

# **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

**Of**

**MW Warren R. Schoeben**

**Grand Master of Washington 2017-2018**

Warren Schoeben was born January 15, 1948 in Bremerton, Washington, to Richard and Elsie Schoeben. The family shortly thereafter moved to Everett, Washington where he and his brother Art grew up.

After graduating from Cascade High School in 1966, he started his 43 year career in the metal and building trades in a boilermaker shop, alongside his father. He began his Boilermaker apprenticeship program in 1967, where he attended vocational technical schools, completing his apprenticeship program in 1970. That same year, he met the love of his life Mary Jo, they married two years later in 1972, have two terrific children and two grandsons.

In 1972, Warren left the shop to work construction jobs throughout the state of Washington and also worked in Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. He enjoyed the traveling and due to the nature of the occupation, the family moved several times through the years, finally settling down in Arlington. In 1979, he was employed at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation specializing in welding, and after 2 years of technical related classes through Columbia Basin College, he had the opportunity to join the Pasco Pipefitter's Local #598. He retired in 2010.

While employed in Port Townsend, Washington, he petitioned Port Townsend Lodge No.6, which started his Masonic journey. Along with Port Townsend Lodge, he is a member of Arlington Lodge No.129, where he was elected Worshipful Master 2005 and 2006, Secretary 2007-2010, Treasurer 2007-2014 and a Temple Board Member 2003-2013. He is also a member of Skykomish Lodge No.259, Grand Mound Historic Lodge No.3, a Charter Member of Luz Vi Minda Lodge No.317, a member of the Everett Valley Scottish Rite and York Rite.

During his Masonic career, his appointments have been Long Range Planning Tiger Team Task Force, CHIPS Committee Regional Coordinator, Credentials Committee, Membership Development Committee, Grand Standard Bearer 2010-2011, Deputy of the Grand Master in District #8 for 2011-2013 and Grand Lecturer for 2013-2014. In 2006, Warren was honored with the Grand Master's Achievement Award and received the Hiram Award in 2003 and 2007.

Warren was truly Honored by the trust the Brethren bestowed upon him in 2014 by electing him Junior Grand Warden and has attempted do his best to exceed his Brothers expectations. As he has stated previously, his vision for the future of the Fraternity relies upon "Communicate to Educate". He believes that for the Craft to take good men and to assist them in becoming better

men, we need to supply all our Brothers with the tools and knowledge needed to succeed as skilled, passionate and proud Masons.

Warren and Mary Jo have thoroughly enjoyed their travels and sharing time with the Brethren and their Ladies. Each jurisdiction and each Lodge visited provide everlasting memories of their journey together. To each of you, they thank you!