

# MASONIC BIOGRAPHY

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge  
Washington & Jurisdiction



## Wallace Nelson

Right Worshipful Wallace Nelson is the oldest of his late father, Charles P. Stokes, Sr., 13 children and his late mother, Mary C. Nelson, only child. He was born June 2, 1956.

Prior to deciding a career path, he completed 11th grade at Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School in Baltimore, MD from 1969 until 1972. I obtained my GED at Fort Benning, GA in May of 1973.

With his mind set to join the military, he joined the US Army in October 1972 where he served his country until November 1979. He attended Thomas Nelson College in Newport News, VA studying towards a degree in Business Management during the period of 1980 through 1983. From 1978 to 1996 Worked at 13 different Radio station as an announcer. He reenlisted in the US Army in April 1988 until he retired in September 2001. Upon retirement from the Army he was employed for 20 years at Pierce Transit as a bus operator for four years and then 16 years as a Service Supervisor. Pierce Transit is where he met my Mentor the Late GIG Edward L. Brydie.

RW Nelson has served numerous active years in his Masonic career to date. His Masonic career began in 2007 when he was initiated, passed and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason at Cassia Lodge #5, Washington Jurisdiction.

The Masonic career consists of Senior Deacon of Cassia Lodge #5 in 2007. Then, in 2008, serving as Junior Warden of Cassia Lodge #5. Furthering his Masonic career, he served as Senior Warden of Cassia Lodge #5 for the years 2009-2010. During this time as Senior Warden, he acted as Worshipful Master for 9 months in the year 2010 while the Worshipful Master was working at his usual vocation. For the years of 2011 - 2013, he served in the capacity as Worshipful Master of Cassia Lodge #5. During these years in oriental chair, he accomplished the following tasks:

- Helped to implement a firework stand as a fundraiser for the Lodge.

- Actively worked with DDGM Graham to enhance District 2 Christmas Toy Give Away for the Masonic families and our surrounding community.
- Served as Registration Committee Chair for Grand Lodge Annual Grand Session for 2014-2018.
- Elected Grand Lecturer beginning 2018 to 2021, travelled to various lodges in Districts 1 and 2 presenting mini education sessions, observing Masonic work and providing guidance accordingly.
- Travelled to District 9 in Germany observing Masonic work and providing instruction and feedback.
- Assembled and participated on the Committee to update the MWPHGL Ritual Book in 2018.
- Elected Grand Junior Warden in 2021 to 2023. Working closely with the KOP and as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Recommended Brother Clarence Williams to be appointed Supreme Master Knight of the KOP.
- Elected Grand Senior Warden July 2023 to Present. Served as 1st Vice Chair of the GEC and attended District Sessions in Germany, Korea and Dubai. Attended The Grand Lodge of Washingtons Annual Session as the MWGM's representative in June of 2024
- Elected Deputy Grand Master at the 122nd Annual Communication July 16, 2025

Brother Nelson joined Cascadian Consistory 75 in 2009. Served as Thrice Potent Master 2022 to 2023. He is currently serving as Thrice Potent Master January 2025 to Present. In May 2025 in Philadelphia received the 33rd Degree as a member of the Andrew E. (Jac) Morris Class.

RW Nelson has been blessed with 3 adult children Brianne Richardson, Deven Nelson and his wife Ashley and my youngest Ashley Nelson. and 8 grandchildren Taylor, Courtni, Aneesa, Aiyana, Mavryk, Falyn, Amiri and Aziri.