

Joseph H. Milans (- 12 Jul 1960)

Milans, Joseph H. On Tuesday, July 12, 1960, at his residence, 5200 Chamberlin ave., Kenwood, Md., Joseph H. Milans, beloved husband of Gertrude B. Milans; father of Albert J. Milans. Services at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Thursday, July 14, at 11 a.m. (parking facilities). Interment Congressional Cemetery.



Milans, Joseph H. (P.G.M.) An emergent communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 11 FAAM is called for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 14, 1960, at the S.H. Hines Co. Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., for the purpose of conducting a Masonic funeral service for our late Past Grand Master, Joseph H. Milans.

Russel S. Waller, Acting W.M.

Crawford C. Heerlein, Secy.

Milans, Joseph H. The members of St. John's Lodge Chapter No. 18 are hereby notified of the death of Joseph H. Milans, Past Grand Patron, on Tuesday, July 12, 1960. Services at the S.H. Hines Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw., on Thursday, July 14, at 11 a.m. Interment Congressional Cemetery.

Ruth M. Witzel, W.M.

Hester M. Helms, P.M., Secy.

The Evening Star, July 13, 1960, p. B4

Joseph H. Milans, Mason and Retired Patent Lawyer

Joseph H. Milans, 83, a retired patent attorney and former grand master of the Masons in the District, died yesterday in his Kenwood (Md.) home after a long illness.

He practiced patent law in the District for more than 50 years, much of that time in partnership with his late brother, Calvin T. Milans.

A former director of the Washington Board of Trade, Mr. Milans was the recipient of a long list of Masonic honors. A past master of St. John's Lodge No. 11, he was grand master of District Masons in 1918, grand high priest of Royal Arch Masons in 1921 and grand commander of Knights Templar in 1930.

In 1919 Mr. Milans represented the Grand Lodge of the District at the peace celebration in London. He also served as grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and in 1931 was appointed grand swordbearer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.

He was a native of Landisburg, Pa., but spent most of his life in the Washington area. During his active association with Masonic orders, a local lodge, Joseph H. Milans Lodge No. 38, was named after him.

Mr. Milans was also a past worthy grand patron of St. John's Lodge Chapter No. 18 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Bright Milans of the home address, 5200 Chamberlin avenue, Kenwood, he leaves a son, Albert J. Milans of the home address, and two brothers. Henry and William, both of the District.

Services will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in the Hines Funeral Home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

The Washington Post, July 13, 1960, p. C5

J.H. Milans Dead; Active As Mason

Joseph H. Milans, 82, an active Mason and a patent attorney in the District for over 50 years, died yesterday at his home, 5200 Chamberlin ave., Kenwood, after a long illness.

A native of Landisburg, Pa., Mr. Milans was a graduate of the old Columbian University and a member of the American Bar Association and the American Patent Law Association.

An active Mason for many years, he was an honorary member of the Joseph H. Milans Lodge No. 38 of the District which bears his name.

He was also Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia Masons, Past Master of St. Johns Lodge, Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the District and Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar. He was a member of the Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife Gertrude Bright and a son, Albert Joseph, of the home address.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday from the S.H. Hines Funeral Home, 2901 14th st. nw. Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

Harper, Kenton N., History of the Grand Lodge, 1911

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Born October 31, 1877, at Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa., and has resided in Washington, D.C. practically all his life. He was educated in the public schools and Columbian (now George Washington) and National Universities of this city; received degrees of Bachelor of Laws, 1899; Master of Patent Law, 1900, at Columbian University, and Master of Laws, 1900,, at National University; was first admitted to the practice of law before the bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia September 19, 1899, and has since become a member of the bar of many of the Federal courts including the Supreme Court of the United States; has for more than sixteen years devoted his practice to the specialty of patent law, being a member of the Patent Law Association of Washington.

He is a member of the legal Greek letter fraternity of Phi Delta Phi; is Secretary of the Dime Savings Bank, and a Director of the East Washington Savings Bank, this city.

He was initiated in St. John's Lodge, No. 11, July 27, 1900; passed August 24, 1900; raised September 28, 1900, and served as Master in 1904. He is also an honorary member of Temple Lodge, No. 32.

Received the Mark master's degree in Washington Naval Chapter, No. 6, March 3, 1903; Past Master's degree March 17, 1903; M.E. Master's degree, March 17, 1903; Royal Arch degree, April 21, 1903, and at the present time is serving as Scribe; is a member of Adoniram Council, No. 2, R. & S.M. Orient Commandery, No. 5, K.T., conferred the Order of the Temple upon him June 15, 1903, and elected him Commander in 1909.

He is a member of Martha Chapter, No. 4, O.E.S., and served as Patron in the year 1906.

He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and has for several years been a member of the following Scottish Rite bodies: Mithras Lodge of Perfection, No. 1; Evangelist Chapter, R.C., No. 1; Robert de Bruce Council, K.K., No. 1, and Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., No. 1.

He was elected Junior Grand Steward in 1908, and has been advanced to and is now serving as Grand Pursuivant.

Having already attained an enviable position in the professional and business world his unusual ability is proven, and this in connection with his record as a capable and painstaking officer in the several Masonic bodies, gives assurance of a satisfactory and brilliant administration of the office of Grand Master, to which, in the natural course of events, he may attain at an age which would rank him with the little coterie of men who have realized that ambition while comparatively young.

