

Tom Black

Candidate for General Grand Scribe



Michigan Grand High Priest 2024-2025

Born in August of 1968, Tom grew up in Grand Rapids, MI and joined the military in 1990 and served as a Navy SEAL for over 14 years, followed by an additional 10 years as a private security specialist for Blackwater Security Consulting; totaling 23 deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and other countries. Tom earned his Bachelor's degree in Homeland Security in 2013, his Master's degree in Security Management in 2015, and his Master's degree in Homeland Security in 2017. He is now retired and lives quietly in Kentwood, Michigan with his dog, Loki.

In the beginning personally...

Born in August 1968, grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

US Navy Seal 1990-2004

Operation Desert Storm	Operation Desert Shield	Operation Deny Flight
Operation Deliberate Force	Operation Gothic Serpent	Operation Desert Fox
Operation Quick Response	Operation Desert Strike	Operation Joint Guard
Operation Enduring Freedom	Operation Iraqi Freedom	Global War on Terror

Blackwater Security Specialist 2004-2012

Iraq Afghanistan Other countries in Middle East / Near East

Retired 2012

Education:

Bachelor's Homeland Security 2013

Master's Security Management 2015 (Concentration in Emergency Management)

Master's Homeland Security 2017 (Concentration in Counter Terrorism)

Highlights in Masonry....

Raised 1997 F&AM

Michigan Cryptic Mason of the Year 2019

KYCH 2022

Michigan Mason of the Year 2021

Michigan Grand High Priest 2024-2025

Honorary members of the Jurisdictions:

Virginia

Wisconsin

Kentucky

Indiana

California

Republic of Texas

Michigan Prince Hall Holy Royal Arch Masons

Other Masonic Bodies:

Knight Masons – Excellent Chief 2024

York Rite Sovereign College – Governor 2025

Allied Masonic Degrees

Masonic Order of Athelstan

Scottish Rite Valley of Michigan

Saladin Shrine

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

High 12 – President 2020

Masonic Order of the 4 Black Llamas

DeMolay Legion of Honor / Chevalier

My Future Plans:

- Work Together with the General Grand High Priest & General Grand King to ensure there is continuity from one Triennial to the next to plan for the future of the General Grand Chapter.
- Ensure the fiduciary responsibility of the General Grand Chapter by good stewardship and leadership of those we are entrusted to care for.
- Create a positive atmosphere for the Regions by aiding and assisting the District Deputies in their plans, policies, and protocols in how they conduct Regional Conferences.
- Encourage non-members jurisdictions to join General Grand Chapter by providing an accurate assessment of their needs.



Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2: 3-4

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