In Memoriam
The Honorable William Lee Fergus
Past Grand Commander - 1989
Knights Templar of Arkansas

September 23, 1948 - July 21, 2015

Brother, Companion, and Right Eminent Sir Knight Lee Fergus passed away July 21 of 2015. Lee was a member of the York Rite bodies of Jonesboro. He had served the Grand Council as MI Grand Master and the Grand Commandery as Grand Commander. As a juvenile court judge, SK Fergus had distinguished himself for his compassion and thoughtful work to help disadvantaged youth. His care for young people extended into his personal life, where he served as a Sunday school teacher and Deacon in his church. Up to his death, RESK Fergus remained active in his Masonic memberships. He will be missed in Arkansas Freemasonry.

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Ronald Schmidt

Greetings, Sir Knights:

Again this year, our Grand Commander is asking each of his officers to write one of the monthly columns for the “AR Supplement”. This month’s article is from ESK Patrick C. Carr, Gr. Jr. Warden.

Sir Knights and friends,
Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The dog days of summer are finally starting to wind down and we will start getting ready for Fall. Fall is a special time of year for me because it reminds me of change. The change in the color of the leaves to the beautiful orange and red, the change in the morning dew that settles on the grass, and the changes of the weather as evidenced by that little nip in the air that we feel each day.

Since we are discussing changes, I ask you what changes can you make for your Commandery for the coming year? It will soon be time to elect new officers to lead our Commanderies. Are we ready to make a difference with our leadership? I believe that we are!

It is time to make your plans, Sir Knight Generalissimo, for your coming term as Eminent Commander. Being Commander is no small task. It means duty and duty threefold.

Duty to God, your Sir Knights and your Blue Lodge. Duty to God as evidenced I the fact that we are a Christian Order. Be sure, Sir Knights, to have some type of Christian Based education at each of your meetings.

Duty to your Sir Knights in training them in our Class B ritual and being ready to perform the various beautiful Orders, and Duty to your Blue Lodge by being an active member and a help as your Lodge grows.

Remember that we recruit new Sir Knights from our various Lodges, so being present and active will assist you in your efforts to grow your York Rite Bodies.

Sir Knights, thank you for all that you do and all that you continue to do for our Commanderies. It is not overlooked or forgotten.

May the peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continue to be with each of you always and forever.

Patrick C. Carr

E. Grand Jr. Warden
Grand Commandery, K.T. of Arkansas