



Left to right: T. T. Wellons, Reginald Hamlet, Nathaniel Dean, Junior Grand Deacon, Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., P.G.M.

Airport, arriving there approximately at 8:40.

On Tuesday, October 29th, this being the beginning of the Scottish Rite Reunion of the Raleigh Consistory, I proceeded to the Masonic Temple where I spent most of the day doing some degree work and visiting with the brethren.

On Wednesday, October 30th, I again returned to the Temple and took part in the Reunion.

On Thursday, October 31st, I opened the Raleigh Consistory at 1:30 and attended some of the degree work that afternoon. This being the last day of the Reunion, the Raleigh Bodies had a banquet in my honor at which time, with my family and many Scottish Rite, York, Shrine and Grand Lodge officials present, I was presented a beautifully done oil portrait of myself in full Grand Masters Regalia. The portrait was presented on behalf of the Raleigh Scottish Rite Bodies by M. W. James G. Johnston, Past Grand Master, and presently Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina. I appreciate greatly all of those distinguished Masons taking time from a busy schedule to be present at this dinner. I also had the privilege of presenting a 30-year Scottish Rite Cap to Brother James H. Parrish of Wendell, N. C.

The fall reunion class was named the Grand Masters Class in my honor, which I appreciate very much. This brought to a close a very exhausting but a very rewarding month of activity in the quarries of Masonry.

Our aim is peace and concord. Our goal is the removal of discord and unhappiness. Our tools are love and kindness.

Three Sides of the Coin

First, Faith in immortality is the ultimate lesson of Masonic philosophy and needs little by way of explanation.

It is an implicit assertion of the worth of the human soul and a declaration of our belief in the integrity of the universe. And faith in the Volume of the Sacred Law means, of course, faith in the Bible, that book we take to lead and rule and guide our lives.

Secondly, Work, because no worth-while national or personal objective can be accomplished without work. The original Freemasons were craftsmen who worked with essential tools at their command. These instruments were not to be used in speculation as men used mathematical formula; they were to be used by the hand in the performance of physical work as a means to the accomplishment of the desired ends. This has a searching relevance to our lives and a stinging rebuke to the inane practice of wishing for ends without using the tools to realize them.

Thirdly, Character is Masonry's great objective. If character fails in Freemasonry, where can we expect to succeed? A man must be his own Master if he would be a Mason. He must be one who is able to think for himself, and act for himself, and this is still important.

Character is of the very essence of Freemasonry as it is of the very essence of the well-being of a nation. It is the corner-stone of personal and social well-being.

It cannot be always said that treasure is a friend, but a friend is always a treasure.

Raleigh Masonic Veteran Honored

On Tuesday evening, June 18th, Brother T. T. (Toby) Wellons, of William G. Hill No. 218, was filling his regular station as Tyler outside the door for Raleigh Lodge No. 500. After appropriate exchanges of knocks at the door, the Tyler was requested to come into the lodge and a brother volunteered to substitute for him during that period of time.

Once inside, W. Brother Robert H. Williams, Master, ordered him presented before the Altar, and after proper remarks Brother Wellons was advised that he had been elected as an Honorary Member of Raleigh No. 500. He was further advised that in the 68 year history of Raleigh No. 500 that only five men had ever been granted Honorary memberships (and all are still living). The presentation took Brother Toby by surprise to the extent that about all he could say was "thank you"—and one could see that he truly did mean it.

In reviewing the Masonic background of this quiet, friendly and easy-going brother, we can find that he has always been very much interested in just about all phases of the craft.

On March 10, 1907, Brother J. C. Birdsong, Secretary of William G. Hill No. 218, wrote Brother Wellons advising him that at the regular meeting of the lodge on March 9th, his application for the Masonic degrees received favorable consideration, and that he had been elected to receive same. He was instructed to report to the Masonic Hall on Thursday evening, March 12th, at 7:30 o'clock. He was initiated March 12, 1908, Passed March 30, 1908, and Raised April 15, 1908. He became a Life Member under the automatic clause in 1933, and presented 25-Year Certificate on March 11, 1940. Grand Lodge 50-Year Veteran's Award October 27, 1958, and was recipient of the Grand Lodge's Golden Jubilee 60-Year Veterans Award, on April 16, 1968, when M. W. Bro. Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., presented this award to Brother Wellons, at the same time Brother Reginald Hamlet was honored by the same Award.

He has the following additional memberships to show his long time devotion to the principles of the Craft: Enoch Council No. 5, May 12, 1914, serving as Illustrious Master in 1924; and received 25-Year Certificate May 27, 1949, and 50-Year Award on May 5, 1967. Became member of Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Royal Arch Masons September 17, 1912, serving as High Priest in 1923. 25-Year Award August 8, 1947, and 50-Year Certificate May 5, 1967. Became a member of Raleigh Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar on June 17, 1915, with 25-Year Award February 14, 1941, and 50-Year Honor on May 5, 1967. Life Sponsor Knights Templar Eye Foundation on June 15, 1966.

He was initiated in Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. on May 24, 1916, Certificate No. 2891. Other infor-

Here Is Unanimity

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A.M., in delightful Edenton was host to the Third Quarterly meeting of the First Masonic District held on October 25, 1968.

It was a warm pleasant evening at half after six that the brethren and their guests gathered in the great dining room for a sumptuous feast of fine foods prepared and served up by the pretty ladies of our Eastern Star.

At 8:00 P.M., Bro. E. P. Robey, Master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7 welcomed the guests and introduced Bro. Lindy P. Harrell, D.D. G.M. of the first district. Brother Harrell called the roll of the lodges and found about 80 present, representing all eight lodges in the district. He then called for a report of the activities of the lodges during the preceding quarter, July through September. These reports showed the district to be active with a growing membership.

A motion was made and carried that this meeting be known as the H. A. "Izzy" Campen meeting in honor of Brother Campen, who was called to the Celestial Lodge Above in July. Brother Campen had been a Master Mason for 45 years and had been the driving force in his home lodge as well as a great help to many nearby lodges. He always answered the call for help, both in the ritualistic work and the operations of the lodges.

Brother J. Hilton Forbes, D.D. G.M. of the Second District was introduced by Brother B. P. Burroughs, Junior Warden of Unanimity Lodge. Brother Forbes delivered a highly interesting address: "Where Goeth Thou?"

The eight lodges constituting the First Masonic district take turns as hosts for these memorable fraternal gatherings, which afford excellent inter-communication and a nearness in fraternal fellowship. So mote it ever me!

Thoughtfulness

The prime factor of good manners is thoughtfulness. Thoughtfulness is the mark of a gentleman. A gentleman is gentle with old ladies, young ladies, with himself and his companions. He is gentle in his thoughts, actions and practices.

Thoughtfulness encompasses etiquette, respect, dignity and is a kind of aristocracy that shows through wherever people gather. It is the extra-something that causes the worthwhile to seek you out. —TRM

mation is that he became a member of Sudan Temple November 22, 1916, with Sudan's charter being issued on June 26, 1917.

He is also a member of Holland Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

(Furthermore Brother "Toby" spent a career as Supt. of buildings and grounds at NCSU and is widely known and loved by myriads of friends both within and without Masonry.—Ed.)