

In Memoriam



At a regular lodge meeting held February 22, 1946 the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

It is with profound sorrow that the Past Exalted Rulers Association of Grand Rapids Lodge Number Forty-Eight, B. P. O. E., record the passing of our brother, Charles A. Hauser, whose death occurred January sixth, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Six, at the age of ninety years. He was a member of this lodge from October twelfth, Eighteen Hundred Ninety-Four, until his death, a period of more than fifty-one years, and served as Exalted Ruler of the lodge from April sixth, Nineteen Hundred, until April fifth, Nineteen Hundred One. During his long association with the lodge he took a keen interest in its affairs and his unflinching devotion to the precepts of the order was reflected in his loyalty and the many expressions of his fraternal affection.

Brother Hauser was one of the founders of Hauser, Owen and Ames, contractors and builders, now known as Owen-Ames-Kimball Company, and many of the city's largest structures are monuments to his success in that field. One of the projects in which he took great personal interest and pride was the erection of the Elk's Temple, the cornerstone of which was laid October twenty-ninth, Nineteen Hundred Nine.

Brother Hauser had a strong sense of civic duty and responsibility and served as alderman from the eighth ward and later as chairman of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. During his long and active participation in business and civic affairs he endeared himself to a large circle of friends and was held in high esteem by all with whom he came in contact.

We have sustained a great loss in his death and his many virtues will be engraved forever upon the tablets of love and memory.

Therefore We It Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

Dated at Grand Rapids, Michigan, the twenty-second day of February, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Six.

Past Exalted Rulers Association
Grand Rapids Lodge No. 48, B. P. O. E.

Byron C. Smith P. E. R.

W. A. Pierce P. E. R.

John M. McKay P. E. R.