

Tommie F. Brant Grand Master

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Tommie Franklin Brant was born in Columbia, South Carolina, on October 9, 1931. He was educated in the Columbia City Schools and attended Clemson College. He served in the U. S. Air Force for one and a half years during the Korean Conflict after which he was honorably discharged in 1952. Since that time he has been engaged in residential and commercial construction. He is also a licensed real estate broker.

He married Ann Wooten of Anderson and Greenwood, S. C. on February 14, 1953. They have three children: Russell, Jeff and Laura. They are members of Calvary Baptist Church in Columbia.

He was raised in Shandon Lodge #370 in 1958 and served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in 1966. He is presently a member of Forest Acres Lodge #410.

He is a member of the Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies and has served as Venerable Master of Aleph Lodge of Perfection, Wise Master of Will Chester Plant Chapter of the Knights Rose Croix, Commander of Barron Council and Master of Columbia Consistory. He served as Director of Work of the Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies from 1974 to 1984.

He was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in 1969. In 1975 he was honored by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, when they coroneted him Thirty-third Degree Inspector General Honorary.

He has served on the Board of Directors and is presently a member of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina Scottish Rite Foundation.

He is a member of Omar Shrine Temple and is a charter member of the Ritualistic Divan. He is an associate member of Jamil Shrine Temple.

In 1982 he was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor—Order of DeMolay. At the Two Hundred Fiftieth Annual Communication in Charleston, S. C. he was awarded the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal.

He is a member of:

Fort Jackson Chapter 184—National Sojourners

Mordecai Gist Camp—Heroes of 76

Masters and Wardens Club 10th Masonic District

Columbia Chapter No. 5 Royal Arch Masons

Union Council No. 5 Royal and Select Masters

Columbia Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar

South Carolina Council No. 20-Knight Masons U.S.A.

Aiken Council No. 23—Super Excellent Masters

Columbia Council No. 157-Allied Masonic Degrees

South Carolina College S. R. I. C. F.

The Royal Order of Scotland

He has served the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of S. C. as:

Junior Grand Deacon

Grand Marshal

Masonic Education Committeeman, 8th, 10th, 12th Districts

Chairman, Third Quadrant Bicentennial Celebration

Chancellor for the Central District

District Deputy Grand Master 10th Masonic District

Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colorado near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

Brother Brant was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1981, Senior Grand Warden in 1983, Deputy Grand Master in 1985, and Grand Master of Masons in 1987.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Two Hundred Fifty-first Annual Communication

OF THE

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina

COLUMBIA

APRIL 28 and 29, A.L. 5988, A.D. 1988

PRESIDING M∴W∴BRO. TOMMIE F. BRANT Grand Master

ELECTED M∴W∴BRO. TOMMIE F. BRANT, Grand Master Columbia

 $\texttt{M.^{\cdot}.W.^{\cdot}.BRO.}$ H. DWIGHT McALISTER, P.G.M., Grand Secretary Columbia

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