

BIOGRAPHY OF
THOMAS S. BRAZIER
GRAND EXALTED RULER
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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the U.S.A.

Thomas S. Brazier was initiated into Santa Cruz, California Lodge No. 824 in 1989 and within a few days, took the position of Lodge Esquire, progressing through the chairs rapidly and serving as Exalted Ruler in 1993–1994. He served as a Lodge Trustee from 1994–1997, as Lodge and District Government Relations Chairman for two years, and as President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association for his West Central District. He chaired several charitable committees in the Lodge and founded the Christmas Charity Community Project in 1994. He was elected to honorary life membership.

He served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as Government Relations Chairman for two years, was a frequent lecturer and teacher at conventions, and was elected Honorary Past President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

He served the Grand Lodge as District Deputy in 2002–2003 and as Special Representative to troubled Local Lodges for several years. He served on the Grand Lodge Government Relations Committee for four years, as a member of the Grand Lodge Judiciary for five years, the last year as Chairman, and the Pardons Commission for one year. He also served as a Justice of the Grand Forum.

He graduated from Long Beach State College in 1965 with a degree in microbiology, completed an internship in laboratory medicine at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, became a registered medical laboratory technologist, and spent many years working in and running medical laboratories in hospitals.

He attended Loyola Law School in Los Angeles from 1969–1972, began medical malpractice defense work in litigated matters in 1972, and was an employee and a partner in several firms, starting his own practice in San Jose, California, in 1993. He practices in state and federal courts as a trial lawyer. He is admitted to the State Bar of California, to the Federal District Courts in California and is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He has practiced as a successful mediator and arbitrator for over twenty years. He has acted as temporary Superior Court judge in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties for several decades and as a special master to the County of San Benito.

His wife and partner, Venita, is a Past Exalted Ruler of Monterey, California Elks Lodge No. 1285. Tom has two children, Scott Brazier and Randi Jenkins, and three grandchildren, Patrick, Alice, and Harrison.

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