

Pierre G. "Pete" Normand, Jr.

Pierre G. "Pete" Normand, Jr., is a native Texan and a 1971 graduate of Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets. He was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force during the early 1970s, served as a SAC Navigator on KC-135 Stratotankers, and earned the Vietnam Service Medal. He is a retired real estate developer, and was vice-president of marketing for Southwood Valley Development Company in College Station, where he and his wife, Laura, have lived for over thirty years. They have two children, and two grandchildren.

Brother Normand is a Past Master of several Masonic lodges in central Texas, including St. Alban's Lodge No. 1455, which he founded in 1992 as the first lodge in the United States chartered as a Traditional Best Practices Lodge. He still serves as its Secretary. He has served almost 20 years on the Committee on Fraternal Relations of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and is currently its Chairman. He also serves as a member of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. He is a past presiding officer of all the York Rite bodies, and holds the K.Y.C.H. He is a Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a former Personal Representative of the S.G.I.G. in Texas for the Valley of Houston.

Brother Normand is a director on several Masonic boards, including that of the Brazos Valley Masonic Library & Museum Assn., the Houston Scottish Rite, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Scottish Rite Research Society, and the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

Brother Normand is best known internationally for his contributions in the field of Masonic research, writing and publishing. He has served as Librarian of Sul Ross Masonic Lodge in College Station for over 25 years. In 1986, for the Sesquicentennial of Texas, he wrote and published the book, The Texas Masons: The Fraternity of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons in the History of Texas. He is a Past Master of Texas Lodge of Research, having served as Master of the Lodge in 1989, and was named the Lodge's 15th Fellow in Masonic Research. In 1991, just before the appearance of the Internet as a means of transmitting Masonic news, he created the St. Alban's Research Society and its quarterly publication, American Masonic Review. As a result of those efforts, he was named the 1996 Fellow of the Maine Lodge of Research. He was a Founding Member of the Scottish Rite Research Society, was named one of the first Fellows of the Society, and served for ten years as the editor of The Plumbline, the Society's quarterly bulletin. In 2010, in recognition of Brother Normand's contributions in the field of Masonic research, he was named the 99th member of the Society of Blue Friars.