

Mass. 15 and 16 Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing. Annual report. 614.24M3 B6632 1946

To Mrs. Mae Manning, Director of Registration:

Dear Madam:

The Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing has the honor to submit to you its annual report for the year ending June 30, 1946.

Two examinations for registration as Funeral Director were conducted during the year, one September 28, 1945 and one on June 5, 1946. A total of 121 applicants were examined of which 75 were successful.

One examination for registration as embalmer was conducted by the Board on October 3, 1945. Fourteen certificates of registration as embalmer were issued during the year.

Chapter 596, Acts of 1945 so amended the requirements for examination that the Board did not conduct its regular examination for registration as embalmer in March due to the fact it did not have a sufficient number of eligible students to warrant holding such examination. The amendment required high school education or its equivalent for embalming examination and a two year term of apprenticeship for funeral directing examination, in addition to graduation from a course of instruction at a recognized embalming and funeral directing school of not less than nine months.

By holding a special funeral director's examination in September, before the effective date of Chapter 596, all eligible candidates were given an opportunity to be examined and qualify for funeral director's registration. As a result of this special examination, no further examination was conducted in December as usual.

Chapter 577, Acts of 1946 now exempts Veterans of World War II from such educational and experience qualifications as were not required by the provisions of law in force immediately prior to September 16, 1940, provided application is made within four years after their discharge or release from service or within four years after the effective date of this act, whichever is the later.

James F. O'Donnell, Lowell, Mass., was appointed by His Excellency Maurice J. Tobin on March 20, 1946 and qualified April 17, 1946 to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of Mr. Frank M. Forastiere's term.

On May 16, 1946 in conjunction with the American Funeral Directors and Embalmers' Association, the Board conducted an educational conference at the Gardner Hotel, Boston. This is an annual educational conference for the purpose of disseminating knowledge to the registered embalmers and funeral directors.

At the annual meeting held October 2, 1945 for election of officers it was voted that Ernest H. Sparrell be re-elected chairman and Frederick A. Cookson re-elected secretary for the ensuing year.

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Members' Services	\$1,800.00
Members' Travel	2,399.98
Office Expense	624.48
Dissemination of Knowledge	100.00

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN EMBALMING AND FUNERAL DIRECTING
F. A. Cookson
Secy Bd of Reg in Embalming and Funeral Directing

James H. Bourne
Member

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Fred A. Mousnier
Comptroller