



Right Worshipful Anthony T. Stafford, Sr. Deputy Grand Master

Deputy Grand Master Anthony T. Stafford Sr. was born to the late Lillie Ann Stafford Peeples in 1963; he is the oldest of five boys. He has been married to Althea for 21 years, and is father of three sons, Anthony Jr. 27, Timothe 21, and Troy 18. He is a member of Hurst Chapel AME Church, Riviera Beach, Florida where he is the Adult Class Sunday School Teacher and a Trustee Board Member. DGM Stafford currently resides in Royal Palm Beach, Florida, in Palm Beach County. He is a graduate of Leesburg Senior High School and a graduate of Florida State University, BS in Criminology. He has served in the US Army, completing his service with the rank of Captain. He is currently employed as a Law Enforcement Lieutenant for the Bureau of Fire, Arson and Explosion and has 22 years of law enforcement experience.

Deputy Grand Master Stafford began his Masonic travels in March 1984 in Leesburg, Florida, where he was raised a Master Mason in Palestine Lodge #30, by his mentor, the late Worshipful Master Rev. William E. Hill. DGM Stafford went on to become a Companion of the Holy Royal Arch Masons, a Prince in the Consistory, a Noble of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, a Sir Knight in Knights Templar and became a Peer, receiving the Honorary Thirty-third Degree in the S.J. Bennett Class of 1999. DGM Stafford has held the following leadership positions: Worshipful Master 1997-1999, Excellent High Priest 1999, Commander-in-Chief 2000-2002, Vice President of the Commanders of the Rite 2002-present, Illustrious Potentate 1997-1998, District #2 Grand Instructor 1996-2003, Grand Historian 1995-2003, Junior Grand Warden 2003-2004 and Senior Grand Warden 2004 – 2009. He is currently a member of Pride of Palm Beach Lodge #447, member Deborah Chapter #10 HRAM, Ft. Pierce Commandery #69 KT, Samuel Brady Consistory #312, and Masud Temple #69. Deputy Grand Master Stafford is also a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter.

DGM Stafford has been instrumental in the survival of Prince Hall Masonry wherever he resides. His ability to motivate and lead other masons has shown in the many awards and acknowledgements he has received. This is mainly due to the motivation and willingness that DGM Stafford presents among the Brothers. As an elected Grand Officer, DGM Stafford has channeled his skills to the Grand Lodge on the State level. Along with the other Grand Officers, have given the jurisdiction a new motivation and willingness to work in our communities and in the Fraternity. He realizes that there is much work to be done to improve and solidify our jurisdiction. Deputy Grand Master Stafford has been a Prince Hall Mason for 25 plus years.