



ORIENT: LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, May 28, 2017

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

PEERS AND BRETHREN:

ILL.: BRUCE WILLIAM WIDGER, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of New York, died on Monday, March 6, 2017.

III.: Bruce William Widger, 33°, was born in Spencerport, NY, the son of Horace and Ina Widger. He was educated Churchville High School and Cornell University, graduating in 1951 with a doctor of veterinary medicine degree.

After earning his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree, he moved to Skaneateles, NY, to work with Dr. Robert Nichols. Later, he bought the veterinary practice of Dr. Harry Sutton, in Unadilla, NY. In 1978 Dr. Widger joined the Division of Animal Industry. He was the State Veterinarian in the New York State Department of Agriculture until his 1990 retirement.

He was a Trustee of Cornell University from 1961-81 and remained an Emeritus Trustee. He was a longtime 7° member of the Marcellus Grange, Onondaga Pomona and New York State Grange.

On October 12, 1952 he was united in marriage to Mary Louise Currie, who survives together with their children, Jane Milem, Byron Widger, Dwight Widger, eight grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Freedom Lodge No. 324, of Unadilla, New York in 1953. He affiliated with Morningstar Lodge No. 524, in Marcellus, New York in 1954. He was Worshipful Master there in 1961.

GRAND LODGE: Assistant Grand Lecturer, 1969-70; District Deputy Grand Master, 1970-71, Junior Grand Warden, 1972-74, and Grand Master, 1980-82.

CAPITULAR: Exalted in Charles H. Platt Chapter No. 247 R.A.M. in Skaneateles, New York, in April 1957.

CRYPTIC: Greeted in Central City Council No. 13 R.&S.M. , Syracuse, New York, in May 1968.

CHIVALRIC Knighted in Central City Commandery, Knight Templar, Syracuse, New York, in November 1971.

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Syracuse on April 23, 1966. He received the 33° on September 24, 1975. He was Sovereign Prince of Central City Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, 1974.

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 September 29, 1983, at Milwaukee, WI. Brother Widger was Deputy for the state of New York from 1992-99. He was chosen as Grand Sword Bearer of the Supreme Council in 1991. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 2000 at Pittsburgh, PA.

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

Special Committee to encourage Support of Symbolic Masonry	1983-1996
General State of the Rite	1985-1986
Benevolences	1986-2003
DeMolay & Youth Activities	1986-1998
Special Committee for the Observance Of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution	1990
Grand Sword Bearer	1991
Finance Committee	1992-1999

He was a member of Tigris Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Syracuse, New York.

Masonic services were held at the Ryan Funeral Home, Marcellus, New York on March 8, 2017. A funeral service was held on March 9 at the United Methodist Church, in Marcellus, New York. Interment was held at Maple Grove Cemetery in the town of Ogden, New York.

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