



ORIENT: LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, July 12, 2017

TO ALL FREEMASONS OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
OF THE OBEDIENCE OF THIS SUPREME COUNCIL

PEERS AND BRETHREN:

ILL.: PHILLIP CHARLES KENNEY, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Illinois, died on Monday, June 26, 2017.

Ill.∴ Phillip Charles Kenney, 33°, was born in Paxton, IL, the son of Charles B. Kenney and Hazel Sharpe Kenney on December 8, 1931. He graduated from Chenoa High School.

He was a manager of the Farmers Grain Co-op in Eureka, IL from 1955 until his retirement in 1996. He served on the board of directors of the Grain and feed Association of Illinois from 1979 to 1982.

A veteran of the Korean War, he served in the U. S. Navy from 1951-55.

Bro. Kenney was a member of the Eureka United Methodist Church where he was a member of the administrative board, chairman of the finance committee, and head of the ushers committee.

In local government he was a trustee of Cruger Township and was a member of the Cruger Township Planning Committee.

On December 21, 1951 he was united in marriage to Jeanne E. Casson, who passed away on January 16, 2017. They are survived by their children, Mark Kenney and Carrie Armstrong, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in William C. Hobbs Lodge No. 306, of Eureka, Illinois on October 22, 1955. He was Worshipful Master there in 1961.

Illustrious Brother Kenney was a charter member of Cathedral Lodge No. 1179, in Peoria, Illinois.

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Peoria on April 17, 1958. He was Thrice Potent Master in 1968 and Commander in Chief in 1984 and 1985. He received the Meritorious Service award in June 1973.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 29, 1976, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Milwaukee. He was elected an Active Member for the Supreme Council on September 26, 1985, at Cincinnati, OH. Brother Kenney served as Deputy for the state of Illinois from 2000-05, and was Grand Master of Ceremonies from 1990-2005. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 2005 at Grand Rapids, MI.

He performed various special assignments and served on the following committees:

DeMolay and Youth Activities	1985-2003
General State of the Rite	1989-1997
Masonic Education & Program Development	2003-2005

He was a member of Mohammed Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Peoria, Illinois.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at Eureka United Methodist Church.

It is hereby directed that this Balustre be communicated to each Body of the Rite, and be suitably mentioned at the first meeting after its receipt.

May our Heavenly Father have him in His Holy Keeping.

 *John Wm McNaughton*, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest:

 *James L. Doughty*, 33°
Grand Secretary General