

I grew up in Monett, Missouri. At age 17, I moved to Branson to pursue a career in Entertainment. After decades of working in the Branson Show Business industry, I have retired to a life of gratitude. I focus much of my time on family, friends and serving our community through my participation in multiple Community Organizations.

I am an Officer in Branson's Masonic Lodge and a member of the Taney County Shrine Club. My Wife Lana and I have lived in the Cove since 2019.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1997 to Present ~ **Co-owner of Touch of Class**, Branson MO, retail clothier
- 2023 – 2024 ~ **Project Manager & Director of Production at Ozark Nights** outdoor attraction
- 2018 – 2023 ~ **Project Manager, GM, Executive Producer at Branson Event Center & Copeland Theater** at the Meadows, Branson MO
- 2017 ~ **Creator, Producer, GM at Lovin' Productions**, Eureka Springs, AR
- 2014 - 2015 ~ **Concert Series Producer/Promoter** at Co-Op with the City of Kerrville TX
- 2011 – 2013 ~ **Theatrical & Management Consultant at Rockbox Theater** in Fredericksburg, Texas
- 2011 ~ **Project Manager at startup of Adventure Ziplines of Branson, Xtreme Racing** of Branson
- 1997-2007 **Showboat Branson Belle-** Emcee and Comedian
- 1989-1992 ~ **Licensed Realtor** by the Missouri Board of Realtors at Husted Realty, Branson, MO
- 1979 – 2011 ~ **Entertainer, Writer, Director, Producer, Industry activist** in Branson, Missouri's Entertainment Industry.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

These select positions of responsibility seem specifically relevant to a Board position:

- 2025 – Present ~ **Secretary Branson Masonic Lodge #587:** responsible for all lodge business including a total re-write of subordinate lodge bylaws by comparing and conforming to all state bylaws
- 2022 – Present ~ **Dock Captain for Bozeman Dock Owners Association**, Table Rock Lake: Conforming and performing to US Army Corps of Engineers rules and regulations, acting as sole, direct liaison between our Dock Owners Association and the Corps
- 2020 – 2023 ~ **Founder, President, BAAMT Branson Theatre Industry Org:** Wrote original Charter and Bylaws for a non-profit industry group of five Branson theaters
- 2018 – 2022 **Branson Arts Council ~ Board Member, Vice President:** Chairing and sitting numerous committees including but not limited to, Bylaws, Fundraising, Theatre Relations, Budget & Audit
- 2018 – 2022 ~ **Commissioner for City of Branson Planning and Zoning Department:** responsible for total re-write of City of Branson sign code as well as decision making over City Council recommendations to accept or deny code variances in multiple areas of city code.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Raised in Monett, Missouri
- Lived in Branson since 1979
- Lived in Sunset Cove, Building 1 since 2019
- Married for 26 years to Lana Johnson
- Daughter, Chesca Marie Burgess
- Raised as a Master Mason in 2018, Officer at Branson Masonic Lodge #587
- Member of Taney County Shrine Club since 2018 & Abou Ben Adem Shrine Mosque Springfield, MO
- CO-Founder of BransonCares Pediatric Wheelchair Missions since 2022
- Chartered Kentucky Colonel Since 2001
- Active member of our Community

