

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Of

DOUGLAS E. TUCKER

Grand Master of Washington 2008-2009

By

M.:W.:Harold E. Tucker

M.:W.:B Douglas E. Tucker was born February 26, 1947, in Spokane, Washington, to Harold & Shirley Tucker. He has two younger siblings, a brother, Ron, of Huntsville, AL and a sister, Pattie, of Spokane.

He attended public schools in Spokane and graduated from Shadle Park High School in 1965. He then attended Spokane Community College for two years, and in 1967 he joined the US Navy for four years. For 18 months he was stationed in the Philippine Islands and 14 months in Morocco in North Africa working as a Communications Technician.

December, 1971, M.:W.:B Doug joined the Spokane County Sheriff Department as a deputy. After five years he resigned to continue his education at Washington State University. In 1979 he went to work in the grocery industry for United Retail Merchants Stores, Inc. He retired from URM in 2007 so as to perform his Grand Lodge obligations. During his years at URM he spent his summers playing modified fast pitch softball on the elite softball teams in Spokane.

M.:W.:B Doug met his lovely wife Glynis during these softball years and she was always there to support him, not only while playing softball but even more importantly through his Masonic career. M.:W.:B Doug has two children, a son, Gavin and a daughter, Adrienne from a previous marriage. Glynis has three children, a son, Lon and two daughters, Cammy and Jenny from a previous marriage. This brought together a very loving compatible family. Together they now have four grandchildren.

M.:W.:B Doug's Masonic years have been busy to say the least. One evening in the summer of 1993 his parents took he and Glynis to a Shrine All Masonic Night. On the way home Doug asked for a petition. He told Glynis he would join to please his father and that would be the end of his obligation.

M.:W.:B Doug was elected to membership and received his Entered Apprentice Degree in December of 1993. He was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree in February of 1994. He became a Master Mason in March of 1994. In December of 1997 he became Worshipful Master of Audubon Park Lodge, No. 272, in Spokane. In 1999 he volunteered to be the Associate Guardian of Bethel No. 64 Job's Daughters for three years. In 1999 he was also appointed to the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Lodge by M.:W.:B Bill Wood and was reappointed to that position under M.:W.:B Richard Mecartea and M.:W.:B Robert Van Zee. M.:W.:B James N. Reid, Jr., appointed him Deputy of the Grand Master in District 27 in 2002, and M.:W.:B John McNab reappointed him in 2003. He was then appointed Grand Lecturer by M.:W.:B Sat Tashiro in 2004. In 2005 was elected Junior Grand Warden. M.:W.:B Doug served under the following Grand Master's, M.:W.:B Al Jorgensen, M.:W.:B Charles McQuery and M.:W.:B Wayne Smith.

M.:W.:B Doug was elected Grand Master in June 2008, where he served admirably. A major accomplishment for his year was diligently working with 24 Lodges in this Jurisdiction to complete their Articles of Incorporation as laid down by the Washington Masonic Code. M.:W.:B Douglas E. Tucker has served our beloved Fraternity with distinction, never backing down from his responsibilities.

Following his Third Degree, when asked to speak he stated his desire was to become a Grand Master like his father. This too, he has truly accomplished with love and respect from the Brethren.