



Brother Tom Hill and M. W. Robert N. Bass, Jr., Grand Master

Salem Lodge Begins Centennial Year

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by a delightfully entertaining group—"The Melody Singers" under the direction of Mrs. Audrey LeGrande.

Brother Crist W. Blackwell gave an introduction and a tribute to the Speaker, Brother John C. Whitaker, Chm. of the Board of Directors, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Retired. Brother Whitaker's speech was inspirational and warmly received. And it was evident that Salem Lodge No. 289 is justifiably proud of this outstanding brother, and citizen.

The entire evening was filled with music and the cares that infest the day had no place in such an atmosphere of piano and organ renditions by the two lovely ladies Mrs. Earle C. Martin, pianist and Mrs. Phillip C. Ogden, organist.

History of Lodge

One hundred years ago on May 25th, 1868 a group of eight Masons met under a dispensation granted from the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina, under date of May 19th, 1868, empowering it to work under the name of Salem Lodge No. 289. This meeting was held in a building owned by Jacob L. Fulkerson located on S. Main Street a few feet north of the restored Miksch Tobacco shop in Salem.

Wednesday afternoon of December 9th A.L. 5868 (1868) The Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina at its eighty-second Annual Communication in the city of Raleigh with M. W. R. W. Best, Grand Master received a report from its committee No. 3 on Charters and Dispensations "... examined by-laws and returns—report them correct and respectfully recommend that charters be granted to said lodges . . . Salem Lodge No. 289." (Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of North Carolina 1868-1870.

Salem Lodge continued to meet here regularly until 1875, and then, due to a change in the amount of



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rent and conditions of the lease, they moved to a building owned by H. A. Sidall, the location of which is not known.

On October 3, 1878 the Lodge moved to a building owned by Dr. J. W. Hunter, who was Master of Salem Lodge for the first seven years, which was located to the north of and slightly to the rear of the present Home Moravian Church. They continued to meet at this location until May 16, 1891 when the Lodge voted to move to Winston, N. C. and share a lodge hall, location unknown, with Winston Lodge No. 167.

On March 5, 1895 Salem Lodge negotiated a contract with the Knights of Pythias to use their lodge room on the third floor of the Wells-Brietz Drug Store located at the corner of Brookstown Ave. and S. Main St. They remained at this location for over twenty-four years.

On October 7, 1919 they moved into the Masonic Temple located at

DeMolay Conclave

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The award banquet started at 6 p.m. After the newly elected State Officers were installed Dan Killian announced the following winners:

DeMolay Week: Statesville chapter

Representative DeMolay: Sylva and Statesville chapters.

DeMolay Degree: Winston-Salem chapter

Flower Talk: Bob Holbrook, Statesville chapter.

Rifle: Statesville chapter.

Tennis: Rick DeMarcus, Kannapolis chapter

Basketball: Boone chapter.

After the awards our honored guest Dad Bass, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, spoke to the 350 present, following which tribute was paid to Dads Kafer and Pugh.

Our annual Sweetheart Ball was highlighted by the crowning of Miss Jane Kiger of Winston-Salem as State Sweetheart by our out-going State Sweetheart, Miss Pat Callahan of High Point.

As midnight closed the day, so closed this 45th annual conclave on a note of pervading gaiety.

the corner of West 4th and Trade Streets, which is the present location of Walgreen Drug Store. This was the beginning of a period of harmony and cooperation between the Masonic Blue Lodges of Winston-Salem. Since this date all the Blue Lodges, though moving several times, have met at the same locations.

On September 3, 1929, during the depression and due to the loss of the Masonic Temple, they moved to the Miller Building on West 4th St. which is the present location of the First Union National Bank. They remained at this location until June 1937 when they moved to the Brown Memorial Baptist Church Building at the corner of West 4th and Spring streets.

In 1944 they occupied the second and third floors of the Clinard Electric Building which was located at the present site of the city parking lot at the corner of East 3rd and N. Main Streets.

In 1949 a partnership was formed and Salem Lodge, Winston Lodge and Pioneer Lodge purchased the old Spach home at 533 Summit St.

Salem Lodge had been active for over 81 years and this is the first time it ever owned or shared ownership in a meeting place. In 1953 this property was sold and Salem Lodge with the other Blue Lodges and all Masonic affiliated bodies pooled their resources and formed the Masonic Temple, Inc. of Winston Salem to build our present beautiful Temple at 34 Miller St.

During the interim period from 1953 to 1956 Salem Lodge and all other Masonic Bodies met in a building at the corner of Monmouth and Glendale Streets, which was often referred to as "The Barn". Salem Lodge held its first meeting in the Masonic Temple at 34 Miller St. early in 1956.

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vey Smith and the Grand Lodge"; followed by Brother Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M. who spoke on "Harvey Smith and Scottish Rite Masonry"; And our Brother Nelson Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple who delivered a dissertation on "Noble Harvey Smith and the Shrine."

Climaxing the occasion, our beloved Brother William J. Bundy, Past Grand Master, and Past Potentate of Sudan Temple told us of "Harvey Smith the Man".

After the benediction by our past Shrine Chaplain, Brother Jasper Gray Harper, Major S.A., the meeting was ajourned to the great dining room where the Chef's Crew served an especially delightful seafood dinner, that filled each Mason with fraternal contentment such that afterwards, each went on his way, rejoicing over what the day had wrought. —TRM

Look To The East

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Crutchfield to the West where he seated him on the Senior Warden's second level. It was here that brother Crutchfield began to talk to the Grand Master. "Our lodge is in debt fifteen thousand dollars. I have saved a little money, and my wife and I have no survivors. I will give this lodge ten thousand dollars, provided they raise the other five thousand—within six weeks, as that is about as long as I have to live."

The Grand Master immediately called a meeting of the lodge trustees who were all present on the floor. Then he requested Brother Crutchfield to repeat his offer, which he did.

As we write this the Lodge has raised \$6,500 and Brother Crutchfield has rendered the lodge debt free—and the malady which has overtaken our Brother has already rendered him blind.

Fittingly, in our Masonic Holy Book there is a passage which reads: "In discharge of the task which God graciously intrusted to me, I, like a competent master-builder have laid a foundation, and others are building upon it. But let everyone be careful how and what he builds. For no one can lay any other foundation in addition to that which is already laid, namely Jesus Christ. And whether the building which anyone else is erecting on that foundation be of gold, or silver or costly stones, of timber, or hay or straw — the true character of each individual's work will become manifest. . . ."

Monday morning of the 9th of September, after we had opened our office, a message came through to us that our most beloved Brother William Guy Crutchfield of Mebane Lodge No. 272 had been called by the Master to sit with him in the East in that celestial lodge above. —TRM

It is easier to put a finish on a piece of carpentry or weaving than to put the mark of excellence on a life.