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Kyle J. Peterson, REPGC
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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*

*Richard A. 'Butch' Zummak
Right Eminent Grand Commander - 2002-2003
August 19, 1943 ~ June 13, 2017*

Butch was born August 19, 1943 in Oelwein, Iowa and raised on a farm south of Westgate, Iowa. He attended Fremont Number Seven one-room country school until the eighth grade and then attended Maynard High School at Maynard, Iowa. He enlisted in the US Navy on May 14, 1961 and served on the USS Salisbury Sound (A V-13) Taiwan Patrol Force 7th Fleet until August 10, 1964.

Butch married Barbara Jean Harriman on December 5, 1964 and they were blessed with two children, Allen on October 24, 1965 and Debbie on October 29, 1966. They have eight grandchildren.

Butch started work at John Deere and Company on August 26, 1966 and retired September 28, 2001 after 35 years of service. He now works as a tour guide at the John Deere Tractor Works.

Butch was made a Mason on January 30, 1978, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft April 3, 1978, and raised to a Master Mason on May 1, 1978. He served as Worshipful Master of Waterloo Lodge Number 105 in 1983 and again in 1997. He has served as Chaplain of Waterloo in 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993, 1998, 1999 and 2001.

Butch petitioned for the degrees and orders of the York Rite on November 11, 1978. He served as High Priest of Tabernacle Chapter No. 52 in 1989 and as Illustrious Master of Crescent Council No. 16 that same year. He served as Eminent Commander of Ascalon Commandery No. 25 in 1990. He was appointed as District Commander's Aide for the Grand Commandery in 1988-1989, Grand Second Guard in 1989-1990, Grand Jr. Warden

in 1996-1997, Grand Senior Warden in 1998-1999. He was elected and served as Grand Captain General in 1999-2000, Grand Generalissimo in 2000-2001 and Deputy Grand Commander in 2001-2002.

Butch served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Northeast Iowa York Rite Club from 1987 to 1992 and served as President in 1993. He was invited to be a member of the Order of High Priesthood on August 10, 1990; Thrice Illustrious Master, August 11, 1990; Past Commanders Association, June 1, 1989. He received the Ish-Sodi on August 1, 1997; Knight of York Cross of Honor and became a member of Charles Clyde Hunt Priory No. 42 in 1997. He is a Companion Knight of York of the Iowa York Rite College No. 37. He received the Super Excellent Master degree of Royal & Select Masters in Jacksonville, Florida, November 19, 1987. He has served as Treasurer of the Waterloo York Rite since 1990 and takes an active part in the York Rite degrees each year in Waterloo, Iowa and elsewhere in Iowa when called.

Butch served as President of the El Mecca Firehouse Gang in 1986 and again in 1996, an active parade member starting in 1983, doing parades in Iowa and serving as Captain of small Firetruck 1997-2001. He served El Kahir Temple as Potentate Aide for George Peirce in 1997 and is holder of the Samson Jewel.

Butch served as Watchman of Shepherds of Madonna Shrine No. 47, White Shrine of Jerusalem with his wife Barbara serving as Worthy High Priestess in 1989-1990. He served as Special Supreme Fraternal Relation Committee in 1991-1992 and again in 1996-1997.

Butch is a member of Becker Chapter No. 499, Order of the Eastern Star, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and AMVETS Post No. 31 of Evansdale, Iowa.

Chivalric Regards,

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R.E. Grand Commander



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Attested:

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Grand Recorder