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SIR SAMUEL DAVIS (SC)
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Biography of Most Eminent Past Grand Master Samuel Davis

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Samuel Davis, a native of Florence, South Carolina, was born on July 14, 1951, in Darlington, South Carolina. Growing up in this close-knit town, he was profoundly influenced by local figures, especially his grandfather, whose wisdom and guidance instilled in him values of leadership, service, and integrity.

After graduating from Mayo High School, Davis served honorably in the United States Marine Corps. Following his military service, he began his Masonic journey in 1972 at Morning Light Lodge No. 430 under the jurisdiction of South Carolina. He advanced through the ranks of Freemasonry, becoming a member of the Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric bodies. His affiliations with local Masonic houses include:

- **Lodge:** Morning Light Lodge No. 430

- **Chapter (Capitular):** L. E. Hyman Chapter No. 42
- **Council (Cryptic):** Hiram Council No. 4
- **Commandery (Chivalric):** Alpha Omega Commandery No. 7
- **Shrine:** Crescent Temple No. 148
- **Consistory:** Pee Dee Consistory No. 197
- **Carolina Priory #17 KYCH** in North Carolina
- **Eminent Commander** of Knights of Malta

In 1976, Davis became a Shriner in Crescent Temple No. 148, part of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc. He served as Potentate and was later honored with the title of Honorary Past Imperial Potentate, bestowed by Illustrious Imperial Potentate Karl Parker.

Within his Grand body, Davis serves as the Lecturer and has been a Past District and Special Deputy of the 9th district, focusing on Masonic education for his jurisdiction, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of South Carolina. At the state level, he has held prominent roles, including:



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- **Past Grand High Priest** of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina

- **Past Right Eminent Grand Commander** of the Palmetto Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of South Carolina, Prince Hall Affiliation

Davis's contributions to national Masonic bodies are equally impressive. He has participated in organizations such as:

- **General Conference Grand Chapters Holy Royal Arch Masons of the United States and Bahamas, PHA**

- **General Conference of Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters PHA, USA and the Bahamas, Inc.**
- **Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honor PHA, Inc.**
- **United Supreme Council, 33° of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Prince Hall Affiliation, Southern Jurisdiction of the USA**
- ****The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.****

Davis's dedication to Freemasonry is exemplified by his leadership as the Most Eminent Grand Master of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar United States of America & Its Jurisdiction, P.H.A., Inc. His efforts to promote unity and mutual recognition between organizations underscore his commitment to harmony and shared values.