Nomination
for

International Order of DeMolay Hall of Fame

of

Kenneth Reece Farmer

Nomination Submission Deadline Date: November 1, 2015

DeMolay Alumni Hall of Fame

Nomination Form

Please read the entire nomination form before completing any information and type or print clearly all requested information.

Important:

1) Each nomination must be submitted on this official nomination form.
2) The Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction of which the nominee initiated and resides must be notified.
3) Documentation (letters and/or resumes) should be submitted but cannot be returned.
4) Nominees should NOT have any knowledge of their nomination.
5) Nominees who have been chosen for induction will be notified by the Grand Secretary of DeMolay International

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POSITION:

CHAPTER OF INITIATION: **Gainesville Chapter**

LOCATION OF CHAPTER: **Gainesville Texas**

YEAR OF INITIATION: **6/26/1957**

DATE OF BIRTH (if available): **6/18/1941**

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Please provide the information requested below and attach additional sheets if necessary.

Major career achievements:

See Attached Supporting Material

Personal Accomplishments/Awards:

See Attached Supporting Material

Membership in civic and/or professional organizations (include offices held):

See Attached Supporting Material

Based upon the above information, why do you feel that this nominee should be inducted into the DeMolay Hall of Fame?

See Attached Supporting Material

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KEN FARMER
Author, Actor, Director, Narrator

Ken Farmer, after proudly serving his country as a US Marine, Ken attended Stephen F. Austin State University on a full football scholarship, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Business and Speech & Drama.

Ken lives near Gainesville, TX, where he writes novels and records Audio books.

Ken discovered his love for acting when he starred as a cowboy in a Dairy Queen commercial when he was raising registered Beefmaster cattle and Quarter Horses at his ranch in East Texas. Ken has over 41 years as a professional actor and voice-over talent, with memorable roles in *Silverado, Friday Night Lights, The Newton Boys* and *Uncommon Valor.* For eight years, he was the on-camera and voice-over spokesman for Wolf Brand Chili.

Ken was a professional and celebrity rodeo Team Penner for over twenty years—twice penning at the National Finals—and participated in the Ben Johnson Pro-Celebrity Rodeos until Ben's death in '96.

Ken wrote *The Tumbleweed Wagon* a screenplay adaptation of his and Buck's historical fiction western, *THE NATIONS*—a Finalist for the Elmer Kelton Award. The sequel, *HAUNTED FALLS*—winner of the Laramie Award for Best Action Western, 2013— was released in June of 2013. *HELL HOLE* was the third novel in the Bass Reeves saga. The fourth, *ACROSS the RED*, featuring Brushy Bill Roberts will be released this year.

The first Audio book narrated by Ken, *HELL HOLE* is currently out in Audio. *HAUNTED FALLS* is scheduled for release in Audio.

Ken Farmer – After graduating from Gainesville High School in 1959, (the last class to graduated from Newsom Daugherty) Ken proudly served his country as a United States Marine. He attended Stephen F. Austin State University on a full football scholarship, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Business and Speech & Drama in 1964.

One of Ken's first jobs out of college, was as a sales representative for IBM in the Office Products division. He led the nation his first year...primarily because that was the year that IBM introduced the MTST—Magnetic Tape Selectric Typewriter—the first commercial word processor. It sold for $10,000. He sold ten to Johnson & Johnson in Sherman, Texas. Haven't we come a long way.

Ken always had an entrepreneurial spirit and having been raised in the oil patch…his dad drilled and pushed tools for Shell for over thirty years. Ken attended twenty-one grade schools in seven states before moving to Gainesville in 1951, but that's another story.

He and a cousin, Jim Phillips, formed their own drilling and production company—Texas Western, Inc. TW drilled and produced leases over much of west and central Texas. He sold out to his partner in '72 and went into the ranching business.

He quickly rediscovered his love for acting when he starred as a cowboy in a Dairy Queen commercial when he was raising registered Beefmaster cattle and Quarter Horses at his ranch in Athens, Texas. He said after spending about seven hours shooting the commercial, they paid him $1,700 plus residuals every time the spot showed. "Huh, they're gonna pay me this kinda money to sit on a horse and eat a hamburger…I can do this."

Ken sold his ranch and moved to Los Angeles and now has over 41 years as a professional actor—SAG/Aftra—with memorable roles *Silverado, Friday Night Lights, The Newton Boys*, *Uncommon Valor* and a plethora of episodic and TV movies of the week. He quit counting on-camera commercials at 260 and has no idea how many Industrial and Radio VO spots he has done…and is still doing. He was the OC (on camera) spokesman for Wolf Brand Chili for eight years.

Ken was a professional and celebrity Team Penner for over twenty years—twice penning at the National Finals—and participated in the Ben Johnson Pro-Celebrity Rodeos until Ben's death in '96. Ken moved back to Gainesville from Los Angeles in '90.

In 2008, Ken and Buck Stienke produced a feature length motion picture, *Rockabilly Baby*, that they shot entirely in Gainesville. Ken wrote the screenplay and directed and Buck Executive Produced.

In 2011, a friend of Ken's from the Marine Corp, John Eastman, called and told Ken that he had written a novel and asked if he and Buck could adapt it to a screenplay. Well, they said yes and to send it down. He sent down a 767 page novel…over 350,000 words. "Hell, John, why didn't you just send War and Peace?"

Thirteen weeks later, Ken and Buck tied a ribbon around a 124 page screenplay and

sent it back to John up in Pennsylvania. The script is currently making the rounds with Disney.

Ken and Buck looked at each other after they sent the script off and said, "Hell, we can write a novel." And so they did. Three months later, they finished their first, a 110,000 word military/action/techno novel, *BLACK EAGLE FORCE: Eye of the Storm*. It won best adult fiction in 2012 at the North Texas Book Festival.

That was ten novels ago and counting. He and Buck have written six novels in the Black Eagle Force series—working on number seven, *BLACK EAGLE FORCE: ISIS*. Due to be released in September.

They have also written four historical fiction westerns. *THE NATIONS* series with the lead protagonist, Bass Reeves, the first black Deputy US Marshal west of the Mississippi. The second in the series, *HAUNTED FALLS*, won the Laramie Award for Best Action Western - 2013. Ken wrote number three in the series, *HELL HOLE*, alone. Number four, *ACROSS the RED*, takes place primarily in Cooke and Montague Counties. He and Buck are currently working on number five in the series, *BASS and the LADY*. It also will be released in the fall of 2015.

Ken and Buck added a third genre in 2014, SyFy, with the release of *LEGEND of AURORA* and *AURORA: Invasion*. All together, they have written and published eleven novels and two more in the hopper…All in three and a half years totaling well over one million words.

In January of 2015, Ken started adapting all of their novels to Audio. He currently has recorded and released five of their novels through Amazon, Audible and iTunes world wide…and working on number six.

All of their novels can be found on Amazon, Barnes & Nobel and anywhere fine books are sold. Ken and Buck Stienke started their own publishing company, Timber Creek Press, LLC. Not only do they publish their own work, they also publish for six other authors…so far.

Ken also has taught acting for over seventeen years and has a nonfiction book out, *ACTING is STORYTELLING*. His students call it their acting Bible.

He is currently holding Voice Over and Writing workshops in Gainesville in addition to writing and recording audio books.

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Ken Farmer is a 1959 graduate of Gainesville High School

He is a Leopard Letterman.
He is a .United States Marine

Military Novels

Black Eagle Force is a fast-paced series of military techno-thrillers about a top secret Special Ops team created for missions that are not—and cannot—be officially approved. The Black Eagle Force is contracted to the Department of Defense to protect America's interests where ever they might be. You never saw us. This never happened. We don't exist. We are the Black Eagle Force.

"Comparable to Tom Clancy at his best" - Dwight J. Zimmerman
"Action Packed" - Phil Ward
"Sings with authenticity and action" - Jim DeFelice
"Rivoting" - Marshall Teague

BLACK EAGLE FORCE explodes out of the current day violence now occurring on the US border with Mexico, involving Mexican drug cartels and terrorists. President Annette Henry Thompson calls on the Black Eagle Force to intercept 'suitcase nuclear devices' headed to a Mexican terrorist group planning to detonate the nukes in the US. The nukes and twenty female sex slaves are being held by a notorious terrorist arms dealer and human trafficker on his heavily defended island north of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico. Dare Phillips and Mike Hermann deploy their elite Special Ops force with their unique and deadly "Black Eagle" VTOL's (Vertial tae Off and Landing) in the path of Hurricane Ellen.

Black Eagle Force - A group of patriotic, heroic men and women—elite former Special Op experts and crack pilots who protect American interests and fight evil wherever it exists. You never saw us. This never happened. We don't exist. We are the Black Eagle Force.

"High Octane Adventure" - Dwight J. Zimmerman, author of Lincoln's Last Days

President Annette Henry Thompson, has been kidnapped by Mexican and al Qaeda terrorists. SecDef Baker tasks Dare Phillips and the Black Eagle Force to go deep into the southern Sierra Madre Mountains to effect her rescue. The Black Eagle Force is in the air within thirty minutes of the abduction with their giant C-5M airborne battle carrier, four Black Eagle VTOL fighters and twenty-four members of their ground force, the Raptors, with their massive 180 pound war dog, Bear.

May God have mercy on the terrorist's souls, because the Black Eagle Force will not. Thrills, action, danger, treachery, romance, tragedy and surprises! It's all in Black Eagle Force - Sacred Mountain.

The People's Republic of China demands repayment of trillions in gold of our massive federal debt...now! President Annette Thompson refuses.
Rogue military elements within the Red Chinese government, led by megalomaniac Admiral Huang Meng secretly neutralize all of the US top line fighters, bombers and missiles. America is virtually defenseless.

With an armada larger than any seen since D-Day, Meng and his forces are set to invade the west coast of America. Their daring plan is to capture and hold California, Oregon and Washington states in payment for the multi-trillion dollar debt and their belief that China actually discovered America in 1422, seventy years Black Eagle Forceore Columbus.

With overwhelming sea and air power, including their own version of the F-22 stealth fighter and a pair of fast catamaran ultra-super nuclear carriers, the Chinese have numerical and qualitative superiority over the decimated U.S. Forces.

General Jack Stewart steps in with a bold plan to reactivate the "Old Iron" in storage at the Davis-Monthan boneyard. Can he pull off the defense of the United States with the help of forty and fifty year old aircraft? The ultra-secret and deadly Black Eagle Force is tasked to assist the interception the massive Chinese invasion fleet at all costs. The fate of America hangs in the balance.

Elephant ivory and rhino horn poachers kidnap US Senator Brietbart and his daughter Sarah in Kenya while on a photo safari. The world's largest cruise liner, Royal Pleiades, on its maiden voyage in the Indian Ocean, is hijacked north of Madagascar by al Qaeda and Somali pirates. Onboard are Mike Hermann and Mickey Williams, sons of the President of the United States, and their brides Jill McElheney and Maria Sanchez on their honeymoons. Their identities and the fact they are all operatives of the Top Secret Alpha Tier One group, the BLACK EAGLE FORCE is unknown to the hijackers—much to their sorrow.
The Black Eagle Force is tasked with dual missions—Recapture the ocean liner and rescue the Senator and his daughter. Mark Ingram, Kenyan Wildlife Service agent and former US Marine, on the trail of the kidnappers is joined by Black Eagle Force Raptors.

***BLACK EAGLE FORCE: BLOOD IVORY*, another edge-of-your-seat tale from master storytellers Ken Farmer and Buck Stienke. - Loree Lough, author of nearly 100 award-winning novels, including A MAN OF HONOR.**

President Annette Henry Thompson seeks a permanent solution to Islam's attacks on western civilization and unleashes the full fury of the US military on al Qaeda, the Somali pirates and Muslim extremists.
"We want you, General, as Commander of SOCOM (Special Operations Command), to take the helm for all other aspects of Operation Firestorm," Secertary of Defense Baker continued.
"I'm honored to accept the responsibility, Madame President, Mister Secretary. What are the Rules of Engagement?"
"There are none, General White...There are none," replied President Thompson.

The world thought the evils of Nazi Germany were gone—it was wrong. Secretary of Defense Harold Baker's plane was brought down over the jungles of Bolivia by an advanced World War II German flying wing, known as the Horton, that was thought to no longer exist. Again—it was wrong.
The Secretary of Defense and the surviving members of his party struggle to survive in the dense jungles of southern Bolivia as they await the search and rescue efforts of the Black Eagle Force. Not only do they have to deal with the dangers of the South American wilds, but also the Nazi soldiers sent from their hidden base near the mighty Andes in northwestern Argentina to locate and kill any survivors of the downed US State Department aircraft.
Will the Black Eagle Force find them in time? Has the Black Eagle Force met its match? Do the Nazis of the Fourth Reich finally succeed in their goal of world domination? Find out in Black Eagle Force: Fourth Reich.

Mark Ingram thought his days in Kenya were over. He flew all the way to Washington, DC for romance, but a military coup erupts back in Africa. His Blood Brother, Rheinhart 'Rhino' Fabian is placed in harm's way. Mark overcomes all obstacles to return, collecting a small group of international operatives to join him in the fight.

A confrontation against vastly outnumbering rebel forces led by a rogue general ensues. After the bloody 'Battle for Mobutto's Estate' and the defeat of the rebels, Mark returns to Nairobi, only to find a new enemy. The Yakuza leader who previously led the horrific poaching and smuggling operation for elephant ivory and rhino horn had a brother who has sworn revenge on his brother's killer. He sets a trap to draw Mark into his lair.

Mark finds an unexpected ally, forms a small team and sets off to Hong Kong to find and destroy the Dragon Master of the Big Circle Triad—the man ultimately responsible for the illegal poached ivory and rhino horn trade in the Orient.

Mark Ingram stands up when called. In BLOOD BROTHERS his creed is unchanged..."Anyone and everyone who stands against us".

Science Fiction Novels

"Legend of Aurora"- Inspired by Texas's Roswell Incident – 1897.

Darrell Ulysses Bone, a gifted, irascible small town detective with a rather warped sense of humor, known by all as just 'Bone', becomes involved in a 100 plus year old mystery surrounding a UFO crash near the north Texas town of Aurora.

Bone, a diminutive woman being threatened by the heavy-handed tactics of an unscrupulous oil exploration company trying to grab her land for a gas play. She is also in danger from a malevolent race of aliens known as the Reptoids.

"You have been warned," the alien said as he pointed a silver tube at Bone. A greenish beam reached out…

Bone's godfather and shaman, Padrino, deduces that the diminutive woman is actually a survivor of that legendary 1897 spacecraft crash and is stranded on our planet. "Lucy is not of this world, Bone…I believe she is indeed the missing Annuna…"

The reptilian race from Alpha Draconia, known as the Reptiods, return to Earth where they were once worshiped as Gods—first by the Atlantiens as Tehuti; Egypt as Thoth; Sumeria as Ea and finally in Mesoamerica as the Toltecs' Gukumatz; the Mayans Kukulcan and Quetzalcoatl by the Aztec.

Lucy's team of Annunaki Watchers—Grays—fail to stop the entire Reptoid fleet inside Mars' orbit. Four of the giant T-Cruisers with their fleets of Reapers and Death Globes make it past the Tyranian Superdreadnaught Maulers and head to Earth to begin a grisly harvest of human protein from their subjects.

She contacts her friend Darrell Bone in Cross, Texas and transports him into the inner sanctum of the only organization she knows of who have a chance to defeat the deadly reptilian Draconians and save Earth…The Black Eagle Force.

Has the Black Eagle Force met its match? Can they help the Gray Watchers in their eons of intense hatred for the malevolent Reptoids?