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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Traveling With The Grand Master



ROBERT N. BASS, JR.  
Grand Master

On Sunday, December 1st, at 1:30 P.M. I opened the Grand Lodge of North Carolina in an emergent communication for the purpose of conducting Masonic Rites for our beloved Brother Thomas J. Harkins. At 3 P.M. the service was conducted at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher, North Carolina, which is about 12 miles southeast of Asheville. This service was attended by a number of brethren in the Asheville District along with M. W. Chas. A. Harris, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary, M. W. William E. Burrier, P.G.M. who conducted the Masonic service; M. W. James G. Johnston, P.G.M. and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina; M. W. Maxwell E. Hoffman, P.G.M.; M. W. Watson N. Sherrod, P.G.M. and W. Harry L. Holland, D.D.G.M. of the 26th Masonic District. After the Masonic service we returned to the Asheville Masonic Temple and closed the Grand Lodge and returned home.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, I attended a stated communication  
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## A Pause Between Centuries

"OUR GREENVILLE—YOURS WHEN YOU COME" is a Masonic town, with three lodges currently lending color to the intensely interesting and fascinating hundred years of ceaseless involvement in the fraternity of our ancient craft.

Greenville Lodge No. 284 has lived in a veritable cauldron of political, sectarian and civil fermentation but in it all has assumed and maintained an insulated air of non-committal aloofness, attending only to those affairs which advanced the greater good of Masonry, and thereby assuring itself unending Masonic life in enviable pristine repute.

On December 8th the mystic curtain was raised on the second hundred years of effective labor in the stone quarries and on the temple walls, plumbed, leveled and squared; rising high into the heavens of man's ultimate longings. It was a time of rejoicing in our ancient faith, hoping in prayer, and manifesting fraternal Charity—in that love that passeth understanding.

The program opened with Brother Wyatt R. Highsmith, Master of Greenville Lodge No. 284 as Director of Ceremonies. The invocation was by Brother Adrian E.  
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We believe that any picture worth publishing is worth seventy.

That's what the engraver charges us to ready any picture for publication — and that's what we are requesting of those sending pictures to us.

It's actually worth more than that, for when it is historically recorded. It is broadcast throughout our Grand jurisdiction and many areas throughout the world. It is a constant reminder of how young we are.

Furthermore — that change of address! Keep us posted — for the Post Office charges us ten cents for each of all your wrong address. Monthly we are paying 10¢ X .02 (2%) X 67,000 for your wrong addresses. Figure that out!



W. J. Morgan, Wm. G. Hill No. 218; R. N. Bass, Jr., Grand Master; J. E. Edwards, Raleigh No. 500; and Otto Neustadt, Hiram 40.

## Grand Master Installs Officers For Three Raleigh Lodges

The Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Robert N. Bass, Jr., was installing officer for a joint installation ceremony by William G. Hill Lodge No. 218, Raleigh Lodge No. 500, and Hiram Lodge No. 40, Monday evening December 30th 1968 in Raleigh's Masonic Temple. A musical interlude was provided by Peyton J. Brown at the organ, with soloists Boyd M. Spence and Marvin W. Burke each giving two numbers. R. Gage Smith was Master of Ceremonies, and Franklin V. Putney, Chaplain.

The Grand Master installed the following officers: for William G. Hill Lodge No. 218: Millard S. Morgan, Master; John B. Byrd, Jr., Senior Warden; Arthur W. Jordan, Junior Warden; W. Richard Mabrey, Past Master, Treasurer; R. Gage Smith, Past Master, Secretary; S. G. Peterson, Jr., Senior Deacon; Walter I. Dodd, Jr., Junior Deacon; Edward W.

Wilson and John R. Senter, Stewards; Robert A. Drake, Chaplain, and T. T. Wellons, Tyler. Retiring Master Dee O. Lineberry. Ryan D. Bashford, Past Master, was Marshal.

For Raleigh Lodge No. 500: James E. Edwards, Master; Robert S. Moreland, Senior Warden; Norman C. Miller, Jr., Junior Warden; Fred F. Harding, Past Master, Treasurer; D. O. Smith, Past Master, Secretary; Ray M. Jones, Senior Deacon; Joe P. Harrington, Junior Deacon; A. J. Early, III, and R. Donald Rhyne, Stewards; S. Ross Turner, Jr., Chaplain, and T. T. Wellons, Tyler. Hiram J. Casebolt, Past Master, was Marshal, and Robert H. Williams, retiring Master.

Hiram Lodge No. 40 officers: Otto Neustadt, Master; Ralph M. Moore, Jr., Senior Warden; Kenneth G. Halstead, Junior Warden;

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