



## Masonic Biography of R.W. Patrick L. Hughes Sr.

R.W. Patrick L. Hughes Sr. was born in Madison, Mississippi, where he graduated from Madison Ridgeland High School in 1974. After High School, he attended Holmes Junior College in, Goodman, MS. He holds a BS degree in History from Regents College, Albany, NY. In addition R.W. Hughes attended the University of Washington, Foster School of Business, under the Executive Education Program and has an AA degree, from Pierce College, Tacoma, WA. He have three children two Boys and one girl. R.W. Hughes served 28 year in the U.S. Army and retired as a Senior Logistic Officer.

R.W. Hughes is the founder and CEO of the Hughes Group LLC. It is a Government contracting company located in Tacoma. In 2009 Hughes Group was selected as the fastest growing Minority business in Washington State. R.W. Hughes as Founder and CEO of Hughes Group was voted the National Small Business Person of the Year for 2010. This award is given by the Small Business Administration in Washington D.C. This was the first time that anyone from Washington State has ever won this award.

R.W. Hughes started his Masonic works in Germany (District #9) in 1984 as a member of King Solomon Lodge #62. He later demitted to Daniel "Chappie" James Lodge #72 where he remains a member. He became a Past Master in 1991 of that lodge. He has served in many positions in the Grand Lodge both appointed and elected. Some of the notable ones are as DDGM for three difference districts, (District #2, District #7 and District #10), Grand Lecturer (2001), Grand Junior Warden (2007-2009) and many other appointed positions. R.W. Hughes now holds the position as Grand Senior warden. As a member of the York Rite he is a Past Grand High Priest. R.W. Hughes is also one of the founding members of the Washington State Grand Chapter (HRAM) where he serviced as the first Deputy Grand High Priest. R.W. Hughes is a member of William Gardner #4 in Lacey, Washington. R.W. Hughes has also serviced both appointed and elected officer's positions of the Heroines of Jericho Washington State. In 1993 he founded J.C. Logan Consistory #114 (Korea). R.W. Hughes became a 33° Mason in 1997 and is a Past Imperial Officer of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S.