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OFFICE OF THE
SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

Lexington, Massachusetts, March. 19, 2019

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

PEERS AND BRETHERN:

ILL. : DENMAN GEORGE KRAMER, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Wisconsin, died on Monday,
February 14, 2019.

Ill.∴Denman George Kramer, 33°, was born on December 25, 1918, in Baraboo, WI, the son of Laurel Kramer and Ida Maria Chase Kramer. He was educated in the Baraboo school system, and he received a diploma from Bliss Electrical School.

Brother Kramer served his nation during World War II in the United States military with the Airborne Aviation Engineers as a first lieutenant.

He was employed by Wisconsin Power and Light Company for many years. During much of that time he was superintendent at the Prairie du Sac Dam.

For many years he served as jury commissioner.

He was remembered by many as Dynamo the Clown, and he earned the nickname “balloon man” as he blew balloon animals for everyone in his community.

On September 6, 1947, he was united in marriage to Caroline Elmarene Schaefer, who predeceased him. Later, he married Ramona Boyer Retzlaff, who also predeceased him. Predeceasing him also, was a step-son, Peter. He is survived by five step-children: Jim Retzlaff, Jone Wood, Yvonne Holbrook, John Retzlaff, Joy Strid, as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bro. Kramer was an active member of Concordia United Methodist Church, in Prairie Du Sac, WI, since 1947, where he served as a trustee and on the administrative council. He chaired both groups.

He was past president of the Sauk Prairie Optimist Club and past lieutenant governor, Wisconsin District.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

SYMBOLIC: Raised a Master Mason in Baraboo Lodge No. 34, of Baraboo on February 11, 1948.

In November 1966 he transferred his membership to Sauk Prairie Lodge No. 113 (originally Eureka Lodge No. 113). There, he served as Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master.

GRAND LODGE: Brother Kramer was appointed Grand Pursuivant in 1963, and progressed through the line until June 1971 when he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. From 1973-75 Bro. Kramer was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, and in 1975, foreign correspondent.

- CAPITULAR: Exalted in Madison Chapter No. 4 R.A.M. in Madison, WI, in 1964.
- CRYPTIC: Greeted in Madison Council Council No. 3 R.&S.M., Madison, WI.
- CHIVALRIC Knighted in Robert Macoy Commandery No. 3, Knight Templar, Madison, WI.
- SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Madison on April 23, 1951. In the Madison Council, Princes of Jerusalem, he was Sovereign Prince in 1974.
- SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 27, 1972, 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 25, 1975, at Boston. He became an Active Emeritus Member September 30, 1992, at Chicago. He was Grand Almoner for eleven years between 1981 and 1992.

He served on the following committees:

Division & Reference	1975-1976
Fraternal Relations	1976-1992

He was a member of the following Masonic bodies:

- Zor Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Madison, WI
- DeMolay, Master Councilor-1939
- DeMolay Legion of Honor
- Red Cross of Constantine, Winnebago Conclave
- Royal Order of Scotland
- Philalethes Society
- Order of Eastern Star
- Missouri Lodge of Research

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 1, 2019, at Concordia United Methodist Church, Prairie du Sac, WI.

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.  , 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander

Attest:

 Thomas R. Eusey, 33°
Grand Secretary General