

MASONIC TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF HON. J. J. KIMSEY

Death, that last great enemy from whom none can ever hope to escape, has again thrust the point of his scythe into the membership of Rabun Gap Lodge No. 265 F. & A. M., garnering for his own Brother James J. Kimsey, a most faithful, efficient and devout servant of the Craft.

Brother Kimsey was born seventy-six years ago in Towns County Georgia and died at his home in Clayton April 11, 1941. Upon reaching manhood he served Towns and neighboring counties in many official capacities, always keenly mindful of the public trust that goes hand-in-hand with public service.

Having become a Mason many years before moving to Clayton, he affiliated with this Lodge in December 1922 and had at various times, and always with honor and distinction, every official position in the Lodge. His daily life was exemplary of his faithfulness to and love for the tenets of Free Masonry.

Words are but weak expressions of the loving memory held by each member of this Lodge for the life and work of Brother Kimsey. As the years passed we learned to know him better and to appreciate him more. We can but express in these sentences our esteem for his life and our sympathy with his loved ones in his going away. The hope of blessed immortality, springing ever as green as the acacia, cheered and supported him for the journey toward the great Unknown, but

" He was no stranger in a strange land there:

But rather as one, who travel-worn and weary,

Weary of wandering through many climes,

At length returning homeward, eyes far off

The white cliffe of his fatherland, and e'er

The laboring ship touches its sacred soil

Leaps on the pier, while round him crowding press

Brethren and kith and friends, who in a breath

Ask of his welfare, and with joyous tongues

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Respectfully submitted

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We suggest that a copy of this report be mailed to the family of our