



## Most Worshipful Grand Master Bill Murphy Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Montana



Grand Master, Eugene William "Bill" Murphy, Jr. was born in Lafayette, Louisiana but raised in Southern California, Virginia, and Montana. After graduating High School in San Diego, California, he worked in multiple occupations then returned to Billings Montana. In Billings, Bill met Patty where they were both employed at the same business. Bill married Patty in 1983 and became a dad. They have two sons Michael and Jason, and two grandsons Wade and Chase. Bill found his life's work in the computer industry. His inquisitive mind had him taking apart computers to see how they worked. His computer business started there. Bill has been a business owner for over 30 years and currently operates a computer system design, consulting, and service company.

Bill began his Masonic journey in January 2001 in Ashlar Lodge #29 and was Raised to a Master Mason in May of that year. He served the Lodge as an officer becoming Worshipful Master in 2006 followed by Lodge Secretary from 2007 to 2015. He affiliated with other Montana Jurisdiction Lodges Lavina-Temple #101 in 2008 and as WM there from 2015 to 2017, Virginia City #1 in 2009, Star in the West #40 in 2016, and Grand Master's #0 in 2019. He continues to assist in Degree Ritual conferrals in multiple roles. He joined the Al Bedoo Shrine and Oriental Band in 2001 and served in the Divan in multiple chairs and assists in the Ceremonial. He associated with Algeria Shriners in 2017. Joining the Scottish Rite in 2002 he served through the chairs to Venerable Master in 2011. He was invested in the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour in 2011 and coroneted with the 33rd Degree, Inspector General Honorary in Washington DC in 2017. He has assisted in several Reunion Degree roles. He received the York Rite Degrees in Chapter Royal Arch Masons, Council Cryptic Masons, and Commandery Knights Templar in 2010 and has served from the East in each of those bodies in Billings.

He was first appointed to the Grand Lodge Line, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana, in 2010 as Grand Pursivant and Beartooth District Representative. He served through multiple chairs through Junior Grand Deacon in 2016, then was re-appointed as Junior Grand Deacon and as the Charles M. Russell District Representative that same year.

He became a car enthusiast starting with a DeLorean that he drove 300 miles one evening to pick up and drive back to Billings. Now along with his "car I always wanted" he has several custom Fieros. When he is not tinkering on his cars, he enjoys walks through a beautiful park-like setting chasing a white ball with instruments ill-suited for the purpose. Then perhaps, after that, you can find him enjoying old and new science fiction movies from his extensive collection.