



GARLAND RAY MARSH
Grand Master

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Garland Ray Marsh was born in Spindale, North Carolina, on June 1, 1937, the son of the late Charles G. and Inez T. Marsh. He is a graduate of Slater-Marietta High School, Marietta, S. C. and also a graduate of the Institute of Computer Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He is presently employed as Systems Operations Supervisor for Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Anderson, S. C.

Ray is married to the former Mary Ann Walters of Anderson, S. C. They have no children.

He and Mary Ann are both active members of St. John's United Methodist Church in Anderson, S. C.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 68, A.F.M. on April 16, 1964. He served this Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1973. He was appointed as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina in 1978. He served this Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master of the 14th District in 1981-1983. He was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge in 1983 and served in this capacity until 1985 when he was elected as Senior Grand Warden. He held this office until 1987 when he was elected as Deputy Grand Master. He served the Grand Lodge as Deputy Grand Master until 1989 when he was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. He was appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Turkey near the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in 1980.

Ray is a member of the Anderson York Rite Bodies and also of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Greenville, S. C.

Ray served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1980-1981.

He is a member of several appendant and honorary bodies including Palmetto Priory No. 54, Knights of the York Cross of Honour: Carolina Conclave, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine; Palmetto York Rite College, holding dual membership with Piedmont York Rite College; Cana Tabernacle No. XLIX, HRAKTP; a member of Joel R. Poinsett Council of Allied Masonic Degrees. Also, he is a member of the Rosicrucian Society, South Carolina College; along with being a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Knight Masons, South Carolina Council No. 20, a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Anderson Chapter No. 30, Order of the Eastern Star. He is member of the Grand Council, Thrice Illustrious Master of South Carolina and an honorary member of the Order of the Silver Trowel, Council of Virginia.

He received the Legion of Honour Order of Demolay in 1985 and was invested with the rank and title of 32 Degree KCCH in 1987. Ray received the Order of Purple Cross from the General Grand York Rite College of North America in 1988.

He is an honorary member of several Lodges and York Rite Bodies too numerous to mention here.

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Grand Master

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