

1946 Came, And With It A Masonic Lodge

It was the year of 1946 when a few men decided to organize a Masonic Lodge in Kings Mountain.

On June 14, 1946 the lodge was set up under the direction of Rev. F. T. Lee, who received the warrant and was the Worshipful Master with Dave Miller, Senior Warden, Taff Clark, Junior Warden, Sam Adams, Secretary, Selvin Kibler, treasurer, Will Brown, Tyler, Curtie Blalock, Senior Deacon, Hillard Hunter, Junior Deacon and Wesley Williams, Chaplain.

Holding the meeting at the old Davidson School, the first and third Wednesday night of each month, the Lodge grew from 13 to 33 members by January 1947 and continued to grow

at one point to 87 members. At the present there are 61 members. By June 1947 a Lodge was needed and in 1948 this Lodge was built by Claud Morgan, contractor, at that time.

Rev. Lee and all the officers worked hard in support of the Lodge, he was one of the most dedicated Masons in the county, some say "The best well read Mason in the county." He was Grand Lecturer of the State of N. C. Although deceased now, he will always be remembered. Bro. Dave Miller, deceased, also a well read Mason, served as Grand Master of the State of N. C. Hillard Hunter, deceased, served as secretary and Senior Warden. He was always active in Lodge work. Wesley Williams

served faithful until the end. Curt Blalock served as the First Junior Warden and a Faithful member until his death. Will Brown, the first Tyler, died unaffiliated. Not affiliated also are Taff Clark and Sam Adams, Selvin Kibler, the only member now living, and still holding the office as Treasurer. He's one that can still say he saw the beginning and the end of this building, but not the name of Mosaic Masonic Lodge No. 4 as we shall endeavor to forever hold the name higher.

Since the first set up of this Lodge there have been

four Worshipful Masters; Rev. F. T. Lee 1946-1969 Bro Lewis Curry 1969-1961, Bro Carlee Jenkins 1961-1976 and Bro. Benjamin Brown 1977. There have been five Senior Wardens: Bro. Dave Miller, Lewis Curry, Carlee Jenkins, Hillard Hunter William Childers. There have been five Junior Wardens Taff Clark, Ted Williams, Carlee Jenkins, and Essely McCluney. There have been six Finance Secretaries: Sam Adams, J. A. Gibson, H. C. Hunter, Carlee Jenkins, Carl Shank, Benjamin Brown, and Hazel Brown, last but

not least only one treasurer and still is Bro Selvin Kibler.

Of the officers of this Lodge some have proven to be very faithful. Rev. F. T. Lee Grand Lecturer of the State of N. C. Bro Dave Miller Grand Master of the State of N. C. Carlee Jenkins Grand Secretary of the quality meeting also trustee in the Grand Lodge of the State of N. C. Ted Williams present Grand

Master of the state of N. C. There are many others that came from Masonic Lodge which is the Mother Lodge of many lodges that it help set up in the past 30 years.

"In memory of those who worked to help build this structure, the building will be demolished but we pledge to hold its name higher forever," said Benjamin Brown, newly elected Master.

MASONIC LODGE OFFICERS — Pictured are four officers of Mosaic Masonic Lodge No. 4 on the steps of the first lodge constructed here in 1946 and soon to be demolished. The new officers, with Benjamin Brown as Master, will be installed at the January meeting.



Goods Recovered

Police have recovered the \$347 in Christmas presents stolen from the home of Diane Hughes, 209 Lackey St., Friday night.

Two juveniles returned the goods, according to KMPD reports, after one of the parents called with questions about the breaking, entering and larceny report.

In other law enforcement activities during the week, KMPD are continuing investigation in several reports of larceny and malicious damage to property.

Haskel C. Blackwell, 413 Bennett St., reported that a Midland CB radio, tape player, skill saw and grinder were stolen from his automobile, December 19, total value \$400.

A. B. Hilton, 311 Downing St., reported that sometime between 7:15 p. m. and 11:20 p. m. December 17 someone

"rolled their yard" with tissue paper, broke cartons of eggs and uprooted two shrub bushes, total property damage, \$16.

Carrie Grigg, 108 Sadie St., reported that sometime during the evening of December 18 the telephone wires at her residence were cut.

M. A. Ware, III, of Charlotte, visiting his grandmother on Gaston St. December 19, reported that his 1966 Volks was damaged by a hit-and-run driver. Damages to the front of the vehicle were estimated at \$150.

Helen Smith of Rt. 1, Grover, reported that a shopper took her pocketbook from a grocery cart at a local food store December 17. The purse contained \$96.

Mrs. Smith said the theft occurred when she left her grocery cart momentarily to remove an item from the shelf.



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