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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Traveling With The Grand Master



ROBERT N. BASS, JR.
Grand Master

On Friday, November 1, accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother James W. Brewer, P.G.M., and Grand Treasurer, we motored to King, North Carolina. After enjoying a delicious meal served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, we adjourned to the Lodge Hall and opened the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the purpose of dedicating the beautiful temple of King Lodge No. 722. We had attending this dedication Most Worshipful Brother Sam A. Hennis, Jr., P.G.M., and Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Harris, P.G.M., G.S.

After the dedicatory service, I had the privilege of presenting a 25-year award to Brother Harry Spencer Hutchins, who has contributed so much to Masonry in this District. After this we returned to Greensboro for the night.

On Saturday, November 2, I attended the Board of Directors for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and I am very happy to say that every member was present except Most Worshipful Brother A. A. Kafer, Jr., and Most Wor-

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The First Hundred

By WILLIAM L. SIMS
EUREKA LODGE NO. 288

On the evening of November 9th, 1968 Eureka Lodge No. 283 of China Grove, N. C. celebrated its one hundredth anniversary with a banquet at the South Rowan High School Cafeteria attended by approximately 250.

Our brother, the Reverend Wayne M. Daubenspeck gave the invocation, Brother Babby Barker, served as toastmaster, introducing W. M. Brother Charles E. Funderburk who introduced the lodge officers and their families and recognized special guests in attendance, followed by an address of welcome. Brother F. D. Johnston, P.M. presented a memorium for our brethren who had laid aside their working tools during the past year.

Brother S. A. Roberts presented 25 year awards to Brothers Hugh Earnhardt, R. Earl Wagoner and George Barger; also presenting to Brother W. L. Sims the award as Eureka's outstanding Mason of the year, so ascribed by his brother Masons. Brother Sims then gave an historical resume of Eureka Lodge, much to the delight and pleasure of the happy gathering.

Some of the interesting highlights of this history can be gleaned from the following: "The regular meetings of Eureka Lodge during these early years was on the first Saturday after each full moon, time about 1 P. M. It was almost a regular occasion for three to seven of the members to make a speech on masonry. There was also a meeting on the Festivals of Saint John the Evangelist and Saint

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Between Two Wars

In 1861 Hiram Lodge No. 40 A. F. & A. M. of Raleigh, North Carolina failed to "close" because of the "exigency of the occasion." Fifty-two years later, and three months before our entry into World War I, the aged and infirm Master was wheel-chaired into the same lodge hall, where he officially "closed" the lodge. The "exigency of the occasion" was the reported nearness of the troops of General Sherman.

A Christmas Prayer



MAY UNITY, PEACE AND PLENTY BE
THIS NATION'S GIFT AT CHRISTMAS
AND IT'S TREASURE THROUGH YEARS
TO COME.

— and —

*May the Great Architect of
the Universe*

*Keep you under the shadow
of His wings,*

*And may you find peace and
contentment*

*For you and yours this holy
Christmas time*

*And each day in the
New Year*

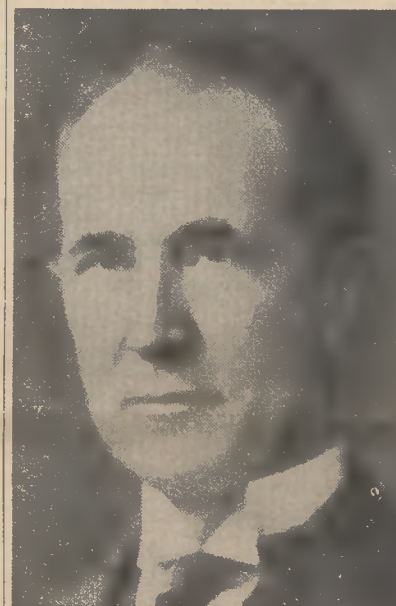
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Reason Enthroned

Masonry is a progressive science, a builder, not a destroyer. Its mission is to disseminate light and dispel darkness. It detracts from no man's faith; seeks to interfere with no man's creed. It holds in reverence every man's temple; desecrates no man's altar. It accords to every man the privilege to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience. Its march is ever upward to the full fruition of knowledge. Its hope is to free the man from the servile bonds of passion and prejudice, to enthrone reason and secure to man the mastery of himself.

—T. H. Jeffries, G.M. Ga. 1911

En Memorium



THOMAS J. HARKINS, 33°

As a memorial to Illustrious Brother Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander, we shall not attempt this attestation in oils, pastels or water colors, which time might efface, but in imperishable writings, a medium which does not lend itself to the colors and highlights of a resplendent canvas; for it is rather our sole aim to impart lasting depth of character in this rendering.

Since the beauty of a rare gem is properly admired when its brilliancy and glitter are exposed to the human eye, so likewise it is true in relation to our venerable subject. In order to fully appreciate his true sparkle as a man and Mason, we are obliged to unwrap this *Jewel* and expose its scintillating beauty and richness of character to the Craft in a Masonic perspective.

Much is said about the Landmarks of Freemasonry; those features of the Craft which identify the Institution for the kind of fraternity it is. Some Brethren are landmarks. They are those in whom we recognize the qualities of mind and heart, and the principles we admire and revere. Such a man and Mason was past Sovereign Grand Commander Thomas J. Harkins,

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