

JACK A. MARLER Grand Master

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jack A. Marler was born May 20, 1941 to the parents of Mary Frances Kirby Marler of Simpsonville, SC and the late John B. Marler. He was educated in the public schools of Simpsonville and graduated from Hillcrest High School in 1959. Jack continued his education at North Greenville College graduating in 1962, and he then attended Furman University. While at North Greenville, Jack was named to the National Junior College All American Baseball Team as First Team Catcher. Jack is married to Sandra (Sammy) Howell of Greer and they have one daughter, Jill Marler McCullough of Iva, SC. They are also proud Grand Parents of three, Marlee, Jenna and Mark. Jack and Sammy are active members of Holly Ridge Baptist Church of Simpsonville. He has served his Church in many various roles of leadership, Chairman of the Stewardship Team, Chairman of the Minister of Worship and Youth Search Team and presently serves as Deacon, Sunday School Director, Church Treasurer, Chairman of the Benevolent Team and he is a member of the Facilities Team. Jack is also a member of the Gideons International.

Jack was employed with Bayne Machine Works, Inc. of Greenville for the past 30 years, retiring from full time employment on April 22, 2003. At his retirement, he was Purchasing Man-

ager for the company. His is now a Purchasing Consultant for the company.

Jack was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, March 2, 1970 in Simpsonville Masonic Lodge #311. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1983. Jack was elected by the Brethren of Simpsonville Lodge #311 to Life Membership in 1988. He also received the 2ND Grand Henry Spillers Medal given by his Lodge in 1988. In 2000, he purchased a Perpetual Life Membership under the provisions of the Code of the Grand Lodge. He is a Life Member of the Greenville Scottish Rite Bodies. He was elected by the Scottish Rite Supreme Council to receive his 33rd Degree in 2000 and he received that Honorary Degree at the 200TH Anniversary Celebration of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction which was held in Charleston in October 2001. Jack also served on the KCCH degree team at the Anniversary Celebration. Jack is a Life Member of the Spartanburg York Bodies. He is twice Past Worthy Patron of the Simpsonville Chapter #90 of the Order of Eastern Star. Brother Jack is a member of many other appendant Masonic Bodies such as the South Carolina Masonic Research Society, the Scottish Rite Research Society, the South Carolina Council #20 Knight Masons, the Aiken Council #23, R.&S.M., the Piedmont York Rite College #84, the Spartan Council #153 A.M.D., the Fort Jackson Chapter #184 of the National Sojourners and the Hejaz Shrine Center of the A.A.O.N.M.S. of Mauldin, SC. He served in the Hejaz Shrine Hospital Guide Unit for a number of years in the 70's. In 1990, Jack was honored by being commissioned as a Grand Representative of the M.W.G.L. of Uraguay near the M.W.G.L. of South Carolina. Most Worshipful Brother William D. Longshore presented the second highest Masonic Award in South Carolina, (The Frederick Dalcho Medal), to Jack at the Grand Lodge Banquet in 1992. Throughout his Masonic journey, he has received many honors for his efforts, but none more cherished than the 18 Life Honorary memberships from Subordinate Lodges.

Brother Jack has served our Grand Lodge in a number of capacities, DDGM 17th District 1988–90, Grand Marshal 1991, Senior Grand Deacon 1992, Masonic Education Committeeman 1992–1997 and he was elected Junior Grand Warden 1998, elected Senior Grand Warden 1999 and again in April of 2000. Jack was elected to serve our Grand Lodge as Deputy Grand Master in April of 2001 and re-elected at the 265th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in

2002.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Two Hundred Sixty-Seventh Annual Communication

OF THE

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

April 22 and 23, A.L. 6004, A.D. 2004

PRESIDING M.W. BRO. JACK A. MARLER Grand Master

ELECTED M.W. BRO. JACK A. MARLER, Grand Master Simpsonville

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