

[Kelsey, Charles H.]

CHARLES H. KELSEY

Died at His Home at Fort Plain—Held High Fraternal Offices

Fort Plain—April 20.—Charles H. Kelsey, after an illness that had extended over a period of two years, passed away at 8:30 last evening at the age of 46 years. The deceased was born in the village of Fort Plain and his education was received in the public schools here. He became one of Fort Plain's active and responsible business men and was interested in all measures. For a number of years he conducted an insurance and real estate business.

Mr. Kelsey was very active in fraternal societies especially the Knights of Pythias, in which he had served in all the exalted offices, both State and local. He was a past grand chancellor, past district deputy grand chancellor, Pythian Home trustee. It was through the efforts of Mr. Kelsey and his unremitting work in the order that Fort Plain Lodge, No. 433, and Uniformed Rank, No. 22, K. of P., as well as auxiliary societies, have become leaders in the order in the State, and is also through his work that the State organization is the leader in fraternal societies, and that so many ideal moves have been made possible. The deceased was also an active member of the local order of Royal Arcanum, being a charter member. He was a Democrat and was his party representative at different times. He was an officer in the Universalist Church and as a citizen and co-worker he was admired and esteemed. He is survived by his widow [Rose Stemple Kelsey], three sisters, Jennie of Fort Plain, Mrs. Clay Beldsley of Peoria, Ill., Grace of New York City, and by one brother, Frank of Washington, D. C. The funeral will be held from his late home Thursday at 1 o'clock, and will be conducted by the order of Knights of Pythias. The Rev. L. J. Richards will officiate.

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