

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



BARRY A. RICKMAN
Grand Master

A native and life long South Carolinian, Barry Albert Rickman was born in Columbia, on March 2, 1952. He is the only child of Jessie Pearl Carter Rickman and the late Clarence Bruce Rickman formerly of the Sandy Run community in Calhoun County. Barry attended public school in Spartanburg and Greenville Counties and graduated in 1970 from Union High School in Union. He is a graduate of Palmer Junior College and Midlands Technical Education Center both in Columbia.

Barry is married to the former Gail Marlene Turner of Cayce and they have two daughters Lauren Elizabeth and Jennifer Lynn and a granddaughter Breanna Leigh Mack. Barry was ordained a Deacon at West Side Baptist Church of West Columbia where he also taught Discipleship Training to young teens and assisted with children's Bible Drills. Barry and Gail are now members of Broadacres Baptist Church of Cayce. He is retired from South Carolina Electric and Gas Company in Columbia beginning his career in 1973 as an Apprentice Draftsman and retired as a Gas Engineering Specialist. During his thirty-four years of employment, he was on the Executive Board of the SCE&G Good Neighbor Fund for two consecutive terms and served as its president. He served several years on the Board of Lexington County's Vocational Rehabilitation Center in West Columbia and served as co-chairman where he helped decide curriculum for drafting students retraining for the job market. He was a professional member of the American Design Drafting Association of Rockville, Maryland. At home, Barry enjoys reading biographies, dabbling in genealogy and collecting all manner of Masonic memorabilia. The Rickman's reside at 814 Jefferson Drive in West Columbia.

Brother Barry was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Cayce Lodge No. 384 in 1976 presided as its Worshipful Master in 1983 and has been awarded a Life Membership in his Lodge. Over the years, he has also been granted several honorary memberships to Lodges within our Grand Jurisdiction. From 1984 through 1986, he served as President of the Masters' and Wardens' Club of the Eighth Masonic District and later served as its Chaplain. He was a founding member of the Square and Compass Club of the Midlands.

A member of the Valley of Columbia Scottish Rite Bodies, he is a Past Venerable Master of Aleph Lodge of Perfection; Past Wise Master of Will Chester Plant Chapter, Knights Rose Croix; Past Commander of Kadosh of Barron Council, Knights Kadosh; serves as an officer of Columbia Consistory and served as Class Director for two years. He is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and the Scottish Rite Research Society. He serves on the Valley of Columbia Board of Directors for the E.C. Singleton Rite Care Center. In 2001, he was invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and in 2009 was Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary by The Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, USA.

Brother Barry is a member of Columbia Chapter No. 5, Royal Arch Masons; Union Council No. 5, Royal & Select Masters; and Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar of the Columbia York Rite Bodies having also received the degree of Super Excellent Master. He served as Sovereign Master in 2008 of Columbia Council No. 157 Allied Masonic Degrees and in 2009 was made an Honorary Life Member in Piedmont Council No. 440 in Union. He is a member of the South Carolina College SRICF, Palmetto York Rite College No. 70 and South Carolina Council No. 20,

Knight Masons, USA.

He is a member of Fort Jackson Chapter No. 184, National Sojourners, Inc. and was Commander of Mordecai Gist Camp, Heroes of '76 in Columbia. He is a member of Hejaz Shrine Center in Greenville, Newberry Shrine Club, Cayce Chapter No. 260 Order of the Eastern Star and The Masonic Brotherhood of The Blue Forget-Me-Not. A Charter Member of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society, Brother Barry served as its Charter Treasurer and later as its fourth President in 1993, receiving the Society's Fellow in Masonic Research Award that same year. He also served as Chairman of the Editorial Committee and Editor for the Society's publication Transactions. He was a founding member and Chapter Dad of the Granby Chapter Order of DeMolay. The International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay in 2009 invested him with the degree of Honorary Legion of Honor. He is a former member of the Grand Executive Committee for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in South Carolina, served as Assembly Dad for West Columbia Assembly No. 36 and the Supreme Assembly of Rainbow in 1996 invested him with the Grand Cross of Color.

Brother Barry served the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina as Junior Grand Deacon in 1985; Masonic Services Association for the 6th, 8th and 10th Districts in 1986; and District Deputy Grand Master of the Eighth Masonic District in 1987 and 1988. Through the years, he has been on a variety of Grand Lodge Committees including Fraternal Relations and served as its Chairman. He served as Grand Representative from 1992 until 2009 for the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Utah and was bestowed an honorary membership in that Grand Lodge in 1993. He was made an honorary Past Grand Senior Warden in 1995 in the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons. He also was appointed in 2008 as Grand Representative for the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Ancient Free & Accepted Masons. In 2009 the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons made him an Honorary Kentucky Masonic Ambassador. In addition, in 2009 he was given an Honorary Membership in the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Tennessee and made an Honorary Past Grand Master. At the 2009 Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America he was elected to the Planning Committee for the 2010 Conference that was held in Arlington, Virginia in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1993 and 1994; Senior Grand Warden in 1995 and 1996; and in 1997 was elected to the station of Deputy Grand Master. In 1998, at the Annual Grand Lodge Banquet, the Grand Master awarded Brother Barry with the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal Award. On the following day, he declined renomination as Deputy Grand Master and stepped down from the elected Grand Lodge line. Five years later in 2003, the Craft chose to re-elect him as Junior Grand Warden and has continued to advance him through the Grand Lodge line stations.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina held its 272nd Annual Communication at Omar Shrine Center in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. At this event, on Friday, April 24, 2009, Most Worshipful Brother Barry A. Rickman was elected and installed Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. On April 23, 2010, at the 273rd Annual Communication held at Jamil Shrine Center in Columbia, South Carolina, he was again elected and installed as Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

*Two Hundred Seventy-Third Annual
Communication*

OF THE

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

April 22 and 23, A.L. 6010, A.D. 2010

PRESIDING

M.W. BRO. BARRY A. RICKMAN
Grand Master

ELECTED

M.W. BRO. BARRY A. RICKMAN, Grand Master
West Columbia

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