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Geza Brugger, One Time Supreme Officer, Passes Away

Veteran Leader Held Other Verhovay Posts

Geza Brugger, truly one of the best minds and finest characters in the more than half century of Verhovay existence, died February 7, 1954.

To the great majority of American born English speaking Verhovay members the name Geza Brugger strikes no familiarity or perhaps just slight acquaintance. But to the foreign born older members Geza Brugger was a gentleman who did very much for the organization he fervently loved, a man who dared fight for and defend vigorously all his Verhovay principles and ideas.

It would take a long story to cover the rich Verhovay career of Geza Brugger, but the high lights of his unexcelled service to Verhovay will give adequate reasons for his splendid reputation and wide popularity.

At the November 2, 1917 Verhovay Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Geza Brugger was elected Supreme Treasurer, which very responsible position he conscientiously exercised for the next three years. During this period he obtained his degree in law.

The following Verhovay Convention, May 17, 1920, saw Geza Brugger again nominated as Supreme Treasurer, but he declined. However, the almost two hundred delegates then clamored unanimously for his

acceptance of membership on the Auditing Committee. Again he declined. But the delegates persevered in their attempts to get this key man to stay on in some important capacity. Their hopes were realized when Geza Brugger, bowing in a spirit of humility to the near demands of the Convention, then accepted the post of legal adviser to Verhovay, a position he ably held until the removal of the Home Office from Hazleton to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

But even hereafter, Geza Brugger continued to serve his beloved Verhovay. He became secretary (later called manager) of Branch 1, Free-land, Pennsylvania, his home town, and remained its leader until the branch was merged in 1948 with Parent Branch.

Geza Brugger it was who led the movement to put Verhovay on a sound insurance foundation, a change which meant adoption of the Legal Reserve Basis. This was the step that led to the strong and sound organization that Verhovay is today, and to Geza Brugger goes a large share of the credit.

Geza Brugger, 72, born in Kurima, "Sáros county, is dead. He leaves his good wife and loyal children.