



VERNON THOMAS PINNER, JR.  
*Grand Master*

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Vernon Thomas Pinner, Jr., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Thomas Pinner, of Bucksport, South Carolina, was born March 22, 1934 in Conway, South Carolina. He is married to the former Mary Carolyn Brakefield of Charlotte, North Carolina and they have two daughters; Melanie Pinner Bratcher and Mary Anna. He resides at 5631 Pinckney Avenue, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He was educated in the public schools of Horry County and Branford, Florida where he attended the last year and one-half of high school. He attended Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

Brother Pinner, while a sophomore at Clemson University, began Vernon's Beach Service, Inc. which provided life guard service in the Myrtle Beach Area. From an original staff of one he continued to expand this business until he employed more than ninety life guards. He was also engaged in manufacturing umbrellas, chairs and cabanas. He has served as President of Vernon's Beach Service, Inc., Vaux Island, Inc., Third Chance, Inc., Bent Oak Estates, Inc. and senior partner of North Beach Service.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where he has served as President and Out-Reach Leader of his class.

He has been active in the Rotary Club, American Red cross, South Carolina Heart Association, Mayor's Committee for the Handicapped, member of the Water Safety Committee for Myrtle Beach, member of Pine Lakes Country Club, member of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and past State Safety Chairman for the South Carolina Heart Association.

Brother Pinner served in the United States Army in 1955-1957. He served in South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and Italy. He attained the rank of Sergeant and received an Honorable Discharge.

He is the Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The members of Lodge No. 353 honored Brother Pinner by presenting an annual \$1,000.00 college scholarship in his name and giving him a life membership.

He has been a member of the Charleston Scottish Rite Bodies since 1964 and has been invested with the rank and decoration of the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour.

He is a York Rite Mason and has served as the presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery. He served as Chairman of the Local Committee in 1974. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey.

Other Masonic bodies in which he holds offices and/or memberships are Palmetto Priory No. 54, Knights of the York Cross of Honour; Cana Tabernacle No. XLIX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar; charter member and Junior Warden of South Carolina Council No. 20, Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; (petitioned accepted) Royal Order of Scotland; Red Cross of Constantine; Omar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Ritualistic Divan; York Rite Sovereign College; Allied Masonic Degrees; Order of the Eastern Star; Order of the Amaranth; Royal Order of Jesters; Beachcombers; Thrice Illustrious Master; South Carolina College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 and Super Excellent Master.



He is the recipient of the Order of DeMolay Legion of Honour and is a life member in good standing. He is a member of the Order of Rainbow for Girls and has received the Grand Cross of Color.

Brother Pinner petitioned Myrtle Beach Lodge No. 353, A.F.M., Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and was raised to a Master Mason on April 4, 1961. He served this Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1968. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 29th Masonic District in 1970-71, Chairman of the Local Committee for the Two Hundred Thirty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina, Senior Grand Deacon 1972, Masonic Education Committee 1973, Grand Marshal 1974 and Chairman of Quadrant No. Two Bicentennial Committee 1976. He is also a dual member of Seaside Lodge No. 419 located in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1976, Senior Grand Warden 1977-78, Deputy Grand Master 1979-80 and Grand Master on April 24, 1981.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## *Two Hundred Forty-Fifth Annual Communication*

OF THE

## Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina

### GREENVILLE

APRIL 22 and 23, A.L. 5982, A.D. 1982

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PRESIDING

M. . W. . BRO. VERNON T. PINNER, JR.  
Grand Master

ELECTED

M. . W. . BRO. VERNON T. PINNER, JR., Grand Master  
Myrtle Beach

M. . W. . BRO. H. DWIGHT MCALISTER, P.G.M., Grand Secretary  
Columbia

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