

Lemuel Towers, Jr. (1862 – 3 Mar 1933)

Towers, Lem. On Friday evening, March 3, 1933, at his residence 1870 Wyoming ave., after a brief illness, Lem, beloved husband of Annie Burke Towers and father of Mrs. Arthur Hill of Dallas, Tex., and Lem. A. Towers of Albuquerque, N. Mex. Funeral services will be held Monday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m., at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 3rd and E sts n.w. Interment at Congressional Cemetery.



Towers, Lem. A special communication of the Grand Lodge, F.A.A.M., of the District of Columbia, will be held at Masonic Temple, 13th st. and N.Y. ave., n.w., on Monday, March 6, 1933, at 1:45 p.m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Past Grand Master Lem Towers. By order of the grand master.

J. Claude Keiper, Grand Secretary

Towers, Lem. The members of Association of Oldest Inhabitants are requested to attend the funeral of our late associate, Lemuel Towers, from Scottish Rite Cathedral, 3rd and E sts.. N.w., Monday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m.

Theodore W. Noyes, President

J. Eliot Wright, Secretary

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Gets Masonic Post

Lem Towers Named Masonic Secretary

Succeeds to Post Made Vacant by Death of the Late Stirling Kerr

Lem Towers, jr., prominent in both the York and Scottish Rite branches of Free Masonry, has been designated as secretary of the local Scottish Rite bodies of Washington, succeeding the late Stirling Kerr, the action being taken by Ellwood P. Morey, deputy for the Supreme Council within the District of Columbia, after conference with the executive committee and the board of trustees.

Mr. Towers is a thirty-third degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, in which he has headed its several bodies as venerable master of Kadosh of Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S. in 1923, as venerable master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection 1925, as commander of Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh in 1927, and as wise master of Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix in 1928.

In the York Rite of Free Masonry Mr. Towers was grand master of Masons in the District of Columbia in 1913, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1915, and grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, in 1916. He was master of Potomac Lodge, No. 5, in 1907, and secretary of the Masters' Association of that year, high priest of Potomac Chapter, No. 8 in 1905 and eminent commander of Potomac Commandery, Knights Templar, in 1906. Mr. Towers also has honorary membership in Temple-Noyes Lodge, No. 32, F.A.A.M., and in DeMolay Commandery, No 4, Knights Templar.

Mr. Towers has for the past eight years been private secretary to Charles H. Burke, who recently retired as commissioner of Indian Affairs. He resides at 1870 Wyoming Avenue.

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**Lem Towers Dies; Prominent Mason
Lifelong Resident of District Expires at 71 After Brief Illness**

Lem Towers, 71, prominent Mason, die yesterday at his home, 1870 Wyoming avenue, following a brief illness.

A lifelong resident of Washington, Mr. Towers was well known in both the York and Scottish Rite branches of Free Masonry. He was past grand master and past high priest of District Masons.

In June, 1929, he succeeded the late Sterling Kerr as secretary of the local Scottish Rite and a former head of several of its bodies. He was venerable master of Kadosh of Albert Pike Consistory, M.R.S., in 1923; venerable master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection in 1925; commander of Robert de Bruce Council of Kadosh in 1927, and wise master of Evangelist Chapter Rose Croix in 1928.

Grand Master in 1918

In the York Rite of Free Masonry, Mr. Towers was grand master of Masons in the District of Columbia in 1918, grand high priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in 1915 and grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, in 1916.

He was master of Potomac Lodge No. 5 in 1907, and secretary of the Masters Association of that year; high priest of Potomac Chapter, No. 8, in 1905, and eminent commander of Potomac commandery, Knights Templar, in 1906.

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**Lem Towers Rites Set For Tomorrow
Funeral Service for Distinguished Mason of D.C. Scheduled at 2:30**

Funeral services for Lem Towers, 71, prominent Mason who died Friday at his home, 1870 Wyoming avenue will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Third and E streets. Rev. Dr. Charles Warren of St. Alban's will officiate.

Burial will be in Congressional Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be the grand master of District Masons and past grand masters. Active pallbearers will be representatives of the various Masonic lodges of which Mr. Towers was a member.

Mr. Towers was past grand master and past high priest of Masons in the District. He had also held office in many other Free Masonry organizations.

Mr. Towers' father, Lem Towers, sr., headed the first company of soldiers to leave here during the Civil War. A brother, John Towers, was mayor of Washington from 1854 to 1856.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Annie Towers; a son, Lem A. Towers of New Mexico, and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hill of Dallas, Tex.

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**Rites for Towers To Be Tomorrow
Capital Mason Is Survived by Wife, Daughter and Son**

Funeral services for Lemuel Towers, 71, widely known Mason, who died Friday at his home, 1870 Wyoming avenue northwest, will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Third and E streets northwest. Interment will be in Congressional Cemetery.

For many years, Mr. Towers, a native of Washington, had been identified with local Masonic activities. Among the many offices he held was past grand master of Masons in the District and also past high priest of District Masons.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Towers; a son, Lem A. Towers, connected with Indian affairs in New Mexico, and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur Hill, of Dallas, Tex.