

The next distinguished Brother that I will make mention of, whose loss we must deplore, was a member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Illustrious Brother KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSLAER, who died at California, Ohio, on the 29th day of January last.

I quote from the record of the Sov. Grand Commander of that Jurisdiction, Illustrious Brother H. L. PALMER, 33°, viz.:

"Illustrious Brother VAN RENSSLAER was born at Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York, September 9th, 1801. Immediately after attaining his majority he was initiated, passed and raised, in Mount Moriah Lodge No. 245, in Otisco, Onondaga Co., N. Y., and then commenced his long, active and useful Masonic career, extending through more than half a century, during which he advanced through all the grades of Masonry recognized in this country. He was an active, zealous laborer, and was honored with official trust in each of the various organizations of our great Brotherhood. While yet a young man, and, if my information is correct, as early as 1824 and 1825, he received the grades of the A. A. Rite to and including that of Prince of Jerusalem, in Yates Lodge of Perfection, and Yates Council of Princes of Jerusalem in Amber, Onondaga Co., N. Y. He received the degrees, from the 19° to the 32° inclusive, in the city of New York, from J. J. J. GOURGASS, 33°, M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander, in 1843. He became M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander in 1862, which position he held until he vacated it by resignation on the 17th of May, 1867. His services to the Ancient Accepted Rite, in this Jurisdiction, during his long connection with it, can scarcely be over estimated. It is said by one who was intimately associated with him in his Masonic labors for many years, and who is well qualified to speak of his services, that 'undoubtedly he did more than any other man, dead or alive, towards popularizing the Ancient Accepted Rite.'

"Brethren, when such a man is removed from our councils it is meet that, while we mourn his loss, we testify to the world our love and respect for him and our appreciation of his character and services."

I turn again to the Southern Jurisdiction, and refer to the loss of one of its distinguished members, Ill. Brother GEORGE STODART BLACKIE, 32° and 33° Elect, and our Ill. Brother PIKE, 33°, thus speaks:

"DEAR BRETHREN: Death forgets us who are old and of little use, and cruelly takes from those who love them, and from those who know not how they are to do without them, others who, having come to the maturity of their powers, are in the prime of their usefulness, best fitted to be the benefactors of men, and with whom the world is loth to part.

"Such a Brother we have just lost, whose ripe intellect and accumulated stores of varied knowledge, with tenacious fidelity to his convictions, intense earnestness in action, confidence in himself, loyalty to the Scottish Free-masonry, zeal, energy and readiness made him most valuable to us.

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