



D. SAMUEL TENNYSON
Grand Master

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Donald Samuel Tennyson, Sr., was born April 17, 1936, a son of Mrs. Willie May Tennyson and the late Mr. Fred Oliver Tennyson, at Drayton, S.C. He was educated in the public schools of Drayton and Spartanburg, S.C., receiving an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Spartanburg Technical College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management from Limestone College, Gaffney, S.C. He is married to the former Donaleen Quinn of Converse, S.C., and they have three children: Kay, Diane and Donald Jr.

Sam served nine years with the S.C. National Guard and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class. He is currently serving as a Magistrate in York County and is a member of the South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association where he serves on the Education and Legislative Liaison Committees. His former career was in the textile machinery and parts business with Draper Corporation, Spartanburg; Leeson Corp., Fort Mill, S.C. (Vice President); Custom Industries, Inc., Belmont, N.C. He continues part-time to operate Tennyson Sales and Services in the textile industry.

He is a member of the Travelers Protective Association Post K in Rock Hill; Morgan Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias and the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels. He is a Past Commissioner of York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, serving as Chairman for a number of years.

The Tennysons are members of Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill, where Sam serves on the Finance Committee (former chairman), as a Sunday School teacher, and a Deacon.

Sam was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Drayton Lodge No. 360 on September 27, 1958. He served as Worshipful Master in 1961 and as Secretary for many years. He was Chairman of the Lodge's Building Committee when their new building was completed. He is a Dual Member of Rock Hill Lodge No. 111 and an honorary member of several Lodges. In the Grand Lodge of S.C., he has served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 20th District, 1975-1976; Junior Grand Deacon; Masonic Education Committeeman; and the Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Committeeman. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in April, 1991; Senior Grand Warden, April, 1993; Deputy Grand Master, April, 1995.

He is a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valleys of Spartanburg and Greenville where he is past Venerable Master of Piedmont Lodge of Perfection and works in the 8th, 18th, and 32nd Degree Teams. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Honorary in 1977, and was Founder and Charter President of the Tri-County Scottish Rite Club in Rock Hill, in 1989. He served as Acting Grand Commander in the conferral of the 33rd Degree for North and South Carolina in 1995.

In the York Rite, Sam has served as Presiding Officer of Bratton Chapter No. 32 Royal Arch Masons, Campbell Council No. 18 Royal and Select Masters and Rock Hill Commandery No. 15 Knights Templar, all in Rock Hill. In March, 1990, he was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina and served until March, 1991. He currently serves as Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite of South Carolina. He also serves on the Finance Committee of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States

of America. When the Honor of Knight Commander of the Temple was instituted by the Grand Encampment, USA, Sam was among the first recipients in South Carolina and now serves as the State Chairman.

Brother Tennyson's other Masonic related activities and memberships include: Royal Order of Scotland; J. D. Penley, Jr. Council No. 131, Allied Masonic Degrees (Past Master); South Carolina Council No. 20 Knight Masons USA (present Priest); Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 (present Preceptor); Designee to receive the Order of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America; All Saints Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; The Philalethes Society; Palmetto Priory No. 54 Knights of York Cross of Honor; South Carolina College of Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; South Carolina Masonic Research Society; Scottish Rite Research Society; Cana Tabernacle XLIX Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests; Hejaz Shrine Temple; York Crescent Shrine Club; National Sojourners Fort Jackson Chapter No. 184; Advisor to Myron Sandifer Chapter Order of DeMolay.

Most Worshipful Brother Tennyson has been honored with the Grand Cross of Color from the Order of Rainbow Girls as well as the Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay.

On April 25, 1997, Most Worshipful Brother D. Samuel Tennyson was elected Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina and was re-elected as Grand Master on April 24, 1998.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Two Hundred Sixty-First Annual
Communication*

OF THE

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

ROCK HILL

April 23 and 24, A.L. 5998, A.D. 1998

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PRESIDING

M..W..BRO. D. SAMUEL TENNYSON
Grand Master

ELECTED

M..W..BRO. D. SAMUEL TENNYSON, Grand Master
Rock Hill

M..W..BRO. G. RAYMARSH, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
Columbia

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