
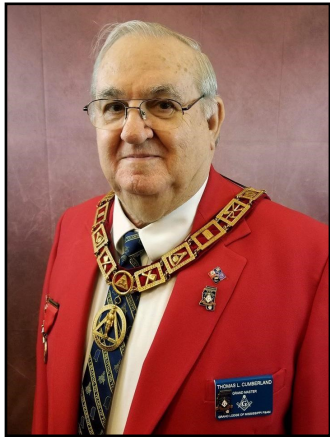


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THOMAS LANE CUMBERLAND
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST



Thomas Lane Cumberland was born December 15th, 1941 to Lonnie and Mary Cumberland in Meridian, Mississippi. He received his education at Carthage High School, Millsaps College, Emory University, and the US Army Command & General Staff College. Companion Cumberland retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, and is a retired Pastor of the United Methodist Church.

Companion Cumberland married the former Lynda Carolyn King on December 18th, 1993. They have 5 children; Derek, Amy, Perry, John, and Mack.

Companion Cumberland was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Pearl River Lodge No. 105 in Carthage, MS, on April 27th, 1998, is currently the Treasurer of Sherrard Byrd No. 353, and holds membership at Capitol No. 600 and the Mississippi Lodge of Research No. 640. He has served as Worshipful Master of both Capitol No. 600 and Sherrard Byrd No. 353.

He was Exalted in Jackson Chapter No. 6, Greeted in Jackson Council No. 5, and Knighted in Mississippi Commandery No. 1. He currently has membership at Wilmon Stewart Chapter No.

146, Luther Walker Council No. 57, and Hattiesburg Commandery No. 17, of Poplarville. He has served as presiding officer of all three bodies.

He received the Consistory Degrees in the Valley of Jackson in 1998, with membership currently at the Valley of Hattiesburg. He has been honored with both the KCCH, and as an Inspector General Honorary. In 1998 he also received the ceremonies of the A. A. O. N. M. S. at Wahabi Shrine in Jackson with membership currently held at Joppa where he serves as Chaplain and President of the Picayune Shrine Club.

Other Masonic Affiliations & Honors are: Past Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star, Poplarville No. 100, Knight Masons, Rosecrucians, Allied Masonic Degrees, DeMolay LOH, Royal Order of Scotland, Past Puissant Sovereign in the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College, Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College, Rainbow, and National Sojourners.

Companion Cumberland is also a member in the Order of High Priesthood (2004), Thrice Illustrious Masters (2003), Knights Preceptor (2003), and KYCH.

Prior to his Election and Installation as Most Excellent Grand High Priest Companion Cumberland served as Grand King in 2020 and has served as Grand Chaplain. He was Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi in 2015, where he had also served as Grand Chaplain. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi in 2010.

Companion Cumberland has also served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M. 4 times, as well as Deputy Grand Master in 2015, and Grand Master in 2018, the Bicentennial Year for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.