



Left to right: Brothers J. Melvin Fordham, James A. Whitfield, P.M.; J. Randolph Fordham, Wilbur E. Mazingo, and Berl M. Kahn, Senior Grand Deacon.



Left to right: Brothers Guy Elliott, Robert J. Whitfield, Master, and Berl M. Kahn, Senior Grand Deacon.

### Night of Nights

St. John's Lodge No. 4 honored its Past Masters at a most delightful supper in the temple dining hall on the night of October 28th, 1968 prior to a stated communication which followed.

Immediately following the business session, Worshipful Master Brother Robert J. Whitfield welcomed the Past Masters with much praise and felicitations.

Brother Robert I. Faulkner called the roll of living Past Masters which numbered 28. Sixteen were present and faced the East,

### Our DeMolays

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Past District Deputy Grand Master and Ambassador of Scottish Rite Masons; Rufus Cohen, Master Andrew Jackson Lodge 576; A. R. Gibbs, Master Spencer Lodge 542; Judge J. Allen Dunn, Past Ritualistic Advisor Order of DeMolay.

Rainbow Girls from the Salisbury Chapter assisted the DeMolay Mothers' Circle with registration, ushering and the reception, which was held immediately following the installation ceremony.

west of the altar where the Master presented each with an engraved miniature trowel, as a token of appreciation for their fidelity to Masonry, following which the Master called on Brother Tyson H. Creech of Lenoir Lodge No. 233 (La-Grange) who introduced Worshipful Brother Berl M. Kahn, Grand Senior Deacon, of Wayne Lodge No. 112, Goldsboro, as speaker for the evening.

First, Brother Kahn presented twenty-five year certificates to four present brothers, and in absentia to three who were unable to be present. He then presented a fifty-year veteran's certificate to Brother Guy Elliott, who had been escorted to the East. Here Brother Elliot responded fittingly, with great dignity, charm and appreciation. Worshipful Brother John E. Williams was awarded a sixty-year Diamond Jubilee certificate, in absentia.

Worshipful Brother Kahn then delivered a most thought provoking address on Masonry, which talk left the brethren filled with the knowing that the rich and lasting rewards of the wide-wide world of Masonry are here within our individual grasp.

Levin K. Jones, P.M., Sec'y

### FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Many Secretaries do not understand that a Report of Doings on Form 49 must be sent to the Grand Secretary's office within five days after each stated communication, whether or not you have anything to report under the sixteen items listed on this report form. See Regulation 67-16 (18) of THE Code. If you have nothing to report, you should write the word "NONE" at the top near the name and number of your lodge.

Election time will soon be coming up, which will be followed by the installation of the new Officers of the lodges, and this sometimes calls for a search of the minutes to determine if a certain member is eligible to be installed by having passed an examination on the catechism of the Third Degree. While I was the Secretary of my lodge I kept a list in the back of the lodge ledger of all members eligible to hold office under the provisions of Regulation 80-08. This saves a lot of searching through the minutes to find this information.

The Grand Master has stated that he hopes to hold 10 area meetings over the state early in 1969 in an effort to be helpful to the new lodge Officers. It has been suggested that these meetings might afford the opportunity of holding a series of forums for lodge Secretaries, and we would like to hear from the lodge Secretaries and get their reaction to this suggestion.

I suggest that these meetings, if held, should be on Saturdays, and that they should start at about 2:00 P.M. and last until about 4:30, following which we could have about a half hour for visiting, then a dinner at about five to five fifteen, compliments of the Grand Lodge.

If it is decided to hold these forums for our Secretaries, we will decide on the locations and then ask the several Secretaries in that area to help us in the arranging of these meetings and the dinners.

There appears to be some misunderstanding by some lodge Secretaries regarding the proper way to withdraw from a lodge by members holding dual membership. The only way to withdraw from a lodge is to request a demit in writing, or by oral request made in open lodge. A Certificate of Good Standing is not a withdrawal except in transferring from one North Carolina lodge to another in this State.

In cases where a member became a dual member during the organization of a new lodge, and has now decided that he does not wish to pay dues in two North Carolina lodges, he must make a proper request as provided in Regulation 84-04 (1) of THE CODE, and he must pay all indebtedness to both lodges before he can withdraw from either lodge.

Incidentally, a lodge under dispensation cannot issue demits nor

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We have a NEW mail box—right in front of the Grand Lodge building—at 2921 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. 27608. How 'bout some letters!

### Curious Items From Ancient Wisdom

In Hebrew history there are recorded the acts of great men. David wrote the Psalms and they are sung to the glory of God and in grateful memory of David to this very day. Solomon coined his Proverbs and his minted wisdom has become a part of the heritage of all races. He built a great Temple and is honored and revered among Masons. Both have won their immortality by doing the great, the artistic and beautiful.

But there was another of the immortals of ancient Israel who also established his claim to eternal gratitude. Jacob dug a well.

The stones that line its walls were first put in place almost 3,500 years ago. Yet they are still straight and true and the well has never gone dry. Throughout 35 centuries, men have come that way and refreshed their souls, watered their flocks and herds. The well has never failed any man.

In India they have a proverb which says: "He has not lived in vain who has reared a son, planted a tree, or dug a well."

Most of us every day drink from wells we have not dug. Blessed is the man who digs a well from which another soul may draw hope and faith.

—William Ogden Bissonett, 33°

can it affiliate new members after receiving its dispensation. It must wait until the lodge has been chartered by the Grand Lodge before issuing demits or affiliating new members.

At the last meeting of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Master received a request from the Board that he appoint a special committee to contact families of deceased Masons who were known to possess valuable Masonic libraries, in the hope that these families could be persuaded to present these libraries to the Grand Lodge. If you know of any such libraries it will be appreciated if you will so advise the Grand Secretary's office.

PLEASE, Brother Secretary, as soon as your lodge elects a new Master and a Secretary, send us the card promptly giving their names, addresses, telephone numbers, etc. This is most important, and we will appreciate your prompt attention.

Charles A. Harris