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SIR KNIGHTS

I am honored to have the opportunity to present the Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Master Sir Knight Benjamin as our Christmas Toastee for 2023. Sir Knight May a rich spiritual, civic and Masonic background, and is no stranger to hard work as he has worked very diligently in his efforts to lead and support the Grand Encampment of knights Templar and other National York Rite Bodies and the community in which he resides in the Jurisdiction of Kentucky. Please join me in a celebratory toast for our Toastee Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Master Sir Knight Benjamin may hailing from the Jurisdiction of Kentucky.

Biography of Benjamin F. May

- Born May 10, 1944, in Butler, AL and raised in Meridian, MS from the 4th grade.
- Attended one year of junior college but due to the death of my father and lack of funds, joined the Army in June 1963.
- Graduated from Jump School at Ft. Benning, GA on the day President Kennedy was killed. (November 22, 1963)
- Served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam as a combat medic in 1965 and 1967-1968 with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade.
- While serving in Germany, I became a Master Mason in December 1971 in Prince Hall Military Lodge No. 140 Oklahoma Jurisdiction, Frankfort, GE and joined the O.E.S. in 1972. I became a member of the Consistory and Shrine in March 1973 and the York Rite in Hopkinsville, KY in 1975. Attended Austin Peay State University 1985-1987 after retiring from the Army in December 1984.
- Worked as a LPN at Blanch-field Army Hospital, Ft. Campbell, KY from 1985 until retiring in May 2004.



Elected and Served Achievements

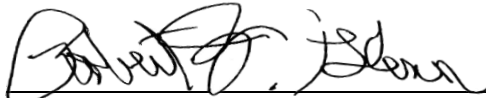
- WM Thomas A. Simms #170 Oak Grove KY 1984-Life Member
- Assistant District Deputy Grandmaster Far Western District of KY
- Worthy Patron Lily White #132 and member of Diamond Chamber #132 since 1982
- District Patron Far Western District O.E.S.
- Joshua of Bathsheba Ct. #3, Heroines of Jericho. Instrumental in getting Omega Grand Court established in KY from the jurisdiction of Indiana while serving as the Grand High Priest Holy Arch Masons of KY.
- Past Thrice III. Master of William H. Steward #31 Royal and Select Masters formally of Hopkinsville, KY. Initiated in John P. Stein #12 Royal and Select Masters Cincinnati, Ohio in 1986.
- Present member of Alison Webb Council R&SM #10 Clarksville, TN.
- Past ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Holy Royal Arch Masons of KY PHA
- Past Grand Commander 1st independent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of KY PHA
- Past Commander in Chief Phoenix Consistory #81 Hopkinsville, KY
- Served 25 years as 1 LT KY Council of Deliberation under 6 deputies. Served a number of those years as President KY Commander of the Rite. Was honored in 2009 by Deputy for the Orient Staff Sergeant
- J. Garner 1st Lt. Commander Emeritus, KY Council of Deliberation
- Past first Potentate of Rajah Temple #92, Deputy for Oasis of Hopkinsville for 18 years.
- Order of Kentucky Colonel 1991
- Member of American Legion Post #233 Oak Grove, KY since 1979
- Treasurer of Blue Grass Chapter 555th Parachute Inf. Assn. Oak Grove, KY (Triple Nickels) 1st Black Unit since 1994.
- Gold Medal KY Council of Deliberation
- Life Member 173rd Airborne BDE Combat Medical Badge and Air Force Commendation Medal E 2/17 CAV, RVN
- 196Th Light Infantry BDE. RVN Bronze Star and MSM upon retirement
- 33rd Degree Mason John W. Davis Class of 1981 Jackson, MS
- Legion of Honor memorial council A.E.A. O.N.M.S. 1997
- Life Member Society (#53) joined 1984
- Life member of Honor Imperial Council (Shrine) 2003
- Member of African Lodge #459 since 1978 certificate #164
- Honorary Member of Damascus Temple #58 Louisville, KY
- Honorary Member of John W. Freeman Grand Commandery of Knight Templars, Washington, DC
- Honorary Member of Alabama Council of Deliberation
- Past Royal Advisor Mary Edna Berry Guild #18, Bowling Green, KY
- Grand Worthy Patron Cecelia Dunlap Grand Chapter OES PHA KY 2011-2013
- Served as Deacon, Member of the Male Chorus, Senior Teacher, Adult Sunday School class of Edgefield Baptist Church, Pembroke, KY Pastor Christopher Brandon
- Commanders Award for Civilian Service upon retirement- May 31, 2004
- Honorary Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of South Carolina PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Master Grand Lodge of TN PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Officer Grand Lodge of TN PHA

- Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA and Bahamas PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Master Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA and Whit
- Knight Commander of the Temple Grand Encampment Knight USA and Whit
- Grand Magnus of the Temple College Lone Star
- Grand Commander State of Texas PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Commander of AL PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Commander of TN USA PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Commander of MS PHA
- Honorary Past Grand Commander of TX
- Member of the York Rite Cross of Honor Priory #4 TN PHA
- Honorary Past General Conference Grand High Priest of USA and Bahamas PHA
- Honorary Past Grand High Priest MS
- Honorary Past Grand High Priest TN
- Honorary Past Grand High Priest Texas
- Honorary Past Grand High Priest AL
- Honorary Past Imperial Potentate
- Honorary Member Ismid Temple No. 110, Lexington, KY
- Sovereign Grand Inspector General: Oct. 2015 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry
- Southern Jurisdiction Prince Hall Affiliation United States of America
- Served as Vice President of the Midwest Conference of Grand Chapters and Eastern Stars 2011-2013

Honors and Awards

- Knight of the York Cross of Honor 10 APR 2015
- Harry J. Spencer Priory No. 4 KYCH 10 APR 2015
- Medal of Honor ILL Albert B. Harris MD 33
- SGIG Emeritus for Kentucky
- The Bronze Star Medal 26 July 1968 for Meritorious Achievement In-Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces - Vietnam During the Period July 1967 - July 1968
- Certificate for outstanding service to the 2016 Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons
- Frederick H. Wisdom MWPGM President, Midwest Regional Conference of Grand Masters and Masons
- Darryl E. Morton Sr. MWPGM Secretary

Under the Sign of the Cross,

 RWG

Robert W. Glenn, KGC, KCT, KYGCH
30TH Most Eminent Grand Master

ATTESTED:

 KEB

Rev. Sir Kenneth E. Brown, KCT, KYGCH
Right Eminent Grand Recorder

