

Eulogy for Right Worshipful Arthur Klansky

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Brother Senior Warden, Brother Junior Warden, Arcana Lodge Brothers of all stations and ranks and honored guests, a Masonic giant is dead. On March 19, 2025, Right Worshipful Arthur Klansky laid down his working tools. With Artie's death, an era in the history of Arcana Lodge Number 246 further draws to a close. Artie was one of the few remaining brothers who was a link to the golden age of Arcana Lodge, when the Lodge had hundreds of members and produced Freemasons whose careers are now legendary.

However, Right Worshipful Arthur Klansky was much more than a link to the past. Artie Klansky was an active, dynamic and great Freemason. When Arcana Lodge Number 246 needed leadership to guide the Lodge through difficult times, Artie provided that leadership. When a worthy brother in distress needed relief, Artie provided that relief. When a worthy brother needed a friend, Artie provided friendship. When the Lodge needed guidance, Artie provided that guidance. When Artie spoke, the Lodge listened. When Artie acted, the Lodge benefitted. When Artie led, others followed.

When Artie asked me to write a history of Arcana Lodge, I wrote it. When Artie instructed me on Masonic matters, I took his instruction. When Artie praised the memory of my late father, W. Sam Weiss, he demonstrated thoughtfulness. When Artie expressed confidence in me as a Freemason, he inspired me.

While discharging my duties as Master of Arcana Lodge Number 246, a day does not go by when I do not ask myself, is this what Artie would have wanted. Thus, Artie's spirit lives on, further proof of the validity of our belief in the immortality of the soul.

In a Masonic career that spanned a half-century, Right Worshipful Arthur Klansky amassed a record of accomplishment that earned him a special place of honor in the annals of Arcana Lodge Number 246 and Freemasonry. Now Artie is gone but he is not forgotten. (***) May Right Worshipful Arthur Klansky rest in peace; and may Arcana Lodge Number 246 and Freemasonry throughout the world remember with affection and gratitude the outstanding work Artie did in service to his Lodge, his District and Freemasonry. SMIB.