



ORIENT: LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, June 1, 2017

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

PEERS AND BRETHERN:

ILL. : RICHARD FRANKLIN MAIER, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Ohio, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Ill.∴ Richard Franklin Maier, 33°, was born in Massillon, OH, the son of Franklin L. and Maud (Pietzcker) Maier. He was educated in Massillon Public Schools, received a bachelor of arts degree from Yale University in 1948 and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Michigan, in 1951.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a signalman in the Pacific Theater.

After earning his degree, Bro. Maier practiced law in Massillon. Additionally, he was law director and a member of the city council, there. He also was elected as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives for four terms. Additionally, he was a member of the board of the Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority, the Ohio Energy Resources and Development Commission, and the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission. Maier was president of the Rotary Club and chairman of the Massillon Chapter of the American Red Cross. He maintained an association with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and received that organization's Bronze and Silver Keystone Medallions.

Ill.∴ Brother Maier was chairman of the board of the Ohio Masonic Home.

On June 21, 1952 Maier was united in marriage to Marilyn Trumpour, who preceeded him in death. He is survived by their children, Richard Jr., Donald, and Janice, five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Clinton Lodge No. 47, of Massillon, OH in 1949. He served there as Worshipful Master.

CAPITULAR: Exalted in Hiram Chapter No. 18 R.A.M. in Massillon, Ohio, on May 27, 1953.

CHIVALRIC Knighted in Massillon Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar, Massillon, Ohio, on December 21, 1953.

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Canton on March 26, 1960. He was Most Wise Master of Brenton Chapter, 1970-71, and Captain of the Guard in Stark Consistory, 1972.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 24, 1975, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Boston. He was elected an Active Member for the Supreme Council on August 30, 1989, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Brother Maier was chosen as Grand Almoner of the Supreme Council in 1997, remaining in that position until 2001. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 2001 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

He served on the following committees:

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| Constitutions, Laws, and Jurisprudence | 1989-2001 |
| Benevolences | 1991-2001 |

Friends gathered at the Paquelet Funeral Home on Sunday, May 21, 2017, and a celebration of Brother Maier's life was held the following day. Interment is planned for Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in the city of Rittman, Ohio at a later date.

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