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SIR KNIGHT STEPHEN E. WRIGHT PASSES AWAY



Sir Knight Stephen E. Wright

Sir Knight Stephen Emerson Wright died Dec. 18, 2011. Born Ellery Stephen Wright on Jan. 28, 1953 in Tarrytown, N.Y., he legally changed his name in 1997. He attended Harding Military Academy in Glendora, Calif. and later graduated from Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Wright attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. and Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from UAF in 1984. He moved to Juneau in 1993, held several jobs in fishing and marine biology including ADF&G, and received the Commissioner's Certificate for Exceptional service.

Sir Knight Wright was active in the leadership of the Alaska State Employee Association, the CBJ Fisheries Development Committee, Taku Toastmasters and was Secretary of Mt. Juneau-Gastineau Lodge 21 of Free & Accepted Masons. He was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and a life member of Anchorage York Rite Masons. He was also one of the main administrators for ASEA and Masonic scholarship programs for Juneau graduates.

Sir Knight Stephen was preceded in death by his parents, Ellery C. and Marion Wright, who are buried in a family plot in the famous Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in New York state.

Stephen is survived by his twin sisters, Helen T. "Wright" Briggs of St. Augustine, Fla., and Gail Wright Greene of Jacksonville, Fla. His significant other, Kalliopi "Emma" Pantelides, who resides in the Republic of Cyprus, also survives him. A public memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the Tlingit-Haida Community Center, 3235 Hospital Drive in Juneau.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made toward the new building fund of the Juneau Masonic Center Association, PO Box 32558, Juneau, 99803.

I would like to encourage all Sir Knights to submit articles, letters, pictures, or comments for inclusion in this supplement. Articles need to be submitted to me by the 25th of the month for the next issue (March 25th for May issue).

ANCHORAGE YORK RITE HOLDS EXTRA FESTIVAL



(L to R) New Sir Knights Scott Harrison, Hal Fimpel, Alex McLain and Jerry James being presented by Sir Knight Jack R. Newell, Past Commander of Anchorage Commandery #2.

Anchorage York Rite Masons held a special extra festival this winter to accommodate four candidates who could not attend last fall's regularly scheduled event. This class will allow them to participate in the Alaska Grand York Rite Annual gathering taking place at the Anchorage Masonic Center on March 2nd & 3rd, 2012. Many prospective candidates miss out each year because of work and family demands. We cordially welcome these new Companions and Sir Knights to our brotherhood and look forward to their active participation.