

entrusted by the King Victor Emmanuel with a hazardous enterprise against Venice, proof of great confidence in him, which failed on account of the reverse at Lissa; and afterwards, declining the place of Adjutant di Campo, offered him by the King, he was retired, and devoted himself to Masonry and the service of his fellow-men.

King Victor Emmanuel and Garibaldi held him in great esteem, and the latter, just before his death, sent a telegram inquiring as to the condition of his health, and the old hero, his face lighting up and his eyes luminous, said, "Let His Majesty know that if I shall continue to live, I will, as in the past, give my blood, without stint, for the House of Savoy."

King Humbert, when in his youth, in 1864, he was Prince of Piedmont, was the pupil of the aged DE MILBITZ.

Citizen of Italy by adoption, he had won that title with his blood in the war for Italian independence; and was honored also by citizenship in the municipalities of Rome, of Palermo and of Santi Maria di Capua, having registered his name in history, by the side of that of Garibaldi, at Volturmo, on the 1st of October, 1860; and his Division, at the battle of Santi Maria di Capua, by its tenacious resistance, decided the fortune of the day.

The Freemasonry of Torino, Genova and Milano was largely represented at his funeral, a notable feature in that magnificent demonstration.

During all his life he was well deserving of honor, being modest and virtuous, as well as brave and energetic, always the soldier of liberty, not ambitious, just, loyal, frank, straightforward, independent, generous and magnanimous, and a zealous and ardent devotee of Freemasonry.

ALBERT PIKE, 33°,  
Grand Commander.

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[APPENDIX E.]

Portion of a circular letter of Ill.: Bro.: ALBERT PIKE,  
Sov.: Gr.: Commander Sup.: Council S.: J.:, U. S. A.,  
on the death of the Grand Prior of that Council, Ill.: Bro.:  
WILLIAM LETCHER MITCHELL.

At the last Session of our Supreme Council, notwithstanding his age and infirmity, which might well have been pleaded by him in excuse for declining to undertake a long journey, there came to meet with us from Georgia our dearly beloved and venerable Brother, the oldest man among us all, and Grand Prior of our Supreme Council, WILLIAM LETCHER MITCHELL, frail and feeble, but zealous and devoted as ever.

On the 20th of October we parted with him, promising to visit him in his home in Athens in a little while, and thinking that we might venture to hope that