



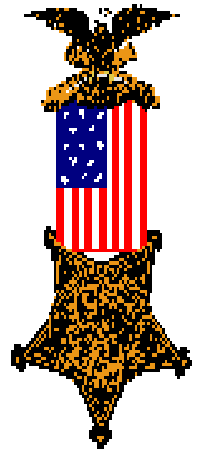
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Greetings Brothers of the Pennsylvania Department,

It is with a heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Commander-in-Chief, the Reverend Richard O. Partington on December 8, 2019 at the age of 97.

Brother Partington's Membership in our Order dates to July 2, 1938 (81 years, Life Member# 208) and he was a Member of Anna M. Ross Camp# 1 of Philadelphia. In that time, among numerous Camp, Department and National offices, he was elected:

- Camp Commander
- Pennsylvania Department Commander (1962, Erie, PA)
- Commander-in-Chief (1987, 106th National Encampment, Buffalo, NY)

Brother Partington was a lifelong, active Member of the SUVCW and SVR, having attended the 75th Reunion of the Blue and Gray in Gettysburg in 1938 and joining Philadelphia Camp# 200 that same year. He attended his first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the SUVCW in 1939 at Pittsburgh, PA. He has served on the Board of Directors and as a member of many other community organizations including the F&AM, the Welcome Society of Pennsylvania and the Union League of Philadelphia.

Brother Partington was a graduate of Temple University, holding BA, STB and STNM degrees and retired in 1984, at age 62, as Rector of St. Jude and the Nativity Episcopal Church which was organized and built under his leadership. He was married to the late Shirley (nee Thomas) Partington and is survived by S. Lynn Partington and Richard O. Partington, Jr as well as two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services and interment were private but the

Pennsylvania Department is exploring options for a graveside Memorial Service and further details will be made available as soon as possible.

I hereby order that all Member badges, Camp Charters, the Pennsylvania Department Charter and the Pennsylvania Department website be draped in black for 30 days from the issuance of this Department Order in memory of Past Commander-in-Chief Partington.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Greg Kline, DC
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