

PM Shawnta D. Best #478  
Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Brother Shawnta D. Best is celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> year as an active Prince Hall Mason and is the father of 3 Children, Shanaysia, Shantell and Shamyra; also has two Grand Children, Neveah & Graysen.

Shawnta is a lifelong member of Paul's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, where he serves as a church IT technician and assist as the church financial secretary. He has been employed with Truist (Formally BB&T) for 23 years in the Operation Division as an Operations Division Production Coordinator and Logistics Coordinator.

His Education background stems from being a graduate of Greene Central High School and an Alumnus of Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC where he majored in Criminal Justice and Computer Science and also a commissioned Notary Public with the North Carolina State Secretary Office.

Bro. Best is also the Owner/Operator of SDBEST LLC which operates Best Cut Lawn Care, Best Wash Pressure Washing and other Domestic Services.

Past Master Shawnta Best's masonic career is only surpassed by his dedication as you can see below:

- Raised to a Master Mason June 16, 2001 in Royal Heart Lodge #478; served as Worshipful Master 2004-2007.
- Became an obligated member of Eureka Chapter #480 Order of the Eastern Star April 8, 2002; served as Worthy Patron 2003-2006.
- Elevated to Sublime Prince 32<sup>o</sup> mason August 24, 2003 in C. A. Whitehead Consistory #188 Goldsboro, NC; currently serving as Commander In Chief.
- Arched as a Royal Arch Mason in Ullis N. Dawson Chapter #83 Holy Royal Arch Masons Goldsboro, NC April 2004, served as Most Excellent High Priest 2011-2012; Currently serving as Secretary 2018-Present. Also serving the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons as Assist Grand Secretary 2016-Present.
- Greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Menelik Council #4 R&SM Goldsboro, NC April 2005, served as Thrice Illustrious Master 2015; Currently serving as Recorder 2016-Present. Also Elected February 2022 as Grand Illustrious Deputy Master for the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters Inc.
- Knighted as a member of Trinity Commandery #17 Knights Templar Goldsboro, NC April 2004, served as Eminent Commander 2012-2013. Also Serving the Tarheel Grand Commandery as Eminent Grand Recorder 2017-Present.
- Created a Noble of Mystic Shrine (AEAONMS) as a member of Mizpah Temple #66 May 20, 2004 as part of the PP Thomas F. Poag Class at the NC Gala Day Desert Conference, Served as Illustrious

Potentate 2014-2015; Currently serving as temple Recorder 2019-Present and Desert Recorder 2021-Present.

- Elevated as a Grand Inspector General (GIG) of the 33<sup>°</sup> as a part of SGIG Robert M.L. Walker Class of 2013 Orient of NC and the SGIG J. B. Henderson Class of 2013 USC AASR SJ PHA in Greensboro, NC. Currently serving the North Carolina Commanders of the Rite as Treasurer 2018-Present
- Currently Serving the Dr. G. Wesley Allen Council of Deliberation as Grand Illustrious Keeper of Seals and Archives 2019-Present.
- Advisor to LeRoy Evans Council #108 Order of the Knights of Pythagoras and Coastal Regional Director for KOP 2015-Present.
- 2016 Inductee as a Member of Tarheel Priory #10 Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH) Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Currently serving as Treasurer 2018-Present.
- 2007 Honorary Member of African Lodge #459 F&AM Boston, Mass.
- Served on Various Grand Lodge Committees such as Grievance and Appeals co-chair and Disaster Relief Committee.
- Currently Serving the Mid Atlantic Conference of Grand Masters as Conference Secretary 2017-Present.

Bro. Best's Motto is:

**"When the work you put in is realized, let yourself feel the pride; but always stay humble and kind."**