

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Of
GALE H. KENNEY
Grand Master of Washington 2009-2010

M.:W.:B Gale H. Kenney was born in Seattle, Washington, on April 16, 1949. He attended Oak Lake Elementary School where he played percussion in the school band and was the School Safety Patrol Captain. While Captain, he won a trip to Washington D.C., where he participated in the National School Safety Patrol Parade. During his grade school years, he played Little League baseball and was involved in Cub and Boy Scouts. He attended Woodrow Wilson Junior High School where he played in the concert orchestra, and graduated from Ingraham High School in June of 1967. In high school, M.:W.:B Gale played tympani in the concert orchestra, was selected for the All-City High School Honor Symphony Orchestra, and lettered in Tennis.

After high school, M.:W.:B Gale spent two years at Shoreline Community College where he received his Associate of Arts degree in June of 1969. He then transferred to Seattle Pacific University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in June of 1971. While there, he lettered in Tennis and played tympani in the concert band.

After graduating from college, M.:W.:B Gale backpacked through Europe for several months, staying in youth hostels and pensiones. As such, he acquired a taste for travel and has visited more than fifty-six different countries around the world since that time.

Upon returning from Europe, M.:W.:B Gale wanted to get a cross-culturalization of the states, and so applied to Western Kentucky University, where he was accepted as a Graduate Assistant. He completed his studies and received a Master of Arts Degree in Humanities and Philosophy in August of 1973.

In 1974, M.:W.:B Gale joined the Peace Corps and spent time in Ghana, West Africa, as a Sports Coach. Unfortunately, his tour was cut short due to illness, and he found it necessary to resign and return home.

In 1975, M.:W.:B Gale was still pursuing cross-culturalization of the states and applied to Florida State University where he was accepted and received another Graduate Assistantship while working on his Doctorate in Philosophy. At that time in his life, he decided that he would rather be in the business world instead of academia, and so hired into the Lockheed Shipbuilding Company in Production Control. He later became an Industrial Engineer in 1979 and moved into Human Resources as the Professional Recruiter for the Company in 1981. While employed at Lockheed, M.:W.:B Gale was selected to serve as a Loaned Executive to United Way of King County during its fundraising campaign, and was the first Loaned Executive to reach his assigned goal. Because of his success, the following year he was asked to work with its Pacesetter campaign. He also served as the President of Lockheed's five hundred member Management Association, as well as, Secretary and Trustee.

In 1989, M.:W.:B Gale joined the Boeing Company and became a Personnel Manager for several different organizations until he transferred into Workforce Administration in 1995, where he is currently employed today. He was again asked to participate as a Loaned Executive to United Way of King County and also served on its Planning, Allocation and Distribution committee for several years.

M.:W.:B Gale enjoys the arts and attending live theatre and has seen the Phantom of the Opera thirty-three times in twenty-nine different cities. He is also an avid collector of Hard Rock Café guitar pins and memorabilia, which he has acquired from the seventy different Cafes he has visited to date.

M.:W.:B Gale's Masonic career started in George Washington Lodge, No. 251, where he was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 21, 1981; passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 14, 1981; and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 11, 1981. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master three times, first in 1989, then in 1994, and again in 1998. In January of 2005, George Washington Lodge merged with University Lodge No. 141. In addition to University Lodge, he is also a life member of St. John's Lodge No. 9, LuzViMinda Lodge No. 317 where he is a charter member and Skykomish Lodge No. 259, an Honorary Past Master of Daylight Lodge No. 232 and South Gate Lodge,

No. 100, an Honorary Member of North Hill Lodge No 210, Newport Lodge No. 144, Ashlar Lodge No. 121 and Little Falls Lodge No. 176, as well as, a Charter Lifetime Member of Grand Mound Historic Lodge No. 3 and Camp Floyd Historic Lodge No. 205 in Salt Lake City, Utah. M.:W.:B Gale is a Life Member of the Scottish Rite - Valley of Seattle; a Life Member of the Shrine, A.A.O.N.M.S. - Nile Temple; a Life Member of the Order of the Amaranth, Inc. - Richmond Court, No. 72; a Life Member of Tacobat Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. and a Life Member of both the Royal Order of Scotland and the Thistle Clan. M.:W.:B Gale is a Member in Perpetuity in Omaha Chapter No. 19 and the Grand Masters Chapter No. 996 of the National Sojourners and a member of the Joseph Warren Camp of HEROES of '76 in Omaha, Nebraska. He also belongs to the Goose and Gridiron Nest 0. He is a recipient of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America's Gold Honour Award, the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor for Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, Valley of Seattle and is a recipient of the Grand Master's Achievement Award.

In Grand Lodge, M.:W.:B Gale has been appointed to and served on the Youth Committee; the Special Events Committee; Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 5 from 2002-2004; Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2004-2005 and Co-Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee in 2005-2006. M.:W.:B Gale was elected to Junior Grand Warden in 2006, Senior Grand Warden in 2007, Deputy Grand Master in 2008 and Grand Master in 2009. He has been the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Finland near the Grand Lodge of Washington since 2005. He also served as the Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America at its Annual Convention in February of 2010 where his committee was responsible for the planning of the entire Conference.

M.:W.:B Gale has been involved with Job's Daughters at either the Bethel or State level since 1983, and has served as Associate Bethel Guardian for Bethels No. 22, 35, 40, 41 and 75. He went on to become Associate Grand Guardian of the State in 1990-1991, Associate Guardian of the Grand Bethel in 1991-1992, and has been the Chairman of the Scholarship, Finance, Jurisprudence, Appeals and Grievances, and Evergreen Award committees. He has received the Grand Master's Youth Support Award and the Washington Evergreen Award.

Having been Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, M.:W.:B Gale has been a strong supporter of the Grand Lodge's Vision Statement and Long Range Plan and strived to see that Masonry continued to be the Fraternity of choice. As a river is constantly changing and in flux, so must this gentle craft, as it moves forward into the next century. M.:W.:B Gale believes in the philosophy of once a steward, always a steward, for the best leaders are NOT self-serving takers. They're SERVERS and GIVERS. And in the process of serving and giving, they bring out the best in themselves and others. His theme for the year was Inform - Inspire - Involve.
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