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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2018-24**

March 12, 2019, A: I: 2549

In Remembrance of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Virgil P. Brown, Jr.

It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the passing of Most Excellent Companion Virgil P. Brown, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida in 2000. He was called to be with the Great Architect of the Universe on March 3, 2019. Virgil grew up on a farm in rural Oklahoma. A Captain in the U.S. Army, he served at the Pentagon and Redstone which led to a career with NASA. Naturally shy, with a fear of public speaking, which he overcame with the help of The Toastmaster's Club of Titusville, he went on to a stellar Masonic career.

He was a Past Master of Merritt Island Lodge, Past Governor of the Sovereign York Rite College, Grand Secretary of York Rite Bodies, Past Sovereign Master of AMD, Past Celebrant of Rosicrucian Society, Monarch of the Grotto, just to name a few. He belonged to every Masonic organization and was the presiding officer of most of them. But he will best be remembered as an excellent ritualist, performing the roles of Principal Sojourner and King Athelstan among many others.

Virgil was a fine man and mason, honest, dependable, and loyal. He was a member of Azan Shrine, where he belonged to the Clown Unit and will be remembered as a good and hard- working clown. He will be sorely missed.

In keeping with the tradition of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida I hereby order all Chapter alters to be draped with a black cloth of mourning for a period of 30 days starting with the first Stated Convocation after receipt of this order.

In Witness Thereof, I have set my hand and seal on this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2019, A: L: 2549 at Lake Mary Florida.

Harry V. Eisenberg

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida

All men are born of Mothers — All Masons are raised by Brothers