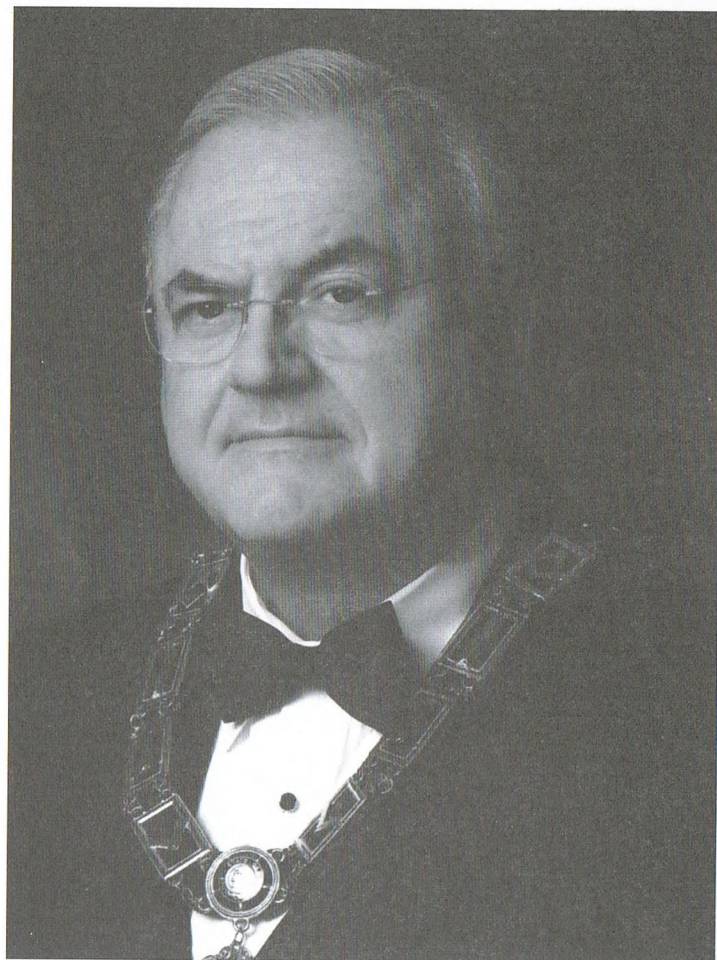


BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Most Worshipful Brother Gerald L. Carver, the son of Doneria Bledsoe Carver and the late Brother George L. Carver, was born in Newberry, South Carolina on October 6, 1946. He has been married to the former Carolyn Sue Cox for thirty-nine years. They have one daughter, Diana, and one granddaughter, Caroline. They live on Lake Greenwood in Waterloo, SC. Sue and Gerald are members of Bethel Baptist Church in Prosperity, SC where Brother Gerald currently serves as Chairman of the Deacon Board and also the Adult Men's Sunday School Teacher. He is a member and former Treasurer of Newberry Camp of Gideons International.

M.W. Brother Gerald attended elementary school in Newberry County until his family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he attended the Detroit Public Schools until graduating from Southeastern High School in 1964. Brother Gerald served in the United States Army National Guard from 1964 - 1968 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He completed his Bachelor of Science Studies in Industrial Management at Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1968. After school, Brother Gerald joined the United States Steel Corporation as Manager, Treasury Services. In 1973, he joined the Warner Lambert Corporation as Manager of Credit and Financial Services. He was promoted in 1979 to Director of Credit and Financial Services for Warner-Lambert's U.S. Operations and transferred to the company's headquarters in Morris Plains, New Jersey. In 1982, Brother Gerald accepted the position of Treasurer with Professional Medical Products, Inc. located in Greenwood, South Carolina and returned to his native State of South Carolina. In 1986, he was promoted to Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Professional Medical Products, Inc. In 1989, Brother Gerald was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In 1996, Brother Gerald joined Embers Charcoal Company in Conway, South Carolina as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and as a member of the Board of Directors. In 2000, Brother Gerald joined and remained with Bison Investments, Inc. as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer until retiring in 2006. He is Past Chairman of both the Hospital Suppliers and the Medical Surgical Distributor Suppliers Groups of the New Jersey Financial and Credit Executive Association. He is a past member of the National Association of Accountants, the Greenwood CEO roundtable, and the Industrial Council of Conway, SC.

Most Worshipful Brother Gerald was initiated an Entered Apprentice on April 11, 1974, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on May 16, 1974 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 27, 1974 in Archive Lodge No. 546 F & AM in Detroit, Michigan. He was Senior Warden of Archive Lodge at the time that he was transferred to New Jersey by his employer in 1979. After returning to South Carolina in 1982, he affiliated with Prosperity Lodge No. 115 AFM in Prosperity, South Carolina on March 7, 1983. He has served his Lodge in several offices including Worshipful Master in 1988. He served the Lodge as Secretary from 1989 through 1993 and again from 1999 through 2004. Brother Gerald is a dual member of Greenwood Lodge No. 91. He has received many honorary memberships from Lodges throughout South Carolina. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th Masonic District in 1991 - 1993. He served the Grand Lodge as a Masonic Service Association Committeeman in 1994 -1996 and as Senior Grand Deacon in 1997-1998. Brother Gerald served as a member of the Grand Lodge's Commission on Investments and as Chairman of Grand



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Lodge's Finance Committee. In 2000, he was presented the Frederick DaIcho Certificate of Merit and in 2006, Brother Gerald was presented the prestigious Albert Galatin Mackey Award, the highest Masonic award which can be bestowed by the Grand Master. He serves as Representative for the Grand Lodges of Para, Brazil and Bulgaria. Brother Gerald was elected as the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC at the Grand Lodge's Annual Communication in April, 2001 and again in 2002. He was elected Senior Grand Warden in April, 2003 and again in 2004. He was elected Deputy Grand Master in April, 2005 and again in April, 2006. He was elected as Grand Master of Masons in SC at the 270th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of SC on April 27, 2007. Brother Gerald is a member of the 11th District's Past Masters' Club, the 13th District's Past Masters' Club, a member of the 12th District's Masters and Wardens Club, and a member of the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands.

He is a member of the Newberry and Greenwood York Rite Masonic Bodies and is Past High Priest of Signet Chapter No. 18 Royal Arch Masons, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Oriental Council No. 17 Royal and Select Masters and Past Commander of Newberry Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar. Brother Gerald is a member of the South Carolina Council No. 20 Knight Masons. He is a member of Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 and is an Associate Regent having received the Order of the Purple Cross. He is a member of Palmetto Priory No. 54, Knight York Cross of Honor. He is a member of the Carolina Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Brother Gerald is a member of the Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies 32nd KCCH Scottish Rite Mason. He currently serves as Junior Warden in the Aleph Lodge of Perfection. He is a member of Hejaz Shrine Center A.A.O.N.M.S. of Greenville, SC and a member of the Laurens and Newberry Shrine Clubs. He is a member of Charleston Chapter No. 28 of the National Sojourners and a member of the Moultrie Camp, Heroes of '76. Brother Gerald is a member of George D. Bell Council No. 257 of Allied Masonic Degrees. He is a member of the South Carolina College of Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foederatis. Brother Gerald is a member of the Georgia State Forest No. 181, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Brother Gerald is a Life Member of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society and was awarded the rank of Fellow in Masonic Research "F.M.R." He is a Life Member of the Scottish Rite Research Society and a member of the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle LTD in association with the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research.

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COLUMBIA

April 26 and 27, A.L. 6007, A.D. 2007

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M.W. BRO. RONALD C. MITCHUM
Grand Master

ELECTED

M.W. BRO. GERALD L. CARVER, Grand Master
Waterloo

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