

R.W. Junior Grand Warden William A. Cooke

Brother William A. Cooke was made a Mason in King David Lodge # 24, Kinston NC. He served as Master of King David Lodge # 24 and lodge Secretary. PM Cooke has also served as Eastern Regional Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic District.

Companion Cooke was exalted in Prudence Shaw Chapter # 75, Kinston NC. He served as Excellent High Priest and Chapter Secretary. PEHP Cooke served as District Grand Deputy High Priest, and the 27th Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons, Jurisdiction of North Carolina, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated. PMEGHP Cooke has also been awarded the title Honorary Past General Conference Most Excellent Grand High Priest by the General Conference Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons.

Illustrious Companion Cooke was advanced and greeted in King Solomon Council # 2, Fayetteville NC (now Bayard-Titus-Johnson) and became a charter member of King David Council # 7, Kinston where he has served as Thrice Illustrious Master and Recorder. PTIM Cooke has served as Grand Lecturer and the 10th Right Grand Thrice Illustrious Master of the Prince Hall Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters. PRGTIM Cooke has also had the distinction of serving as the 14th General Conference Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the General Conference of Grand Councils, Royal and Select Masters PHA, USA, and the Bahamas Inc.

Sir Knight William A. Cooke was dubbed a Sir Knight in King Solomon Commandery # 14, Washington NC and became a charter member of Elijah Haddock Commandery # 21, Kinston NC, where he has served as Eminent Commander and Commandery Recorder. He has served the Tarheel Grand Commandery as Deputy Grand Recorder, Asst. Grand Lecturer and the 28th Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Knight Cooke was invited into membership in Tarheel Priory # 10 where he has served in various appointed and elected offices including service as the 12th Eminent Prior.

Frater Cooke is an active Scottish Rite Mason; he was advanced to the 32nd degree in Alexander Consistory # 228 and has presided in all Bodies of the Scottish Rite of Alexander # 228, Valley of Kinston. He was elevated to 33rd degree and is a member of the 2006 Samuel T. Daniels Class. GIG Cooke has served as the President of the North Carolina Commanders of the Rite, G. Wesley Allen Council of Deliberation, USC - TN. SGIG Cooke currently serves as the Illustrious Overseer of the Works, E.J. Morine Council of Deliberation, USC - DC.

Noble William A. Cooke was created a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Arabian Temple # 42 and served as Temple Recorder for 18 years and Illustrious Potentate of Arabian Temple # 42. HPIP Cooke is a member of the Legion of Honor and has served as Desert Auditor, Desert Treasurer and Imperial Deputy of the Desert of North Carolina.

William A. Cooke is a member of Lewis Chapel United American Freewill Baptist Church, where he serves as a Trustee, Financial Secretary, and member of the Usher Board. He and his wife Shelia have been married for 18 years and together they have four children. He is involved in his local community of Kinston NC where he served as President of the Kinston / Lenoir County NAACP, Executive Board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Lenoir County, Board member of the Lenoir County Economic Development Committee and American Red Cross 1st and CPR Instructor and Disaster Preparedness Volunteer. William earned a BS in Criminal Justice from the University of Mount Olive and professionally, he is employed with the North Carolina Department of Public Safety as a Substance Abuse Program Manager. William is also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

R.W. Brother Cooke has received several awards including Eastern Region Master Mason of the Year, Excellent High Priest of the Year, Thrice Illustrious Master of the Year, M.E.G.C.H.R.A.M.N.C. Deputy of the Year Prince Hall Grand Council Recorder of the Year Scottish Rite Mason of the Year and the MWPHGLNC Medallion of Excellence.