

Prominent Hotelman Passes
Away After Protracted
Illness

Nov 21 1914
A MASONIC FUNERAL

Deceased Was a Past Master
of Palmer Lodge A. F.
& A. M.

Samuel D. Ramey, one of the best known hotelmen in Ontario, died at his home in Fort Erie Saturday morning at the age of 80 years. Mr. Ramey was confined to his bed for nine weeks but had been ailing for several years which was the principal reason for his retirement about five years ago.

Mr. Ramey was born in Port Colborne. He spent the early years of his life there before going to Cleveland, O., where he remained seven years. He came back to Ontario and bought the G. T. R. hotel at Amigara. This operated for a short time and then went to his old home at Port Colborne where he operated the American hotel. Later he was in business at Welland and at Port Rowan. In 1890 he came to Fort Erie as proprietor of the Cottage Hotel, which stands on the site of the King Edward. In 1906 he sold this business to his brother, E. L. Ramey, the present proprietor, and went to Toronto. There he built the Hotel Edwin but after 10 years' success in the city his health became so bad that he came to live in Fort Erie.

He was a master mason, being past master of Palmer Lodge, No. 372, and was also a member of Hugh Murray Chapter No. 184, R. A. M. He also belonged to Jacques de Molai Precinctory, R., No. 42, Niagara Falls; Ramey Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Toronto and the Order of Chosen Friends of Port Colborne.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of Palmer Lodge. V. Bro. Rev. A. Cameron Mackin officiated and the pallbearers were: W. P. M. E. J. Hawkins, V. P. M. J. W. R. Kee, M. M. C. R. Allicott, M. M. W. J. Hawley, M. M. m. Wharton, M. M. Thos. Raine. Interment took place at Overh's Cemetery, Humberstone.

Besides his wife Mr. Ramey leaves three sons: Edwin L., Samuel D., and George W.; two brothers, George W. of Port Colborne; Edwin L., of Fort Erie; and two sisters, Mrs. John Kingston of Port Colborne and Miss Ramey, of Fort Erie.

By-Laws and Rules of
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Palmer Lodge
No. 372

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