

General Order #7, November 9, 2021

Sir Knights:



Sir Knight Charles Livingston Welch, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander (1996) laid down his sword of Chivalry and entered the Celestial Asylum on Friday, November 5, 2021, and was laid to rest on Sunday, November 7, 2021, Beech Bluff Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sir Knight Welch was born on January 28, 1927, in Humboldt, Tennessee who was the son of Ben and Berdie Welch who preceded him in death. He was educated in Gibson and Madison County public schools and Jackson State Community College.

He was married to the former Doris Matlock on March 24, 1951. They have two children, Deborah Ballard and Edward Welch. Mrs. Doris preceded Charles in death.

SK Welch was a lifelong member of Beech Bluff Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Trustee. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and retired from Coffman's Electric Repair in Jackson. He was a member of Beech Bluff Rutarian Club serving as President in 1973, 1983, and 1994. He was Rutarian "Man of the Year" in 1992.

Bro. Welch was raised on 5/4/1950 in Spring Creek Lodge No. 193 which later became Medina No. 193. He served as Master in 1953 and 1971. He affiliated with Jackson Lodge No. 45 receiving his 50-Year pin on 5/27/2000, 60-Year pin on 5/27/2010 and 70-Year pin on 5/27/2020. In the Grand Lodge he served as Grand Steward in 1983.

Companion Welch was exalted in Clinton Chapter No. 9 on 6/4/1973 and served as High Priest in 1976. He also received the Order of High Priesthood that same year.

Companion Welch was greeted in Jackson Council No. 13 on 7/25/1973 and served as Illustrious Master in 1977. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel that same year.

Sir Knight Welch was knighted in Jackson Commandery No. 13 on 9/18/1973 where he served as Commander in 1977. He received the Knight Crusader of the Cross in 1987 and served as Knight Crusader of the East in 1992. In the Grand Commandery, he was elected Deputy Grand Commander on April 22, 1995 and was elected Grand Commander on April 27, 1996

He was a member and past Prior of Tennessee Priory No. 15, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Royal Order of Scotland, West Tennessee York Rite College No. 141, Knight Commanders Memphis Asylum No. 1 and KCCH in the Scottish Rite. He was a past Secretary of the West Tennessee York Rite Association.

It is my order that the Charters of all Tennessee Commanderies be draped at the next stated conclave in his honor.

This General Order must be read at the first stated Conclave following its receipt and made a part of those minutes.

Billy B. Young
Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Tennessee