

**General Orders No. 11  
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1. I'm saddened to report the passing of PDC Thomas L.W. Johnson, long-time co-chair of the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, on January 1st. As a 50-year member of our Order, Br. Johnson honored the memory of his ancestors, Pvt. Albert Wemble, Co. K, 3rd Iowa Inf. and Pvt. Demas L. Coe, who served in four Ohio regiments. He was a member of Henry Harnden Camp 2, Dept. of Wisconsin for over 40 years.
2. Brother Johnson's many contributions to his Camp, Department and Region were often eclipsed by his dedicated, steadfast service to the National Order's annual observance in Springfield, Illinois. His vigilance was responsible for the event's consistency and continuity. His name was and is synonymous with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremony.
3. His association with the ceremony began in 1963. Soon he and PCinC George Cashman were appointed the event's co-chairs. After PCinC Cashman's death in 1983, PDC Johnson continued to co-chair the event with PDC Robert Graham, moderating both the ceremony and the luncheon. During the past 41 years, PDC Johnson missed the observance only once.
4. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Johnson's family.

Ordered this 2nd Day of January 2005.

By Order of:  
Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
National Secretary

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