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DEATH OF MR. JOHN FRAY

We regret to record the death of Mr. **John FRAY** (70), a leading brother of the R.A.O.B. "Lion" Lodge which occurred at his residence, Home Lodge, West-street, on Thursday morning. The deceased was in failing health, but his death came as a surprise to many of his friends as he was about quite recently. He was a pensioner of the Post Office and came to Ryde from Ilford about eleven years ago and soon gained popularity, his services as a comedian being in much request at local concerts and suppers. He was one of the founders of the "Lion" Lodge and held offices of distinction in the Order. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow and sons in their bereavement.

The funeral of the late John FRAY took place at the Cemetery on Monday afternoon being preceded by a service at All Saints Church. The "Lion" and "Clarence" Lodges of the R.A.O.B. combines to give their late respected brother a Buff's funeral, which was very impressive. The Vicar (Canon C. A. JOHNSTONE) officiated and was assisted by the Chaplain for the Isle of Wight (the Rev. M. A. BERE, of Shanklin) who carried out the committal service at the grave.

The brethren present comprised Bros. A. PRICE R.O.H. P.G., P.W. SUTTON, K.O.M., A. RUSSELL, C.P., C. DAISH, W.P., H. NEWMAN, C.P., T. A. MUNDELL, K.O.M., C. GREEN, C.P., Tom PRAGNELL, K.O.M., J. WALKER, K.O.M. C.P., Scott JACKSON, C.P., J. ROWE, K.O.M., A. WILLIAMS, P.P., G. DUVAL, C.P., A. HARVEY-HUNTER, R. E. MUNDELL, A MURSELL, G. WADE, A. T. MEREDITH, F. E. SMITH, W. L. CROMBIE AND C. F. ANDREWS. Mr. H. G. JOLLIFFE (a friend), and Mr. H. E. HIBBERD (late Post Office staff) also attended as a mark of respect. The service at the graveside was read with much impressiveness by the Rev. and Bro M. A. BERE and the brethren fored a broken link and then deposited their sprigs of ivy on the coffin.

The chief mourners comprised the three sons, Messrs. Leonard James, Reginald John, and Leslie Jessie FRAY. The coffin was simply inscribed with deceased's name and age. There were numerous wreaths including those from the Lion and Clarence Lodges, and from relatives and friends. Mr. E. CHANDLER carried out the arrangements.

Researched by Ann and Les Barrett