

SK Duane L. Vaught

58th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment - 2015 to 2018

Duane Lee Vaught was born in 1956 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the first of three sons of Lloyd E Vaught and Maxine Vaught. He graduated from North Montgomery High School and from Indiana University, the latter with a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting.

He was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church. In 2000 he married Georgia Jean Nagai Goode. Sir Knight Vaught has two brothers, both residing in Indiana. Georgia has a sister, living in Atlanta Georgia.

Duane Vaught began his professional career with a national accounting firm in its Indianapolis office, during which time he passed the CPA exam and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He subsequently moved to a local accounting firm in Bloomington Indiana. He advanced in that firm to the level of partner. In 1995 he joined the firm of Stampfli Associates CPAs as Vice-President. In 2008 he became President of that firm. Although he works with individuals and many kinds of businesses, not-for-profit entities are one of his primary specialties. He served as president of his chapter of Kiwanis, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, its Not-For-Profit practice section, Indiana State CPA Society and the Bloomington Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, in which last organization he served several years as Vice-president for Professional Education.

Duane Vaught began his Masonic career in 1971 when he was initiated into Montgomery Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. In DeMolay he served as Master Councilor of his Chapter, Illustrious Knight Commander of DeMolay Order of Knighthood in Indiana and two years as an appointed officer of the DeMolay State Council. He has received the DeMolay honors of Representative DeMolay, Chevalier, and Legion of Honor (Active)

Sir Knight Vaught was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in 1977, in his hometown of Crawfordsville Indian. He served as Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge no. 95 in 1993 during which year the lodge received the Grand Master's Award with Distinction. He has also served as Worshipful Master of Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research.

From May 2002 through May 2008 he served as an officer of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana, the last year of that period as Most Worshipful Grand Master. He is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near Indiana. In 2008 he was elected to a three year term as trustee. For five years he also served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home.

Vaught received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Chivalric Masonry on October 22, 1977 in a festival, held in Muncie, in honor of then presiding Most Eminent Grand Master, Willard M. Avery. He Served as High Priest of Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 34 in 1983.

Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982 and has received the Distinguished Service Award, Knight Commander of the Temple, and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple awards. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois near Indiana and also holds memberships in Bloomington Commandery No. 63 and St Anselm Commandery UD in

Indiana. He also holds memberships in Commanderies in Ohio and Colorado. He holds honorary memberships in several other Grand Commanderies. He served ten years as an officer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana culminating in serving as the 140th Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana in 2001 - 2002.

Sir Knight Vaught is a Past Sovereign of St. Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Past Governor of Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72 and has received the Gold Honor Award and Order of the Purple Cross. He is a Past Excellent Chief of Indiana Council No. 15, Knight Masons and Past Director General of Indianapolis Preceptory, Yeomen of York. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is a Past Sovereign Master of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council 256. He is a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri and served over ten years as Secretary of his council.

Vaught is a Past Preceptor of St Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and an officer of the Grand College. He is an officer of the Grand College of Rites. He is a member, IX degree, Knight Grand Cross of Indiana College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, MSCRIF, and serves as Treasurer General of the High Council, MSRICF of the United States.

He is a member of J. Herbert Nichols and Robert A. Woods Pories of KYCH, Terre Haute Valley, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite NMJ, Royal Order of Scotland, Murat Shrine AAONMS, Sahara Grotto MOVPER, Grand College of Rites, Order of Knights Preceptor, Indiana Past Commanders Association, Goose and Tater, and Royal Order of Zanzibar. In 2005 he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33 Degree. He is a Grand Cross of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental and an Honorary Kentucky Colonel.

Sir Knight Vaught was appointed Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment, and Knights Templar on August 29, 2007 by Sir Knight William Koon II, Grand Master and was elected to remain in the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment at the 64th Triennial Conclave, August 2009, in Roanoke Virginia. He was advanced to Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on November 22, 2010 following the Death of Sid C. Doris III, elected Deputy Grand Master in Alexandria VA. in August 2012 and elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar in August 2015 in Buffalo NY.