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Lexington, Massachusetts, May 16, 2019

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

PEERS AND BRETHERN:

ILL. : ROBERT LOWELL MILLER SR., 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the state of Indiana, died on Tuesday, April 27, 2019.

III.: Robert Lowell Miller Sr., 33°, was born in Wilkinson, IN, the son of James F. Miller and Emma E. Johnson Miller. He was educated in the Wilkinson and Indianapolis school systems. He attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating cum laude with a doctor of jurisprudence degree. Also, he had formal judicial training at the National College of State Trial Judges, Reno, NV.

He proudly served his country on active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve during the Second World War. Commissioned as an ensign he was ordered to the Harvard University Business School for training as a supply corps officer. He then served aboard the U.S.S. Essex CV-9, a fast attack aircraft carrier in the South Pacific through five major campaigns. He was wounded by a suicide kamikaze pilot who crashed into the ship. His military awards include the Purple Heart, Combat Medal, and nine additional commendations. After the war he practiced law before being recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He retired as a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserves and returned to practicing law.

In 1964 he was a congressional candidate and later was appointed as the 4th judge of the St. Joseph Superior Court.

In 2009, he founded Miller's Vets, a drill team of selected homeless veterans in South Bend. His plan was to help these men and women get back into uniform and offer them a renewed spirit. For his efforts Bro. Miller was awarded Volunteer of the Year through the Center for the Homeless.

In June 1948 he was united in marriage to Dorothy June Humphreys. After her death he married Jane Bennett Koontz, who also predeceased him in 1954. He is survived by his five children, David Meek, Robert L. Miller Jr., Mindy Jane Moore, Pamela Miller Christian, and Lisa Beth Maguire, as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

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| SYMBOLIC: | Raised a Master Mason in South Bend Lodge No. 294, in South Bend, IN, on February 8, 1946. |
| CAPITULAR: | Exalted in South Bend Chapter No. 29 R.A.M. in South Bend, IN, on March 10, 1965. |
| CRYPTIC: | Greeted in South Bend Council No. 82 R.&S.M., South Bend, IN, on March 16, 1965. |
| CHIVALRIC | Knighted in South Bend Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar on June 3, 1965. |

SCOTTISH RITE: Completed the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of South Bend on January 31, 1948. In 1960-61 he was Thrice Potent Master and chairman of the board of trustees.

SUPREME COUNCIL: On September 26, 1962, 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 27, 1973, at Detroit. He became an Emeritus Member of the Supreme Council in 1996 at Boston.

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

Jurisprudence	1973-1975
Editorial Board	1974-1977
Ritual & Ritualistic Matters	1975-1990
Constitutions, Laws & Jurisprudence	1977-1989

Special Committee, Membership Development 1978-1986

Fraternal Relations	1991-1996
Grand Captain of the Guard	1975-1981
Deputy for the State of Indiana	1979-1990

Bro. Miller was a member of Orak Shrine, Michigan City, IN.

Honors and Awards:

Honorary Member, St. Hillary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.
Honorary Life member, Jerusalem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles
Of the Mystic Shrine, New Orleans, LA.
Honorary Member, Royal Order of Jesters, Court No. 43.
Honorary Member, Indiana College, Societas Rosicruciana, Indianapolis, IN.
Honorary Member, Honorary Legion of Honor, International Supreme
Council, Order of DeMolay.
Kiwani Club of Mishawaka Award for Project M.A.R.C.
Medal of Honor, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
Indiana Council of Deliberation Medal of Honor.

Funeral services were held at Evangel Heights United Methodist Church, South Bend, on May 4, 2019. Interment followed the service at Saint Joseph Valley Memorial Park.

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