

Excelsior Lodge Honors Families and Veterans

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of labor, in the presence of three candidates and four Fellowcraft, a 60-year award was presented to Brother Charles R. Crumley, and 50-year certificates were awarded to Brother Joseph A. Monroe, Jr. and Alvin F. Dichtenmueller. While degree work was progressing, W. B. E. B. Taylor, Master, with representatives of the Grand Lodge, presented a 60-year award to Brother Louis Levy, at his home.

On these two great occasions, persons from 9 months to 90 years of age were exposed to Masonry in action, and the 1200 plus members of Excelsior Lodge are duly thankful for the opportunity.

Lodge Honors J. Giles Hudson

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and served by the ladies of the Salisbury Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Rayvon Curran, P.M., was introduced and in a most appropriate manner presented to Brother Hudson an outline of his Masonic Life. This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Becky Peacock, present Worthy Matron of the Salisbury Chapter, Eastern Star, being accompanied by Mrs. Nell Bost organist of the Rockwell Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Brother Gentsch then introduced and presented Past Grand Master Brother Arnold J. Koonce who favored us with a most inspiring address, his subject being Masonry and the Bible.

Among the distinguished guests attending this most gala affair were the following: Brother James F. Bame, D. D.G.M., 44th District; Brother Zeb J. Bost, Past D.D.G.M., 44th District; Brother Fred F. Campbell, Past D.D.G.M., 44th District; Brother H. Clifford Beaver, Past D.D.G.L., 44th District; Brother Cecil M. Mahanes, Master, Fulton Lodge No. 99; Brother T. L. Albright, Master, Spencer Lodge No. 543; P.M. Brother T. W. Summersett, Sec., Fulton Lodge No. 99.

Everyone present expressed their appreciation in being able to be present to help honor this oldest and outstanding Past Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. in North Carolina.

OUR MASONIC DUTY

It is our duty not only to make Masons, but to see that each candidate has a thorough and complete knowledge of every aspect of Masonry. Our Craft would then be composed of better-informed and more keenly interested members. —R.R. McEwen, PGM. Sask.



EXCELSIOR LODGE AWARDS PRESENTATION

The above picture was made after presentation of awards during the July 13 meeting of Excelsior Lodge No. 261, Charlotte. Left to right: W. Brother Richard Jones, D.D.G.L., 40th District; W. Brother and W. Brother Elliott B. Taylor, Master.

Walter Mahaffey, D.D.G.M., 40th District; Brother Joseph A. Monroe, who received his 50-year award; Brother Charles R. Crumley, 60-year award recipient; Brother Alvin F. Dichtenmueller, 50-year award;

Father Comments On Raising His Son

BY J. RAY REX, P.G.C.

The many who have seen their son or sons raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason must have received a thrill but those of you who have actually done the raising have no doubt felt a greater satisfaction in that you were the one to take your son by the hand and lead him to Masonic light.

It was my honor and supreme joy to raise my son in my lodge—now our Lodge, Fellowship No. 687, on the 20th day of July, 1970. We as father and son can now sit together among other Masons and be able to call each other "Brother".

For this great privilege I shall always be eternally grateful and thank our Supreme Grand Master for granting me the years to see this ambition fulfilled.

(Editor Note: Brother Rex is immediate Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of North Carolina.)

Masonry Is Underground

Six hundred feet from the opening of the underground limestone quarry of Olive Hill, Kentucky, is a room formally set aside as a chapel for religious services for the workmen of the quarry. This chapel is now used exclusively by Masonic bodies and has been fitted with stations for the officers, altar, etc. The pedestals and altar are big blocks of locust some three feet in diameter. The chapel has been visited by Freemasons from every state and Canada. Ripley once reported it.

Cornerstone Laid

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Architect; W. Brother Harry C. Strickland, Master of Louisburg Lodge No. 413, carried the Three Great Lights; and W. Brother William E. Warren, P. M. (122) carried the Book of Constitutions.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Oxford Orphanage Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Clay.

Following is a list of the contents of the box placed within the cornerstone: 1969 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; Proceedings of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina for 1969; 97th Annual Report of the Board of Directors and the Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1969; Masonic Directory of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, 1970-71; Twelve issues of The North Carolina Mason from June, 1962 through May, 1970.

Following the completion of the Ceremony, the Grand Lodge returned to the Hall of Oxford Lodge No. 122, where Worshipful Brother A. D. Leon Gray, Superintendent expressed the appreciation of the Orphanage to the Grand Master and others who participated in the Ceremony, and a brief response was made by the Grand Master.

Little Things

The older we get the more we realize that the true values of life are not measured by any standard of size.

Life is made up of a multitude of little things, and if we would rise to higher usefulness, we must cherish the seeming trifles of daily living.