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GRAND EXALTED RULER/GRAND PATRIARCH CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IMPROVED BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE WORLD



Brother Polk is married to Cynthia Polk. He has two sons, Leonard J. Polk, III (LJ) and Gregory; two daughters, Leniesha, and Tanja; and three grandchildren, Aubree, Jeremiah, and Aria. He has served as Chairman of the Trustee Board at First Mount Olive Baptist Church in Leesburg, Virginia, where he is a devoted member.

Brother Polk holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management Science and Computer/Information Systems from George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the David A. Clarke School of Law in Washington, DC, and has been qualified and admitted as an Attorney and Counsellor of the Supreme Court of the United States of America since January 2008. Brother Polk is the General Managing Partner of Polk and Associates Law Firm, Sterling, Virginia.

He began his tenure in our great Fraternal Order of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the

World, Inc. (IBPOEW) in September 1983, when he gained membership in the James H. Hayes Lodge #529 in Vienna, Va. He was elected in his local lodge as Exalted Ruler in 2011 and served in that capacity until 2018. From 1990 through 1996, Brother Polk served as elected Chairman, Virginia State Association IBPOEW Auditors, where he successfully updated and digitized all financial records, bookkeeping, and accounting. In 1996 he was elected as State President of the Virginia State Association IBPOEW, becoming the youngest State President in Elkdom. He was re-elected for seven consecutive terms and served from 1996–2010.

Brother Polk was elected and served as Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight from 2008–2010, Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight from 2010–2014, and Grand Esteemed Leading Knight from 2014–2018. He also served as Assistant Grand Legal Advisor to the Elks Grand Lodge 2002-2010; and Acting National Legal Coordinator Elks Grand Lodge 2010–2015. Since 2015, Brother Polk has served as the Chairman of Grand Lodge Charity Fundraiser which has raised over \$71,000 in support of Alzheimer's, St. Jude Children's Hospital, American Cancer Society, and Sickle Cell Disease of America.

On August 10th, 2018, all of Brother Polk's prior accomplishments and achievements culminated in him being historically elected as the 14th Grand Exalted Ruler/Grand Patriarch and Chief Executive Officer of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida.

Additional accomplishments and awards listed on the next page.

Additional Accomplishments include, but are not limited to:

- 1996 – Created and posted original Grand Lodge Website on the Internet
- 2002 – Elected President of the National State Presidents Council IBPOEW
- 2008 – Grand Lodge Representative National Black Leadership Roundtable, Washington, DC
- 2010 – Honor of State President Emeritus, Virginia State Association; Appointed Virginia State Association Legal Adviser; Appointed Acting Grand Legal Coordinator Acting National Legal Counsel
- 2011 – Obtained Trademark for the Grand Lodge from the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- 2013 – Obtained 501(C)3 Tax Exemption for the Grand Lodge from the Internal Revenue Service

Awards and Honors include, but are not limited to:

- Recipient of the “Key to the City” of Darlington, SC
- Recipient of the “Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels” and Commissioned “Colonel of the Staff of the Governor of Kentucky”
- Received Excellence in Service Award from the National District Deputies Council
- Received Exalted Ruler of the Year Award from the National Active Exalted Rulers Council
- Recipient Service Award on behalf of the Grand Exalted Ruler/Grand Lodge as Representative National Black Leadership Roundtable
- Received numerous requests from the Grand Exalted Ruler (Grand Patriarch of I.B.P.O. Elks of the World, Inc.) to represent both the Grand Exalted Ruler and our Grand Lodge at several State Associations across all Elkdom.
- 2016 Recipient Elks National Shrine Service Award
- 2017 Exalted Ruler of the year award Virginia State Association