Charles Stanton Hamilton

Grand Master (1945-46 and 1946-47) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario



(1884-1960)

Charles Stanton Hamilton was born in Waterloo County on November 30, 1884. His mother died during childbirth and he was raised by his maternal grandmother. After completing his education in the Waterloo County Public School and Galt Collegiate, he joined the Trusts and Guarantee Company Ltd in 1906 as a Transfer Officer. He was successively promoted as Secretary, Assistant Manager, Manager of the Toronto Office, General Manager (1934) and Vice President (1937).

He was President of the Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association (1938-39) and President of the Trust Companies Association (1942-43). He was appointed to the Board of the Toronto General Hospital in 1940. He was a member of the Toronto Board of Trade, National Yacht Club, Empire Club and the Canadian Club.

M. W. Bro. Charles Stanton Hamilton died at his Toronto home of a heart attack on May 29, 1960 and was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Masonic Career

He was initiated into Ashlar Lodge, No. 247 GRC, Toronto and served as WM (1923-24) and Treasurer (1926). He was elected as DDGM of Toronto District C (1927-28) and served on the Board of General Purposes (from 1933). He was elected as Deputy Grand Master (1943-44 and 1944-45) and as Grand Master (1945-46 and 1946-47) of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario. He was a member of St. Patrick RA Chapter, Toronto (1944).

He became a member of the Scottish Rite in 1917 and served as Most Wise Sovereign of the Toronto Chapter of Rose Croix (1923-24). He was coroneted as an Honorary 33° (1923) and Active 33° (1935) and served as Treasurer-General (1937).

He was a member of Rameses Temple (1942).

[Sources: (1) A History of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario 1855-1955, by Walter S. Herrington and Roy S. Foley, Published by the authority of Grand Lodge, McCallum Press Ltd., Toronto, 1955.]