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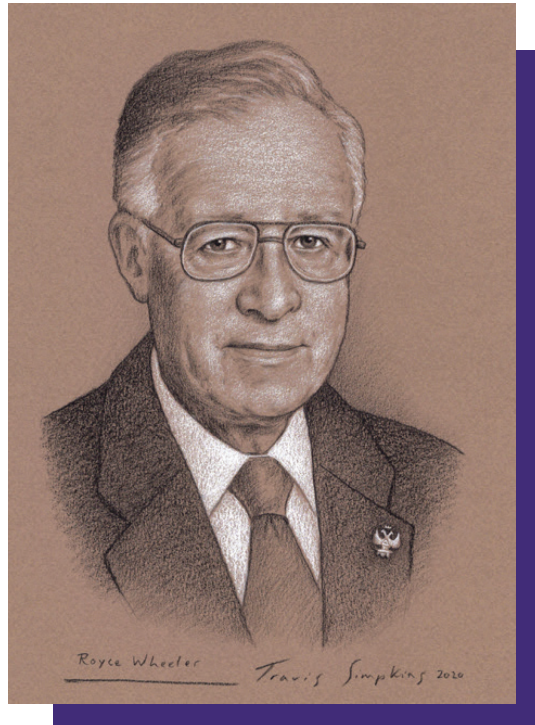
OFFICE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER

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

Peers and Brethren:

ALL. ROYCE G. WHEELER, 33°

Active Emeritus Member for this Supreme Council for the
state of Maine, died on Saturday, October 10, 2020.



Ill. Royce G. Wheeler, 33°, was born on September 1, 1926 in Bangor, Maine. The son of Ernest and Helen (Hanson) Wheeler, Ill. Bro. Wheeler graduated from Higgins Classical Institute in 1944 and served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman for two years, returning to Bangor at the end of World War II.

He worked for Maine Central Railroad for 35 years in supervisory positions, starting as a train dispatcher and retiring as Assistant Superintendent, East Sub-Division. On May 23, 1948, he married Joyce A. Tasker in Stetson and they shared 72 wonderful years. They were blessed with three children (daughter Kathryn Joyce Blanchard and sons Robert Royce and Ernest D. Wheeler, II); a granddaughter (Julie Lynn Dow); and a great-grandson (Shayne N. Dow).

Ill. Bro. Wheeler was a much loved and respected member of the Hermon Baptist

Church for more than 40 years. He was one of the principal founders of the Scottish Rite Children's Dyslexia Center in Bangor. He was a member and Chaplain of the Maine Lodge of Research; Anah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. and its Academics Unit; and he was a member of Jonathan Hunt Chapter No. 9, Order of the Easter Star in Hermon.

Bro. Wheeler, 33°, was also very active in town affairs while living in Hermon, Maine. He served as a volunteer with the United Way of Penobscot Valley, served on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Bangor and was Corporator of the Bangor Savings Bank. In addition, Bro. Wheeler, 33°, served as President and Moderator of the Hermon Development Corporation, was a member of the Board of Assessors, the Planning Board, the School Committee and the Hermon Recreation Committee. He was also Director of the Heron Elderly Project.



Our Illustrious Brother had a distinguished career in Freemasonry:

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Raised a Master Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 83, AF&M of Bangor on February 16, 1950. He served in every office of the lodge and was elected Worshipful Master in 1965. He was elected to honorary lifetime member on April 11, 1981. Having resided in Hermon, Maine, since 1956, he has been an active supporter of Lynde Lodge No. 174 and on May 18, 1974, was elected as an honorary member.

In the Grand Lodge of Maine, he served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District in 1967-68, Assistant Grand Lecturer 1976-80, Senior Grand Warden 1980, Grand Marshal 1981, Grand Chaplain 1982, Chairman of the Committee of Payroll, member of the Committee on Finance and member of the Commissioners of Trials. He was the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Maine, and served on the Credentials, Masonic Education, and Lodge Services Committees.

Ill. Bro. Wheeler was honored with the Simon Greenleaf Medal in 1978 and the Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal in 1982.

SCOTTISH RITE

Received the degrees of the Scottish Rite in the Bangor Valley in 1959 and Maine Consistory in 1960. He served as Captain of the Guard in 1960-61 and Hospitaler in 1962 in Eastern Star Lodge of Perfection, and was Second Lieutenant Commander in Maine Consistory (1985-1986).

SUPREME COUNCIL

Ill. Bro. Wheeler was coroneted a 33° Mason and Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Chicago, Illinois on September 26, 1979. He was crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council on September 25, 1986 in Cincinnati, Ohio.



A service to celebrate his life was held on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at 1 p.m. at Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Those wishing to remember Ill. Bro. Wheeler in a special way may make donations in his memory to the Bangor Valley Scottish Rite Learning Center, c/o Guy Chapman, Suite 2, 294 Union Street, Bangor, Maine 04401.

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.

Attest:



Ill. David A. Glattly, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander



Ill. Douglas R. Policastro, 33°
Grand Secretary General