

Along The Way

By Emily Killelte

David Wright, William Beck and others.

General James Kenan was Warden Master from 1791 until 1800 when Thomas Wright became Master. Thomas Wright was senior warden of St. John's Lodge No. 1, Wilmington in 1789 and a past master of said lodge, (a legitimate offspring of the Grand Lodge of England).

In 1807, General Joseph T. Rhodes made report for the Lodge to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge became dormant about 1824.

Warren Lodge No. 101, Kenansville was instituted December 21,

1831 with James Kenan Hill, warden master; C.L. Kelly, senior warden; Williams Cooper, junior warden; William J. Price, secretary; John Wilkinson, treasurer; A.G. Hill, senior deacon; Samuel Stanford, junior deacon; William H. Hansley, tyler. Other members included Samuel Houston, James Lawson, William H. Hurst, Thomas J. Kinnear, Hogan Hunter, John E. Hussey, John Farrior, Nicholas Hill, William K. Frederick, L.C. Stanford, A.G. Stanford, Lawton Houston, O.C. Kelly, R.L. Stanly, Charles H. Cooper, Thomas J. Kenan, N. Hale and J.L. Linton.

At the meeting held on January 7, 1831, Williams Cooper was allowed the sum of \$25 for the purpose of procuring a charter.

The following members of St. John's Lodge No. 13 became members of Warren Lodge No. 101: Thomas J. Kinnear, Samuel Houston, John Linton, Thomas Kenan, John Hurst, Thomas Routledge, Jr., James K. Hill, Owen O'Daniel, O.L. Kelly, William J. Price and probably others.

At a meeting held May 26, 1831, a committee consisting of John Wilkinson, O.L. Kelly and Hogan Hunter was appointed to select a

suitable place to locate the Lodge. At this meeting, Brother A.G. Hill presented the Lodge with a Holy Bible as a token of his esteem for the Lodge and his respect for masonry.

On June 24, 1831, a motion was passed ordering that the upper part of Brother Hogan Hunter's house be so altered to make a suitable place for a lodge. The following committee was appointed to make the necessary alterations: Thomas J. Kinnear, Williams Cooper and Samuel Stanford. On Nov. 12, 1831, a bill was ordered paid for altering the lodge room.

Brother J.E. Hussey served as

Grand Marshall, in 1884, as Grand Sentinel in 1835, and as Grand Sword Bearer in 1836. Brother James Kenan Hill served as Grand Marshall in 1835 and again in 1836.

The lodge functioned until about 1840 when it became dormant. Some members of Warren Lodge No. 101 were instrumental in organizing old Belmont Lodge in the Bowden-Faison section.

Union Chapter No. 17 of York Rite Masons and later Corinthian Chapter No. 43 of York Rite Masons both were organized in Kenansville and functioned well for a long time with a large membership.

One of the more memorable birthdays in the history of Kenansville is the 150th celebration of the St. John's Lodge. According to June 19, 1941, DUPLIN TIMES, guest speaker for the event was North Carolina Governor J. Melville Broughton.

The celebration of the St. John's Lodge Number 13, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began June 22, 1941, with a sermon by Rev. C.K. Proctor, superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage. The Masonic sermon was given in the Kenansville Baptist Church. The following Wednesday more than 200 local citizens crowded in the local school gymnasium for a banquet and speech by Gov. J.M. Broughton.

Ranking officers of the lodge during the celebration were Junior Warden Amos Q. Brinson, Worshipful Master J.M. Brock and Senior Warden R.C. Wells. Faison W. McGowen prepared a history of the activities and founding of St. John's Lodge which was read by A.T. Outlaw during the celebration ceremonies. The history was also published in a five part series beginning with the June 26, 1941 issue of THE DUPLIN TIMES. Along the Way will review the lodge's history as recorded in the 1941 Duplin Times beginning this week.

Founding of St. John's Lodge No. 13

The following excerpts are from minutes of a meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina held at New Bern on the 25th day of June 1791: "A petition from the Duplin Lodge praying a charter, on motion resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Brother James Kenan be Master, Brother Charles Ward, Senior Warden; and Brother Patrick Newton, Junior Warden of the same and that the said lodge be called by the name of St. John's."

Duplin St. John's Lodge No. 13, the original Masonic lodge in Duplin County, was instituted June 25, 1791, about three and a half years after the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was organized. The lodge was formed at Duplin Old Court House near the Sampson and Duplin County line and near the home of General James Kenan who was the first master. A constitution was drawn and the original signers were well-known men of that time, to wit: General James Kenan, W.M.; Colonel Charles Ward, S.W.; Patrick

Newton, J.W.; Colonel Thomas Routhledge, Sr., Treasurer; George Morrissey, Secretary; John Armstrong, Tyler. The members were Captain Michael Molton, Edward Harris, Daniel Harris, John Beck, John McIlleoina and Thomas Routhledge, Jr.

Within the next few years, the reports on membership included the names of many others who were men of high character and prominence of that time and among them were the following: Nathan Fryar, Daniel Glisson, Claborn Ivey, Thomas Kenan, William Higgins, John Linton, Nathaniel McCanne, Samuel Houston, William Wilkinson, Abraham Molton, Holden McGee, Thomas Finley, Thomas Wright, Owen O'Daniel, Loami Stevens, David Slocumb, Thomas Ivey, John Barfield, John Hurst, Stephen Beck, Rigdon Bryan, David Murdock, George P. Linton, Thomas J. Kinnear, William Wilkinson, Jr., Mescheck Stallings, Shadrack Stallings, James Pheobus, George McDonald, James K. Hill, John Silks, O.L. Kelly, William J. Price,

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