

Most Illustrious David Dixon Goodwin, KGC
of New York
The 78th Grand Chancellor of the
Grand College of Rites of the United States of America

Most Illustrious David Dixon Goodwin was elected the 78th Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America at its Annual Convocation in Alexandria, Virginia, on February 14, 2009. He was also invested with the Knight Grand Cross of the Grand College. He was nominated Grand Mareschal in 2004 by the late Most Illustrious Richard Burditt Baldwin, KGC, and served through the line.

Most Illustrious David Dixon Goodwin was born on August 15, 1949, in Johnson City, New York, to the late Mary Isabel and John Walter Goodwin. He was raised in Binghamton, NY, and confirmed in Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. He attended the Binghamton Public Schools and graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1967. He attended Broome Community College and graduated from Union University, Albany (NY) College of Pharmacy in 1972 with a B.S. in Pharmacy.

Following his graduation he was employed by CVS Pharmacy in several locations. He was the owner of four retail pharmacies in the Binghamton area from 1977-1988. He has been employed as a pharmacist at Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY, since 1988. His memberships have included local, state, and national pharmaceutical societies as well as health related community organizations, and the Endicott Rotary Club.

He married Marci Lynn Sternberg on July 15, 1979. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Samantha. They currently reside in Vestal, NY.

Right Worshipful Brother Goodwin was raised a Master Mason in Binghamton Lodge #177, F&AM, Binghamton, NY, in September of 1977. He served through the line as was elected Master in 1982. The following year he was elected Secretary, a position he held until 1999. He was named Mason of the Year by his Lodge in 1988. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Broome-Chenango District Masters Council, District Masonic Brotherhood Fund Chairman, and as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Related Organizations. He served as a director and president of the Masonic Youth Foundation of New York. He was commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Austria near the Grand Lodge of New York in September of 2000.

Right Excellent Companion Goodwin is a member of Binghamton Chapter #139, Royal Arch Masons, having served as High Priest and as Secretary for several years. He served the Grand Chapter of New York as an Assistant Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and a Custodian of the Work.

Right Illustrious Companion Goodwin was a member of Binghamton Council #24, Cryptic Masons where he served as Illustrious Master and treasurer. He is now a member of Ahwaga Council #30 following a merger. He is a member of St. George Council, Order of Anointed Kings of New York, where he served as the Thrice Illustrious Master. He was commissioned by the Grand Council of Delaware as their Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York.

Sir Knight Goodwin was Knighted in Malta Commandery #21, Knights Templar, stationed at Binghamton, now in Endicott, NY, where he served as Commander in 1988 and recorder for many years. He was Captain of the Zone Drill Team for ten years. He holds plural memberships in The Empire State Commandery #83, NY, St. George Commandery #76, Ohio, St. Bernard Commandery #41, CO, Blaney Commandery #5, IL, and Anchorage Commandery #2, AK. He is a member of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, the Knight Crusaders of the Cross, and Past Commander Associations in many jurisdictions. He holds Honorary Memberships in many Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and Grand York Rite Bodies across the country.

He served the Grand Commandery of New York as a Zone Commander, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky near New York, and was elected Grand Warder in 1991. He served through the line and was elected and installed as the 149th Grand Commander at the 186th Annual Conclave

at Suffern, NY, on September 18, 1999. Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America awarded him the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple in 1998.

Illustrious Brother Goodwin is a member and past officer of Otseningo Bodies, Valley of Binghamton, NY, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council, in Boston, MA in 2002. He is a dual member in the Valley of Toledo, OH.

He was awarded the Honorary Legion of Honor from DeMolay International and is a member of the Central New York Preceptory, LOH. He was elected a Deputy Member of the International Supreme Council in Seattle, WA in 2005. He served DeMolay International as its Grand First Preceptor 2008-9.

He was a Charter Member of the Southern Tier York Rite College #126 and served as Governor. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross in 1993 from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

He holds memberships in Christian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Past Sovereign; Charlemagne Conclave (hon), OH; Crusade Priory #57, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, holds KYGCH, 1 quadrant; Gen. Henry Knox Council #139, Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master, Red Branch of Eri; Charles Smith Council #324, AMD; Royal Order of Scotland; Star of Bethlehem Tabernacle, No.V, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, created a Past Preceptor; Good Shepherd Tabernacle, No XXX (hon); Grand College of America, HRAKTP, Grand III Pillar; Celtic Council No. XXV, Knight Masons; Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, KGC, Long Island College, SRICF, IX°; Grand College of Rites of the USA, Grand Chancellor, 2009; Kalurah Shriners; Aahmes Grotto, MOVPER; Lafayette Chapter #340, Order of the Eastern Star; Pilgrim Chapel #11 and Novum Eboracum Chapel #51, St. Thomas of Acon; Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Beneficent de la Cite Sainte. He was a Masonic Supervisor of Endicott Triangle #43, Organization of Triangles, Inc., a Masonic youth organization for girls in New York for many years.

SK William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, appointed Sir Knight Goodwin the Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeastern Department at the 61st Triennial Conclave in Nashville, TN, on August 16, 2000.

Sir Knight Goodwin was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, MO, in August 2003. He was awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple, elevated to the rank of Grand Cross Templar, and elected a Trustee of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment at the 63rd Triennial Conclave in Houston, TX in August 2006 and was elected Vice President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

He was elevated to Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment in August of 2007 upon the resignation of SK Richard Burditt Baldwin, ME Grand Master. Following a normal progression he is expected to serve as the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America during the 66th Triennium, 2012-2015.