



## Right Worshipful Jeffrey Gerard Jones Junior Grand Warden

Junior Grand Warden Jeffery Gerard Jones, a current resident of West Palm Beach, FL was born in the year of 1963 in Lake Worth, Florida to the late Jerome Jake Jones and Mildred Knight-Jones. His mother (a retired educator) still resides in nearby Royal Palm Beach. He is married to Yolanda Jones. They have 3 daughters (Chena, Erika, & Lakisha), 1 son (Jimmie) and 4 grand children (Cedrick, Darren Jr., Joshua, & Niyema).

At the tender age of three (3) years old, Brother Jones lost his father who passed on due to complications of pneumonia in 1966. Raised by a single parent, Brother Jones accepted the Lord as his personal savior at an early age and was baptized in the presence of God by Rev. Isaiah S. Clark at Union Missionary Baptist Church in West Palm Beach. Brother Jones was educated in the Palm Beach County school systems attending West Riviera & Northboro Elementary schools, John F. Kennedy Junior High School, and North Shore Senior High School. As a High School student, Brother Jones excelled in the field of music. In his senior year, Brother Jones was elected President of his High School Band and appointed Trumpet Section Leader. He received many music honors and achievements over the years including being awarded the prestigious John Philip Sousa award for Music excellence in 1981; an award typically reserved for those who have displayed outstanding leadership and skill in the arena high school music. In 1981, Brother Jones Graduated from North Shore High and was accepted into college at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, Florida to further his educational pursuits.

While Attending Florida A & M University, Brother Jones was a member of the world renowned "Marching 100" Band. In his freshman year, he was blessed to make the band's ranks avoiding the role of alternate or the fate of the dreaded "Shaking of the Tree". Brother Jones is still a highly respected Alumnus of the Marching Band at FAMU. In April of 1986, Brother Jones was raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular to stand on the square in Thomas City Lodge #226 in Wacissa, Florida by Worshipful Master Willie King. In the summer of 1986, Brother Jones Graduated from Florida A & M University's College of Engineering Science and Technology with a B.S. in Technology Degree with emphasis on computer programming. After graduating, Brother Jones turned down several out of state career opportunities, opting to return to his hometown to seek gainful employment. In 1987 he was hired by Florida Power & Light Company as a Meter Reader, where he worked for 18 months until he was given an opportunity to test and apply for a position in the Information Management Department as a Mainframe Computer Operator. After passing the test and completing a successful interview, Brother Jones was promoted and moved into the Information Management Department. Brother Jones has now been with Florida Power & Light for over 20 years and currently holds the title of IT Client Services Manager. He currently has 10 subordinate employees reporting to him and is responsible for the internal support of all Desktop, Voice, and Data Network Operations on the southeast coast of the Florida Power & Light service territory.

In 1988, Brother Jones demitted his Masonic membership from Thomas City Lodge #226 in Wacissa to the Pride of Palm Beach Lodge #447 in West Palm Beach. Brother Jones quickly went to work after being appointed to the Junior Deacon position by Worshipful Master Alfred J. Jones. Brother Jones held all positions in the lodge eventually making his way to Worshipful Master in 1995 where he served for 2 years. He passed the gavel on in 1997 leaving the new Worshipful Master & the Lodge in excellent financial shape. In 1999, Brother Jones was recommended and did receive his honorary 33<sup>rd</sup> degree in Little Rock, Arkansas and was a member of the 1999 S. J. Bennett Class. The degree was conferred on him by SGIG Edgar Bridges, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction.

Brother Jones has affiliations with several other Masonic houses and community based organizations including: Deborah Chapter No. 10 HRAM, Ft. Pierce Commandery No. 69, Knight Templar Masons, Sam Brady Consistory No. 312, & Masud Temple No. 69 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Valentine Chapter No. 12 O.E.S., N.A.A.C.P., F.P.L.P.A.C., Fair Share United Way Contributors, and Lambda Alpha Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Over his Masonic career, Brother Jones has held various position and has chaired various committees, including but not limited to: Illustrious Potentate of the Masud Temple No. 69, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander of Sam Brady Consistory No. 312, Grand Master of Ceremonies, Florida Council of Deliberation, Desert of Florida 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master, Desert of Florida Assistant Rabban, Desert of Florida Chief Rabban, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of West Palm Beach, Imperial Organizer, Desert of Florida, General Chairman Gala Day 2008, Assistant District Deputy Grand Master District No. 31, M.W.U.G.L. Florida, and Grand Trustee, M.W.U.G.L. of Florida.

On Sunday March 29, 2009, Brother Jeffery G. Jones, ascended to his greatest position of honor yet after being nominated, elected, and duly installed as the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, Florida, Belize Central America, and St. Johns U.S.V.I. Jurisdictions, Inc. Prince Hall Affiliated.

Junior Grand Warden Jones is a dedicated Mason who has Prince Hall Masonry deeply rooted within his heart and through the grace of God he will continue to work for the Jurisdiction of Florida for many years to come.