

John Henry VonHermann (28 Feb 1861 – 26 Jun 1922)

VonHerrmann. Suddenly, Monday, June 26, 1922 at 1:30 p.m., John Henry, beloved husband of Rita Schroeder von Herrmann. Funeral from his late residence, 524 9th street s.e., Thursday, June 29 at 2:30 pm., thence to Christ Episcopal Church, 620 G street s.e. where services will be held at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

VonHerrmann. A special communication of Hope Lodge #20 will be held in lodge room #2, New Masonic Temple, Thursday, June 29 at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of our deceased brother, Past Master, John H. VonHerrmann.

Leon Pretzfelder, Master

Attest, W.A. Craig, Secretary

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High Mason Dies

John H. VonHermann, Recipient of Highest Honors

Apoplexy Victim

John Henry von Herrmann, recipient of the highest honors Masonry can pay, inspector general, honorary thirty-third degree, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction. Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and employee of the navy yard for more than thirty years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon of apoplexy. He was taken ill suddenly at his home 524 9th street southeast, and died while being removed to Emergency Hospital.

Mr. von Herrmann was born February 28, 1861, in New York city. He was the son of the late Capt. Charles von Herrmann, United States Army. He came to this city thirty-three years ago and soon afterwards was employed at the navy yard here. At the time of his death he was a master mechanic in the sight shop.

Joined Hope Lodge

Soon after obtaining the degree of master Mason in Hope Lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M., Mr. von Herrman entered the Scottish Rite. He received his thirty-second degree October 8, 1898, and was made knight commander of the Court of Honor, October 11, 1911. He received the thirty-third and last degree of the Scottish Rite, October 19, 1917. Mr. von Herrman became an authority on the ritual, and for many years had officiated continuously in the degree work from the fourth to the thirty-second. Before his death, he was director of the work of the Scottish Rite for all the bodies of that organization in this city.

Mr. Von Herrman held the highest offices in many of the bodies. He was past master of Hope Lodge, No. 20, past master of Mithras Lodge of Perfection, past wise master of Evangelist Chapter, Rose Crois, past commander of Robert de Bruce Council, past commander-in-chief of Albert Pike Consistory No. 1; member of Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and inspector general honorary thirty-third degree, A.A.S.R. In the York Rite, he was a past high priest of Eureka Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons.

Marks Two Deaths

Mr. von Herrman's death marks the passing of two thirty-third degree Masons during the last three weeks, the other being that of Canon William Tayloe Snyder, chaplain of the Scottish Rite, who died at the Cathedral Close, also a victim of apoplexy. Out of tribute to the former's memory the meeting last night of Evangelist Chapter, Rose Crois, was postponed. Stirling Kerr, secretary of the Scottish Rite bodies, today eulogized the life of Mr. von Herrman. He stated that he was one of the greatest workers for the fraternity in the city.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence, 524 9th street southeast, under the auspices of Hope Lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M. Services will then be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 720 G street southeast. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery. Because of the two services, the Blue Lodge and the Episcopal, it is not decided as yet whether one will be held by the Scottish Rite.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Rita Schroeder von Herrman; a daughter, Mrs. John Ellis of Los Angeles, Calif., and a brother Charles von Herrman of Atlanta, Ga.

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VonHermann Rites Today

Hope Lodge to Hold Masonic Services for Master Naval Mechanic

Funeral services for John Henry von Hermann, one of Washington's highest Masons and for 33 years an employe of the navy yard, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at his residence, 524 Ninth street southeast. The services will be under the auspices of Hope lodge, No. 20, F.A.A.M. Rites will then be held at Christ Episcopal church.

J.H. von Hermann, a resident of Washington for 33 years, died suddenly Monday afternoon on his way to the Emergency hospital, after an attack of apoplexy. He had been inspector general, honorary 33d degree, supreme council, southern jurisdiction, of the Scottish Rite and was a master mechanic in the sight shop of the navy yard. Interment will be in Congressional cemetery.