



J. B. McGUIRT
Grand Master

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

He was born in Lancaster County, South Carolina, on February 10, 1914. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster and Kershaw Counties. He moved to Camden, South Carolina, Kershaw County, at the age of sixteen. He married Annie Blake Kelly of Camden, South Carolina, on October 21, 1934. They have three children: James Blake McGuirt, Jr., Charles William McGuirt, and Elizabeth Ann McGuirt.

Since manhood he has been engaged in farming, construction, real estate and insurance business in the City of Camden and Kershaw County. He is a member of Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church, having served on the Board of Stewards for a number of years and a teacher of men's Bible class.

He is a member of Camden Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the advisory board of the First National Bank of South Carolina at Camden, South Carolina. He is past president of the Camden-Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the Kershaw County Memorial Hospital Board. He served as a member of the advisory board of Kershaw County Vocational School, having served for six years.

He was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Abney Lodge No. 211 at Kershaw, South Carolina, on September 7, 1939. He is now a member and Past Master of Kershaw Lodge No. 29 at Camden, South Carolina. He is Past High Priest of Rising Star Chapter No. 4 R.A.M., Past Illustrious Master of Lafayette Council R.&S.M.; Past Commander of Camden Commandery No. 12 K.T.; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of K.T. of South Carolina.

He is Past Prior of Palmetto Priory No. 54 K.Y.C.H. of South Carolina; Past President of Anointed High Priests of South Carolina; Past Puissant Sovereign of Carolina Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Past Preceptor of Cana Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of South Carolina; a 32° Scottish Rite KCCH; Honorary Legion of Honor of the Order of Demolay; a Past Patron of Leslie Zemp Chapter No. 111 O.E.S., Camden, South Carolina; a member of Jamil Shrine Temple, Columbia, South Carolina; Past D.D.G.M. of the 24th Masonic District of South Carolina. On April 27, 1978, he was presented the "Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal" by Most Worshipful Grand Master James D. Penley, Jr. On April 27, 1979, he was installed as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F.M. of S. C.

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PRESIDING

M. W. BRO. JAMES D. PENLEY, JR.
Grand Master

ELECTED

M. W. BRO. J. B. McGUIRT, Grand Master
Camden

M. W. BRO. H. DWIGHT McALISTER, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
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