

In Memoriam

OF

Brother John W. Akin

Past Junior Grand Warden

Grand Lodge of Georgia, F. & A. M.

Office of GRAND MASTER

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TO THE MASONS OF GEORGIA :

Another shining light in Georgia Masonry has been extinguished. In the City of Cartersville, on October 18, Past Junior Grand Warden

John W. Akin

passed peacefully away, after a brief illness, in the fifty-third year of his age.

As citizen, as legislator, as Mason, Bro. Akin won high renown. He was, at the time of his death, President of the Senate of Georgia, and had previously served as a member of the Lower House. He had also occupied the position of Judge of the City Court of Cartersville. His splendid services to the State won for him the esteem, the admiration and the love of all his people.

The Masonic career of our Brother was a distinguished one: Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, author of "Akin's Manual," which was adopted and is still used as the standard monitor for Georgia, Brother Akin's name is enrolled high among Masonry's immortals.

As an orator, he had few superiors. At the memorial service held in honor of Grand Master John S. Davidson, he electrified the great audience by his address, entitled "The Kingdom of Light and the Vanished King." It was a classic, a prose poem, an immortal eulogy.

Brother Akin was a man of spotless integrity, of unblemished character, of high ideals, of lofty conceptions of right and duty, an exemplar of every civic virtue.

His fame is secure. His loss is irreparable. His example will be a blessing and an inspiration to his brethren and his people.

Tenderly, reverently, we consigned his remains to mother earth; tearfully we bade him farewell; hopefully, triumphantly, we await a reunion with his noble spirit around the Throne where the King in glory reigns.

In loving memory of our deceased Brother, let this memorial be read at the Communication after its receipt, and let the altar and jewels be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Fraternally,

Attest:

W. A. WOLIHIN,
Grand Secretary.

MAX MEYERHARDT,
Grand Master.

