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**Past Grand Master
of Mason in Michigan**

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PAST GRAND MASTER RICHARD H. SANDS, 33°, Fellow of the Philalethes Society, is one of Michigan's most respected Masonic educators and historians. Most Worshipful Brother Sands was born in San Diego, California, on September 28, 1929, the son of William R. and Lora E. Sands. The following year the family moved to Crestline, California, in the San Bernardino Mountains. He graduated from San Bernardino High School in 1946.

After high school, he attended the University of Redlands, Redlands, California, where he met his future wife, Emma G. Allen. He graduated *cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1950.

He and Emma were married on August 11, 1951. He received his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Physics from Washington University in Saint Louis, Missouri, in 1954. They have four children, Robert, Christine Karen and Thomas and seven grandchildren.

After three years at Stanford University, they moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in 1957, at which time he took a position as an Assistant Professor of Physics, establishing with Pete Franklin the first research program in Atomic research at the U of M. He has continued to teach and to do research, super-

vising some 18 Ph. D. theses in Atomic, Solid State and Biophysics. He chaired the Department of Physics from 1977 to 1982. He is currently a Professor of Physics and a Research Biophysicist with an active research program in biophysics.

He was raised a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge #159, Ann Arbor, on March 12, 1964, and served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1971 and later as Intender and as Lodge Education Officer from 1974 through 1977. He is a dual member of Livingston Lodge #76 in Pinckney.

He became active in the Grand Lodge of Michigan serving on the Masonic Service and Education Committee in 1971-78, chairing that committee from 1972-77. During his tenure as chairman, the committee developed the Lodge Educational System including the Intender Plan, began the Warden's Meeting at Grand Lodge, held Leadership Training Sessions in every District and instituted the educational newsletter "From Point-to-Pointe", which later became the official Grand Lodge publication. During his chairmanship, the Committee developed and published the Lodge Education Manual, the Intender Handbook, and Planning for The East, a leadership training guide. He was the Editor of "From Point-to-Pointe" for the first three years, building the circulation to 30,000 inside and outside the State of Michigan, before it was taken over by Grand Lodge. He became Michigan's Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1985.

He has been a very active Scottish Rite Mason, receiving the 32° on November 9, 1974, serving as Thrice Potent Master of the Detroit Lodge of Perfection in 1981-82, was elected to the Board of Trustees from 1983 through 1985, and serving as Chancellor of Detroit Consistory in 1986-87. He was coroneted a 33° on August 29, 1989.

Brother Sands is also a York Rite Mason, receiving the Royal Arch Degree in Washtenaw Chapter #6, RAM on April 4, 1965, made a Cryptic Mason on April 4, 1966 in Ann Arbor Council #86, Royal & Select Masters and received his Knight Templar (Order of the Temple) on April 29, 1969. He is a member of York Rite College #3 in Jackson and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1986.

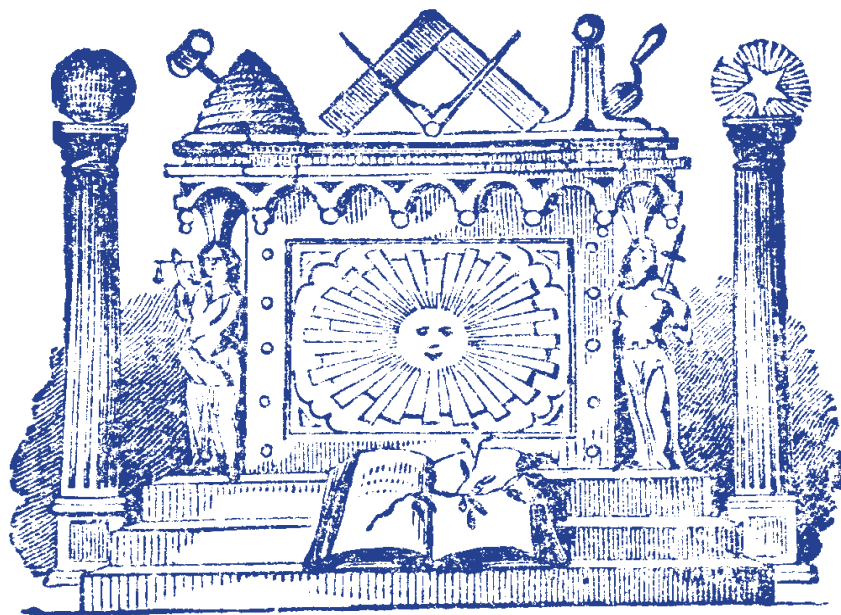
He is a member of St. Clement Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and is its current Prelate, a member of Grand Master's Council A, Allied Masonic Degrees, Great Chiefs Council #0, Knight Masons, Oxford Lodge #1, Ark Mariners, a Fellow of the Grand College of Rite and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Prophet in Zal Gaz Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R., Ann Arbor, a Noble in Moslem Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Detroit and a member of Washtenaw Chapter #490, High Twelve International.

He is a member and Fellow of the Philalethes Society and received its coveted Certificate of Literature Award in 1981, for his paper on "Freemasonry and the Royal Society" published in the

Philalethes Magazine. He is a member of Missouri Lodge of Research, the Iowa Lodge of Research, the Illinois Lodge of Research, and the Correspondence Circle of Quatour Coronati Lodge #2076.

He is author of several articles on Freemasonry and has contributed much to the "Michigan Masonic Manual", a leadership training manual for the Lodge Officers in Michigan.

He has received innumerable honors, including twelve honorary memberships in Masonic Lodges in Michigan and Ohio, the coveted Legion of Honor in the Order of DeMolay, the Grand Cross of Color in the International Order of Job's Daughters. He was chosen Prophet of the Year in 1988 by the Supreme Council, M.O.V.P.E.R., Grottoes of North America.



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