



Robert N. Bass, Jr. Installed As Grand Master

At the 181st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, held in our delightful city of Raleigh on April 16-17, 1968, Robert Norman Bass, Jr., was installed as the 115th Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. Induction into this office serves as a tribute to a Mason whose adult life has been a blessing to Masonry and to the Masonic community in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Bob Bass was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on January 18, 1915. When he was 11 months old his family moved to Wake County and took up temporary residence with his grandparents. He is of humble beginnings and steeped in the philosophy of work, which makes him a "natural" for Masonic thought and practices. Every advancement and every honor that the community has bestowed on him has been a well deserved honor, and every Mason in North Carolina rises to acclaim him as Grand Master of Masons.

His father, Robert N. Bass, Sr., was the first automotive master mechanic in Raleigh, and Bob, following in his father's footsteps, graduated from the Firestone Technical Institute in Akron, Ohio. Prior to that he graduated from the Garner High School, near Raleigh. His mother, Beatrice Eubanks Bass, mothered fifteen children, Bob being the second oldest.

Bob is married to the charming and vivacious Kathleen Holton, of Pamlico County, and this union has been blessed with four beautiful and lovely daughters, and two handsome and dutiful sons; also, a most delightful set of grandchildren, in whom is his delight. When the whole family is seen together, we understand what is meant by the term, "Bob Bass, Inc."

Bob Bass, Incorporated is an up-to-date automotive firm in Raleigh whose accurate adherence to highest mechanical skills and better business practices has given Raleigh an institution in which it can manifest justifiable pride.

In the community, Bob has served well as a member of the Sumaria Baptist Church, as Board member of the American Red Cross and other civic and charitable or-

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M. W. ROBERT N. BASS, JR.
Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina

Annual Meeting Of Grand Lodge

In our coastal towns we have a saying that if you're going somewhere, you've first got to go to Raleigh, and start from there.

We've been to the 181st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina which convened in Raleigh during April 16th and 17th, 1968. We figure that the best place to start writing about it is Tuesday Night at the Grand Lodge Dinner at Memorial auditorium when all indoors was filled with sweet music rendered by the Meredith College Ensemble under the direction of Miss Beatrice Donley, of the Music Department of the college. It was indeed a convergence of feminine charm and the concords of sweet sounds.

The preliminaries started Monday night with the Grand Master's reception for invited guests and their ladies in the Elizabeth room of the Sir Walter Hotel, followed by the Grand Master's Banquet in the Virginia Dare Room, at which time the Grand Master recognized Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, and other distinguished guests from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Maine, Arkansas, Illinois, West Virginia, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Delaware, Tennessee and the District of Columbia.

At 10:00 P.M. the distinguished guests attended the Grand Masters social hour in the City Club rooms atop the Sir Walter Hotel.

Tuesday morning broke bright and sunny with soft zephyrs wafting "The Royal Mile" between the Sir Walter Hotel and the Memorial auditorium where the Grand Master opened the Grand Lodge and received the Past Grand Masters and the distinguished guests from our sister Grand Jurisdictions. There followed the address by the Grand Orator, and the annual report of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment.

Under clear Springtime skies, at six bells on the evening watch (7 P.M.) the Grand Lodge Dinner was served in the Memorial auditorium

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