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Simon H. Rubel



Simon H. Rubel, Corinth businessman and civic leader, died at 8 a.m. today (October 30, 1956) at his home in Corinth. He was 76.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Corinth at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, with Dr. James A. Wax and Dr. Marshal Wingfield of Memphis and Rev. D. L. Hill of Corinth conducting the services. Interment will be at the Henry Cemetery, Corinth. Services at the grave will be in charge of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi F. & A.M.

The widely know business leader has been active in politically, civic, and fraternal organizations for many years. He was identified with Abe Rubel and Company, one of the large wholesale and retail mercantile businesses in Northeast Mississippi for more than a half a century and until his retirement on account of declining health in 1953.

Mr. Rubel was one of the most outstanding Masons in Mississippi, having been a member of Corinth Lodge No. 116 F. & A.M. for more than 55 years. He was the recipient of the coveted 50-year pin, awarded by the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in honor of his 50 years of continuous membership.

During his Masonic career, Mr. Rubel served as Worshipful Master of his home Lodge in 1907. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in 1935. He was a member of the Corinth Chapter Royal Arch Masons No. 76, and in 1904 served as Grand King of the Grand Chapter in Mississippi of this body. He was a member of the Barney Trice Council Royal and Select Masters No. 48 and of the Corinth Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star No. 27.

In 1925, Mr. Rubel assisted in organization of the Corinth Scottish Rite Bodies and in that year he was coronate a 33rd Degree Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites. When the Order of DeMolay was founded under the auspices of the Masonic Bodies of the United States, Mr. Rubel was one of the leaders in this work. He was active in this Order until his death, serving on two occasions as its Grand Master and on others in several official capacities.

He was a Shriner, being a member of Hamasa Temple, Meridian, Miss.

Born in Corinth, the son of the late Abe and Rachel Hirsch Rubel, the deceased lived in Corinth all his life, graduated from Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College; now Mississippi State College, and served as Colonel on the staff of several of the governors of the state.

Mr. Rubel had been in declining health for a number of years prior to his retirement in 1953 and has been critically ill for several months.

Deceased is survived by his wife, Frederica I. Rubel; his daughter, Mrs. Moe H. Propp; and one grandchild, Robert R. Propp, a student at Georgia Tech.

Active Pall Bearers are: Dr. M. H. McRae, Orma R. Smith, Dave Palmer, Sam Richardson, J. T. Wilbanks, Oscar Meeks, L. S. Wright, Pete Curry, of Corinth; and Sam Allen of Tupelo.

Honorary Pall Bearers are: Ministers of Corinth; Lloyd Garrett, R. C. Liddon, Liddon McPeters, Hubert Lowe, W. T. Staten, Ed Duncan, Charles Caviness, Frank Worsham, Sr., Dr. Wiley McMahan, Bill Mizell, Jimmy Biggers, M. Arthur Shook, Fernard Brackston, Lyle McCullar, Clay McAmis, DR. W. V. Dixon, Dr. A. D. Hurt, Dr. Frank Davis, Dr. Lee Hasseltine, Brooks Walker, Dr. D. W. Hamrick, Reid Box, Grady Peerey, Robert Heyer, Sr., and C. W. McCord.

[Note: Abe Rubel, and all of his family, was very prominent businessmen. Originally from Germany, they were a very rich family. They owned the Rubels Department Store (a very old store) in Corinth, Mississippi. Later, they owned and operated a Rubels' House of Gifts on Fillmore Street where Dr. Dodd's office is now located. The Rubel family is all buried at the Henry Cemetery in a mausoleum.]