

## ARKANSAS SUPPLEMENT



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## In Memorium

### Right Eminent Sir Knight Kenneth E. Story

October 1, 1933 - May 13, 2010

RE Sir Knight Ken Story served as Grand Commander of Arkansas in 1997-1998. He subsequently served as MEGHP in 1998-1999 and MIGM in 2007-2008.

Ken was exalted in Iris Chapter #151 May 1, 1976, served as EHP and Chapter Secretary. He was greeted in Occidental Council #1 May 1, 1976 and served as TIM. He was knighted in Hugh de Payens Commandery #1 May 7, 1976, and served as Eminent Commander.



Comp. Story was a Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Arkansas Council, Order of the Sword & Trowel, and was serving as Recorder. SK Story was a Past Prior of Albert Pike Priory #20, Knights York Cross of Honor, and was serving as Registrar.

Among his other Masonic affiliations, was the Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master; Yeomen of York in Columbia, MO, Past Director General; SRICF; AR College #142, York Rite College; St. Giles Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine; Natl. Sojourners, Heroes of '76; Jacksonville Chapter, order of the Eastern Star, past Patron; and Jacinto Lodge #216, Past Master.

Ken was active in his church, 2nd Baptist in Jacksonville, AR.

Captain Story proudly served his country for 24 years in the USAF.

*Editor's note: RESK Story appointed me to serve as the editor of the Arkansas Supplement during his tenure as Grand Commander in 1997. I will never be able to express my appreciation for the opportunity he gave me to serve our Grand Commandery. God speed, my friend! TJH*

July 2010

**R.: E.: Grand Commander  
Robert L. Jackson**



### Greetings, Sir Knights:

#### Independence

Should Americans be proud of their country? Should Americans be patriotic? Should we wave our flag? You bet we should!

If we were to list the great moments in history, right at the top would be that moment in July of 1776 when members of the Continental Congress heard these words: "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are life Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Government is instituted among Men, deriving their powers from the Consent of the Governed."

Major George Armistead was a hero of the War of 1812. The Major wrote to General Samuel Smith, in charge of the defense of Baltimore, declaring: "We, Sir, are ready to defend Fort McHenry...It is my desire to have a flag so large that the British will have no difficulty in seeing it from a distance." Major Armistead had a huge battle flag, 30 by 42 feet, made (by Mary Young Pickersill, a Baltimore flag maker), and flew it over Fort McHenry during that tremendous bombardment. (The flag we now call "The Star Spangled Banner".)

When Francis Bellamy, a member

of Little Falls Lodge No. 181, New York, was writing the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892, he spent considerable time pondering the exact words to be used. He asked himself, "What doctrines would everyone agree upon as a basis of Americanism?" His answer-liberty and justice! He was right, and the United States of America stands today before the world as the greatest symbol of these values. No doubt about it. We should proudly wave our nation's flag as we celebrate Independence Day, July 4th.

Sir Knights, please remember those who fought for this country, so you and I could traverse where ever we desire. Our prayers are with the men and women who currently are serving in our Armed Forces as well as those who have served in the past. Thank you to ALL!

Please remember Past Grand Commander Sir Knight Kenneth E. Story's family in your prayers as Sir Knight Story has been called home, as noted in the tribute on the opposite page. Thanks to those who attend Sir Knight Story's services and for the outstanding performance of the Honor Guard at the gravesite.

Together, we make a difference. God bless!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
R.E. Robert L. Jackson  
Grand Commander - 2010