

Charles J. O'Neill

(1868 – 9 Oct 1933)

O'Neill, Charles J. Suddenly, on Monday, October 9, 1933, Charles J., beloved husband of Maud Franklin O'Neill and father of Miss Mildred O'Neill. Funeral from his late residence 2728 34th st. n.w., on Wednesday, October 11 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment Congressional Cemetery.



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Charles J. O'Neill Burial Tomorrow Rev. C.T. Warner Will Officiate at Funeral of Prominent Patent Attorney

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow for Charles J. O'Neill, prominent patent attorney and past grand master of District Masons, who died yesterday at his home, 2728 Thirty-fourth street. After the rites to be held at the residence, interment will be in Congressional Cemetery. Rev. C.T. Warner, rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, will officiate.

The attorney was stricken with a heart attack yesterday morning, shortly before he was to have gone to his office in the McGill Building. He had a second and fatal attack shortly after 1 p.m.

Native of District

Mr. O'Neill was a native of Washington and was educated in the public schools here and at Lehigh University and National University Law School. He held degrees of electrical engineer and doctor of laws.

Entering the Patent Office in 1893, while still in school, Mr. O'Neill served about seven years as a patent examiner before joining the firm of Pennie & Goldsborough patent

lawyers as an employee. He became a member of the firm in 1905 and took over the business in 1918. In recent years the firm was known as Ritter, Mechlin & O'Neill.

His Masonic connections included service in every grand line station as well as membership in the various Masonic bodies of the District. He was a member of the Columbia Country Club, the University Club, the Rotary Club, Tau Beta Pi Fraternity and Sigma Nu Phi Fraternity and was president of the Rotary Club here in 1920-21.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Maude Franklin O'Neill, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Mildred O'Neill.

Kenton N. Harper, History of the Grand Lodge and of Freemasonry in the District of Columbia, 1911 **Junior Grand Steward, 1911**

The subject of this sketch, whose election filled out the roster of Grand officers for the Centennial year, was born in Washington, D.C., June 15, 1869, and has resided therein during his entire life.

His early education was acquired in the local public schools. In 1893 he was graduated from Lehigh University with the degree of Electrical Engineer and in 1903 from the National University Law School, of this city, with the degree of LL.B.

He is at present in enjoyment of a lucrative practice as attorney-at-law and counselor in patent causes. He is a member of the University Club of Washington.

Bro. O'Neill brings to his career as an officer of the Grand Lodge equipment of the highest order. His analytical mind united with his ability as a clear and convincing reasoner has for a number of years given him unusual weight in the counsels of the Fraternity, while his demonstrated executive ability, cultivated intellect, and dignified yet affable demeanor give assurance that his administration of the offices which in the natural order of things lie before him will be eminently successful.

He was initiated in Acacia Lodge, No. 18, June 26, 1894; passed, July 24, 1894, and raised August 28, 1894; served as Worshipful Master for the Masonic year of 1896, and as Secretary, 1898-1902.

He was exalted in Washington Naval R.A. Chapter, No. 6, October 23, 1894; was knighted in Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K.T., May 3, 1895, and demitted therefrom to become a charter member of Orient Commandery, No. 5, October 19, 1895.

He became a member of Martha Chapter, No. 4, O.E.S., March 18, 1898; served as Patron thereof for 1899, and as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, O.E.S., D.C., for 1902. He was elected Junior Grand Steward, December 27, 1910.