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SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, Feb. 23, 2018

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

PEERS AND BRETHREN:

ILL.: DALE ORMAL BABBITT, 33°

Active Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Wisconsin, died on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Ill.: Dale Ormal Babbitt, 33°, was born February 22, 1927, in Keystone, township of Cleveland, WI, the youngest child of Benjamin L. and Mabel (Phillips) Babbitt. He graduated from Bloomer High School, then he served his country in the United States Army. He was an instructor at several army posts and was discharged in 1946 as a corporal.

In 1946 he married Mavis Steinmetz. Their marriage lasted 71 years, and he is survived by her, together with their four sons: Barry, Steve, Don, and Dean, as well as by six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Bro. Babbitt was preceded in death by an infant son and two grandchildren.

In 1947 he became city clerk of Bloomer, and from 1952-54 was mayor.

He worked for Chippewa Motor Freight, rising to the position of president of the firm. In 1978, when the firm was sold, he joined Dotseth Trucking, in Knapp, WI, as executive vice president and general manager.

He served his community in many ways. Our Illustrious Brother was a board member, president, and treasurer of the Chippewa Valley Council of Boy Scouts of America, and he was a recipient of the Silver Bear Award. He was a founding parent of the Chippewa Falls Little League. He was a member, and past president, of the Society for the Advancement of Management, in Eau Claire, WI.

Bro. Babbitt led a statewide Masonic effort to establish dyslexia centers: first in Milwaukee, then in Eau Claire. He served on the board of directors of both the Shriners Hospital in Minneapolis, MN and the First National Bank of Chippewa Falls. He was ruling elder at the first Presbyterian Church, chairman of the church board of trustees, and a member of the Bloomer American Legion Post. Bro. Babbitt was a gifted tenor and was often asked to sing at area weddings and funerals.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Bloomer Lodge No. 281, F. & A.M. of Bloomer, WI, on Nov. 3, 1948. In 1974, he transferred to Chippewa Falls Lodge No. 176. He served there as Worshipful Master in 1978-79.

- GRAND LODGE: Grand Marshall in 1977.
- CAPITULAR: Exalted in Chippewa Chapter No. 46 R.A.M. in Chippewa Falls, WI, on May 12, 1971. He was High Priest from 1978-79.
- CRYPTIC: Greeted in Chippewa Council No. 25 R.&S.M., Chippewa Falls, WI, on November 27, 1971.
- CHIVALRIC: Knighted in Tancred Commandery, No. 27, Knights Templar on February 26, 1972. He served as Senior Warden in 1979.
- SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Eau Claire in May 1954. He was Sovereign Prince of Eau Claire Council in 1966, and Commander-in-Chief of Eau Claire Consistory from 1974-76.
- SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 25, 1974, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Atlantic City, NJ. He was elected an Active Member for the Supreme Council on October 1, 1981, at Philadelphia. Brother Babbitt was Grand Standard Bearer of the Supreme Council 1992-2001 and Deputy for the state of Wisconsin from 1993-97. He became an Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council on Sept. 3, 2002.

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

Dispensations and Charters	1981-2001
Special Committee, Membership Development	1982-1993
Rituals and Ritualistic Matters	1986-2001

He was a member of Tripoli Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., of Milwaukee, WI.

Masonic services were held at the Eau Claire Masonic Center on Thursday, February 15, 2018.

A funeral service was held on Friday, February 16 at First Presbyterian Church, Chippewa Falls, WI. Military honors were provided by the Bloomer American Legion.

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.

 D. A. G. [Signature], 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest:

 Thomas R. [Signature], 33°
Grand Secretary General