

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of

M.:W.: James H. Kendall

Grand Master of

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

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M.:W.: James H. (Jim) Kendall grew up in the town of Seaside, Oregon. He is the youngest of three boys, all of whom enlisted in the US Navy. Jim enlisted in May 1965 prior to his High School Graduation and reported for duty in August of that year. He spent his 18th birthday in Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Center in San Diego, California. He did not have a birthday cake, much to his dismay.

In June 1968 Jim made the smartest decision he has ever made. He married Alta Pfrehm (“Frem”) in Eugene, Oregon in her father’s Church. Jim and Alta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

In 1970 Jim applied for and was accepted into a Commissioning Program that brought him to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he earned a bachelor’s degree in Electrical Engineering and a Commission as Ensign in the U.S. Navy. Jim served in a variety of roles in the Navy, but his primary qualification was as a Submarine Nuclear Weapons Officer.

Jim’s Masonic career was intertwined with the last years of his Navy Service. Jim was initiated in May 1975 in Honolulu Lodge as a courtesy to his home Lodge in Seaside, Oregon. But time and the Navy waits for no man. Jim finally was stationed in Silverdale, Washington and traveled to Astoria, Oregon and Seaside, Oregon to complete his degrees, a round trip of 400 miles. Jim completed his Master Mason Degree and Proficiency/Posting Lecture in April 1981.

Jim has owned and operated small businesses since his retirement from the US Navy in 1986. He currently operates a small internet company based in Bremerton, Washington,

Jim and Alta live in Port Orchard, Washington.