Josiah George Jones

Isle of Wight County Press - 10 August 1907

NEWPORT

Death of Mr. J. G. Jones. - We regret to record the death of Mr. J. G. Jones. who passed away on Thursday last, at the age of 68. The deceased was a splendid musician, his skill as a cornet player winning much fame in his best days. In his early years he was a trumpeter in the Hampshire Yeomanry band, of which his father was bandmaster; he afterwards joined the renowned "Stephenson" band; and in his later years he filled with great ability the office of bandmaster of the Isle of Wight Rifle Volunteers. He also excelled as a vocalist, and humorous songs were always one of the most popular feature of the entertainment in which he took part. He was a member of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons. The funeral takes place tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon, the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas's Church and the interment, at Carisbrooke Cemetery. The Freemasons will assemble at the Masonic-hall at 3.15, and Volunteers desiring to attend the obsequies of there old comrades will also meet there at 3.30.

Isle of Wight County Press - 17 August 1907

NEWPORT

Funeral of Mr. J. G. Jones. - The funeral of the late Mr. J. G. Jones, whose death was recorded in our last issue, took place at Carisbrooke Cemetery on Sunday afternoon last. The remains were followed to the Cemetery by a large number of the deceased's brethren of the Albany Lodge, 151 (Newport), and also by a good muster of the I.W. Volunteers, of which the deceased was Battalion bandmaster for a number of years. Capt. and Qr. Mr. F. King and ex-Sergt-Major Rampling were also present. There was a short service in the Cemetery Chapel, conducted by the Revs. H. Edmund Sharpe (vicar of Newport) and P. G. U. Pickering (chaplain of the Freemasons), both of whom afterwards officiated at the graveside ceremony. The mourners included Mr. E. Copeland (nephew), Messrs. H. Cushing, A.R.C.O., C. Radcliffe, S. Wadham, W. Conolly, L. Way, F. Burton, E. J. Airs, and L. Dore (representing the Newport Amateur Orchestral Society), Messrs. A. Snow, C. Eldridge, F. Martin. and H. Cave (St Thomas's Men's Class), Messrs. C. H. Mallard and J. W. Shilton (Newport Conservative Club), and the members of the Albany Lodge of Freemasons present were Messrs. J. C. Millgate, W,M., H. T. Read, I.P.M., J. P. Shepard, P.M., D. C., C. T. Allee, P.M., D. S. Pring, P.M., A. Millgate, P.M., Frederick Pinnock, P.M. (secretary), G. G. Pinnock, P.M., Charles Alderslade, P.M., Ed. Way, I.G. (organist), G. Henley, N. Mursell, W. L. Bright, E. J. Wray, Fuller, Tarrant (No. 35, Medina Lodge), H. G. Groundsell (assistant steward), and F. R. Allee (tyler). After the conclusion of the graveside ceremony the deceased's favourite hymn, "Abide with me" was impressively sung, and the Masonic mourner each dropped a sprig acacia on the coffin. The beautiful floral tributes were inscribed as follows: "In loving memory, from Louisa, Harry, and Charlie." "In token of fraternal regards, from the Worshipful Master, officers, and the brethren of the Albany Lodge, No. 151," "With sincere sympathy, from the members of the Newport Conservative Club" (a beautiful wreath tied with the ribbons of the Conservative colours), and "With deepest sympathy and respect, from the President and members of the Newport Amateur Orchestral Society."

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