

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

of Free and Accepted Masons

of the

State of South Carolina

2324 Gervais Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Theme: "Our God, Our Children, Our Heritage"



Honorable Nathaniel Durant, 33^o
Most Worshipful Grand Master

Having been a Master Mason for over 37 years and serving in various capacities during that time. Nathaniel Durant was elected and installed as the twenty-third Grand Master of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of South Carolina, (which was established in 1869) on December 12, 2007 and assumed the office of Grand Master on December 27, 2007. Durant will serve as the conservator of Masonry in South Carolina which affects approximately 24,000 Master Masons and Eastern Stars. He has chosen as his theme for 2008, "Our God, Our Children, Our Heritage," focusing on the religious foundation of Freemasonry, supporting children throughout the state and emphasizing the heritage of South Carolinians.

In addition, Durant holds memberships and has served in leadership roles in: St. Luke Lodge #171 (Worshipful Master) and St. Luke Chapter #116, Order of the Eastern Star (Associate Patron), Johnsonville, SC, Heroines of Jericho and Hyman Chapter #32 Holy Royal Arch Masons of Pamplico, SC, member of Knights Templar Florence, SC, Past Commander-in-Chief of McDonald Consistory #226, Past Potentate of Bejilah Shriners Temple #163 of Marion, SC and Past District Deputy of the Ninth Masonic District of South Carolina.

A native of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Durant is a graduate Florence Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion College, and holds a Master's of Business Administration from Webster University of Saint Louis, Missouri. After leaving Electro Motive Manufacturing Company in 1978, he began his career as an Industrial Engineer at Union Carbide, now the ESAB Welding and Cutting Products of Florence where he currently serves as Facilities Manager.

After serving his country for 31 years, Durant retired from the United States Army as a Sergeant Major. He is a member of the Buffalo Soldiers of the 132nd MP Company and a member of the Veteran's Honor Guard located in Florence.

Mr. Durant is a member of St. Luke AME Church in the Salem Community of Johnsonville, South Carolina. He has served as president of the Junior Steward board, president of the Junior Trustee board, and member of the Senior Trustee and Steward boards. He presently serves on the Senior Trustee board, the finance committee, the senior choir and the building Committee.

Nathaniel is a resident of the Effingham community of Florence, South Carolina. He has three sons, Army Capt. Nathaniel, III (Soraya), Navy Lt. Christopher (Tanya), and Presbyterian College graduate 2008, Justin, and one daughter, Dean of Students, LaDawn (Michael). He is the proud granddaddy of Jaylon, Julian, and Jordan. Durant is married to the former Joyce A. Moody of Marion, South Carolina.

When he is not attending meetings and conducting Masonic business, Durant spends a lot of his time coon hunting (which is his favorite past-time) and bowling.