

SK E. (Edward) Jeffrey Craig, KTCH, KCT, IKT

R.E. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER NORTHWESTERN DEPARTMENT: AK, CO, ID, MT, OR, WA, and WY

Sir Knight E. Jeffrey Craig was born on 14 April 1953. Having been widowed in 2009, he met and married his current Bride, Natalie, in 2013 while they were both working for King County Metro Transit in Settle, Washington. Now retired from Transit, he continues in his ministry as the Presiding Archbishop of the Anglican Church USA.

Brother Craig was raised July 9th, 1981, in Myrtle Lodge #108 in Issaquah, Washington. That fall he pluraled into Ark Lodge #126 in Seattle Washington where he served as Master in 1985. He served as Master of Myrtle Lodge in 1989 and as Master of Lodge Alba #315 in 2023, all in the Grand Lodge F&AM of Washington. He is an affiliated Past Master of Anchorage Lodge #17 in Anchorage, AK. Brother Craig has served the Grand Lodge of Washington as Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Chaplain, and Chairman of the Grand Master's Charity Committee.

Companion Craig is a PHP of Oriental Chapter #19, Royal Arch Masons, PIM of Seattle Council #6, Royal & Select Masters, and PC of Rainier Commandery #28. He served as Grand High Priest in 2014-2015, Illustrious Grand Master in 2019-2020, and Grand Commander in 2018-2019, all in the state of Washington. Companion Craig served the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International as General Grand Chaplain 2014-2017, the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA as Associate Grand Prelate 2019-2021, and is currently serving as the General Grand Chaplain, since 2014, of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Jeff is a member of several other Masonic organizations in both the US and Canada, including: The Scottish Rite, where he is a 33^o Inspector General Honorary, and the current Personal Representative for the Seattle Valley, Orient of Washington, for the Southern Jurisdiction of the USA; Nile Shrine (Past Chaplain and member of the Shurtah, Legion of Honor, and Past President of the Past Masters Club); Chinook Council, AMD (Past Master); Cascade Chapel, St. Thomas of Acon (Provincial Grand Prior); Evergreen State Priory, KYCH (Past Prior); Tacobat Grotto, currently serving as the Supreme Council District Deputy; Immaculate Tabernacle, HRAKTP (Past Preceptor), and Fraser Tabernacle (officer); Washington College, SRICF (IX^o and Past Celebrant); Rainier York Rite College (Past Governor and OPC, YRSCNA); St. Alban Conclave, RCC (Past Sovereign); Salish Court #90, Masonic Order of Athelstan (Past Master and Past Grand Captain of the Guard); Nesika Chapter 54, OES (5 time Past Patron); Past Associate Guardian of Bethel 6, Jobs Daughters, and is a Past Dad Advisor for 2 different Rainbow Assemblies and two different DeMolay Conclaves. Outside of Masonry, Jeff has been active with the Boy Scouts, enjoys active membership in several non-Masonic fraternal organizations, and serves on two Commissions in the city in which he and Natalie reside. In his spare time, he enjoys camping and sailing with his Bride Natalie and their Lab Rider.

SK Jeff was appointed & installed as the department commander for the Northwestern Department at the 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America on August 21st, 2024.