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BIOGRAPHY OF MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER BRUCE E. LAWRENCE

Most Illustrious Companion Bruce E. Lawrence was born on January 8th, 1940, Los Angeles, California, and spent his formative years in South Pasadena, California. He went to the local public elementary schools then to Flintridge Preparatory School for Boys for Jr. & Sr. High School. After graduation in 1958, he went into the U.S. Air Force. There, he was trained as a Ground to Air Communications repair technician and graduated at the top of his class. He saw duty at North Bend Air Force Station in Oregon and aboard Texas Tower 2 located 110 miles out to sea east of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Bruce has a son, Bruce E. Lawrence II, by a previous marriage. He married his late wife Peggy Lawrence (Makaleka) in 1975 and they were married for 45 years until her passing in 2021. He is currently happily married to Leslie Lawrence (Pualani). They married on Valentine's Day 2023.

As most people know who have been around Bruce know, he loves Hawaii and is always spouting off in the Hawaiian language which he started studying in 2007.

After discharge from the Air Force in 1962, Bruce attended Indiana Institute of Technology for a term, and then later attended night school at West Coast University in Los Angeles, California, graduating in 1970 with a BS in Electronic Engineering. He then got his Masters of Engineering degree from California State University Northridge in 1980, again going to school at night. When his son asked him when he was going to get his PHD? Bruce said, "Forget it. I'm tired of going to school".

While Bruce lived in Simi Valley, California, he was very active in Boy Scouts at the troop, district, council and a bit at the national levels. He did a lot of leadership training of both boys and adults, and additionally trained both boys and adults how to train others.

Bruce met Jim Crenner at the company EchoStar, and they became good friends. Bruce later went to Baxa and was able to get Jim Crenner onboard at Baxa. One day as Jim and Bruce were walking to the elevators, Jim asked him when he was going to become a Mason. Bruce thought why not since he came from a family of Masons. He was too busy with Boy Scouts in California to join but was ready to do so in Colorado. The rest is ancient history.

Bruce was initiated into Jacques DeMolay #171 in March 2012, passed in April 2012 and raised in September 2012. Jim Crenner was the Worshipful Master for all three degrees. He fondly remembers dragging Grover (the Marshal) around the altar during his initiation. He attended the



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Scottish Rite Reunion in November 2012 then went through all the York Rite degrees and orders of the 'A Masonic Journey Into Light' in Spring 2013. Bruce served as Trice Illustrious Master of Denver Council #1 in 2016-17, RWM of Jacques DeMolay #171 in 2017, EHP of Denver Chapter #2 Royal Arch Masons in 2019-20, EHP of Denver-Colorado Commandery #1 in May, 2020-22 and Sovereign Master of Viginti Septum #529 in 2021. He was Sentinel of the Grand Commandery in 2022-23. Bruce is also a member of Pikes Peak AMD #156, Centennial No. 87 York Rite College, National Sojourners, Sword of Bunker Hill and KYGCH. Bruce has received the Grand Master Ish-Sodi and Cryptic Mason of the Year awards, both in 2017. He received a plaque from the Grand Chapter in 2022 for excellence in ritual work.