CICULAR No. 4 (McBride)

WILLIAM EDWARD JEGEN

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2012

Born: May 13, 1944 At Rest: March 6, 2026

William Edward Jegen was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 13, 1944, to William Joseph and Elsie Mae (McClain) Jegen. Mr. Jegen received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, with honors, from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, in 1966 and his Juris Doctorate from John Marshall Law School in 1970.

He married Linda Lee Moffett in 1966. They have two children, Maria Lynn (Jegen) Brown and William David Jegen, and four granddaughters, Sierra, Cassandra, Tiffany and Kylee.

He was a trial lawyer for 42 years and President of William E. Jegen, P.C., a legal practice located in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, with an emphasis on chancery litigation and appeals to the Illinois Supreme and Appellate Courts. He served as President of the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce and on several committees of the DuPage County Bar Association, contributing articles to the Association's monthly journal, *DCBA Brief*.

His Masonic journey began in Glen Ellyn Lodge #950, where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 4, 1987. He served Glen Ellyn Lodge #950 as Master of the Lodge in 1991, and as Secretary from 1994 to 1998.

He was exalted in Wheaton Chapter #242, greeted in DuPage Council #128 and knighted in Apollo Commandery #1 on November 11, 1989. He served as High Priest of Wheaton Chapter #242 in 2008 and 2009; as Thrice Illustrious Master of DuPage Council #128 in 2006, 2010 and 2011 and as Commander of Apollo Commandery #1 in 2005 and 2006. He served as Recorder of Apollo Commandery #1 and Secretary of Wheaton Chapter #242.

In 2007, Sir Knight Jegen was elected to the progressive line of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois as Eminent Grand Junior Warden and progressed through the line to his election as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2012. His work in the York Rite was recognized in 2012 by the award of the Order of the Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, which he received in Toronto, Canada.

He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite since 1988, holding dual membership in the Valleys of Freeport and Chicago. He was a Medinah Shriner since 1990.

Sir Knight Jegen served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Knights Templar Home, in Paxton, Illinois, since 2007, and held the office of Treasurer.

Other Masonic memberships and honors include Illinois York Rite College # 15, Illinois Priory #11 Knights of the York Cross of Honor, St. Johns Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus, Tabernacle A of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Royal Order of Scotland, St. Peters Tabernacle of Knight Masons, G. Wilbur Bell Chapter Allied Masonic Degrees, Knight Preceptors, Order of the Cork and Order of the Bath.

Sir Knight William Edward Jegen ended his labor on earth March 6, 2026

Mark A. Keagle

Grand Recorder
Attest: ***Mark A. Keagle***, PGC, KCT.

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