

Traveling With The Grand Master

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Worshipful Brother Sam Holbrook, Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Harris and Worshipful Brother R. Pete Dudley.

On Sunday, February 2nd, accompanied by Worshipful Brother R. Pete Dudley, we boarded the Eastern Airline Flight for New Orleans (this happened to be one of those flights that did not go VIA Cuba). After checking in at the hotel, we proceeded to the Masonic Temple for the purpose of registration and upon arriving there we were met by Worshipful Brother Peter LaGuins, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Beginning at 6:30 P. M. we attended the Grand Master's Banquet, after which we had the privilege to attend one of the Mardi Gras Balls. On Monday, February 3rd, and Tuesday, February 4th, we attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The installation of officers was held at 1 P. M. on Tuesday afternoon. This was a very informative meeting and we enjoyed being with brethren of Louisiana on this occasion.

On Friday, February 7th, accompanied by Most Worshipful Brother James W. Brewer, we motored to Greensboro where we attended the meeting of the Executive Committee for the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at which time we reviewed the bids for the Care Center and discussed with the architect, Mr. Bill Keener, his recommendations as to awarding contracts. After much discussion it was decided to recommend to the Board of Directors on Saturday morning that we do award the contracts for the erection of the Care Center which I hope will be completed within the next 18 to 20 months.

On Saturday, February 8th, at 11 A. M. the full Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home met in the Board Room, and after discussing many items pertaining to the operations of the Home, the Board then approved the recommendations of the Executive Committee to erect the Care Center. The total cost of this will be \$821,673.00. After this meeting, we returned home.

On Monday, February 10th and Tuesday, February 11th, I, along with Worshipful Brother Hiram J. Casebolt attended the Grand Lodge of Virginia in Richmond. This was an interesting and enjoyable Grand Lodge meeting and I want to congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Jesse White, Grand Master, for the excellent manner in which he conducted this communication. I also enjoyed visiting with the brethren of this neighboring State.

On Thursday, February 13th, I again had the privilege of attending the Scottish Rite Bodies on their stated communication at which time we had the election and installation of officers in the Lodge of Perfection.

On Saturday, February 15th, I again met with the Executive Committee in Greensboro for the purpose of discussing the right of way proposed by the City and State

across the property of the Home. We had present with us Mr. Kimbro and Brother Paul Pinder, who were representing the City of Greensboro on the right of way. This was a very informative discussion and I am pleased that I have a letter from Mr. H. L. Medford of the City of Greensboro whereby they accepted our figure of \$66,000.00 for the right of way across the property.

On Tuesday, February 18th, I again had the privilege of attending the stated communication of Millbrook Lodge No. 97 after which I had the honor of attending Friendship Night at Edith Chapter No. 160, O.E.S. in Cary. At this meeting, there were many sisters and brothers whom I have not had the pleasure of seeing and visiting with this past year, and I certainly did enjoy the fraternal fellowship of that evening.

On Wednesday, February 19th, accompanied by Worshipful Brother Harry L. Holland, D.D.G.M. of the 26th Masonic District, and Worshipful Brother Hiram J. Casebolt, Grand Steward, we went to Charlotte where we had the privilege of attending a banquet honoring our Illustrious Brother Albert P. Ruerat, Grand Master of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. This was a very enjoyable evening and I congratulate the DeMolays on a fine job.

On Friday, February 21st, this being the first day of the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., I had the privilege of meeting with Worshipful Brother Marvin E. Flower and Worshipful Brother William Edmunds and Brother Conrad Hahn. We discussed the activities of the Masonic Service Association in North Carolina.

On Saturday morning, we boarded a bus for the George Washington National Masonic Memorial at which time we enjoyed a very fine meeting conducted by Worshipful Brother Hesse, who is president of the Corporation. During this meeting, I had the privilege of serving on the Nominating Committee for this meeting.

On Sunday, February 23rd, at 8 P. M., I had the privilege of meeting with the Masonic Service Association Committee on visitation of which I'm proud to be serving as a member.

On Monday, beginning at 9 A. M., we assembled in the Diplomat Room for the conference of Grand Masters.

On Monday evening, we had the honor of having as our guests of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the following distinguished Senators, Congressmen, and their wives: Senator and Mrs. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., Senator and Mrs. B. Everett Jordan; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spain; Congressman and Mrs. Walter B. Jones; Congressman and Mrs. L. H. Fountain; Congressman and Mrs. David N. Henderson; Congressman and Mrs. Earl B. Ruth; and Congressman and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

We are very proud of our Senators and Congressmen in North Carolina and I want to take this

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The Grand Master delivered appropriate remarks to the assemblage as to the purpose of the occasion, and the Commemorative Stone was set in place and dedicated in accordance with the usual Masonic custom.

W. Brother Harold R. Arthurs, P.M. (374) represented the Building Authorities; W. Brother Wm. M. Blackwelder, P.M. (496) represented the Principal Architect; W. Brother Sam H. Oswalt, P.M. (374) carried the Three Great Lights; and W. Brother Rhan S. Clodfelter, (374) carried the Book of Constitutions.

Following the completion of the ceremony, the Grand Lodge returned to the Hall of Campbell Lodge No. 374, where Worshipful Brother Theodore R. Templeton, Jr., P.M. (374) expressed the appreciation of the lodge to the Grand Master and others who participated in the ceremony, and a brief response was made by the Grand Master.

opportunity to thank them for taking time out of their busy schedule to be with us.

On Thursday, February 27th, I had the privilege of attending the Oxford Orphanage Committee Meeting of William G. Hill No. 218 of which Brother Harry Shore is beginning his 21st year as Chairman. Harry has done a wonderful job over the years and I congratulate him for this fine work.

On Friday, February 28th, I attended the Past Masters and Ladies' Night of Raleigh Lodge No. 500. This was an outstanding occasion and it has been one that I have looked forward to for some time. During this banquet, Worshipful Brother Fred Harding was recognized as a Charter Member of Raleigh Lodge No. 500. Before affiliating with this Lodge on December 26, 1899 which was at that time under dispensation, he was a member of William G. Hill No. 218. (Raleigh Lodge No. 500 received their Charter on January 10, 1900.) Brother Fred has also served as Grand Tyler for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina "from time immemorial." I have enjoyed his friendship for these many, many years.

I congratulate the officers and members of this fine Lodge for the outstanding work they are doing under the leadership of Worshipful Brother J. E. Edwards, Master.

Once again this month, I have had the privilege to present several awards and enjoy the wonderful fellowship with my Masonic brethren.

During my District meetings, I was asked by several of the brethren for a copy of the talk which I made at some of the meetings; therefore, I have asked Brother Tom McCrea, Editor of "The North Carolina Mason" to include in this month's issue the one entitled "The Lamp Lighter."

It seems that this year has slipped away very quickly. Glancing at the calendar, I see that almost 10½ months have passed since I was installed as Grand Master. This has been a very rewarding

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Two Brothers of Fellowship Lodge No. 687, Durham have moved to the fore in North Carolina Masonry.

Brother Edgar Reid Higgins, Jr. was elevated to the exalted position of Illustrious Potentate of Sudan Temple at the Winter Ceremonial in late January. Brother John Pratt Gore was named Outer Guard by the incoming Potentate Brother Ed.

Brother Higgins was born September 18, 1920 in Asheville, North Carolina, the son of E. R. Higgins, Sr., now of Rutherfordton, North Carolina and the late Mrs. Higgins.

He was graduated from Lee Edwards High School, in Asheville, North Carolina in 1937 and attended Mars Hill, Biltmore College and Georgia School of Technology (Ga. Tech) majoring in Electrical Engineering. Since June 1941 with the exception of a tour of duty with the U. S. Army Air Corps, he has been associated with WDNC Radio Station. Ed has been very active in Civic, Community, Religious and Fraternal Affairs in the Durham area.

Ed was raised, a Master Mason by his father in Fellowship Lodge No. 687, A. F. & A. M., July 1950. He was knighted in Durham Commandery No. 3, K. T. in 1951 and crossed the Hot Sands in November 1951. He has been a member of Durham Shrine Club since becoming a Shriner. Sir Knight Higgins and his lovely wife Helen, and their girls, live at 2701 Stuart Drive.

John Pratt Gore, the new Outer Guard, was born in Columbia, S. C., the son of a Shriner, John Cortenos Gore and Mrs. Gore, who now make their home in Asheville. Brother Gore graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He later graduated from Wake Forest and Duke University Medical Schools and is now a general practitioner in Durham. He is a member of Fellowship Lodge No. 687 and the Durham York Rite Bodies and holds offices in each.

He is married to the former Marion Stribling of South Carolina and they make their home at 3208 Denise Street.

We wish for each of them that futurity of happiness and prosperity, commensurate with an honest effort to discharge faithfully the duties and obligations God and Man has placed upon them.

The greatest challenge the world has ever known was given in the Roman world through Pontius Pilate when he asked "What is truth?" The world is still asking it, with the truth still standing boldly before it. —TRM

year for me and it will long be treasured in the years to come.

Now, I am looking forward to the Annual Communication, which is to be held in Raleigh on April 15th and 16th, when it will be my honor and pleasure to welcome the brethren whom I have had the this State during my year as Grand Master.