## **MASONIC BIOGRAPHY**

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Washington & Jurisdiction

## Larry B. Opher

Right Worshipful Larry B. Opher was born in Islip Long Island, New York, on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1962, to the Late Shirley L. Opher and Franklin P. Opher. He is the Oldest of four boys and one sister who has since passed. He loves and misses her dearly.

RW Opher attended school in Cambridge Maryland and graduated from Cambridge South Dorchester High School in 1980. He attended Central Texas College and the University of Maryland, where he holds a degree in General Studies and Business and currently attending Clover Park Technical College where He is receiving an AA degree in Human Services with a Certification in Chemical Dependency.

RW Opher joined the United States Army in October of 1981. He served a 3 year tour, which took him to Germany and Oklahoma. When his time was up he got out, but quickly came to his senses and rejoined in 1986, which was the beginning of new adventures. Larry has traveled all over the World and had fun doing it. He retired in 2003 with 21 years of Honorable Service. Recently RW Opher gave up his position as a New Equipment Trainer for the U.S. Army to pursue a degree in Human Services with a Certification in Chemical Dependency because his heart is set on helping those in need.

Masonic Affiliations: In 1991, RW Opher was introduced to Masonry. His first Lodge was Baumholder Lodge # 144, Illinois Jurisdiction. Then he demitted to Washington in 1993 where he helped charter James W. Davis Lodge # 100 as well as served as its Worshipful Master. He is a Past Patron of Olympic Chapter # 2, Order of Eastern Star, Past Joshua of Rainbow Court # 2, Heroines of Jericho, Member of Capital City Consistory # 106, Martin Luther Council # 2, Knights of Pythagoras, and Spanaway Lodge # 83. He also served three administrations as District Deputy Grand Master for Districts # 2 and #11 as well as Special District Deputy for youth. He served twice as Worthy Grand Joshua. First for 3 years from 2005 - 2008 and then elected again in July of 2015 to 2019 for 4 years. Noble Opher is a member of Yemen Temple #152, A.E.A.O.N.M.S. RW Larry B. Opher was Elected Grand Lecture in July 2021 Grand session and reelected at the 119th Grand session. RW Larry B. Opher was reelected Grand Junior Warden at the 121th Grand session. In this position he will lead the youth and education programs for this

Grand Lodge as well as the 2<sup>nd</sup> vice for the GEC and the souvenir journal Chair. At our 122th Grand Session I was elected and installed As Grand Senior Warden and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice of the Grand Entertainment Committee.

Larry B. Opher was elevated to Grand Inspector General in the Dr. Ivory M. Buck Jr. Class of 2024 Milwaukee Wisconsin #99. This was a personal high honor.

Brother Opher is an active Member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Tacoma; He is a backup Sunday school teacher and serves as a Deacon and former Chair of the Security Ministry. His prize thing is his work with the Youth; he is a Youth Outreach Leader, he helps youth in the community, and he Mentors with the ABBA Child Mentoring Program. He Volunteers at the RISE center as a counselor. RW Opher's passion for the youth is unquestionable and he would do anything to make their lives just a little better. He has no biological children, but God blessed him with 4 boys Mike, Charles, Randy and Jeremy and 1 daughter Danai whom he loves very much and don't know what he would do without them in his life as well as 2 godsons and 1 god daughter. His pride and joy is his 6 grand children which he loves more than life itself.

Brother Opher's goal is to be the Best man God would have him be. And always be able to lend a hand to a Brother or Sister when I can.