

James D. "Buddy" Givens, Jr.
Biographical Information

Personal History

Native of Galveston, Texas
Married to Peggi-Ann for 51 years; 2 adult children, 2 grandsons
Bachelor of Arts, University of Texas at El Paso
Certified Public Accountant, State of Texas License
Veteran, United States Air Force, 1969-1973; Computer Operations, Headquarters, USAF Security Service, Kelly AFB, Texas

Employment History

El Paso City Employees Union - Business Manager, 1974-78
El Paso Electric Company - Construction Accountant, Budget Analyst, 1978-1979
El Paso Natural Gas - Systems Analyst, Financial Analysis Coordinator, Systems Lead Analyst, 1979-1986
Deloitte, Haskins + Sells, Dallas, Texas – Senior Consultant, Public Utilities Practice, 1986-1988
Coopers & Lybrand, Dallas, Texas – Managing Associate, Management Consulting Services, 1988-2004
Boy Scouts of America, National Office, Irving, Texas – Assistant Controller 1994-2004
Regus Management Group, Addison, Texas – Accounting Director, North America, 2004-2008; Special Consultant, European Financial Operations, 2006-2008, Special Consultant, North American Billing and Collections, 2008-2010

Masonic History

Order of DeMolay, Charter Member, La Marque Chapter, November 23, 1963; Life Member, DeMolay Alumni Association

Master Mason, John T. Bean Lodge No. 1333, El Paso, Texas – October 28, 1975

This lodge is now El Paso Lodge No. 130. Endowed member.

Plural Member, Lee Lodge No. 435; Past Master; Endowed member.

Plural Member, Celina Lodge No. 919; Endowed member.

Plural Member, Mustang Lodge No. 407, Mustang, OK; Perpetual member.

Plural Member, Uriah Lodge No. 227, Wheatland, OK, Past Master, Perpetual member

Recipient of the Golden Trowel in Lee and Celina Lodges

Order of the Eastern Star; initiated 1976, Ysleta Chapter No. 991, El Paso, TX; current membership Woodbine Chapter No. 738, El Paso

Scottish Rite; initiated April 14, 1976, El Paso Scottish Rite Bodies; current membership, Oklahoma City Scottish Rite Bodies; Master Craftsman I

York Rite; initiated into Council and Chapter September 6, 2014, Commandery September 12, 2015, McKinney York Rite Bodies; current membership, Oklahoma City York Rite Bodies

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Shriners International; initiated into El Maida Temple, El Paso, April 14, 1976; current membership India Temple, Oklahoma City; Past Commander, India Temple Legion of Honor; Past Commander, Central States Shrine Association Legions of Honor; Chief of Staff, Division 2, International Association Legions of Honor; Distinguished Service Award, 2023

Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, Sinbad Grotto, charter member of reinstated Grotto, October 5, 2024

Financial Advisor, Office of the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, 2023 – present

Other Memberships:

Sam Houston Hall of Fame, Grand Lodge of Texas
Order of the Sacred White Buffalo, Grand Lodge of Oklahoma
Grand College of Rites of the United States of America
The Masonic Society

Community Activities

Boy Scouts of America – served a Cub Scout Den Leader and Pack Committee Chair; Scoutmaster (founded troops in Flower Mound and Aubrey, Texas); National Jamboree Scoutmaster; Venturing Advisor; World Jamboree Venturing Advisor (twice); District Award of Merit; Silver Beaver

Highland Village Lions Club – Past President (multiple terms); chair of Highland Village Balloon Festival

Veterans Organizations – life member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America

New Horizons Music International Association – Past International President

Alumni Association, University of Texas at El Paso; life member; founder of the Alumni Band, 1981