

Leland Luewellin Burlison, R.E. Department Commander North Central Department, ND, SD, NE, IA, MN, WI. “Lee” was born in Deer River, Minnesota on November 7, 1950, and completed his public education, graduating in 1968 from Hill City, MN, with a high school class size of 25. On February 19th, 1970, Lee was drafted into the Army and was stationed very near the DMZ in South Korea. After completing his term in the military, Lee worked in the construction industry and worked his way through college, graduating in 1977 with degrees in Management and Accounting. More than 35 years plus was dedicated in Construction Management, spending 25 years with an Engineering firm building or rebuilding large paper making facilities and “green field” projects.

Lee married Marilyn J (Wallace) Burlison on September 28, 1991, and had one child, Johnathan Lee. Where you see Marilyn, Lee is nearby.

Lee’s Masonic Career began in February of 1977 where he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Over the years, he has been elected to Local and State York Rite bodies serving as the presiding officer of the three Grand Bodies of Wisconsin, Past Prior of Wisconsin Priory No.16 and is in the advancing line of Convent General, KYCH and is expected to complete that line as Grand Master General in August of 2026. Other Masonic bodies of which he is a member and past presiding officer are AMD, HRAKTP, Knight Masons, SRICF and Suffragan of Wisconsin College, Order of Athelstan and Past Master, St Thomas of Acon, also member and past officer of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Order of Eastern Star, Order of Amaranth of which he is a Past Grand Royal Patron, a member of AASRSJ, Orlando, FL, initiated in 1978, Nicolet Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign and Recorder for many years and now the Intendant General of Wisconsin and many masonic administrative local and state committees too numerous to mention. As a Member of the Valley of Green Bay, Lee has served as Sovereign Prince and Commander in Chief, and now serves as Secretary of the Valley and has received the Meritorious Service Award, and was coroneted the honor of 33rd Degree, AASRNMJ. It was Lee’s honor to serve as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin in 2009-2010 completing a 10-year line and is now appointed and installed as North Central Department Commander by Most Eminent Grand Master, David J Cussman at the Triennial in Salt Lake City, Utah.