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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 Robert ‘Bob’ L. Smith, Past Grand Commander of Iowa (2014 – 2015) on the Saturday, January 29, 2018. Bob was a great asset to Masonry and will be greatly missed.



*Robert “Bob” L. Smith
Grand Commander 2014 - 2015
December 28, 1940 ~ January 27, 2018*

Bob Smith was born on December 28, 1940, the only child of Lewis H. and Thelma J. Smith, in Belmond, Iowa. Bob attended kindergarten through third grade at Clarion, Iowa. At the start of fourth grade, Bob’s parents moved to Northwood, Iowa. They lived there until Bob graduated in 1959. Bob graduated from Morningside College in 1964. Following graduation, Bob worked for White Farm Inc. in Charles City, Iowa for 29 years. At the closure of White Farm Inc. Bob worked for the U.S. Post Office in Nashua, Iowa for 11 years.

Bob met his wife Geneva McComb the night before he took his Entered Apprentice Degree. They were married two years later. They have two sons, Chris and Dan and three granddaughters, Olivia, Keira and Harper. They attend Trinity United Methodist Church in Charles City, Iowa.

Bob took his Entered Apprentice Degree, February 10, 1962 in St. Charles Lodge #141 in Charles City, Iowa the same night his college roommate took his Entered Apprentice Degree in Northern Lights Lodge in Northwood, Iowa. Bob was raised July 31, 1962 in St. Charles Lodge #141. He served as Master of St. Charles Lodge #141 in 1974 and later as Secretary for five years.

Bob was exalted to the Sublime Degree in the Royal Arch in Almond Chapter #53 in Charles City, Iowa on March 30, 1964, greeted as a Select Master, March 31, 1964 in Mason City Council in Mason City, Iowa, and knighted in Joppa Commandery #55, May 6, 1964 in Charles City, Iowa.

Bob joined the Davenport Scottish Rite on October 23, 1971.

Bob was elected Commander of Joppa Commandery #55 for the year of 1965. He also served as High Priest of Almond Chapter #53 and Illustrious Master of Mason City Council #45.

He has served as Grand Treasurer and Grand Royal Arch Captain for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and two terms as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Iowa and is a Knight of the Ish Sodi.

Bob is a Past Prior of Clyde Hunt Priory #42 KYCH. He has been the recipient of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor (2010) and the Knight Commander of the Temple award from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

Membership in Invitational Orders includes the Iowa York Rite College #37; a dual Membership with Lewis & Clark College #199; Last Supper Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.T.P.; St. Bartholomew Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; the Masonic Order of Athelstan and the Royal Order of Scotland. In 2015, Bob was the recipient of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Before being elected as Grand Commander in 2015, Bob served the Grand Commandery as Grand Second Guard, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Prelate, Grand Sentinel, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Captain General, Grand Generalissimo and Deputy Grand Commander.

Chivalric Regards,

Kyle J. Peterson

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R.E. Grand Commander



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Attested:

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Grand Recorder