

Worshipful William H. Bell, Jr., 33°

Biography

William H. Bell, Jr. was raised in South Belmar, NJ where he attended public schooling and graduated from Asbury Park High School in June 1978. Upon graduating, he entered the U.S. Army in September 1978 under the delayed entry program to start his military career. While in the military, he achieved an Associates of Science Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and had the privilege to retire in January 1999 from the U.S. Army with 20 years and 9 months of military service.

In August 1982, he began his journey in Masonry with Fred U. Harris Lodge #79 in Olympia, Washington while stationed there at Fort Lewis in the U.S. Army. After receiving reassignment orders to Germany, he found an opportunity to broaden his fellowship in Masonry. During his years in Masonry, he had the privilege to be a member of several Masonic bodies and held several positions. Just to name a few:

- Fred U. Harris Lodge #70, (Mother Lodge), Washington Jurisdiction
- Kirchgogens Lodge #32, Germany, Oklahoma Jurisdiction
- St. John's Lodge #79, Germany, Washington Jurisdiction
- Pride of Giessen Lodge #63, Germany, Washington Jurisdiction
- Goodwill Lodge #59, Alabama Jurisdiction
- Prince Hall Military Consistory #304, Germany, Oklahoma Jurisdiction
- Eureka Consistory #113, Germany, Washington Jurisdiction
- Aswan Temple #115, Germany, Southern Jurisdiction
- Stars of Orion #43, O.E.S., Germany, Washington Jurisdiction
- Pride of Palm Beach Lodge #447, Florida Jurisdiction

➤ Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. Military Lodge #16, Kaiserslautern, Germany, Florida

He has held and passed through most seats in Blue House Masonry from the Tyler to Past Master; in Scottish Rite Masonry as the Illustrious Grand Prior and Illustrious Second Lieutenant Commander; in the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine as the First Ceremonial Master and Oriental Guide.

While stationed in Germany in District Number Nine, Washington Jurisdiction, he held the position as the Administrative Assistant and then appointed as the District Secretary which he held for several years before departing Germany in 1995.

On October 12, 1992, he received what is considered the last fraternal degree in Masonry, that of Grand Inspector General, 33rd Degree within the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R, Southern Jurisdiction. After his return to Germany, he along with several others were released from the Southern Jurisdiction to become members of the United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Northern Jurisdiction to establish and form the Council of Deliberation, Orient of Europe.

While living in the State of Alabama, on August 1, 2012, he was appointed as the Special District Deputy Grand Master, Liaison to Alabama and appointed as the Recording Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliation of Washington Jurisdiction Reclamation Committee.

On April 11, 2015 while attending the Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Florida, Belize, Central America, Germany, Incorporated, Prince Hall Affiliate he was selected as the Chartered Worshipful Master of Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. Military Lodge #16 located in Kaiserslautern, Germany. His dedication and works in the principals and ideals of

Masonry during his term in the seat as Worshipful Master, he received the appointment of Assistant District Deputy Grand Master of the newly formed District #44 in Europe for the Florida Jurisdiction.

He now resides in Lexington, KY with his wife Sharhan Livingston-Bell where he is employed with AECOM working as a Contractor with the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot-Plant project in Richmond, KY to destroy the chemical agent filled munitions that are stored in Igloos on the Blue Grass Army Depot. He has a Son in the U.S. Air Force currently stationed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany and a Daughter in the U.S. Navy currently stationed in Bremerton, WA assigned to the USS Nimitz.