

William Jackson Jones
Fifty Third Grand Master
2000-2003

William Jackson Jones was born on March 12, 1939, in Tuscola, Illinois. He went to high school in Villa Grove, Illinois, at Villa Grove High School; he went on to the University of Illinois for his B.S. in 1961, and he received his D.D.S. there in 1964. He married Lois A. Robinson at Tolono, Illinois, on December 10, 1967, and they have two children; Phillip, age 17; and Jane, age 16. Sir Knight Jones currently resides in Villa Grove, Illinois, where Sir Knight Jones has practiced Dentistry for 26 years.

Sir Knight Jones has held numerous civic positions, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Illinois Affiliate; Villa Grove Schools Citizens Consulting Committee; Board of Directors for Villa Grove Community Theater; and President, Eastern Illinois Dental Society.

Sir Knight Jones was raised in Villa Grove Lodge No. 885, Villa Grove, Illinois, in September of 1960. He has served as Worshipful Master of this Lodge. In the York Rite, he is a member of Tuscola Chapter No. 66 in Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as High Priest. He is a member of the Order of High Priesthood. He is a member of Mattoon Council No. 10, Mattoon, Illinois, where he has been the Thrice Illustrious Master. He was created a Knight Templar on December 1, 1969, in Melita Commandery No. 37, Tuscola, Illinois, where he has served as Commander in 1972 and 1977. He is a member and Past Preceptor of Lily of the Valley Tabernacle XLVI, HRAKTP. He has been elected to the grand line of the Grand College of America, HRAKTP.

In the Grand Commandery of Illinois, he ascended the grand line, serving as Grand Commander in 1984, and was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department by Grand Master Donald Hinslea Smith, August 13, 1985, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Appendant Masonic activities include membership in the Scottish Rite, N.J., the Valley of Danville, Illinois. He was coronated an Inspector General Honorary of the 330 in 1985. Sir Knight Jones is a member of Ansar Temple, Springfield, Illinois, AAONMS. He belongs to the Knights of the York Cross of Honour, and was recipient of the Purple Cross in 1988. He is a member of Saxa Rubra Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is an Active Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and a recipient of the Order of Chevalier. He is a member of the O.E.S., Knight Masons, and the Order of Amaranth.

Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Past North Central Department Commander, was elected to the grand line of the Grand Encampment as Right Eminent Grand Captain General at the election of officers which was held at the 58th Triennial Conclave on August 20, 1991. He was installed into that office on the following day.

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