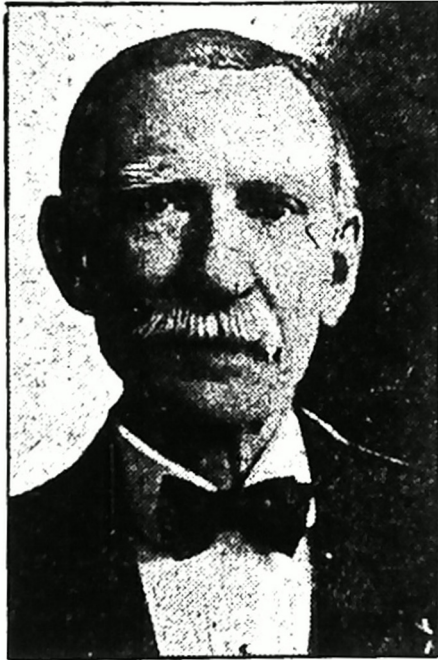


## Edward Dunn

(23 Sep 1836 – 5 Jun 1922)

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**Dunn.** At Naval Hospital, Monday, June 5, 1922, 9:35 a.m., Edward Dunn, beloved husband of Tena Dunn (nee Marks) of 512 8th street s.e. Funeral services Thursday, June 8, at 8 p.m., from Pythian Temple, where the remains will lie in state from 9 a.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.



EDWARD DUNN.

**Dunn.** The members of Franklin Lodge No. 2, Knights of Pythias are earnestly requested to be present at the funeral of Brother Edward Dunn, past supreme chancellor, Thursday, June 8, 2 p.m. at Pythian Temple.

H.F. Marshall, Chancellor Commander

**Dunn.** There will be a special meeting of Rathbone Temple, No. 8, Pythian Sisters, Wednesday evening, June 7, at 7 o'clock at Pythian Temple to arrange for the funeral of Brother Edward Dunn.

Kath. M. Baum, M.R.C.

*The Evening Star, June 7, 1922, p. 7*

### **Edward Dunn of K. of P. Order Dies in Hospital Was Longtime Resident of Washington and Prominent in Local Military Circles**

Edward Dunn, past supreme chancellor, Knights of Pythias, died yesterday at the Naval Hospital, to which he had been removed following a fracture of his hip several weeks ago. He

was 87 years of age, and has been a resident of Washington for many years, being at one time prominent in local military circles, having been drillmaster of the Washington Light Infantry and the National Rifles.

His body will lie in state in Pythian Temple tomorrow and the funeral will be held from there tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be at Congressional cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Tena Dunn; two sons, Edward L. Dunn and Charles C. Dunn, and two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Burroughs and Mrs. Jennie Buell, all of this city. He was fourth grand chancellor Knights of Pythias, 1866-1867. Mr. Dunn was born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1836. He later moved to Washington, D.C., and became a member of the Knights of Pythias, April 22, 1864, at the institution of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, in which he has held continuous membership. On March 9, 1869, the Supreme Lodge created him a past supreme chancellor for his eminent and efficient services in the early days.

Mr. Dunn received his early education in the United States Marine Corps. He enlisted November 23, 1850, to learn music, was promoted to corporal February 15, 1855; to sergeant June 1, 1855; first sergeant November 12, 1857, and to sergeant major, December 1, 1863. He was retired May 15, 1886, receiving credit for four years' additional service by act of Congress.

*The Evening Star, September 8, 1919, p. 4*

### **"Oldest" Marine Enlisted in 1850**

### **Sergt. Maj. Edward Dunn to be Feted on His 84th Birthday Anniversary**

Sergt. Maj. Edward Dunn, U.S.M.C., retired who claims the distinction of being one of the oldest, if not the oldest, living marine, is to observe his eighty-fourth birthday anniversary tomorrow evening, when a party of about fifty marines and marinettes from headquarters of the corps are to assist him in observing the occasion in a fitting manner.

Enlisting in the corps in 1850, when his father reenlisted for the third time, "Maj." Dunn, as he is called, served thirty-six years in the Marine Corps, being retired in 1886. The first commandant he recalls was Gen. Archibald Henderson, and he has served under every commandant, the corps has had since then.

Flogging was a punishment that might be inflicted by a court martial when he first enlisted, and was not abolished in the American Navy until several year later.

#### *Served on Sail Ship*

He saw the introduction of steam vessels in the Navy, his first enlistment being served on board wooden sailing ships. He has watched the development of the corps from an organization of 1,500 officers and men to its present proportions.. Among his recollections is his first duty with a recruiting detail in New York. When the dress uniform of the corps consisted of the old red swallowtail tunics, blue trouser and high shales.

After a brief training at marine headquarters here young Dunn was sent to join the guard of the old Pennsylvania, ship of the line, at the Gosport navy yard, now Portsmouth. His uniform equipment at that time consisted of a pair of black cowhided brogans, two pairs of sock's, a fatigue uniform composed of blouse and trousers of blue kersey, one white cotton shirt, a cap about the same shape as the one worn today, but with a flat top of sole leather, and a black leather stock six inches high. Penalty of cutting the stock down was a general court-martial. Underwear--well, 'Maj." Dunn says "underwear wasn't invented then, for the marines.

#### *Sailed for Mediterranean*

In July 1852, he was assigned to the guard of the sloop-of-war St. Louis and sailed for the Mediterranean. Among the passengers were three colonels of the Army detailed to act as military observers of the Crimean war. They were Col. George B. McClellan, later in command of the Union Army of the Potomac; Col. P.G.T. Beuregard, later a general in the Confederate army, and a third whom Dunn does not recall.

Detailed with a corporal of the marine guard of the St. Louis as orderlies to the military observers, Dunn was not permitted to accompany them, the British officers objecting on account of Dunn's youth. He was compelled to remain behind in charge of the head nurse of the British hospital, the famous Florence Nightingale.

After a three years' cruise on the St. Louise young Dunn, rated as a fifer, returned to headquarters, reenlisted, was sent to marine barracks at Portsmouth, N.H. and was assigned to the old Merrimac as corporal. A cruise to England, Italy and other European countries followed in the course of which Dunn was permitted to enter the school of musketry of the Papal envoy at Civitaveochi, where he received a thorough training in bayonet practice, then unknown in the American Army and Navy.

#### *Promoted to Sergeant*

Transferred to the Roanoke in 1855, Dunn was promoted to be a sergeant. Afterward, an orderly sergeant, he was transferred to the Vanoslia, on which he twice rounded Cape Horn, and participated in a fight with Fiji Islanders, in which he received two arrow wounds and was injured by a blow from a stone war club.

He took part in the capture of Harpers Ferry under command of Col. Robert E. Lee, saw service on various vessels of the southern blockading squadron and finally was promoted to be sergeant major of the Marine Corps, which rank he held until retirement in 1886.

Sergt. Maj. Dunn has been married many years, has three children and several grandchildren. Since retirement he has been employed at the navy yard, and has the record of never having missed a day on account of illness.

*The Washington Post, June 16, 1923, p. 11*

#### **K. of P. Unveil Dunn Monument Today**

The unveiling of the monument erected as a memorial to Past Supreme Chancellor Edward Dunn by the Supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, will take place in Congressional cemetery this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the marine band and addresses will be made by Past Supreme Chancellor Brig. S. Young, of Ohio and Supreme Representative Edward C. Plummer, of Maine.

Edward Dunn was a retired sergeant major of the Marine corps, of which he was a member from 1850 until 1886. He was a charter member of Franklin Lodge No. 2, K of P., instituted April 12, 1864, and was active in his lodge until his death, June 5, 1922. He was created Past Supreme Chancellor in 1898.

*The Washington Post, May 27, 1928, p. A5*

#### **Fraternal News**

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Knights of Pythias

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On Tuesday morning, June 12, members of the order will assemble at 10 o'clock at the Pythian Temple to form a caravan which will visit Arlington Cemetery, where a wreath will be placed on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and at the mast of the Maine at 11 o'clock sharp. After the ceremonies at Arlington are concluded the party will journey to Congressional Cemetery and visit the grave of Past Supreme Chancellor Edward Dunn.

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*The Washington Post, June 11, 1928, p. 2*

#### **Pythian Memorial Services Tomorrow**

The Knights of Pythias will hold memorial services tomorrow evening at 8:15 o'clock in honor of the deceased Knights at the Pythian Temple.

Supreme Vice Chancellor Alva M. Lumpkin will make the address. The Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church Quartet will provide music. At 10:15 o'clock Tuesday morning members will assemble at the temple preparatory to going to Arlington National Cemetery, where wreaths will be placed upon the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and at the foot of the Maine mast. At noon the Pythians will go to Congressional Cemetery, where the grave of Edward Dunn, past supreme chancellor, will be decorated.