

MASONIC BIOGRAPHY
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Washington & Jurisdiction



Gilbert E. McClary Sr.
Deputy Grand Warden

Bro. Gilbert E. McClary, Sr. while on active duty in the United States Navy, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan and Atsugi, Japan from January 1986 through January 1992 petitioned for membership in the Masonic Order, "Pride of the Orient Lodge No. 55", PHA of the MWPHGL F. & A.M. of Washington and Jurisdiction which was at that time located at Camp Zama, Japan. There he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on the 23rd Day of November 1990. He was immediately elected to serve as the Lodge Secretary.

Shortly thereafter he became a Sublime Prince (32°) in John J. Story Consistory No. 111 also located at Camp Zama, Japan. Followed by becoming a Noble in As-Sami Temple No. 225 of the Ancient Accepted Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine North and South America, PHA. (Shriners) located in Yokota, Airbase, Japan.

Bro. McClary, Sr. then received orders to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island where he first provided some assistance in the establishment of "African Genesis Lodge UD" prior to leaving to go on a 6-month Naval Cruise on the USS Nimitz Aircraft Carrier. Upon his return from the cruise, He was received by petition into African Genesis Lodge No. 101 where he was soon after elected to the position of Lodge

Secretary contributing to the lodge being recognized as the Lodge of the Year.

From 1997 through 2002 (5 years) - Bro. McClary, Sr. became interested in the affairs of the Grand Lodge and received an appointment as the Assistant Grand Lodge Secretary. He subsequently was received by petition into Union Lodge No. 43 where he served as the Senior Warden and Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

Bro. McClary petitioned Evergreen Lodge No. 9 for membership and became the Secretary and Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He also became a member of Golden Gate Chapter No. 4, of Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star State of Washington and Jurisdiction located in Everett, Washington.

He served as the 1st Grand Secretary for The Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons under the guidance and direction of the Honorable James Dallas.

RW McClary was very instrumental in the establishment of Everett Consistory No. 118 as a Chartered Member. He served this Consistory in the positions as Secretary and Commander-in-Chief.

He became an Honorary Member of the United Supreme Council AASR of Freemasonry, NJ, PHA as a Grand Inspector General of the 33° and last degree of Masonry in 2007.

In July of 2002 he was elected to serve as the Grand Secretary of the MWPHGL F.&A.M. of Washington and Jurisdiction. He initially served this Grand Jurisdiction as its Grand Secretary from 2002 -2008 and again in 2016 through 2017, when he was elected to serve as the Grand Senior Warden. He served as the Grand Senior Warden from 2017 - 2019, before being elected to serve as the Deputy Grand Master for 3 years from 2019 - current.

Outside Affiliations

He is an Alumni of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology.

He continued his education by attending Chapman University of Orange, California where he earned a Master's Degree in "Human Resources Management".

A member of The American Legion (Washington)

President of Caleb-Joshua Education and Humanitarian Project - 501(c)3