

Hamilton Lodge No. 16, 5818

Another veteran patriarch of the order has been cut down by the ruthless hand of death! Col, Virgil H. Walker, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, died at his residence in Harris County on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> inst., and long will his virtues and the ennobling quality of his heart be cherished in the memory of those his friends and brothers, who are left to mourn the irreparable loss. Perfection on earth has never been attained, and if he had foibles we will throw them over them the mantle of charity, and not withhold from his memory the praise that his virtues may have claimed.

Society has lost in the deceased one of its most valuable members; though not an open professor of the christian religion, he stood as an important prop to the advancement of its cause, his purse having been always open in all necessary undertakings, and not less to its support at home. More than ordinarily liberal in his views of education, the arts and sciences have lost one of their best patrons and friends, the avenues to his competent and voluntary donations for the benefit for all liberal institutions being closed by this dispensation of Divine Providence, we trust for a more noble and glorious purpose. Those who knew Col. Walker best loved him most, for he was fond of social life and permitted his bosom friend only to investigate the motives of his heart. Some of us as neighbors and friends knew its good qualities, and long shall we remember his gray hairs, but to cherish some of his magnanimous virtues practiced in his useful life.

Be it resolved by this body of Masonic Brethren, That they meet at the residence of our deceased brother, Col. Virgil H. Walker on Monday, the 11<sup>th</sup> inst., at eleven o'clock A.M., for the purpose of interring the body of the deceased with Mason honors.

Resolved, That this body express their mutual sympathies, in connection with the family, for this distressing bereavement of Divine Providence, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning.

Resolved, That the Columbus papers be requested, with the LaGrange Reporter, to publish this last testimonial of our regard to our deceased brother.

J. M. Mobly, W.M.

James V. Bartley, Secr'y