

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of

M.:W.:MICHAEL L. SANDERS Grand Master of Washington 2011-2012

M.:W.:Michael L. Sanders was born July 5, 1955 in Whittier, California. His family moved to Clark County, Washington in 1966 when he was 11 years old. Michael graduated from La Center High School in 1973 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. In 1976 he transferred from active duty to the U.S. Army Reserves and entered college. He graduated from the University of Portland with a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree in Accounting in 1980. Michael is a Certified Public Accountant. He has been self-employed since 1992.

In 1980 he also graduated from the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserves. He continued serving in the Army Reserves, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before his retirement in 2006. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course, and Command and General Staff College. His service also included a combat tour in Iraq.

M.:W.:Michael was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on November 1, 1982 in Concord Lodge No. 273 in Aberdeen, Washington, and was raised a Master Mason on December 20, 1982. He is a Past Master of Washington Lodge, No. 4, in Vancouver, Washington. In 1997 he was appointed to the Grand Lodge of Washington's Masonic Research and Education Committee, and held several Grand Lodge appointments after that, including Deputy of the Grand Master, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Historian, and Grand Lecturer. He was elected Junior Grand Warden on June 13, 2008 and installed as Grand Master on June 10, 2011.

He is a member of:

- Washington Lodge, No. 4, F&AM of Washington
- Grays Harbor Lodge, No. 52, F&AM of Washington
- Walter F. Meier Lodge of Research #281, F&AM of Washington
- Washington Lodge, No. 46, AF&AM of Oregon
- Tigard-Orenomah Lodge, No. 207, AF&AM of Oregon
- Honolulu Lodge, F&AM of Hawaii
- Capilano Lodge, No. 164, AF&AM of British Columbia and Yukon

Other Masonic affiliations and activities include:

- Vancouver Valley Scottish Rite, where he is an Honorary Inspector General, 33rd Degree.
- Tacoma York Rite Bodies
- Nile Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.)
- Member, Allied Masonic Degrees
- Member, Royal Order of Scotland
- Honorary Member, International Supreme Council of DeMolay International, where he is currently Vice Chairman of the Ritual and Regalia Committee
- Co-Founded the DeMolay Squires
- St Helens Region Deputy, Washington DeMolay
- Past Dad Advisor and Chapter Chairman, Vancouver Chapter of DeMolay
- Past Associate Guardian Vancouver Bethel No. 38, Job's Daughters International
- Past Rainbow Dad, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

M.:W.:Michael was married in 1978 to Patricia Anne Sicilia. They raised three children, Pamela, Paula, and Jonathan, and have a granddaughter, Tianna, and a grandson, Peyton. They reside in Vancouver, Washington.