

MASONIC BIOGRAPHY

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand
Lodge Washington & Jurisdiction

Right Worshipful

Charles H. Bush

Special District Deputy Grand Master

On July 16, 2025, at its Annual Communication, RW Charles Bush, Jr., was appointed as SDDGM, Scottish Rite Liaison, Far East Orient to Most Worshipful Antonio Graham.

RW Charles Bush Jr. is the son of the late Charles Bush, Sr., and Virginia Bush. He was born into a large and loving multi-generational family in Mobile, Alabama. His upbringing, along with his parents, was supported by Charles's Grandmothers, Willie Mae Bush-Howard and Gladys Watson, the matriarchs of the family. Being the oldest son and grandchild, they showered Charles with unconditional love and affection, encouragement, and guidance. As a result of his Father's service in the United States Army, Charles qualified for tuition assistance. After a year of Junior college and needing more discipline to maintain the grade point average, Charles was destined to join the military.

RW Bush's Masonic journey began late as an adult, but during his childhood, he watched both grandfathers and uncles were Masons. After graduating from Toulminville High School in Mobile, Alabama, and a year at Bishop State Junior College, RW Bush enlisted in the United States Marines Corps. After his fourth tour to Japan and much older, RW Bush decided to join the Masonic Lodge in Okinawa, Japan at the age of 42. He was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason on August 4, 2004, in Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68, Okinawa, Japan, Prince Hall Affiliated, Washington Jurisdiction. While serving in the military, Right Worshipful Bush became a graduate of Central Texas College in General Studies in 2002, Park University with a BS degree in 2006, and Columbia Southern University with an MBA/Project Management in 2014. After thirty years of honorable service, Right Worshipful Bush retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant/E-9.

Following his military retirement in 2011, Right Worshipful Bush remains in Virginia after his last duty station and remains committed to the PHA Grand Lodge of Washington and the Far East Prince Hall Family, where he learned the true meaning of brotherly and sisterly love. In 2012, he successfully secured employment as a U.S. Government Civil Service Employee for Marine Corps Systems Command, supporting USMC Programs serving as Acquisition Logistics, where he continues to serve the military warfighters. He also serves a significant role of support for military veterans and their families.

Right Worshipful Bush's Masonic journey is a testament to the unwavering support of his family. His Wife, Sister Danielle Dillard, provides the strength and encouragement he needs to fulfill his duties.

When he has spare time, Right Worshipful Bush enjoys the nice pleasures of life, including travelling, eating, live jazz, visiting other jurisdictions, and spending time with family and friends.

Right Worshipful Bush's devotion to Masonry is unwavering. His journey has seen him hold numerous positions, culminating in his current role as Scottish Rite Masonry liaison to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Bush's commitment to demonstrate peace and set the example of brotherly love by glorifying the good in people and not amplifying the negative, thus restoring unity, is a testament to his dedication to his Masonic family.

Right Worshipful Bush's journey as a Prince Hall Mason:

- Senior Deacon - 2005, Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68
- Junior Warden - 2006, Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68
- Senior Warden - 2007, Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68
- Worshipful Master - 2008, Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68
- Past Master - Okinawa Military Lodge No. 68
- Right Worshipful SDDGM to MWGM - 2012 - Present, MWPHGL WA
- Sublime Prince - 2004, Keystone Consistory No. 85, Orient of the Far East
- 2nd Lieutenant Commander - 2008, Keystone Consistory No. 85, Orient of the Far East
- Grand Inspector General 33o - Winston O. Williams, Class of 2010, Philadelphia, PA
- Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33o - Emeritus Membership Status Class of 2014
- Scottish Rite, Assistant to the Deputy - 2014, for the Orient of the Far East
- Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33o - Active Membership Status Class of 2019
- Scottish Rite, Appointed Deputy for Orient - 2019, Far East Orient
- Asst Grand Registrar- 2023 - Present, Knights of the York Cross of Honour-Convent General
- Member KYCH - 2010, William L. Hawkins Priory No.13 WA
- Registrar -2013 - 2014, William L Hawkins Priory No. 13 WA
- Treasurer KYCH - 2014 - Present, William L. Hawkins Priory No. 13 WA
- Holy Royal Arch Masons - 2005, Headquarters Chapter No. 1 /SPC No.11
- Past EHP, Sylvester "Pappy" Cann - 2006, Chapter No.11 HRAM, Okinawa, Japan
- Honorary Past Grand High Priest - 2018, MEPHGC HRAM WA
- Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Masons - 2005, Council No. 1/ Mihama No.11
- Past TIM - 2007, Ninth Council No.8 (renamed Mihama No.11)
- Honorary Past Grand Trice Ill Master - 2023, GCPH R&SM WA

- Order of the Knights Templar - 2005, Headquarters Commandery No. 1/ Rising Sun No.11
- Past Eminent Commander -2008, James A. Davis, No.3 (renamed Rising Sun No.11)
- Honorary Past Eminent Grand Commander - 2018, Grand Commandery, WA
- Member – AEAONMS - 2004, Obelisk Temple No.187, Okinawa, Japan
- HPP – AEAONMS - 2009, Obelisk Temple No.187, Okinawa, Japan
- HPIP – AEAONMS - 2023, Obelisk Temple No.187, Okinawa, Japan
- Member - 2005, OES Electra No. 25, Okinawa, Japan
- Associate Patron - 2007, OES Electra No.25, Okinawa, Japan
- Member, 2008, HOJ Addalana M. Weatherby No.10, Okinawa, Japan
- Vice Joshua – 2008, Addalana M. Weathersby No.10, Okinawa, Japan