

THOMAS BENNETT LAMBERT, 33°

Born at Wellington, Ohio, December 4, 1864

Died at Chicago, Illinois, January 9, 1928

After ailing for a period of several years, though it was not considered of a particularly serious nature, Illustrious THOMAS BENNETT LAMBERT, 33°, suddenly departed this life, at his late residence, 3338 Walnut Street, Chicago, on the morning of January 9, 1928.

Brother Lambert was born in Wellington, Ohio and there received his early schooling, later he matriculated and was graduated from Cornell University and engaged in electrical engineering. He continued his studies in telegraphy, telephony, photography, moving pictures, radio, heat and light transmission and allied lines and became a leading authority over a wide range of modern engineering subjects. For a long period he was employed in the engineering department of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company of Chicago, where he remained up to the date of his demise.

In fraternal circles Brother Lambert was well known and ever active. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Lake View Lodge No. 774, A. F. & A. M., April 23, 1907 and was Master of Lake View Lodge in 1914. He was a member of Washington Chapter No. 43 R. A. M. Knighted in Chicago Commandery No. 19 Knights Templar August 3, 1910.

The degrees and grades of the Scottish Rite were conferred upon him in the bodies of the Rite in the Valley of Chicago, concluding with the 32°, November 19, 1908. He was electrician in charge of the lighting effects in the degree work since his joining the Rite.

He was crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector-General, 33°, September 18, 1923.

He joined Medinah Temple of Chicago March 26, 1909, and since that time took an active part in the electrical effects and stunts.

In all of his Masonic affiliations "Tom" Lambert was always a regular, rarely failing to be present at meetings and taking an active part whenever called upon for his services.

He was an Associate member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois and would have been transferred to the Active membership class upon the completion of his twenty-one years Masonic affiliation in April, 1928.

Personally Illustrious Brother Lambert was a lovable character, a student of exceptional versatility, a lover of good literature, art and all that is beautiful, a poet of no mean caliber, yet rarely given to poesy; reserved in the presence of strangers yet frankly witty and entertaining when surrounded by his familiars. Square as a die and honest as the day is long was often said of "Tom" Lambert.

Services over the remains were held in Graceland Cemetery Chapel, under the auspices of Lake View Lodge, January 11, 1928.

Brother Lambert is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Lambert Carl, of Chicago.

WM. J. BARTHOLF, 33°