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OFFICE OF THE  
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, June 6, 2018

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

PEERS AND BRETHREN:

**ILL. : GARDNER CYRIL SCONYERS JR., 33°**

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Rhode Island, died on Thursday,  
May 31, 2018.

III.: Gardner C. Sconyers Jr, 33°, was born on January 14, 1936, in Fort Worth, Texas, the son of Gardner Sconyers and Helen Routt Bernard. He was educated in the public school system of Fort Worth, Texas and attended the University of Texas at Arlington.

On December 28, 1957 he married Sheila Anne O'Neill, who survives together with his sons, David and Chris, and a daughter Gabrielle Hart. He also leaves his sister, Jeanette Powell, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter Hannah Hart.

Bro. Sconyers served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean War and was a chief electrician in the Maritime Service. He was co-owner of Atlas Electric Co. in Fort Worth. He worked at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, RI, before joining Hughes Aircraft as a logistic engineer. He retired from Raytheon after the acquisition of Hughes.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

**SYMBOLIC:** Raised a Master Mason in Handley Lodge No. 1140 in Fort Worth on August 28, 1958. He affiliated with St. Paul's Lodge No. 14, Middletown, Rhode Island, where he served as Master for two terms.

**CAPITULAR:** Exalted in Harmony Chapter No. 15, R.A.M. in Providence, Rhode Island.

**CRYPTIC:** Greeted in Doric Council No. 7, R.&S.M., Providence, Rhode Island.

**CHIVALRIC** Knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 1, Knight Templar, Providence, Rhode Island. He was Past Eminent Commander and Knight Commander of the Temple.

**SCOTTISH RITE:** Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Providence in 1967. He was Thrice Potent Master of Solomons Lodge of Perfection, 1971-72; Sovereign Prince of Rhode Island Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, 1981-83. He took an active role in the degrees and served as Master of Ceremonies for the Council of Deliberation.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 26, 1984, he was created a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council at Boston. He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council on September 30, 1992 at Chicago. Brother Sconyers was Deputy for the state of Rhode Island from 1995-2004. He served as Grand Secretary, 2004-08. In 2008, he was awarded the Medal of Honor. On August 30, 2011, he became and Active Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council.

He served on the following committees:

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| Masonic Education & Program Development | 1992-97   |
| DeMolay & Youth Activities              | 1999-2002 |
| Benevolence and Development             | 2003-10   |
| Nominating                              | 2002-12   |

He was a member of the following Masonic bodies:

Senior Member, Handley Chapter Demolay, Fort Worth.  
Executive Officer, Rhode Island DeMolay, 1976-81.  
Active Emeritus Member, International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.  
Plantations Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Past Sovereign.  
Masonic Societas Rosicruciana, college of Rhode Island.  
Damascus Tabernacle XXVI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Eminent Preceptor 2012.

Bro. Sconyers was Secretary of the Children's Dyslexia Board of Directors and served as interim director. He was acquisitions and contracts director for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Memorial Funeral Home in Newport, Rhode Island.

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*