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In Memoriam

Right Eminent Sir Knight David Benton Bassett



Born: May 22, 1941

Died July 3, 2020

Served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Arkansas
2017 -2018

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Greetings, Sir Knights:



Sir Knights: Moving forward into this Templar year, RESK Tucker is again asking his officers to take turns writing articles for the "Arkansas Supplement". This month's article is from VESK Paul Craig. *Editor.*

On the 3rd of July, 2020, David B. Bassett lay down his working tools. He was a mentor, Brother and a very good friend to many. I met Dave in 2006 when he handed me a York Rite petition and told me to fill it out and get it back to him. Soon after I was baptized into the York Rite.

He called and ask me what I was doing the following Saturday. In my innocence I told I had nothing planned. He replied "Put on a jacket and tie and meet me at 6am at my house. And, by the way bring your checkbook." And so it began with Dave and I sharing a lot of windshield time together for the next several years. He was very instrumental in our Commandery receiving our charter. He is, and will be greatly missed by all of us that knew and loved him. He was commander of our local American Legion Post here in Mountain Home. He loved to share stories about his past life as a Chicago fire fighter.

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well. I also hope that

by the time you receive this we will have a better grip on this terrible pandemic. The virus probably has taken the lives of Masons and may take more. But it will not take Masonry from us. Our fraternity has outlasted popes, kings, dictators, plagues, world wars and naysayers. We just have to be patient.

With too much time on our hands lately I hope that honey do list has gotten shorter. Or maybe you have a hobby that's been keeping you busy. If not, crack open one of your ritual books and learn a part. Contact others in your York Rite bodies so everyone doesn't study the same thing. I feel it will come in handy when we return to full form. Until then, keep the faith, trust the science and stay safe. After all, we are all in this together.

VESK Paul H. Craig
Deputy Grand Commander