



Masonic Leadership, Education, and Honors

Sir Knight Dennis Mark Haas, KCT

Blue Lodge: Grand Lodge of Virginia

Unity Lodge No. 146, Front Royal, VA

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason

May 5, 2010

Awarded Certificate of Proficiency in Catechisms

August 31, 2010

Elected and Installed as Worshipful Master

December 5, 2012

Awarded the James Noah Hillman Award

November 9, 2013

Awarded the Seymour Jonas Levy Award

November 9, 2013

Awarded Grand Master's Award of Excellence

Outstanding Worshipful Master of the Year

November 9, 2013

Past District Membership Coordinator

2014 – 2017

Completed Grand Lodge Leadership Correspondence Courses 1-4

Awarded 4 Citations of Achievement

February 1, 2017

Appointed District Deputy Grand Master

2018 – 2019

Awarded Grand Master's Award of Excellence

Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master

November 9, 2019

Appointed Lodge Education Officer

December 2019 – Present

Appointed Lodge Chaplin

December 2019 – Present

Appointed Grand Masters Commission on Masonic Trials

2021 – Present

Appointed Host Committee, Security,

2023 GWMNM Cornerstone Rededication

February 20, 2023

Capitular Masonry: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia

Hiram Royal Arch Chapter No. 45, Front Royal, VA

Exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason

February 4, 2011

Elected and Installed High Priest

September 20, 2013

Completed Grand Chapter Leadership Correspondence Courses 1-3	
Awarded 3 Completion Certificates	October 16, 2014
Appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest	2014 – 2015
Awarded Outstanding District Deputy Grand High Priest	
Awarded The Grand Line Bowl	November 14, 2015
Appointed Committee Member –	
Robert Claiborne Wilson Award of Excellence	2016 – Present
Appointed Administrative Assistant to the Grand High Priest	
Most Excellent Raymond Douglas Steele	2019 – 2020
Awarded Grand High Priest Award of Excellence	November 21, 2020
Appointed Committee Chairman –	
Robert Claiborne Wilson Award of Excellence	2020 – Present
Appointed Grand Representative	
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in Kentucky	June 1, 2020

***Cryptic Masonry: Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia
Hiram Royal Arch Council No. 45, Front Royal, VA***

Order of High Priesthood	November 16, 2013
Super Excellent Master	November 14, 2014
Thrice Illustrious Master	November 15, 2014
Recipient Ish Sodi Award	November 21, 2020

***Chivalric Masonry: Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia
Winchester Commandery No. 12, Winchester VA***

Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	March 1, 2011
Order of Malta	March 1, 2011
Order of the Temple	March 1, 2011
Awarded Certificate of Proficiency for Commander	March 1, 2015
Elected and Installed as Commander, Luray No. 19	March 3, 2015
Presented the Past Commanders Certificate	March 1, 2016
Completed Grand Commandery Leadership Correspondence Courses	
Awarded 2 Certificates of Completion	May 3, 2015
Appointed District Deputy Grand Commander	2016 – 2017
Awarded Charles Augustus Grice Meritorious Service Award	April 30, 2016
Elected President Shenandoah Valley Knights Templar Area School	2016 – Present
Appointed Grand Representative	
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Hawaii	May 5, 2018
Appointed District Deputy Grand Commander	2018 – 2019
Appointed Grand Aide-de-camp and	
Administrative Assistant to the Grand Commander	2018 – 2019

Nominated, Elected, and Installed as Eminent Grand Warder	May 5, 2018
Nominated, Elected, and Installed as Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	May 4, 2019
Nominated, Elected, and Installed as Grand Senior Warden	June 27, 2020
Nominated, Elected, and Installed as Grand Captain General	May 1, 2021
Nominated, Elected, and Installed as Grand Generalissimo	May 6, 2022
*Appointed, and Installed as Deputy Grand Commander	February 5, 2023
Affiliated with Luray Commandery No. 19	March 4, 2014
Charter Member Sinclair Commandery No. 37 UD	May 29, 2022

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A:

Graduate, York Rite Emerging Leadership 3-year Program <i>Certified Leader</i>	September 30, 2017
<i>Awarded Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT)</i> <i>College of Honours</i>	January 10, 2019
Templar Education Program Templar Ritualist:	
Module I: Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	March 3, 2022
Module II: Order of Malta	October 6, 2022
Module III: Order of the Temple	October 20, 2022
History of the Medieval Knights Templar	December 30, 2022
Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program	Currently enrolled

York Rite Sovereign College of North America:

<i>Valley of Virginia College No. 161</i>	
Initiated	September 19, 2012
Elected and Installed Governor	May 18, 2016
<i>Awarded Associate Regent, Order of the Purple Cross (OPC)</i> <i>Honors College, 61st General Assembly</i>	August 5, 2018
Director of Work	May 2019 – Present
Companion Adept of the Temple Program	Currently enrolled

Order of Knight Masons:

<i>Rock of Cashel No. 100</i>	
Initiated	July 18, 2015
Elected and Installed Excellent Chief	September 29, 2021
<i>Past Excellent Chief (PEC)</i>	September 28, 2022

Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor:

<i>Virginia Chapter</i>	
Initiated	April 30, 2016
Appointed Marshal	May 6, 2023

Knights of the York Cross of Honor (KYCH):

Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2

Initiated

May 5, 2017

Allied Masonic Degrees:

Martinsburg Council No. 359

Initiated

December 12, 2012

Elected and Installed Sovereign Master

October 13, 2021

Past Sovereign Master (PSM)

October 12, 2022

Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees, USA

Royal Order of the Red Branch of Eri – Knight Commander

February 10, 2023

The Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders (RCC):

Saint Polycarp Conclave

Initiated

March 25, 2017

Order of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests (HRAKTP)

Garden of Gethsemane Tabernacle No. 2

Initiated

June 11, 2016

Elected and Installed as Second Pillar

December 10, 2022

Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

Martinsburg Valley, Orient of West Virginia

Initiated, 32°

November 2, 2013

Committee Chairman, Knight of the Double Eagle Award

January 2, 2020 – Pres

Lodge Ambassador

January 2, 2014 – Pres

Shenandoah Valley Scottish Rite Club, Alexandria, Virginia

August 24, 2022

Elected and Installed Junior Warden, Lodge of Perfection

January 5, 2023

Elected and Installed Master of Ceremonies, Council of Kadosh

January 5, 2023

Awarded the Knight of the Double Eagle

February 2, 2023

The Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF), Virginia College

Initiated, 4°

August 27, 2016

Order of the Eastern Star No. 6, Front Royal, Virginia

Initiated

August 1, 2014

***Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles and Mystics, (A.A.O.N.M.S.),
ACCA Shrine Temple, Richmond, Virginia***

Initiated

March 20, 2014

Blue Ridge Shrine Club, Front Royal

Order of Old Saratoga, Virginia Chapter

Initiated

November 13, 2015

Turtles International Association, Virginia Pond

Initiated

December 8, 2012

Order of DeMolay, Shenandoah Valley Chapter, Virginia

Chapter Advisor

March 10, 2019 -Pres.

Commonwealth of Kentucky Colonels

Commissioned

August 13, 2018

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 33, Front Royal/Warren County, Virginia

Initiated

January 15, 2022

Biographical Data

Married to Laura May Nelson-Haas

1 daughter, 3 bonus children (1 son and 2 daughters), and 6 grandchildren

Winchester Church of God: Member

Education:

James Wood High School, Winchester, VA

1977-1979

Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy, Stephens City, VA

May 1980 ▪ Graduate Advanced Diploma

Central Shenandoah Criminal Justice Training Center, Waynesboro, VA

September 1983 ▪ Graduate, Basic Law Enforcement

Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown VA

May 1998 ▪ Engineering Program

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Brunswick, GA

October 2003 ▪ Graduate, Federal Criminal Investigation Training Program (CITP)

Mr. Haas currently serves as the Chief of the National Continuity Readiness Center and Field Operations with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of National Continuity Programs, and has served in this capacity since 2012. His responsibilities are to maintain a national watch center providing situational awareness of national and regional events and assesses impacts to continuity programs. He oversees decision support information and produces products within the national continuity community. Mr. Haas develops plans, coordinates, synchronizes, and executes contingency operations to ensure the continuation of Primary Mission Essential Functions of United States Federal Executive Branch of Government in the event of a national crisis or catastrophic event.

Prior to his current assignment he served as the Chief Security Officer for the United States Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Service. Mr. Haas began his federal service career with the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service in January 2002. In this capacity he was responsible for Protective Operations and Intelligence for the Commissioner of the INS and later for the DHS Under Secretary for Boarder and Transportation Security, the Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Mr. Haas served as a Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services certified Law Enforcement Officer and Instructor with the Winchester, VA Police Department and the Frederick County VA Sheriff's Office dating back to 1982. His assignments included Patrol Officer, Deputy Sheriff, Criminal Intelligence and Investigations, UC Narcotics, K-9, Special Weapons and Tactics, Field Training and Evaluation Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Driver Training Instructor. He retired from law enforcement as a Lieutenant in 1998 to pursue a private sector security services business that included providing Executive Protection Services and as an Instructor for the Anti- Terrorism Assistance Program with the United States Department of State, Diplomatic Security Services as an Advance Driver Training Instructor with BSR, Inc. in Summit Point, West Virginia.

As a result of the terrorist's attacks on September 11, 2001, he was deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the Global War on Terrorism and is a recipient of the **United States Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Award for Excellence.**

