



IOWA SUPPLEMENT

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154th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa at the Quality Inn in Ames on May 31 through June 2, 2018.

Ritual Competition May 31 – 10 man opening – put your team together, Practice, drill and display your Commandery ritual and tactic skills.

SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Participation and assistance with the Holy Land Pilgrimage is requested. Please bring donation items for a Silent Auction to the Grand Conclave. Donated items are appreciated, have fun bidding. Silent Auction results posted after the Grand Banquet.

IN MEMORIAM

Paul “Dale” Robinson
Grand Commander
2004-2005

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

Dale was born on June 1, 1923, to Paul and Helen Mildred (Giltner) Robinson in Des Moines, Iowa. They moved to Albia in 1927 and he attended grade school at Buxton 18 and through the 8th grade at Washington School in Albia. He graduated from Albia High School in the class of 1942. In high school he was involved in football, band, and music as he loved to sing. During school and after graduation he played trumpet in a dance band. He belonged to the United Brethren Church when he was young and was trumpeter when they went to camp and was the one that got everyone up. He later was a Boy Scout leader and took many local boys to camp. He was Scout Master and Merit Badge Councilor. He later transferred his membership to First Christian Church where he was Youth Director and member of the church board. He went to technical school where he learned to be a machinist and worked at the Rock Island Arsenal until he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. in 1943. He was sent overseas and was stationed just out of London, England at Deenthorpe Air Force Base where he flew 37 missions over Germany with lead crew in B-17 Bombers as radio navigator. He was discharged from Army Air Corp in August of 1945 and came back to Albia. He was married to Maude McGilvery on February 14, 1943,

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in Unionville, MO. To this union, 3 children were born, Ron, Jim, and Kathy. After coming home from the Army he worked as a machinist at John Deere in Ottumwa for 2 years until he went to work for CB & Q Railroad as a station agent where he was a telegrapher and radio operator. He continued at this work for 35 years. In 1948 he bought a farm east of Albia which he farmed while raising pure bred cattle, hogs and 3000 HyLine Layers as well as working on the railroad. His wife, Maude, died in 1971 and in 1972 he married Martha M. Clark who brought into this marriage 3 girls, Shirley, Janice, and LaRue. They continued to farm her farms and his as well as he continued to work for the railroad until his retirement from the railroad in 1982. He and Martha traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, and around the world having visited 67 different countries with the Dallas and Polly McGinnis Tours. He was a member of American Legion and VFW. He became a Mason and belonged to the Astor Lodge of Albia and joined the Order of Eastern Star in Albia Chapter. They were heavily involved in Eastern Star work and he was Worthy Patron of Eastern Star in Albia for 16 years and later held other offices every year since joining. He was appointed Grand Sentinel of the State of Iowa Order of Eastern Star in 1994. In 1996 he was elected Associate Grand Patron and 1997 Worthy Grand Patron of the State of Iowa. He also served on the International Temple Board in Washington, DC for 3 years for General Grand Chapter of the world. He was a member of Royal Arch Chapter, Triad Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Zerubbabel Commandery of Knight Templar of Albia. He also belonged to Order of High Priesthood, Order of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past Commander's Association, York Rite College, KYCH, and Priestly Order of the Temple, which he was still an officer at present. In 2000 he was appointed Grand Warder of Grand Commandery of State of Iowa and in 2001-2002 he was elected Captain General of Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa and proceeded up the line until he was Grand Commander Knights Templar State of Iowa in 2004-2005. He loved horses which he was been involved with since a very early age and owned a Quarter horse, Rocky, which he still rode.

The Grand Commandery of Iowa has lost several great Companions and Sir Knights this year. Dale was the Grand Commander who first asked me to take the Editor position several years ago and I was shocked and surprised when he called me having only been a Grand Officer for a couple years.