

163rd Annual Communication BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of

M.:W.: Charles E. Wood

Grand Master of

Free and Accepted Masons of Washington

2019-2020

MWB Charles E. “Woody” Wood was born at Saint Mary’s Hospital in Walla-Walla, Washington where he lived until the age of three. His parents then moved to the Ballard District in Seattle, Washington and later moved to the Northgate District of Seattle where he graduated from Ingraham High School in June 1962. The class of 1962 was the first three-year class to graduate from this new north end high school.

After graduation from high school, he joined the United States Air Force in the fall of 1962 and graduated from Advanced Aircraft Maintenance school in Amarillo, Texas in the spring of 1963. Woody spent the next 19 years working on some of the world’s most technically advanced aircraft. The two aircraft he cherished the most were the U-2 and SR-71 reconnaissance aircraft. Woody attended the United States Air Force Non-Commissioned Officers Leadership & Management Academy in Austin, Texas. While serving in South East Asia, Woody received the United States Air Force’s Commendation Medal.

Woody retired in June 1981 and later graduated from Centralia Community College in 1983 where he majored in accounting. Two years later he graduated from Saint Martin’s College in Lacey, Washington with a BA Degree in Accounting, and a Minor Degree in Business Administration.

After finishing college, he spent 27 years working for a public corporation as a West Coast Comptroller, managing all accounting functions, creating yearly budgets and analyzing monthly income statement results against current budgets. Woody called it quits and retired in February 2014.

On January 13, 1988 Woody petitioned Chehalis Lodge, No, 28 for the Degrees of Masonry and on June 6, 1988 was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Years later, on June 9, 2012 Woody was installed as Deputy of the Grand Master and served for two years. In 2016 Woody was elected to be Junior Grand Warden and in 2019 was elected and installed as Grand Master of the Masons of Washington.

In September 2001 he married Lorraine D. DeHaven, the love of his life. It was through her hard work and efforts that Woody returned to his second love, Masonry. Lorraine and Woody belong to Chehalis Chapter No. 3 Order of Eastern Star and were elected as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron for the 2020-2021 year. They currently belong to their local community center and reside in Cinebar, Washington.