

# Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota

## Office of Grand Master

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Minneapolis, Minn., March 1st, 1920.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, and  
the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges:

Brethren:—

It is with profound sorrow that I officially announce to you the death of our Past Grand Master,

### Albert Berg

which occurred at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 13th, 1920.

Bro. Berg was born at Center City, Minnesota, on June 25th, 1861. His parents were early settlers coming to this state in 1852. When he grew up to boyhood he worked on his father's farm and attended the common school of Chisago County until fifteen years of age. In 1876 he entered Carleton College at Northfield, where he was a student for two years; during the next three years he was a student at Gustavus Adolphus College at St. Peter; he then entered the newspaper field and worked on the Fargo Argus for three years. In the years 1884-5-6 he taught school in Chisago county, and in the fall of 1886 was elected Register of Deeds of Chisago county and served in that office for eight years.

In 1892 he was elected as delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis, and at several other National Conventions of the party he served as reading clerk, his strong, clear and forcible voice making him a valuable and prominent figure in the sessions of the conventions.

In 1894 he was nominated in the Republican State Convention to the office of Secretary of State and elected at the annual election in November. He held that office for six successive years, being re-elected in the elections of 1896 and 1898. He was the first native born officer to hold a state office in Minnesota.

Having moved his residence to Rosseau county he was elected a member of State Legislature of 1901, from the sixty-third district, by a decided majority, overcoming the strong opposition of the Populist party which was then a potent factor in state politics in that portion of the state.

From 1900 to the time of his death he was engaged at Warroad, Spooner, Minneapolis and St. Paul in the banking and insurance business, and served one term as mayor of the Village of Spooner.

Bro. Berg was made a Mason in 1890 in Zion Lodge No. 55, at Taylor's Falls, Minn.; a Royal Arch Mason in Washington Chapter No. 17, at Stillwater, in 1908; a Royal and Select

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Master in Duluth Council No. 6, at Duluth in 1910; and was created a Knight Templar in Duluth Commandery No. 18, in 1910. He was also a 32d degree member of the Duluth bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and of Aad Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Duluth.

He was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota in 1910 and was elected its Grand Master in 1917.

He was a member of the Lutheran Church and affiliated with the Elks, Knights of Pythias and other fraternal orders.

In 1899 he was married to Lillian R. Peltier, who survives him.

Bro. Berg came from hardy and patriotic stock, his father, Jonas Berg, having laid down his life for his newly adopted country as a Union soldier in Company D, Third Minnesota Regiment. At the reunion of that regiment in 1895 his son, Albert Berg, was made an honorary member of the regimental association.

He was a man of strong and forcible character and a true and loyal citizen of his country. His very presence brought rays of sunshine; his genial disposition warmed the hearts of others in good fellowship. Happy and truly considerate at all times, his friends were his bosom companions. Ever ready to help, to encourage, to lift up, his arms were open and his heart warm for those he loved. Gentle, modest, considerate, sympathetic, helpful, persistent in duty, unyielding in principle; in every fibre of his being, in every emotion of his heart, in every impulse of his soul, an example of God's exalted handiwork,—a noble man. He was prepared for, and welcomed the summons of the Supreme Grand Master to be translated from his suffering in this imperfect world to the perfectness of the Celestial Lodge above. God's finger touched him and he slept. He has exchanged his craftsman's trowel for a harp of celestial sound and a gavel of eternal power. Hail and farewell, loving heart; husband and brother! Good Night! Tomorrow, thou shalt bid us Good Morning!

As a mark of our love and esteem let this memorial be read in each Lodge in this jurisdiction at the first Stated Communication after its receipt, proper record thereof made in the minutes and the usual emblems of mourning displayed for thirty days.

E. A. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Master.

Attest:

*John Lischel*

Grand Secretary.



