



ORIENT: LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, September 21, 2018

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

PEERS AND BRETHERN:

ILL.: JAMES FRANCIS NIEHOFF, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of New York, died on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

III.: James Francis Niehoff, 33^o, was born in Queens Village, NY, the son of Edward Ernest Niehoff and Ellen Hay MacMillan Niehoff. He was educated Grover Cleveland High School.

He proudly served his country in the Coast Guard as a loran specialist in the South Pacific during the Second World War. After the war he earned degrees at St. John's College and St. John's University School of Law, graduating summa cum laude and first in his class with a bachelor of laws degree in 1951.

After earning his degree, he began a long and successful career in law. He practiced as an attorney, being admitted to practice law in 1951. Bro. Niehoff worked for the firm of Haight, Deming, Gardner, Poor, & Havens. He was law secretary to a judge on the New York Court of Appeals, confidential clerk, deputy county attorney, senior deputy town attorney for the town of Hempstead, NY, judge of the district court of Nassau County, and justice of the New York Supreme Court. He also, was elected a councilman for the town of Hempstead. He was designated to the appellate division, second department in 1981 and retired from the bench in 1987.

He was afforded the chance to teach law at his alma mater and received many accolades including being named "professor of the year."

On June 11, 1950 he was united in marriage to Amelia Mary Pansius, who predeceased him in 2017. They are survived by their three children, Edward and his wife Ann, James and his wife Tricia, and Ellen and her husband Steve, as well as three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was elected moderator of the First Baptist Church of Freeport, NY, and was a member of the board of directors of South Nassau Communities Hospital.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Hillside Lodge No. 894, in Woodhaven, New York on December 4, 1947. Also, he became a dual member of Baldwin Lodge No. 1047, in 1964, in Baldwin, New York.

GRAND LODGE: Grand Representative of Indiana, 1980.

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Rockville Centre on December 8, 1960. In addition to subordinate offices, he was Sovereign Prince 1969-70, Most Wise Master 1965-66, and Commander-in-Chief 1976-78. He chaired the membership committee and was a member of the constitution & bylaw committee. In the Valley he was awarded the Scottish Rite Medallion.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 29, 1971, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Philadelphia. He was elected an Active Member for the Supreme Council on September 25, 1980, at Cleveland, OH. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 1991 at Indianapolis, IN.

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

Pension & Retirement Planning Committee 1980

Constitutions, Laws & Jurisprudence 1981-1991

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

Funeral services were held at the Glick Family Funeral Home, Boca Raton, Florida on April 17, 2018. Interment followed the service at Boca Raton Mausoleum.

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. Glick, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest:

 Thomas R. Gueyow, 33°
Grand Secretary General