

Traveling With The Grand Master

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of Millbrook Lodge No. 97 at which time I had the pleasure of conferring the third degree on my youngest son, Douglas.

On Wednesday, December 4th, accompanied by Brother Tom McCrea and Douglas we journeyed to Albemarle for the 38th Masonic District Meeting. Arriving at Stanly Lodge about 6:30 P.M., we were met by W. Nat C. Dean, J.G.D. of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and W. R. Pete Dudley, Assistant to the Grand Secretary along with several other members. We were escorted to the dining room in the Masonic Temple where we enjoyed a delicious meal served by the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter, after which we adjourned to the lodge hall and enjoyed a very informative meeting conducted by W. Monroe M. Bolen, D.D.G.M. of the 38th Masonic District. During this meeting I had the privilege of presenting several Grand Lodge awards.

On Friday, December 6th, accompanied by Brother Tom McCrea, we motored to Charlotte where we were guests of the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas. We enjoyed a very delicious banquet served at the Barringer Hotel at which time I had the opportunity to speak for a few minutes to the Divan and officers of the four Temples which make up the Shrine Bowl Game of the Carolinas.

On Saturday, December 7th, accompanied by M. W. W. Edward Burrier, P.G.M. and W. Hiram J. Casebolt, G.S., we had the privilege of attending the Shrine Bowl Game and participating in the festivities of the day.

On Monday, December 9th, accompanied by W. Hiram J. Casebolt, we journeyed to the Plantation Inn on Highway No. 1, north of Raleigh, where we were met by W. Fred E. Rogers, Master of Wake Forest Lodge No. 282 and other officers and their wives where we enjoyed a very delicious steak dinner after which we journeyed on to the Wake Forest Lodge where we were joined with the other brethren in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of this Lodge. W. Ray Branson gave a very comprehensive history on this Lodge. During this meeting I was privileged to present several 25 and 50 year awards.

On Tuesday, December 10th, accompanied by Brother Bud Debnam, we journeyed to Lumberton where we were met by W. Dave Lambeth, P.D.D.G.M.; W. Archie B. Stalvey, D.D.G.M. of the 14th Masonic District, W. Sanford P. Cain, Master of St. Albans No. 114 and several other brethren at which time we went to the Steak House where we enjoyed a delicious meal. We returned to the Lodge Hall about 7:30 P.M. After the Lodge was opened and labor dispensed with, the ladies and guests were invited into the Lodge Hall. I then had the pleasure to present 14 25-year awards, 6 50-year awards and 2 60-year awards. I have looked forward to this meeting for a long time and it certainly was a plea-

sure and privilege for me to have the opportunity of presenting these awards and visiting with the fine brethren in the 14th District meeting.

On Wednesday, December 11th, I attended the Board of Directors Meeting of the Raleigh Consistory at which time we made plans for our spring and fall reunions.

On Thursday, December 12th, at 4 P.M., I called an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for the purpose of setting a commemorative stone at Millbrook Lodge No. 97. This is an occasion which I have looked forward to for many months. This being my home lodge, it was certainly an honor to have the privilege of setting this stone. After this ceremony we closed the Grand Lodge and retired to the dining room where we enjoyed a very delicious oyster supper. After which I attended the state communication of the Raleigh Consistory held at the Masonic Temple in Raleigh.

On Saturday, December 14th, I had the opportunity of attending the 100th Anniversary of Green Level Lodge which was held in the cafeteria of the Apex High School. This being an open meeting the ladies and guests were also invited to this supper. At this meeting I had the opportunity of presenting 25- and 50-year awards. I also had the privilege of speaking to this group after which the history of Green Level Lodge was presented by Brother Rex G. Thompson, Master.

On Sunday, December 15th, I had the pleasure of attending the Christmas Party at Oxford Orphanage sponsored by Millbrook No. 97 and also the Christmas Party at the Baby Cottage which was sponsored by William G. Hill No. 218.

On Monday, December 16th, I had the privilege of installing the Officers of James B. Green Lodge No. 735. It was certainly an honor to install the officers of this lodge and having known these brethren since this lodge was instituted, I know they will have a wonderful year.

On Tuesday, December 17th, I attended a stated communication of Millbrook Lodge No. 97.

On Wednesday, December 18th, accompanied by Brother Bud Debnam, we journeyed to Shoney's Restaurant in Durham where we were met by W. Donald B. Tilley, Jr., D.D.G.M. of the 32nd Masonic District along with several of the brethren from Knap of Reeds No. 158 where we enjoyed a delicious meal after which we journeyed on to this Lodge in Bahama, this being a communication called for the purpose of presenting 25- and 50-year awards. After being properly received, the Master extended me the gavel at which time I had the privilege of presenting three awards to the brethren of this lodge. I have looked forward to visiting with the brethren of this lodge for many years and it was certainly a pleasure to be with them on this occasion.

On Thursday, December 19th, accompanied by W. Hiram J. Case-



GETS 50-YEAR AWARD

John Moore (left), past master of Cannon Memorial Lodge No. 626, presents a 50-year Masonic membership certificate to Dr. James O. Nolan, a local physician. Mrs. Nolan looks on.

Veteran Masons Are Honored

Dr. J. O. Nolan, pioneer Kannapolis physician, received top honors at Cannon Memorial Masonic Lodge's 53rd anniversary banquet recently at Bethpage Methodist Church in Kannapolis.

Brother Nolan was initiated Nov. 6, 1917, passed Nov. 20, 1917 and raised Dec. 3, 1917 by Wake Forest Lodge No. 282. He demitted from that Lodge to Cannon Memorial Lodge No. 626 on Nov. 16, 1926 and has been a member of Cannon Memorial Lodge since that date. His 50-year Masonic membership certificate was presented by John E.

bolt, we motored to Rockingham, North Carolina where I had the privilege of speaking to the brethren on Past Masters' and Ladies' Night of Rockingham Lodge No. 495.

On Saturday, December 21st, I attended the Past Masters' and Ladies' Night of my own lodge, Millbrook Lodge No. 97, which was held in the Masonic Temple Dining Room in Raleigh.

After taking the next three days off to look for Santa Claus, I found myself in the bed on Christmas Day with the flu which I am sure that I did not bring back from Hong Kong!

On Saturday, December 28th, after recuperating I had the privilege of installing the officers of Millbrook Lodge No. 97. I am confident that these brethren will have a wonderful year and I extend to them my hearty support.

On Monday, December 30th, I had the honor of installing the officers for the three Raleigh lodges, Hiram No. 40, William G. Hill No. 218 and Raleigh No. 500. This was a wonderful occasion and I want to congratulate each officer for the work that they are doing for Masonry throughout this District.

Once again I can say that I have enjoyed working and visiting with my Masonic brethren over this great State. May each member and each Lodge in North Carolina have a happy and prosperous year in 1969.

Moore, Past Master of the lodge.

R. T. Dickson of Kannapolis, 43rd Masonic District Deputy Grand Master, presented 25-year certificates to:

J. R. Allen, F. R. Barnhardt, R. B. Bennett, T. M. Brown, L. W. Clodfelter, R. V. Cook, B. E. Durham, R. M. Efird, W. F. Gibson, J. S. Jones, D. B. Jordan, J. T. Lunsford, M. D. Moore, L. D. Overcash, O. L. Patton, Henry Price and A. O. Slawson.

Featured speaker at the banquet was Rev. Troy Robbins, superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro. He reviewed the services offered at the home and outlined plans for the future.

J. W. Cook was master of ceremonies at the banquet. J. E. Nicholson, master of the lodge, made the welcome address; Rev. Fred Hill, pastor of Bethpage Methodist Church, offered the invocation; Mrs. Robert Moore offered the Prayer of Benediction.

Sojourning Masons

Dwight Smith, Grand Secretary of Indiana was quoted: "In restless America, where everyone is on the move, the subject of sojourning Masons has never been given proper attention. If I have my druthers—there would be a study of methods whereby Masons moving from one place to another may be actively encouraged to transfer their Lodge membership. It is my belief that we make far too much over so-called 'sentiment.' What is sometimes thought to be sentiment too often may be a lack of interest. Who gains when a Mason tenaciously refuses ever to leave his Mother Lodge? The Lodge in the community where the brother resides? The Lodge in the old home town? The brother himself? The Fraternity at large? No one gains. Everyone loses."

The Mason's membership is moved with the same facility as his church letter.