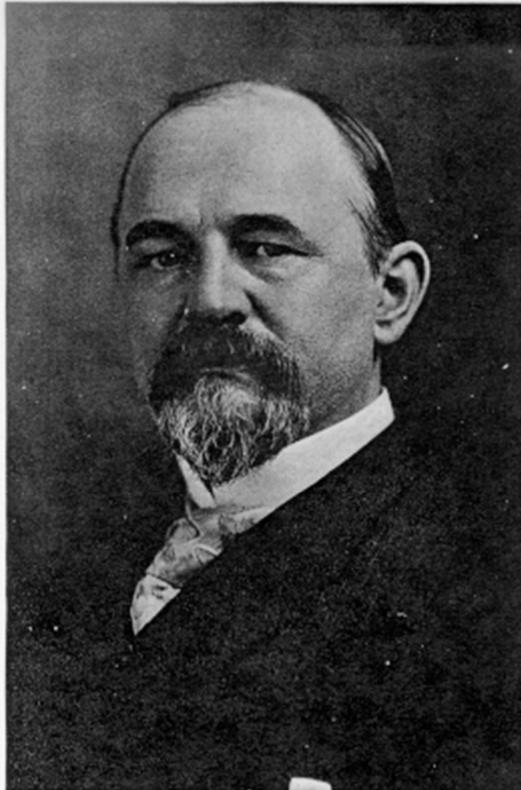


## George Clarke Ober

(17 Apr 1860 – 25 Feb 1920)

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**Ober.** February 25, 1920 at 6 a.m., Dr. George Clarke Ober, son of the late John and Frances L. Ober. Services Saturday from his late residence, 125 B street southeast.

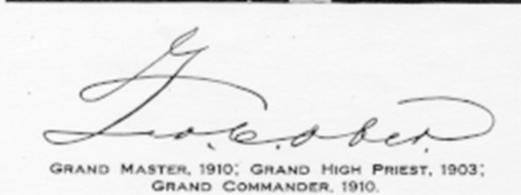


*The Evening Star, February 25, 1920*

### **Dr. G.C. Ober Dead; Prominent Mason District Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery to Officiate at Funeral**

Dr. George C. Ober, for many years a prominent physician of Capitol Hill and a past grand master of Masons of the District of Columbia, died at Providence Hospital this morning at 6 o'clock, following an attack of erysipelas early in January. The funeral will be held at the residence, 135 B street southeast, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The Grand Lodge of Masons and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar will officiate. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

Dr. Ober was born in Washington, April 17, 1860, and was educated by private tutors, graduating from the Emerson Institute in 1878. The following year he began the study of medicine at the medical college of Georgetown University, and was graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1882. He served a year as resident physician at the Children's Hospital. In 1883, after which he began the private practice of his profession.



### *Professional Positions*

From 1891 to 1903 he was professor of materia medica and therapeutics in the medical department of the National University and upon the passage of the medical practice act by Congress in 1896, he was appointed by the District Commissioners a member of the board of medical examiners, serving as secretary to the board for nine years and afterward as its president. He is an ex-president of the board of medical supervisors for the District, having served for four years or more as its secretary. He also served as secretary and as first vice president of the Medical Association of the District, as chairman of the judicial council of the American Therapeutical Society and was for many years a member and also president of the board of counselors of the Medical Association of the District.

### *Masonic Honors*

He has been grand master of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., grand high priest of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons and grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the District, holding the last two offices at the same time during 1910.

He was made a Master Mason in Naval Lodge, No. 4, of this city, in 1889; a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Naval Chapter, No. 7, in 1890, and was knighted in Washington Commandery, Knights Templar, in September, 1891; affiliating, as a charter member, with Orient Commandery, No. 5, and being its first captain general, in October, 1895. He was master of his lodge in 1899, high priest of his chapter in 1894, and commander of Orient Commandery in 1898. He was also a past president of the Convention of Anointed High Priests, a member of Adoniram Council, Royal and Select Masters, and of the Masonic Veteran Association, as well as of Almas Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

He is survived by a son, Lieut. George C. Ober, jr.; a brother, John R. Ober, and three sisters, Misses Eleanor R., Clara V., and Frances A. Ober.

*History of the Naval Lodge, No. 4, F.A.A.M.*

**George Clarke Ober**, Worshipful Master in 1899, was born in Washington, D.C., April 17, 1860; educated by private tutors and graduated with honors from the Emerson Institute in 1878; in 1879 began the study of medicine at the Medical College of the Georgetown University, from which he graduated in 1882, winning the highest honors of his class, together with a handsome prize offered by the faculty; after a years' service as a resident physician of the Children's Hospital, he engaged in private practice, in which he has won an enviable reputation. In 1891 he was elected Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medical and Dental Departments of the National University, which chair he still occupies. Upon the organization of the Board of Medical Examiners of the District of Columbia, in 1896, he was appointed Secretary, and has served continuously as such ever since. He has also served as secretary and first vice-president of the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, and as chairman of the Judicial Council of the American Therapeutical Society. He was made a Master Mason in Naval Lodge, No. 4, April 18, 1889; exalted in Washington Naval R.A. Chapter, No. 6, May 29, 1890; knighted in Washington Commandery, No. 1, K.T., Sept. 23, 1891, and became a charter member of Orient Commandery, No. 5, K.T., Oct. 19, 1895; was High Priest of his Chapter in 1894, and Commander of his Commandery in 1898. He has been an officer of the Grand Lodge since 1899, and now holds the chair of Senior Grand Deacon. In the Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons he served from 1896 to 1903, in which latter year he held the rank of Grand High Priest. In the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar he has served as an officer since 1903, and now holds the office of E.G. Sword Bearer. He is also a member of Almas Temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine. W. Brother Ober was married March 31, 1891, but had the misfortune to lose his wife within a few years. He has one son, a promising lad of thirteen.

*Harper, Kenton N., History of the Grand Lodge, 1911, p. 403-404*

**Grand Master, 1910**

Brother Ober, son of the late John and Frances Ober, is a native of the jurisdiction over which he has presided. Born in Washington, April 17, 1860, he was educated by private tutors and graduated at the Emerson Institute in 1878. The following year he entered upon the study of medicine at the Medical College of the Georgetown University, from which he graduated with the highest honors of his class in 1882. After serving a year as resident physician of the Children's Hospital, in 1883 he engaged in private practice, in which he was won distinction and success. From 1891 to 1903 he was Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the Medical Department of the National University. Upon the passage of the Medical Practice Act in 1896 and the organization of the several Boards authorized thereby, he was appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a member of the Board of Medical Examiners, elected Secretary thereof, and served in that capacity for nine years, when he was elected to the office of President, which he still holds. He is an ex-President of the Board of Medical Supervisors of the District, and for the last four years its Secretary. He has also served as Secretary and as First Vice-

President of the Medical Association of the District of Columbia; as Chairman of the Judicial Council of the American Therapeutical Society, and is an ex-President and for many years a member of Board of Counselors of the Medical Association of the District.

Bro. Ober is a ready, easy, and forceful speaker, a man of dignified yet pleasing personality and polished manner, and possessing, as he does in an unusual degree, a judicial mind and sound judgment, has won an enviable reputation as an able executive and presiding officer.

These qualities have brought to him the rather unique distinction of having filed, in addition to the office of Grand Master, the positions of Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of the District of Columbia, being the incumbent of the latter office at the date of this publication. It is also sufficiently unprecedented to be worthy of note that from May until December 1910 he ably filled both the chairs of Grand Master and Grand Commander.

M.W. Bro. Ober was made a Master Mason in Naval Lodge, No. 4, April 18, 1899; exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in Washington Naval Chapter No. 6, May 29, 1890; knighted in Washington Commandery, No. 1, September 23, 1891, and became a charter member and the first Captain-General of Orient Commandery, No. 5, October 19, 1895. He was Master of his lodge in 1899, High Priest of his chapter in 1894, and Commander of his commandery in 1898, and his term of service as presiding officer of each body was notable for its prosperity.

In the Grand Lodge he served a full term in every chair from Junior Grand Steward to Grand Master. He was elected Grand Commander in May 1916, after serving successively in the various subordinate offices.

In the Grand Chapter, R.A.M. he filled every station from Grand Master of the Second Vail, with the exception of Grand Captain of the Host, and was Grand High Priest in 1904.

He is Past President of the Convention of High Priests and a member of Adoriam Council, No. 2, R. and S.M., of the Masonic Veteran Association, and of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine.