

Bro. J. D. CLARKE, B.A., S.V.C.R.



BRO. CLARKE was born on the 18th June, 1860, at Newtonville, Ohio. At the early age of seventeen he entered the National Normal University, and graduated therefrom in 1882. After travelling extensively for some years, he commenced the study of law in 1885, and was admitted to the Bar a year later. During the six succeeding years he filled several official positions of importance, and in 1892 he commenced practising law in Dayton, Ohio, where he now stands at the top of his profession. In his profession he is noted for his argumentation, forensic and oratorical ability and his skilful manner of addressing judge and jury. Though he has early risen to fame in his chosen calling, the high position he has held and now holds in fraternal societies show that his time has not always been devoted to business. He has frequently been elected to positions of importance in the Knights of Pythias and Masons, and at present holds the position of Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger of our Order, to which he was elected by a large majority at last Supreme Court meeting. He has been an active worker for our Order, and has done much towards placing Ohio amongst the first States in our Order. His voice has often been heard in the Supreme Court, where his persuasive arguments and eloquent utterances have ever commanded the most rapt attention. While few of our members in Ottawa have had the pleasure of hearing his sonorous voice, we are certain he will be a welcome guest not only to our companions and brethren but all who may have the pleasure of hearing him.