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In Remembrance of L. Edward Villiaume III

It is with deep sadness that I report the death of our R.E. Grand Secretary, L. Edward Villiaume III. After a hard fought battle with cancer he now rests with our Lord. He will be sorely missed. We can best remember Ed from the words of his close friend, our Grand Treasurer, Carl Gilmore.

"While some may gauge a mason by the length and number of his titles, I prefer to remember Ed Villiaume by different attributes. I will remember him by the force of his dedication, determination and accomplishment. He worked closely with me for the last 4 years and I observed his willingness to sacrifice his time and treasure to leave Masonry better for him having been there. He was successful in that effort although few realize the breadth of his contribution. Most of us know that he made an effective Grand Secretary/Recorder, but few know that much of the Office Equipment was purchased from Ed's personal funds and that the time he invested was more like a full time job than part time. Further, his time was not limited to Grand York Rite, as he was an active participant in his local York Rite, Tampa Scottish Rite, St. Petersburg DeMolay Chapter, his Lodge as well as several other Appendent Orders.

I think that the true mark of success in Masonry is measured in how many people consider you as a person to emulate, an example of the way a person should be and act. In that context, I believe Ed will long be remembered as someone whose actions were not only dutiful, but in fact admirable. Masonry is indeed better for Ed Viliaume's contributions."

Thus Ed's soul is now welcomed into the open arms of the Great Architect who says, Well Done, my faithful servant.

Therefore, It is my order that a moment of silence be held in Ed's honor, by each Chapter at their next Convocation.

In Witness Thereof, I have set my hand and seal on this 17th Day of November, 2018, A: I: 2548 at Lake Mary Florida.

Harry V. Eisenberg

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

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