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To: All Past Grand Commanders, current Grand Officers, Committee Members, Officers and Sir Knights of all
Constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

It is with a sad heart, that I must announce the passing of Sir Knight Paul Dale Robinson, Past Grand
Commander of Iowa (2004 – 2005) on the March 22, 2018.



P. Dale Robinson
R.E. Grand Commander 2004 – 2005
June 1, 1923 – March 22, 2018

Dale Robinson was born in Des Moines, Iowa, to Paul D. and H. Mildred Robinson. He was the oldest of seven children. His parents moved to the Albia area and he graduated from Albia High School. He then went to Technical School in Clinton, Iowa, and graduated from there as a Machinist. He worked for the Rock Island Arsenal as a machinist before being inducted into the army. There he went through radio school, mechanic school, and gunnery school and was assigned to the 8th Air Force where he flew B-17's as radio operator, mechanic and gunner. They flew 37 missions over Europe as lead crew. He was honorably discharged in August of 1945 and worked for two years as a machinist for John Deere in Ottumwa. In 1947 he started working for the CB&Q Railroad as a telegraph operator, station agent and train dispatcher. He retired from the railroad after 35 years as a centralized train controller in 1982.

He was married to Maude E. McGilvery in 1943 and to this union three children were born – Ron, Jim, and Kathy Jo. They bought and moved to a farm near Albia in 1948, where they raised pure-bred cattle, hogs, as well as having 3000 Hy-line layers. Maude died in 1971. Dale was married in June of 1972 to Martha M. (Prothero) Clark, who had lost her husband and only son in 1970 in an automobile accident.

She brought three daughters Shirley, Janice, and LaRue, into this marriage. Together the six children they have are all married now and they have twelve grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Dale is a member of First Christian Church and he has served as Youth Director and member of the church board for several years and was a Boy Scout Master and State Merit Badge counselor.

Dale became a Mason in January of 1980 in Astor Lodge #505 of Albia. He was Master of this Lodge in 1986. He was initiated into Albia Chapter #240 Order of Eastern Star in June of 1980. He has been Worthy Patron of this Chapter for fourteen years. He served the Grand Chapter of Iowa on the Chapter Concerns Committee for six years, was elected Worthy Grand Patron of Iowa for term of 1996-1997, and the General Grand Chapter for three years on the International Temple Board in Washington D.C. 2000-2003.

Dale joined Royal Arch Mason in Monroe Chapter #125 in Albia in 1990 and was High Priest in 1998. He joined Royal and Select Masters in Knoxville Council #61 in Knoxville in 1990 and was Illustrious Master in 2000 and 2001. He was initiated into Commandery in Zerubbabel Commandery #68 in Albia in 1990 and was commander in 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2003. His Grand Commandery of Iowa offices were Grand Warder, 2000-2001; Grand Captain General, 2001-2002; Grand Generalissimo, 2002-2003; Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, 2003-2004 and Right Eminent Grand Commander, 2004-2005. He is also a dual member of Melita Commandery #64 of Knoxville.

He is a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Order of High Priesthood, Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past Commander's Association, York Rite College, KYCH, and Red Cross of Constantine.

One of the goals that he wanted to accomplish during his year as Right Eminent Grand Commander was that his Grand Officers would confer the Degree of the Order of the Temple. This goal was achieved as the Grand Officers conferred this degree three times- once at Fort Dodge, once at Centerville, and at Council Bluffs.

Dale enjoys golfing, dancing, lawn and garden work, woodworking, Eastern Star, Masonic and York Rite Bodies Work, Hawkeye sports and traveling. He and his wife, Martha, have traveled extensively throughout the world, having been to 67 different countries. They travel mostly now with York Rite and Eastern Star in Iowa, United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. He values from the friendships he has made as he loves being with people. He feels you meet the most wonderful people in the world through Masonic, York Rite Work and Eastern Star.

Chivalric Regards,

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R.E. Grand Commander



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Attested:

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Grand Recorder