

## Masonic Bio

### Most Eminent Past Grand Master Melvin Callahan Sr.

MEPGM Melvin Callahan Sr. started his Masonic journey in the year 1993 when he was raised from a dead level to a living perpendicular on the square in Diamond Lodge # 299 in Memphis Tennessee. As a Past Master of this lodge, this is where his roots in Masonry reside. He has served as the Director of there youth organization, The Knights of Pythagoras, from Diamond Lodge # 299. As a member of St Paul Chapter # 139 of the Holy Royal Arch Masons he served several years as High Priest. He is also a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Antioch Council # 8. He was a member of Moolah Temple #54 for years, where he was elected to the position of Chief Rabban. He is a member of King Fredrick Consistory # 38 and was elevated in 1996 to 33rd degree of masonry as a Grand Inspector General of the United Supreme Council. He is also a member of Harry J. Spencer Priory # 4, where he served as Registrar for several years and received the title of Eminent Prior. In 2019 at the Imperial Session, after demitting from Moolah temple # 54 to Fatima Temple # 101, he received the title of Honorary Past Potentate and then received the title of Honorary Past Imperial Potentate in the 2021 virtual class, due to Covid. He also holds the title of GGCGHP in the General Conference of HRAM.

MEPGM Melvin Callahan Sr., was dubbed a Sir Knight in Palestine Commandery # 8, where he eventually became the Eminent Commander. He was a member of the Austin W. Williams Grand Commandery Drill Team, eventually becoming the Drill Team Captain, where they became (5) time world Champions, in which he says they owe some of the credit to Sir Knight Kenneth (EARL) Brown, who was the previous Drill Team Captain. In 2007, MEPGM Melvin Callahan Sr. was elected and became the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Austin W. Williams Grand Commandery of the Jurisdiction of Tennessee, where he served for eleven years.

MEPGM Melvin Callahan Sr., while ascending the ranks of the Grand Encampment, served under 7 esteemed MEPGM's which included Sir Jefferson A. Lofton, Jr.(MI), Sir Russell A. Earl, Sr. (FL), Sir Homer L. Buchanan (OH), Sir Arthur L. Parrott (IL), Sir Benjamin F. May (KY), Sir James W. Ellerbee (DC), and Sir Samuel Davis (SC). In 2019, MEPGM Melvin Callahan Sr. was elected as the 35th Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar United States of America & Its Jurisdictions, P.H.A., Inc. and severed until 2021. He also received the Knight Commander of the Temple "KCT" and the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple "KGC".