

# BEULAVILLE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



In the above scene are shown some of the members and guests attending the Golden Anniversary Celebration of Beulaville Lodge 658.



The pretty young faces at left brightened the serving line at Beulaville. In the picture at right Grand Master Berl M. Kahn presents twenty-five-year awards to W. W. Maready and William L. Miller.



Above, left to right, Tammie Albertson performs on the piano during the dinner, Wilbur Hussey welcomes guests, Arliss Albertson gives lodge history, Lodge Master Harris Lanier addresses gathering, Amos W. Gresham expresses appreciation for honor shown him, and Russell Bostic introduces the Grand Master.

## Beulaville Lodge No. 658

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"WHEREAS Freemasonry espouses the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and

"WHEREAS the benevolence of Freemasonry is recognized worldwide, and

"WHEREAS the aforementioned attributes are recognized to prevail among the Master Masons of the Beulaville Masonic Lodge for the good of the Beulaville Community at large.

"NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED by the Beulaville Town Board that Wednesday, the seventeenth of January, 1973, be proclaimed Freemasonry Day."

The evening banquet observance was held in the East Duplin High School cafeteria. Some 150 members and guests were welcomed by Past Master Wilbur Hussey, who also introduced the distinguished guests. Past Master P. E. Thigpen gave the invocation, Senior Warden Arliss Albertson presented a history of the

lodge, and W. W. Maready delivered a memorial prayer.

Russell Bostic introduced Grand Master Kahn, who presented 25-year awards to William L. Miller and W. W. Maready. Also, representing the esteem and affection of lodge members, the Grand Master presented an engraved plaque of appreciation to Amos Walter Gresham. Gresham has twice served as Master of Beulaville Lodge and now is its veteran Secretary. He is the lodge's only living charter member.

In his address Grand Master Kahn paid tribute to the stalwart Masons who founded Beulaville Lodge a half-century ago. He remarked upon man's inherent fear of the dark and said that Masonry is one great means of shedding light. Enjoining all Masons to learn from the past in planning for the future, the Grand Master expressed his confidence that Masonry will continue and grow as a force for good in the state, the nation and the world.

Dinner music for the evening was provided by Tammie Albertson.

## Questions and Answers

The Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Lodge (THE CODE) spell out the Masonic law which governs Masons and lodges in North Carolina. Copies of THE CODE are furnished to each lodge; individual members may purchase copies from the Grand Secretary (\$3.50). Some readers may wish to score themselves on their answers to the following questions. The answers (references in parentheses) are at the end of the article. Don't peek!

1. What specifically, is meant by a Masonic summons?
2. Does an adopted child of a deceased Master Mason have any Masonic claim?
3. How many extensions of time may a lodge grant to a Committee of Investigation?
4. Does the Reference Committee have any disciplinary powers?
5. What happens if the Treasurer-elect refuses to give a bond required by the lodge?
6. Does the District Deputy Grand Master have to reside in his district, and does he have to reside in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina?
7. What is Masonry's position regarding the guilt or innocence of an accused member?
8. How long must a Mason reside within the jurisdiction or a lodge before he is qualified to apply for membership in it?
9. Isn't it in poor taste to wear an oversized Master Mason's emblem?
10. Can you vouch for a Mason who attended a Masonic funeral with you?

The following answers to the foregoing questions are brief, they are subject to error, and they are intended only for general information. Masons needing or desiring complete, lawful answers to these questions should consult THE CODE or other lawful authority.

1. It is a citation to appear and answer to charges; or to attend upon the Grand Master, or other person or committee authorized to issue it. The importance of a summons is denoted by the fact that a Mason's obligations and Grand Lodge Regulations all require him to answer a summons if at all possible. A Mason can be expelled for failing (without good cause) to respond to a lawfully issued summons. (REG. 94-10)
2. Yes, the same as a natural child. (REG. 82-12)
3. None, such extensions of time are the prerogative of the Master and he may grant the committee no more than twenty-seven days. (REG. 75-08)
4. No, it can only counsel, advise, and warn. (REG. 69-04)
5. He disqualifies himself for installation. (REG. 63-08)
6. Yes, to both questions. (REG. 32-03)
7. It holds him to be innocent until proven guilty. (REG. 98-04)
8. He need not ever reside within its jurisdiction. Jurisdictional requirements do not apply with regard to affiliation. (REG. 83-02)
9. We cannot answer as to taste, only as to law: The Regulation says "the size may be such as desired by the brother." (REG. 95-26)
10. If the two of you were together during the opening or the closing of the lodge, yes. If he was present only during the part of the funeral service which was held outside the lodge hall, no. (REG. 59-10)

We will attempt to answer here (unofficially) all questions on Masonic subjects which are lawful to be written.