



Past Masters Confer Master Mason Degree

Apex Lodge No. 584 held its Annual past Master's Night Monday, May 27. In spite of inclement weather, a goodly host of Brothers enjoyed fellowship and visitation with its Past Masters over a most delightful hamburger supper prepared by the junior officers of the lodge. After the lodge was opened by its regular officers, worshipful Brother L. G. Jordan, P.M., PDDGM was invited to the East where he conferred the first section of the Master Masons degree. Past Masters filled all stations. Worshipful Brother Gerald True-love P.M. conferred the second section of the Master Masons degree. The lecture was given by Brother Eddie Stiles, Master, and the charge by Worshipful Brother James A. Cash P.M.

The following Past Masters were present and participated in the conferring of the degree. W. Bro. L. G. Jordan P.M., PDDGM 1926, 1934; W. Bro. G. T. Rogers, P.M., 1933; W. Bro. C. E. Ste-

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Bingham Rounds Out One Hundred Years

Beneath the portrait of its honored namesake M. W. Brother Robert Bingham, P.G.M. 1882, '83, '84, which portrait was presented by Worshipful Dupree Smith (acting for Eagle Lodge No. 19 of Hillsborough), Bingham Lodge No. 272 A.F. & A.M. rose to the occasion of their 100th year of progress, marked on December 5th '67.

When the business of this great lodge night was concluded, the lodge was closed, and the banquet room was opened with the beautiful ladies of the Eastern Star in charge and in attendance. It was a sumptuous spread, a delight to the eye and a fragrant and tasty memory.

Worshipful Brother B. F. Wilson presided as Master of Ceremonies at the request of the Worshipful Master Wm. M. Lynch.

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The Great Smokies Assembly of Cryptic Masonry Set For Waynesville, July 14-16

Masons of all ranks and degrees will assemble at Waynesville for the Annual Summer Assembly sponsored by the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina on July 14, 15, 16. Heads of the state masonic organizations including Grand Master Bass will be in attendance. Any mason who has had the council degrees and their families are cordially invited to attend.

Prominent Masons from the southeastern states will be panel speakers beginning on Monday morning, July 15th. The program is as follows:

Sunday July 14th: Registration, Waynesville Junior High School, 2:00 p.m. church service, First Baptist Church, 8:00 p.m.

Monday July 15th: Registration, 8:00 a.m. Grand Council opens 8:30 a.m. Panel speakers in the morning, Walter H. Winchester, P.M.I.G.M. and Grand Captain of Hosts, Florida. A. D. Leon Gray, P.G.C. and Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage. In the afternoon, Ralph A. Perry, P.G.M. of Masons and Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Georgia. Ben F. Mandlebaum, P.M.I.G.M. of Oklahoma.

Tuesday, July 16: Morning Panel Speakers will be William Kil-

patrick Lambie, M.I.G.M. of Tennessee. Daniel T. Lambricht, M.I.G.M. of South Carolina. In the afternoon, a motorcade for the annual pilgrimage to the Masonic Marker at Black Camp Gap in the heart of the Smokies by way of Maggie Valley will be made. The annual dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. with C. Wallace Jackson, Department Commander of the Southeastern Department, Grand Encampment, K.T. of U.S.A. as Master of Ceremonies and the speaker will be Rev. H. Dwight McAlister, P.G.M. of Masons of South Carolina.

After each panel speaker completes his address, there will be discussion from the floor and after each half day session, a summary will be presented by Joseph C. Bryan, III, P.M.I.G.M. of Maryland. Russell B. Tandy, P.G.H.P. and P.G.C. of Tennessee will be moderator.

C. Ellwood Smyrk of Baltimore, Maryland, General Grand Master of General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, International will also speak during sessions. Detailed programs can be obtained by writing Chas. C. Ricker, Grand Recorder, 80 Broadway, Asheville, N. C., 28801.

Feeding The Five Hundred

On Saturday night of the eighth in the Plantation Inn Banquet Rooms Raleigh Lodge No. 500 held its annual dinner honoring our present Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Brother Robert N. Bass.

Brother Hiram Casebolt, Master of Ceremonies also paid special attention to two distinguished guests and their fair ladies: Brother J. W. Kellogg of Morehead City, Past Master and Past Secretary of Raleigh Lodge No. 500 and Brother Harrison Kauffman P.M. of this same lodge, and ritualist of renown in all of the Masonic bodies, to include The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

High in priority Brother Milton C. Dixon presented the Past Master's jewel to Brother Holly Britt, who served the lodge so efficiently

and effectively during the year.

Many prominent Masonic guests were present, including Brother Robert H. Williams, Master, Brother Charlie Harris, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, Brother Pete Dudley, Assistant Grand Secretary, and this editor, all fittingly complemented by their pretty wives.

Carl Goersch, famous Tar Heel writer and after-dinner speaker brightened the occasion with a highly entertaining dissertation on the theme "Friendly People Always Meet Friendly People." He took us to many places, but brought us home safely and happily filled.

"Raleigh 500" is heading into a successful year of continuing Masonic progress which we hope to share with them.

North Carolina Institutes New Commandery

The beautiful new Masonic Temple at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina was the scene of the most impressive ceremony of institution of Wilkes Commandery No. 40, Knights Templar. This was the first commandery chartered since May 1944 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina. On Saturday, June 1st, at 3:30 p.m., a host of Sir Knights from all sections of the state gathered to witness the ceremony and to pay tribute to the ninety-seven charter members and their commander, Sir Knight Maurice E. Walsh, who is also Grand Treasurer of the Grand York Rite Masonic Bodies.

Wilkes Commandery U.D. was opened in full form and the officers of the Grand Commandery under the leadership of R. E. W. Bryan Phelps, Grand Commander, were received, and the Grand Commandery was opened. Thirty-two Past Commanders were recognized.

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Grand York Rite Festival In North Carolina

On the 11th day of the merry month of May the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina held their annual festival at the Raleigh Masonic Temple on Caswell Street, with a class of 154 candidates and 323 registrants.

The day dawned brightly as the ceremonies opened at 8:30 on the Mark Master degree with the alert degree team from the Asheville Chapter No. 25 R.A.M. conferring the work, with high skill and efficiency, lead by R.W.M. Patrick B. Nugent.

At 9:30 the degree team from Greenville Chapter No. 50 R.A.M. ably led by R.W.M. W. Hoke Smith conferring the degree of Past Master. At 10:00 A.M. The Degree of Most Excellent Master was "put on" by the Raleigh Chapter No. 10 R.A.M.—including both the first and second sections, lead by the

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