodge 380 F. & A.M., Bath Springs, TN.

Companion Johnson was exalted in Lexington Chapter 168 on October 31, 1984. Served as High Priest during 1992 and 1993. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1998. Served as Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee 2001. Grand Representative to Switzerland. Past Excellent President of Tennessee Grand Council Order of High Priesthood. Appointed a member of the Resolutions Committee August 29, 2008 until March 2010 of The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

He was greeted in Roy Holland Council 89 on October 31, 1984, served as Illustrious Master during 1990, 1991, 1994, 1995 and 1997. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1990. Past Illustrious King in Tennessee Grand Council of Anointed Kings. Grand Representative to South Carolina.

Sir Knight Johnson was knighted in Lexington Commandery 36 on October 31, 1984. Served as Commander 1991. He was knighted a member of Knight Crusader of the Cross in 1993. Grand Representative to Idaho.

He was knighted a member of Tennessee Priory 15, KYCH in March 1993 and KYGCH in March 2000.

Member of West Tennessee York Rite College, Past Governor and received the Order of the Purple Cross in July 2001. Installed Grand Governor of Tennessee, July 2010.

Member of West Tennessee York Rite Association, Past President, Tralee Council 41 Knight Masons, Past Excellent Chief, West Tennessee Past Masters Association, Past Right Worshipful Master, Tennessee Lodge of Research, Charter Member of 1861 Civil War Lodge of Research, Masonic Veterans Association of Tennessee, Past President, Masonic Veterans Association of Memphis, Past President, Knight Commanders Memphis Asylum 1, Past Commander, Order of Eastern Star, Parsons Chapter 127, Past Patron, Emerald Isle Council 346 Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master. Honorary Member of F. J. Scully Council 267, Arkansas, The Royal Order of Scotland, Volunteer Chapter 414 National Sojourners, St. Stephens Red Cross of Constantine, Tennessee College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Forederatis, Columbia Preceptory No. VIII Yeomen of York, Swords of Bunker Hill, Tri-County Scottish Rite Club, Past President, and Al Chymia Shrine.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Memphis Consistory, received KCCH in 1997 and Inspector General Honorary, 33° Degree in 2007. Past Master of Kadosh. In the Grand Lodge, he served the Ways and Means Committee, 2005-2008.

Bro. Johnson was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden March 26, 2008, advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee March 24, 2011.

He served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 2013

Mack Evans Johnson; 74; died on Monday; June 12; 2017 at Jackson Madison County General Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Parsons Mortuary Chapel with Brother Phillip Gullede and Brother Paul Phillips officiating. Visitation with the Johnson family was held on Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until time of the service. An Eastern Star service and Masonic Rite service were held before the regular service in chapel. Interment followed at New Prospect Cemetery, Holladay, Tennessee.



Portrait of Grand Master Mack Evans Johnson, Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 333, photograph on canvas, Sid Dorris, 2011.

Laddie Lann Wilson

173rd Grand Master – 2012



Laddie Lann Wilson

Laddie Lann Wilson was born in 1946 and grew up in Monterey, Tennessee graduating from Monterey High School in 1965. Upon graduating, Brother Wilson joined the United States Marine Corps, serving a tour in Vietnam in 1967-1968. He attained the rank of Staff Sgt. and received an Honorable Discharge in 1971. While in the Marines, Laddie came home and married Brenda Jernigan of Monterey in 1966.

After Brother Wilson's active military duty, he began work as a brick & block mason. While working full time and supporting his family, he attended Volunteer State Community College at nights and graduated cum laude in 1976 with an Associate of Science Degree. Brother Wilson continued working in the masonry business as a bricklayer, superintendent, and later as Vice President of field operations for General Masonry. In 1991, Brother Wilson founded C & W Masonry, Inc. and served as President until he closed the company and retired on December 31, 2011.

Brother Wilson and Brenda have been blessed with two children and three beautiful grandchildren. Their daughter, Crystal is married to Andy Stokely and they have a daughter named Parker. Their son, Tony is married to Karen Wilson and they have twins named Madison and Mason.

Brother Wilson was raised a Master Mason in Hendersonville Lodge 359, on December 28, 1985 and served as Worshipful Master of Hendersonville Lodge 359 in 1992. He is also a plural member of Green Pond Lodge 703. Brother Wilson is a 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Nashville. He is a Past High Priest of Cumberland Chapter 1 Royal Arch Masons and a recipient of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Nashville Council 1 Cryptic Masons, and a member of Nashville Commandery 1, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, the Old Hickory Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, and the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana Citibabibus Foederatis. Brother Wilson is a life member of Hendersonville Lodge 359, a life member of Cumberland Chapter 1, a life member of The Royal Order of Scotland, and a life member Andrew Jackson Chapter 385 National Sojourners.

Brother Wilson is a member of Ezra Council 89 Knight Masons, a charter member of the Civil War Lodge of Research and a member of Hendersonville Chapter 477 Order of Eastern Star. He is a member of Al Menah Shrine; a member of its Provost Guard and past President of the Hendersonville Shrine Club. Brother Wilson is a recipient of the "Yellow Dog degree" and the Masonic Order of the 4 Black Llamas. He served on the Planning Committee for the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America for the 2013 Conference.

Brother Wilson has served the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and its Most Worshipful Grand Masters in several capacities. He served as Grand Marshal in 1994-95 for MWPGM Thomas Earl Hager and also served as Grand Marshal for MWPGM Paul Lincoln Phillips in 2004-05. Brother Wilson served as the Chairman of the Arrangements Committee from 1999 to 2007. He served as a County Chairman from 2000 to 2006.

Brother Wilson was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden March 26, 2009 and has advanced each year, being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 29, 2012. He was appointed Interim Grand Treasurer in 2019 upon the death of Past Grand Master Thomas Hager and served until March of 2021.

Portrait of Grand Master Laddie Lann Wilson, Hendersonville Lodge No. 359, photograph on canvas, Bill Mayers, 2012.

Roy C. Etherton

174th Grand Master - 2013



Roy C. Etherton

Roy Clinton Etherton was born December 8, 1949, in Pikeville, Tennessee, the son of Wanda Louise and Elbert Clinton Etherton. He was educated in Bledsoe County Schools and the University of Tennessee. He retired from BASF Corporation in February 2012 with over 42 years of service, most recently in quality control.

Bro. Etherton is married to the former Peggy Powers. They have three sons, Clint Etherton, Phillip Etherton and Herb Keyton. They have four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

An active member of Washington Baptist Church, he has served as Sunday School teacher and as a member of the executive board of the Tennessee Valley Baptist Association. He is presently a member of the finance committee, benevolence committee and trustee.

He was raised in Dayton Lodge 512 on May 19, 1984 and served as Worshipful Master in 1988, and has served as secretary from 1989 to 2017. He served the Grand Lodge as a member of the Appeals and Grievances Committee from March 1995 to March 2000, the jurisprudence committee, and as Grand Chaplain in 2004.

Exalted in Rhea Springs Chapter 83 on March 15, 1986 he served as High Priest in 1990 and 1992. He received the Order of High Priesthood in 1990. He was greeted in Drummond Council 86 on July 29, 1986 and served as Illustrious Master in 1993. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1993. He is also a member of Calvary Council 140. He was knighted in Plateau Commandery 38 on August 9, 1986 and served as Commander in 1992, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. He is also a member of Cyrene Commandery 42, serving as Commander in 2009. He became a member of the Knight Crusaders of the Cross in 1992. He served the Grand Commandery as Grand Sword Bearer in 1993, as District Instructor for several years and as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2000 and received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2001.

He is a member of Tennessee Priory 15 Knights of the York Grand Cross of Honor, the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies holding the rank of 33°, Alhambra Temple of A.A.O.N.M.S., Cherokee York Rite College receiving the Order of the Purple Cross, St. Mathias Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Order of Scotland, Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Masons, Knight Commanders, Tennessee Lodge of Research, East Tennessee Past Masters Association, the Chattanooga Area York Rite Association, the Knoxville York Rite Association, Dayton Chapter 360 OES, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the National Sojourners. He is an Honorary Kentucky Colonel. He is a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priest and the Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis. He was installed as Grand Governor of the York Rite College of Tennessee in Reston, Virginia on August 2, 2008.

In the Royal Arch Chapter, he is Grand Representative to South Carolina, in Council, Grand Representative to Washington, in Commandery, Grand Representative to South Dakota and in Grand Lodge, Grand Representative to Missouri. He is a member of National Sojourners. He has served as aide-de-camp to Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and is a member of the ritual committee of Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Roy was elected Junior Grand Warden March 25, 2010 and advanced each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 2013. He has served as Grand Secretary since 2014.

Portrait of Grand Master Roy Clinton Etherton, Dayton Lodge No. 512, photograph on canvas, Jimmy Cunningham, 2013.

Delbert R. Musick

175th Grand Master – 2014



Delbert R. Musick

Delbert R. "Del" Musick, was born to Charles Franklin and Ora Dell (Anderson) Musick, on April 14, 1941 in Burkburnett, Texas. He was educated in the public school system of Dodson, Texas, Camargo, Oklahoma and Wichita Falls, Texas. He was employed as an over the road driver for Roadway Express, Inc. from 1968 until his retirement in 2006.

Brother Musick was married to Lola Ruth Bennett on October 14, 1961, until her passing in June 2000. To that marriage was born Leslie Dell Musick and Melynda Gaye Musick Duncan (Mark). He has one granddaughter, Lauren Ashley Stephens.

On July 11, 2010, he married Wilda Ann (Witt) Anderson in Temple, Oklahoma. Their extended family includes Wilda's sons Richard (Beverly) Trey and Lauren, and Bob (Vickie) Lindsey, Ashley and Chance. Del and Wilda were members of Second Presbyterian Church.

He is a member of Oakville Lodge 599. He was raised a Master Mason in Whitehaven Lodge 599 on January 8, 1980. He transferred to McLemore Avenue Lodge 715, serving as Worshipful Master in 1985. In 1995

McLemore Avenue and Oakville consolidated. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in 1980. In 1995, he was accorded the rank and decoration of Knight Commander Court of Honor, and in 2001 was coroneted an 33^o Inspector General Honorary. He served as Venerable Master, Memphis Lodge of Perfection. He was exalted in Penn Council 22, Greeted in Eureka Chapter 6 and Knighted in St. Elmo Commandery 4, in 1980.

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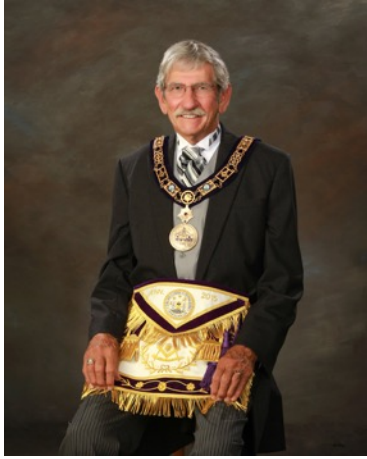
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DeMolay Legion of Honor
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Al Chymia Shrine
Oakville Chapter 265 OES.

Brother Musick served as District 1 Chairman for 3 years, and served as Grand Lecturer for District 1. In 2006, he was appointed Grand Pursuivant for the Grand Lodge F&AM of Tennessee. He has served on the Board of Custodians, Ways and Means Committee, and Dispensations and By-Laws committee. He was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Tennessee in 2014. A few years later he relocated to Oklahoma.

Grand Master Delbert Roy Musick, Oakville Lodge No. 599, photograph on canvas, A. Ginsburg, 2014.

Phillip Dwight Hastings

176th Grand Master – 2015



Phillip Dwight Hastings

Phillip Dwight Hastings was born July 15, 1945 in Manchester Tennessee. His grandparents Howard and Connie Hastings raised him. He attended Coffee County schools, graduating high school in 1963.

Brother Hastings worked as a mechanic in a local Ford dealership until 1965 when he moved to Florida, continuing his vocation as a mechanic in dealerships until 1970 when he purchased a Petroleum Product Customer Service Center (i.e. gas station) and garage on Clearwater Beach, Florida. Moving back to Tennessee in 1976 he continued his career as an owner/mechanic of an auto repair business, later becoming a parts/service manager for a G.M. dealership, parts/service/operations manager of a HVAC dealership and as service manager of a Plumbing and Electric company retiring in 2009. He now spends his time maintaining their 165 acre farm.

In 1976 Brother Hastings married Betsy Ann Leprone of Clearwater Beach, Florida and later that same year bought a farm in Manchester, Tennessee where he fulfilled his dream of becoming a farmer. (It was not Betsy's dream). They have three children, Ralph (wife Debbi), Tabitha Davis (husband Chris) and

Amanda Carter (husband Jason). Brother Dwight and Betsy have eight grandchildren.

Brother Hastings was raised a Master Mason on September 21, 1975 in Clearwater Lodge 127, Clearwater Florida. He affiliated with Hillsboro Lodge 382 in 1980 where he is a Life Member, Past Master 1984 & 1995, and serving as Treasurer for the past 20 years. He is a plural member of Tullahoma Lodge 262 and Shelbyville Benevolence Lodge 122.

His other Masonic affiliations include - He is a 32° KCCH Scottish Rite Mason, Past High Priest (62), Order of the High Priest, Past Illustrious Master (102), Order of the Silver Trowel, Past Eminent Commander (40), KYCH, Past Sovereign Master AMD Council 416, Knight of the Red Branch of Eri, Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143, Tall Cedars of Lebanon 195, Knight Mason Gaelic Council 60, Knight Commanders Asylum 2 serving as Eminent Knight Commander, Al Menah Shrine (Nashville), and National Sojourner. He is a member of Manchester Chapter 339 O.E.S. and has served as Worthy Patron several times. He was instrumental in starting the Coffee County DeMolay Chapter, serving as Chapter Dad and advisor. He is a DeMolay Legion of Honor.

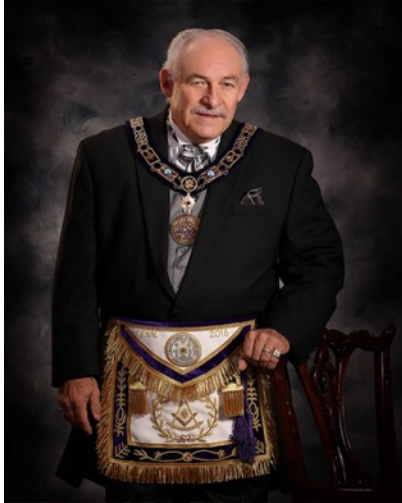
Brother Hastings served the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as Coffee County Chairman for several years and District 11 Chairman for five years. He also served on the Ways and Means Committee and was Grand Steward in 2011.

He was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden on March 29, 2012 progressing each year until March 26, 2015 when he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee.

Grand Master Phillip Dwight Hastings, Hillsboro Lodge No. 382, photograph on canvas, Ron McAfee, 2015.

Billy Ray Cutlip

177th Grand Master – 2016



Billy Ray Cutlip

Billy Ray Cutlip was born to O. J. and Pansy Cutlip, on July 10, 1951, in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was educated in the Public School System, and graduated from Northeast State Community College in 1982. He was employed by Texas Instruments and Siemens for 25 years, and is retired from Nuclear Fuel Services, in Erwin, Tennessee. Brother Cutlip was married to Debra Ann Hilbert September 14, 1996 and together they have four children, Ken, Richard, Christy and Sara, and ten grandchildren.

Brother Cutlip was raised a Master Mason in Arcana Lodge, 489, on December 21, 1974, and served as Worshipful Master in 1979 and 2004. He affiliated with and served as Worshipful Master of Johnson City Lodge 486 in 2007, and is presently a member of Greenville Lodge 3. He served the Grand Lodge of Tennessee as Grand Pursuivant in 2004, and on the Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures from 2007 through 2011, serving as Chairman in 2010 and 2011.

Companion Cutlip was exalted in Thomas E Matson Chapter, 131, R. A. M. at Johnson City in April 1975, and served as High Priest in 1981, and received the Order of High Priest Hood in 1981. He served the Grand Chapter as Grand Sentinel in 2004.

Companion Cutlip was greeted in Holston Council 101, at Johnson City, in April 1975 and served as Illustrious Master in 1980, received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1980. He served the Grand Council as Grand Instructor for District 3 from 2001 thru 2004, and served as Grand Steward in 1999. He received the Cryptic Mason of the Year award in 2001.

Sir Knight Cutlip was Knighted in Watauga Commandery 25, at Johnson City in April 1975, and served as Eminent Commander in 1979. He also served Carter Commandery 37 as Eminent Commander in 1999. He received the Knight Crusaders of the Cross in 1985, and the Order of Knight Commanders in 1999. He served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, as Grand Sword Bearer in 1982, and served on the Ritual and Tactics Committee from 2000 thru 2011, and as Chairman in 2010 and 2011, and is a member of Holy Manger Tabernacle No XLVIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

He is a member of Tennessee Priory 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, and served as Eminent Prior in 2008. He is a Past Governor of Northeast Tennessee York Rite College and received The Order of the Purple Cross.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Knoxville in 1977 and was decorated a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1999. He was coroneted a 33° in 2003. He has served the Knoxville Valley as Washington County membership Chairman; Venerable Master, of the Knoxville Lodge of Perfection and Director of Work. He is also serving as the Assistant Personal Representative to the Knoxville Valley for the SGIG of Tennessee.

His other Masonic affiliations include:

Past Sovereign of St Julian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Past President of Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association
Past Excellent Chief of William W Cannon Council 79, Knight Masons
Past Sovereign Master of Jacob R Denny Council 359, Allied Masonic Degrees
Past President of the Tennessee Allied Masonic Degrees Association
Past Illustrious King, Council of Anointed Kings, Order of the Silver Trowel
Celebrant, of Tennessee College Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis
Burlington Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon
C. Newton Bush, Past Master s Association

Tennessee Lodge of Research
Royal Order of Scotland
Nolichucky Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star
Jericho Temple, A. A. O. N. O. M. S.
Honorary Kentucky Colonel
Charter Member of the Order of the Four Black Llamas and presently serving as Chaplain

Billy Ray Cutlip was elected Junior Grand Warden, March 28, 2013, advancing each year and was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master, March 24, 2016.

Grand Master Billy Ray Cutlip, Greenville Lodge No. 3, photograph on canvas, Gary Woods, 2016.

Casey Lee Hood

178th Grand Master – 2017



Casey Lee Hood

Casey L. Hood was born on October 31, 1970, in Union City, Tennessee. He is the son of Richard L. Hood and Betty A. Hood of Obion, Tennessee. He graduated from Obion County Central High School in 1988 and attended the University of Tennessee at Martin from 1988-1990.

In 1990, he became managing partner and co-owner of Hood Plumbing Co. LLC., a family business established in 1969. He is the sole proprietor of M.R. 2 Ducks Guide Service, which he established in 1994. He is also a member of the First Baptist Church in Obion. He married Andrea Noelle Davidson of Byrdstown, Tennessee, on July 17th 1993, and they have 2 daughters, Halie L. Hood and Lindy P. Hood.

Brother Hood was raised a Master Mason in Western Sun Lodge 88 in Troy, Tennessee, on June 29, 2009, served as Worshipful Master in 2011 and was elected in 2012 as Secretary where he is still serving. In 2014, he affiliated and has Plural membership with Richland Lodge 748 in Rosemark, Tennessee. His Blue Lodge accomplishments include the following: First Recipient of the Tennessee Grand Lodge Masonic Light Award, Special Projects Coordinator to the Widows' and Orphans' Home Board of Control

(2010-2011), District 3 Chairman (2012-2014), Director of the Tennessee Child Identification Program (2014-2016), and Recipient of the 2014 Tennessee Grand Lodge John B. Arp Award.

He was Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Union City Chapter 132, where he served as Excellent High Priest in 2011 and received the Order of the High Priesthood that same year. He served as Grand Sentinel for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 2014. Greeted in Union City Council 122, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2011 and received the Order of the Silver Trowel that same year. He served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons as Illustrious Grand Sentinel in 2012. He was Knighted in Union City Commandery 29 where he served as Commander in 2011 and received the Knight Crusader of the Cross that same year. He is currently serving the Grand Commandery as Chairman of the By-Laws and Dispensation Committee and is a member of the Policy and Procedures Committee. In 2011, he was awarded the Membership Achievement Medal from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. In 2012, he received the Knight of York Cross of Honor and became a member of Tennessee Priory 15.

He is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Memphis. He is also the Stage Director as well as being the Building Maintenance Chairman. Other Masonic affiliations include: West Tennessee York Rite Association (2012 President), Al Chymia Shrine Temple, Tralee Council 41 Knight Masons serving as Very Excellent Grand Superintendent of the West for the Grand Council of Knight Masons USA, Senior Warden of Emerald Isle Council 346 Allied Masonic Degrees, Deputy Governor of West Tennessee York Rite College 141, Right Worshipful Master of the West Tennessee Past Masters Association, The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis, Troy Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, West Tennessee Forest 213 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and Cornelius Chapel 22 St. Thomas of Acon. Brother

Casey L Hood was elected as the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master on March 24, 2016, and on March 23, 2017, he was afforded by the membership of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee the distinct honor and privilege of being elected as the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Brother Hood was sworn in as an interim State Representative representing Tennessee District 77 on October 3, 2019.

Grand Master Casey Lee Hood, Western Sun Lodge No. 88, photograph on canvas board by Jason Aldridge.

Dickie McKinney

179th Grand Master – 2018



Dickie McKinney

Dickie McKinney was born October 24, 1950, in Smith County, Tennessee, the son of Marion Eddith and Thayer Wilson McKinney. He graduated from Gordonsville High School. He retired as a member of Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local #572 after 34 years and is now taking care of the farm where he raises beef cattle. Brother McKinney was married to Phyllis Marie Winfree on February 14, 1970, and they have two sons, Dennis and Christopher, two grandchildren, Darien Johns and Levi McKinney, and great grandson, Kayden. He is an active member of New Middleton United Methodist Church.

He was raised a Master Mason in New Middleton Lodge 249 on June 22, 1993, where he served as Worshipful Master in 1996, 1998, and 2001. He is also a plural member with Caldwell Lodge 273. Companion McKinney was exalted in Lebanon Chapter 25 on April 30, 1994, served as Excellent High Priest in 2017 and received the Order of the High Priesthood the same year. He was greeted in Lebanon Council 109 on April 30, 1994 and served as Illustrious Master; Knighted in Baldwin Commandery 7 on May 14, 1994; and received the Masonic Order of Athelstan Tennessee Court 122.

Brother McKinney was appointed District 12 Chairman in May 2011 and served the Grand Lodge in that position until appointed Grand Lecturer for District 12 and Robertson County District 7 in September 2012. He has also served the Grand Lodge since 2012 on the Education Committee. He is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason Valley of Nashville since 1996; a member of Al Menah Temple of A.A.O.N.O.M.S.; Old Hickory Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Middle Tennessee York Rite College 143; a Life Member of Middle Tennessee York Rite Association; a member of Arch E. McClanahan Allied Masonic Degrees Council 358; National Sojourners Andrew Jackson Chapter 385; Tennessee Forest 195 Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Ezra Council 89 Knight Masons; Tennessee Lodge of Research F.&A.M. 1508, Middle Tennessee Past Masters Association (Past President); Sam Davis Order Sword of Bunker Hill 125; Yellow Dog; and Masonic Order of the 4 Black Llamas. He is an Honorary Kentucky Colonel.

McKinney was elected Junior Grand Warden March 26, 2015 and advanced each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 29, 2018.

Dickie McKinney, New Middleton Lodge No. 249, photograph on canvas, Kemp Studio.

Robert Thomas Reed

180th Grand Master – 2019 & 2020



Robert Thomas Reed

Robert Thomas Reed was born in Cleveland, Ohio on March 14, 1941 to Houston and Ealie Reed. He was raised in the Liberty Hill Community in Cocke County Tennessee. He worked for Magnavox in Jefferson City for 19 years and retired from Sonoco Products after 30 years of service. He is a member and trustee of Dutch Bottom Baptist Church. He was married to Shelby Martin Reed (1943-2022) and they had one son, two grandsons and eight great grandchildren. Shelby Reed passed away on July 9, 2022 after 61 years of marriage.

Brother Reed was raised a Master Mason on May 29, 1982 at Newport Lodge 234 and served as Worshipful Master in 1998 and 2008. He has served as Cocke County Chairman for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and served as Grand Lecturer for a number of years. Brother Reed is a member of the York Rite Bodies in Morristown, Kerbela Shrine Temple and is Past President of the Cocke County Shrine Club. As a Shriner he was recognized for his dedication for driving children to the Shrine Hospitals.

Brother Reed received his Scottish Rite Degrees in the Fall Class of 1982. Since then he has served in many positions, in the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies. He has been active in the Stage Crew and has worked in several degrees and is Past Degree Master of the Nineteenth Degree. Brother Reed is Past President of the Cocke County Scottish Rite Club, Past District Membership Chairman for the Scottish Rite, served as Wise Master of Knoxville Chapter of Rose Croix, served on the Executive Committee of Knoxville Scottish Rite for 10 years. Brother Reed also was appointed and served as General Secretary of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Bodies. He now serves as Personal Representative of the S. G. I. G. in Tennessee and the Chairman of the Knoxville Scottish Rite Executive Committee. He was Invested a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in 1989 and was coroneted a 33rd Inspector General Honorary in 1997.

Brother Reed is also a member of the Order of Athelstan and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He and Mrs. Reed were members of the Newport Chapter No. 461 Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron and now he and Mrs. Reed both are members of Martha Dandridge No. 438 Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Robert Thomas Reed was elected Junior Grand Warden for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee on March 24, 2016 and has advanced each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 28, 2019. Due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic, an Annual Communication was not held in 2020, and Brother Reed continued as Grand Master until the 2021 Annual Communication. The first Grand Master to serve two consecutive terms since 1868.

Robert Thomas Reed, Sr., Newport Lodge No. 234, photograph on canvas, Gary Woods.

Charles W. Mixon

181st Grand Master - 2021



Charles W. Mixon

Charles Wayne Mixon was born on June 25th, 1961 in Augusta, Georgia. The Son of Jack Edward and Marjorie McDaniel Mixon. He was educated in the DeKalb County School System in Atlanta, Georgia. Brother Mixon is married to Sharon A. Mixon of Belmont, Mississippi. They have two children, Joshua Allen and Carrie Standridge. They have four granddaughters and one grandson.

Brother Mixon served in the US Army from April 1979 thru April 1983 where he achieved the rank of Specialist 4th class. He also served in the Georgia National Guard for 6 years. In 1990 he was called up for service in Operation Desert Storm as a parts Technician.

He was raised a Master Mason on April 24th, 2007 in Bartlett Lodge #211 and served as Worshipful Master in 2010. He is currently serving as Treasurer. He earned the Tennessee Pin of Excellence in 2008. He served the Grand Lodge as Grand Marshall in 2013. He served as Deputy District Chairman of District 1 from 2011-2014 and served as District Chairman for District 1 from 2014-2017. He also served as West Tennessee Deputy Director of the TNCHIP program.

He was exalted in Rosemark Chapter #225 in August 2010 and served as Excellent High Priest in 2015. He was greeted in Rosemark Council #131 in August 2010 and served as Illustrious Master in 2016. He was knighted in Rosemark Commandery #39, where he served as Eminent Commander in 2017

He is a member of Memphis Scottish Rite Bodies. He served as Commander of Memphis Council of Kadosh from 2013-2014. In 2011, He was accorded the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor. He was Coroneted Inspector General Honorary 33rd in 2015. He is currently serving as Director of Work for the Memphis Valley.

He is a member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Forest #213 and is currently serving as Treasurer. He is a member of Royal Order of Scotland, West Tennessee York Rite College #141, Tennessee Lodge of Research, West Tennessee Past Masters, St. Stephens Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Knight Masons, and Allied Masonic Degrees, where he is currently serving as Sovereign Master. He is a member of the Worshipful Society of Free Masons, He is a member of Georgia Lodge No. 124 Masonic order of Athelstan. He is a member of Rosslyn Chapel No. 33 St Thomas of Acon and is a member of Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis Tennessee College.

He is a member of Bartlett O.K. Houck Chapter #216 Order of the Eastern Star where he served as Worthy Patron in 2010 and 2014 and is currently serving as Treasurer. In April 2016 he was elected and served as Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 2015-2016. He was elected and served as Worthy Grand Patron for the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, Order of the Eastern Star in 2016-2017.

He is a member of the Al Chymia Shrine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., where he is a member of the Shrine Hillbilly Unit. He served as president of the Hillbilly Unit in 2009. He served as president of SESH (Southeast Shrine Hillbilly Association) in 2011. He is a member of the Shrine Past Masters.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden on March 23, 2017 and has advanced each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 24, 2021.

Charles Wayne Mixon, Bartlett Lodge No. 211, photograph on canvas board, Jason Aldridge.

Robert Waldron

182nd Grand Master – 2022



Robert Waldron

Robert Waldron was born on January 8, 1950, to Fred and Mary Waldron, the second of 5 sons. He married Joan Adcock in 1970 and they have two sons; Bobby, wife Merissa, and Jason, wife Kris. They have 5 grandchildren Adrien, Zaelyn, Carter, Elliot and Penny.

Waldron attended the public schools of Rutherford County, Tennessee, graduating from Smyrna High School in 1968. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1972.

He was raised a Master Mason in Sam Davis Lodge No. 661 on October 16, 1973 and served as Worshipful Master in 1978. He became a charter member and Past Master of Conlegium Ritus Austeri Lodge No. 779 and charter and life member of the Tennessee Lodge of Research. Brother Waldron served as chairman of the Grand Lodge Building Committee from 2012-2021 and is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

Other Masonic Affiliations: member of Nashville Valley Scottish Rite, KCCH, member of Al Menah Shrine Temple, member and Past High Priest Pythagoras Chapter 150, General Grand Chapter Bronze Award in 2003, Past

Most Excellent President Tennessee Convention Anointed High Priest, member and Past Illustrious Master Murfreesboro Council 115, Order of the Silver Trowel, General Grand Council Bronze Award in 2007, Past Governor and Charter Member of Middle Tennessee York Rite College, Order of Purple Cross, Past President Middle Tennessee York Rite Association, Past Sovereign Old Hickory Conclave Red Cross Constantine, Past Sovereign Arch E McClanahan Council AMD, Past Prior Tennessee Priory KYCH, Celebrant Tennessee Chapter MSRICE, Charter, and Life Member of Tralee Council Knight Masons, Past President and current Secretary Tennessee Association Red Cross of Constantine, Past Commander of Murfreesboro Commandery 10, Past Grand Commander of Tennessee, served as Tennessee coordinator to the Grand Encampment from 2015 through 2021, Past Knight Crusader of the East KCC, member Fidelitas Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Priests.

Brother Waldron was elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden on March 27, 2019, and has advanced each year being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master on March 23, 2022.

Other Portraits

Deputy Grand Master



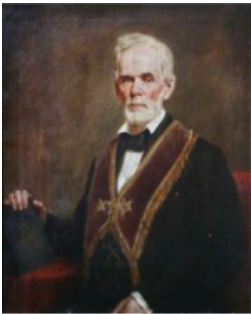
Dr. William G. Dickinson, Deputy Grand Master 1827 – 1828, Columbia Lodge No. 31. Oil on canvas attributed to Washington Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Colegium Ritus Austeri Lodge No. 779, 2014.

Born August 11, 1791, in Charlestown, New Hampshire.

Physician, first Worshipful Master of Columbia Lodge No. 31, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 1830.

Died January 11, 1844 and buried in City Cemetery, Nashville.

Grand Treasurers



William Hartley Horn, Grand Treasurer 1844 – 1869, Phoenix Lodge No. 131. Oil on canvas attributed to Washington Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Phoenix Lodge No. 131, 2015.

Born July 15, 1799, in Lynchburg.

Captain Confederate Army, Mayor of Nashville.

About 1,000 people walked in his funeral procession.

Died March 8, 1870 and buried in City Cemetery at Nashville.



John McClelland, Grand Treasurer 1870-1874, Cumberland Lodge No. 8. Oil on canvas attributed to Washington Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Cumberland Lodge No. 8, 2015.

Born March 6, 1814, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Tennessee in 1866, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee in 1866, Secretary of the Order of High Priesthood in 1860.

Died July 31, 1885



William H. Morrow, Grand Treasurer 1875 – 1894, Corinthian No 414. Oil on canvas attributed to W. A. Clendenning. Sponsor for restoration: Corinthian No. 414, 2015.

Born August 13, 1837 in Nashville.

Chairman Joint Board of Finance of the Tennessee Methodist Conference. Past Master of Edgefield Lodge No. 254 and Beulah Lodge No. 426.

Died October 18, 1895 and buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at Nashville.

Grand Secretaries



Moses Stevens, Grand Secretary 1826 – 1840, Cumberland Lodge No. 8. Oil on canvas, Washington Cooper. Sponsor for restoration: Tennessee Lodge of Research, 2014.

Born October 1, 1790, in Andover, Massachusetts.

Principal of English and Classical Seminary, Nashville City Treasurer for many years.

Active in establishing the first Royal Arch Chapter and first Council of Cryptic Masons in Nashville. Grand High Priest of Grand Royal Arch Chapter, 1828, 1834 and 1839. Also served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

Died March 21, 1841 and buried in City Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



John Frizzell, Grand Secretary 1868 – 1894, Cumberland Lodge No. 8. Oil on canvas by W. A. Clendenning. Gift from artist. Sponsor for restoration: Cumberland Lodge No. 8, 2015.

Born September 8, 1829, in Bedford County, Tennessee.

Captain in Confederate Army, 1st Tennessee Infantry (Turney's) Regiment, lawyer, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for eleven years.

Presided over all four York Rite Bodies, Grand Secretary of all four York Rite Bodies, General Grand High Priest for 1877-1880, President of Order of High Priesthood in 1866, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in 1865, youngest man (29 year old) ever elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge 1858 – 1859.

Died November 20, 1894 and buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



John Berry Garrett, Grand Secretary 1895 – 1915, Phoenix Lodge No. 131. Oil on canvas by Cornelius Hankins. Sponsor for restoration: John B. Garrett Lodge No. 711, 2013.

Born October 7, 1854, in Robertson County, Tennessee.

University of Tennessee at Knoxville, salesman wholesale grocery firm, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters in 1888, Most Eminent Grand President of the Grand Council, Order of High Priest Hood in 1889, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1892, Gave a custom made Grand Master's Jewel to the Grand Lodge, January 1915.

Died March 26, 1915 and buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



Thomas Stith Malone Cain, Grand Secretary 1916 – 1930, Edgefield Lodge No. 254. Oil on canvas by W. B. Keurman. Sponsor for restoration: Jere Baxter-Edgefield Lodge No. 254, 2015.

Born January 10, 1868, in Athens, Alabama.

Vanderbilt University Law School.

Most Eminent Grand Master 1926, Thirty Third (33°) Degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Died July 22, 1930 and buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



Thomas "Ted" Earl Doss, Grand Secretary 1931-1965, Johnson City Lodge No. 486. Oil on canvas by Sam M. Judd. Sponsor for restoration: Johnson City Lodge No. 486, 2015.

Born June 3, 1890 at Canton, Georgia.

Past Potentate of Kərbela Temple in 1928, recipient of Joseph Montford Medal in 1963 for Distinguished Masonic Service by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Thirty Third (33°) Degree Scottish Rite Mason, made Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, with the title of Most Worshipful during 1947 Annual Communication. Ill. Grand Master Grand Council R & S, 1945, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery, 1953.

Died May 4, 1969 and buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville, Tennessee.



John Ray Stracener, Grand Secretary 1974 – 1990, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 18, photograph by Bing T. Gee, 1976.

Born February 2, 1933, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Colonel United Air Force as a pilot, Minister of Senior Adults in Baptist Church, Director Middle School.

Presided over all four York Rite Bodies, Knight York Cross Honour, Ill. Grand Master Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, 1971. Grand Master General of the Covent of Knight York Cross of Honour, 2012-2013. Elected Grand Secretary Emeritus, 2015.



L. Alvin Hill, Sr., Grand Secretary 1997 – 2002, Mt. Juliet Lodge No. 642, photograph by Alphonso L. Ashworth.

Born December 12, 1940, in Nashville, TN

Served as Lodge Secretary over 40 years, presided over the four York Rite Bodies, Knight York Cross of Honour, Grand Secretary Emeritus, 2015.



David T. Hart, Grand Secretary 2007 – 2012, Vanleer Lodge No. 319, photograph by Heather Meador, 2012.

Born July 18, 1937, in Abingdon, Virginia.

Engineering for municipal gas company.

Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1996, Grand Secretary/Recorder of Grand York Rite Bodies 2006 – 2007, Grand Secretary Emeritus, 2013.

Died July 5, 2016 and buried in Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, Nashville, TN

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