

James C. Leonard

(- 28 Mar 1907)

Leonard. On Thursday, March 28, 1907 at 8:45 p.m., at Providence Hospital, J.C. Leonard, aged sixty years. Funeral from his late residence, 17 Fillmore Street, Anacostia, D.C., Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Congressional cemetery. (Newark, N.J.; New York and Brooklyn papers please copy).

Leonard. Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M. -- Special communication of the lodge to be held on Friday evening at 7 o'clock to make arrangement for the funeral of our late brother, James C. Leonard, which will take place on Sunday afternoon, the 31st instance at 2 o'clock, the members to meet at their lodge at 1 p.m. to attend the same. Dark hats, dark clothes, lambskin aprons and white gloves. By order of the master.

John H. King, Secretary

Leonard. The companions of Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons, are requested to meet at the Masonic Hall, Anacostia, D.C. at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 31, to attend the funeral of our late companion, James C. Leonard.

By order of the high priest;

Eugene E. Thompson, Secretary

Leonard. All members of the Federation of Liquor Dealers are requested to meet at Eagles' Hall, 6th and E streets northwest, Sunday, March 31, 1907, at 1;30 p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late president, Mr. J.C. Leonard.

J.G. Deponaj, Sec.

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James C. Leonard Dead

Funeral Services to Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services over the remains of James C. Leonard, who died at the Providence Hospital Thursday night, will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at his home, 17 Fillmore street, Anacostia. The services will be held under Masonic auspices and conducted by Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M. Interment will be made in Congressional cemetery.

Mr. Leonard who was in the sixtieth year of his age, was born in Newark, N.J. He left school to enter Company I of the 39th New Jersey Volunteers, with which he served until the end of the war. He was mustered out of service at Trenton, N.J., July 4, 1866. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, before Petersburg, and in other important engagements. Following the close of the war he learned the trade of hatter. He came to this city about the year 1882 and in the following year was appointed to a position in the Navy Department. He only remained at that post for a short while and resigned to take a more responsible position in the Interior Department.

After remaining in that department for five years he resigned to enter business for himself in Anacostia, where he resided until the day of his death. He was United States government inspector of fuel in the District under President Harrison and President Cleveland. He was proprietor of the Anacostia Inn, the president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of the district of Columbia and the chairman of the congressional committee of the National Liquor League at the time of his death.

Mr. Leonard was a prominent Mason, having been a member of Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M., and of Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, R.A.M. He was a director of the Uniontown Building and Loan Association and treasurer of the Anacostia Citizens' Association, besides being the chairman of the committee urging the reclamation of the Anacostia flats and a member of the Business Men's Association.

His wife and six children survive him.

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James E. Leonard's Funeral

Remains Placed in Vault at Congressional Cemetery

Funeral services over the remains of James C. Leonard, who died Thursday night at Providence Hospital, were held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his late home, 17 Fillmore street, Anacostia. The services were conducted by Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M. The order had charge of the funeral.

The members of the lodge and of Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, to both of which the deceased belonged, assembled in the Masonic Hall in Anacostia and marched thence to the late home of the deceased. Seventy members of these two organizations were in line. The funeral services were also attended by nearly a score of the members of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of this city. The members of the Masonic bodies present were marshaled by Edgar Balderston, the worshipful master of Anacostia Lodge.

The pallbearers, who were selected from the several organizations to which the deceased belonged, were as follows: George W. Bury and Charles W. Tolson, representing the Anacostia Citizens' Association; James McPherson and Isaac O. Gordon, Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; Frank T. Eno and James T. Harrison, delegated from Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M., and George A. Davidson and John H. Miller, members of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association.

The floral tributes that surrounded the casket containing the remains were numerous. Among them were pieces from the National Liquor League of America; Anacostia Lodge, No. 21, F.A.A.M.; Anacostia Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association of the District, Co. C.H. Hutcheson of the staff of the governor of Georgia, John H. Gynn of Louisville, Ky.; Daniel Loughran, James P. Quinn and many others. Hugh Dolan, the president of the National Liquor League of America, was one of those who attended the funeral, coming especially from New York to do so. Relatives of the deceased from Brooklyn, N.Y., and Newark, N.J., the latter city being his birthplace, were also in attendance. The rites of the Masonic lodge were performed at the cemetery, where the remains were placed in the vault. They will be interred, probably, Tuesday next. Mr. Leonard was in his sixtieth year and was a veteran of the civil war. He had resided in the District since 1882. His wife and six children survive him. The latter are Mrs. Nellie Hutcheson, Misses Gertrude and Mattie Leonard, Messrs. Thomas, William and George Leonard.