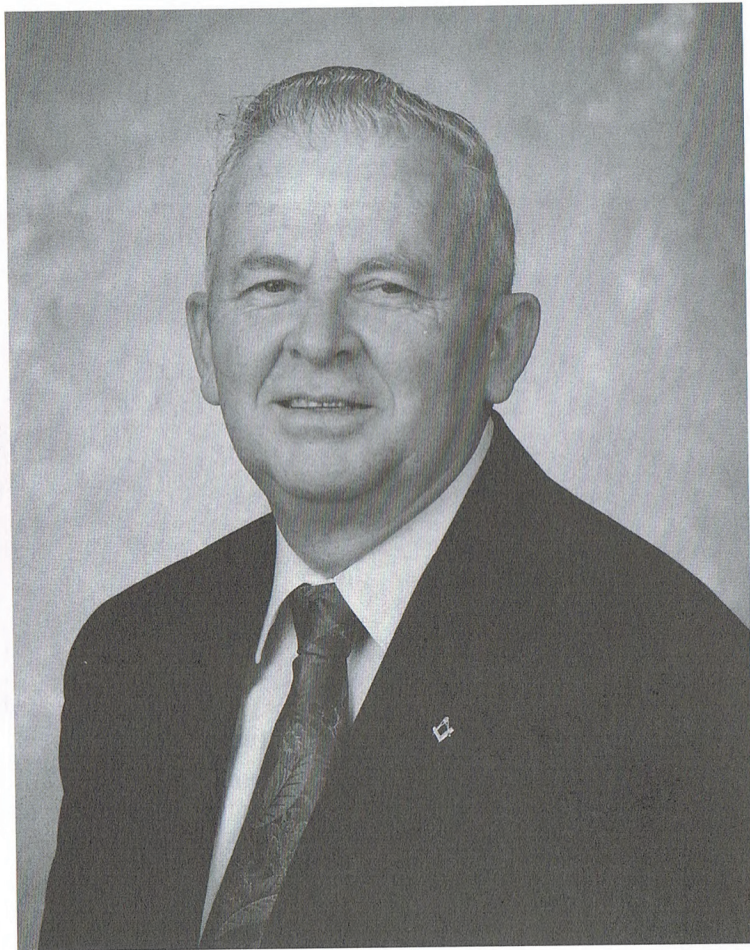


## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



ROBERT V. PINKSTON  
*Grand Master*

He is a native of North Carolina, the 12th of 13 children, born January 24, 1929, to the late Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Pinkston of Salisbury, N.C. He was educated in the public schools of Rowan County, N.C.

He married Betty M. Helmick, of Beaufort, S.C., on March 19, 1949. They moved to Beaufort in October of that year. They have two children, Robert V., Jr., of Easley, S.C., and Mary Donna of Beaufort, and one granddaughter, Heidi Maria of Easley.

He worked in Automotive, Hardware and County Government as Deputy Treasurer of Beaufort County, until his retirement on January 31, 1992. He is an Episcopalian, a member of St. Helena Episcopal Church of Beaufort.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Harmony Lodge No. 22 on April 3, 1969, and was elected Worshipful Master in December, 1972. In 1976, the Lodge elected him Secretary, the office which he still holds.

He is a York Rite Mason, a member of Carolina Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., Past High Priest, Enoch Council No. 1, R.&S.M. and South Carolina Commandery No. 1, K.T., Past Eminent Commander. He is a member of Charles Towne York Rite College No. 113, a Knight Mason, S.C. Council No. 20, a Charter Member of Hampton Council No. 289, Allied Masonic Degrees, a member of South Carolina Chapter SRICF, a Charter Member of Saints John Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine.

He is a 32° KCCCH Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Valley of Charleston. He is a member of Omar Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. On September 25, 1994, he was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

He is a member of the Order of Eastern Star, having served as Worthy Patron with his wife, Betty, and then with his daughter, Mary Donna, in Beaufort Chapter No. 133.

Since 1977, he has served your Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Deacon twice, D.D.G.M., M.S.A. Committeeman, Grand Steward, and was Commissioned Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Sweden in 1979. Elected Junior Grand Warden ('89-'90), Senior Grand Warden ('91-'92), Deputy Grand Master ('93-'94).

With the assistance of others and much research on his part, he established the original charter date of 1756 of Harmony Lodge. He compiled and had the history of Harmony Lodge No. 22 published in 1983, as all records were lost or destroyed during the 1860s.

At the Grand Lodge Banquet on April 27, 1995, he was presented the "Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal" by M.W. Grand Master Alfred Allsbrook.

On April 28, 1995, he was elected, installed and on April 26, 1996, he was re-elected and installed, and is now serving our Grand Lodge as Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina.



# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Two Hundred Fifty-Ninth Annual  
Communication*

OF THE

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

**SPARTANBURG**

April 25 and 26, A.L. 5996, A.D. 1996

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**PRESIDING**

**M..W..BRO. ROBERT V. PINKSTON**  
Grand Master

**ELECTED**

**M..W..BRO. ROBERT V. PINKSTON, Grand Master**  
Beaufort

**M..W..BRO. G. RAY MARSH, P.G.M., Grand Secretary**  
Columbia

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