



## THE BIO OF RW VILLANI J. THOMAS

FOR THE LORD KNOWETH THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE WAY OF THE UNGODLY SHALL PERISH. **PSALM 1:6**

### GREETING:

I WAS ASKED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF, AND I HAD NOTHING TO SAY, SO I DECIDED TO TAKE YOU ON A JOURNEY OF MY MASONIC CAREER. THEN I WAS TOLD TO GO BACK A LITTLE FURTHER. OK HERE GOES.

I WAS BORN IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, ON AUGUST 18, 1953

I WENT TO WEST SIDE HIGH, WHERE I PLAYED AS A FRESHMAN ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM.

WE MOVED TO JACKSONVILLE, FL. I WENT TO JAMES WELDON JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL, THEN WE MOVED TO EAST ORANGE N.J. WHERE I WENT TO EAST ORANGE HIGH, 1970, I FINISH SCHOOL IN DECEMBER OF 1970 I JOINED THE UNITED STATES MARINES CORP, SERVICED FOR 4 YEARS, GET OUT IN 1974 AND WENT TO SETON HALL UNIVERSITY IN NEW JERSEY, THEN MOVED TO OHIO IN 1975, AND GOT MARRIED TO MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE MARY ANN, GOT A JOB WORKING FOR B & O RR, BROUGHT MY FIRST HOME, AND IN 1977 STARTED TO WORK FOR AK STEEL, AND BROUGHT MY SECOND HOME, IN FOREST PARK, OHIO, IN 1992 WE MOVED TO LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WHERE WE HAD A HOME BUILT, AND THEN I RETIRED IN 2007.

JULY 2007, I STARTED WORKING FOR JOHN MORRELL FOODS, I STARTED AS A MAINTENANCE MECHANIC, I WAS ELECTED CHIEF STEWARD FOR 8 YEARS, AFTER 11 YEARS IN 2018 I RETIRED.

### MY MASONIC CAREER

**I WAS RAISED ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 1998**, AT TRIED STONE LODGE NO.83, OUT OF MIDDLETOWN, OHIO. I WAS ELECTED MASTER OF THE LODGE IN 2003. IN 2003 WE WON LODGE OF THE YEAR AWARD. REELECTED 2004 AND 2005, AND AGAIN IN 2007. IN 2011 I WON MASTER MASON OF THE YEAR. I GUESS I WAS TRYING TO GET IT RIGHT.

I JOINED THE MIAMI CONSISTORY NO.26, OCTOBER 2, 1999, AND WAS ELECTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN 2010, ELEVATED TO GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL, A 33° MASON IN 2010.

1999 – I WAS CREATED AS A NOBLE, AND IN 2022 I WAS ELECTED HAS ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE OF AMER TEMPLE NO.107, DAYTON, OHIO.

2023 -I SERVED AS AMER COURT NO.65, AS ADVISOR TO THE DAUGHTERS.

I JOINED THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR IN 2003 AND WAS ELECTED WORTHY PATRON IN 2005, 2006, 2007, AND AGAIN A FEW YEARS LATER.

I JOINED BURNING BUSH CHAPTER NO.7, AND SOLOMAN JOHNSON COUNCIL NO.4, AND BOONE COMMANDERY NO.27, IN 2005. IN COLUMBUS, OHIO AT A YORK RITE WEEKEND

2010 - I WAS ELECTED HIGH PRIEST OF BURNING BUSH CHAPTER #7

2011- I JOINED BURNING BUSH COURT NO.3, AND IN 2014 I WAS ELECTED WORTHY JOSHUA

2009 - I WAS ELECTED TIM OF SOLOMAN JOHNSON COUNCIL #4

2012 - I JOINED COLOUR PURPLE NO.4, AND SERVED AS 1<sup>ST</sup> COMPANION GUARDIAN

2011 - I WAS ELECTED EMINENT COMMANDER OF BOONE COMMANDERY #27

2010 I JOINED TRUTH GUILD NO.2 AND SERVED AS THE ROYAL ADVISOR

2005 - I WAS APPOINTED TO THE GRAND JUNIOR DEACON, BY THE LATE PMWGM THE HONORABLE JOE L. SMITH, THAT WAS MY FIRST APPOINTMENT TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF OHIO.

2012 - I WAS INVITED TO JOIN ALPHA PRIORY NO.1 AND WAS APPOINTED AS THE GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER.

2013 - I WAS INVITED TO JOIN THE HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIESTS. HANNIBAL TABERNACLE NO.78

2020 - I RECEIVED THE TITLE OF HONORARY EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

2022 - I RECEIVED THE TITLE OF HONORARY GRAND THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

2021 – 2023 I SERVED AS GRAND ROYAL ADVISOR FOR DAVID V. MOORE GRAND GUILD.

2023 - IM SERVING AS THE GRAND SCRIBE OF THE MOST EXCELLENT PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF HOLY ROYAL ARCH MASONRY

2023 - PMWGM JERRY R. ELLERSON BESTOWED ON ME THE TITLE OF EMERITUS DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER.

2019 – 2023 - I SERVED AS THE GRAND LECTURER (OF THE SOUTH) FOR THE EMINENT PRINCE HALL ORDER OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR OF OHIO.

2019 – 2023 -I SERVED AS THE DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER OF THE RI ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF OHIO

2005 - I RECEIVED MY BA – BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE FROM OAKLANDS UNIVERSITY WITH A 3.60 G.P.A.

SOME PEOPLE GET WRAPPED UP IN TITLES, AND I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE. I WILL TELL YOU ALL OF THE TITLES THAT I HOLD IN 2023, I AM GOING TO SAY THIS ONE TIME

I AM THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PAST)

I AM THE DEPUTY GRAND LECTURER 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (PAST) 2013 - 2023

I AM ON THE GRAND LODGE PHOTOGRAPHER TEAM

I AM THE GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER FOR ALL OF THE HOUSES, FROM SIR. KNIGHTS, TO KNIGHTS, PRINCESSES, ILLUSTRIOUS SIR. AND COMPANIONS. AND THE O.E.S.

I AM ON THE GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL TEAM

I AM THE CHAIRMAN OF WORK & RETURN

I AM ON THE GRAND LODGE MASONIC EDUCATION TEAM

I AM THE GRAND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR ALPHA PRIORY NO.1 & GRAND PHOTOGRAPHER

2023 – I'M THE GRAND LECTURER FOR THE STATE OF OHIO

AND NOW YOU KNOW, BUT YOU CAN JUST CALL ME VJ THOMAS

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, MY SIR. KNIGHTS, MY COMPANIONS, MY PRINCESS, MY KNIGHTS, MY ADVISORS, MY ROYAL ADVISORS, AND MY FRIENDS.

THANK YOU. I LOVE YOU ALL, AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT.

GOOD EVENING.

Respectfully & Fraternaly

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