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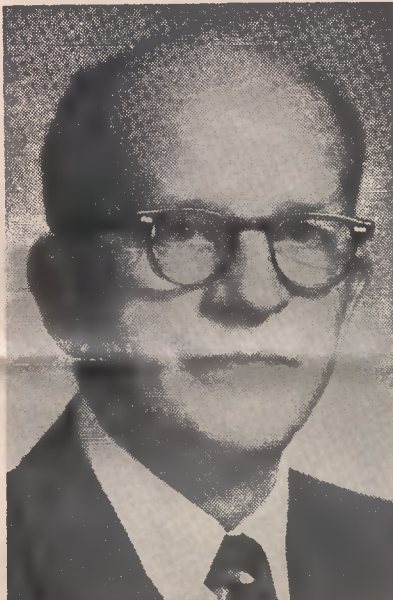
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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Acceptance Remarks William A. Hooks



**WILLIAM A. HOOKS**  
Grand Master of Masons  
in North Carolina

Brethren, thanks. After eight long years coming up the Grand Lodge line, I must admit that I would have been disappointed if you hadn't elected me Grand Master this morning. In fact, I was concerned about it enough that for the first time since I've been up for election, I voted for myself today.

At this time I also want to express my thanks to Brother James Brewer, who appointed me to this line back in 1961; and to Brother Bob Pugh, who appointed him; and Brother Bundy, who appointed Brother Pugh, both of whom—so I have been told—approved of his selection at that time. I am grateful for the confidence they have expressed in me and for the confidence you have expressed today. I promise you that I will do my best during the next twelve months to justify that confidence. With your support, brethren, and with the advice and help of the Grand Lodge Officers, the Past Grand Masters, and the Grand Lodge Office, I believe that 1969 will be a good year for Masonry in North Carolina.

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## J. J. Crowder Lodge Is Constituted

A Master Mason's Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Grand Master with the following Officers present:

William A. Hooks, Grand Master; R. N. Bass, Jr., P.G.M., as Deputy Grand Master; J. Frank Maddry, D-25, as S. G. Warden; Harry L. Holland, D-26, as J.G. Warden; James W. Brewer, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer; Charles A. Harris, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; W. Herman Spencer, D-22, as S. G. Deacon; Jerome Raper, D-23, as J. G. Deacon; Robert P. Dudley, as G. Marshal; Hiram J. Casebolt, G. Steward; Leslie H. Garner, G. Steward; A. D. Leon Gray, G. Chaplain; Fred F. Harding, G. Tyler.

The Grand Master ordered the Grand Marshal to assemble the officers and brethren of J. J. Crowder Lodge No. 743 west of the Altar.

The Ceremony of Consecration was then conducted by the Grand

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## Cornerstone Laying For Camp Call Lodge

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the Hall of Camp Call Lodge No. 534, A.F. & A.M., Polkville, North Carolina, on Tuesday, April 29, 1969, at 2:30 P.M. with the following present:

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

M. W. William A. Hooks, P. M. (84), Grand Master; R. W. Samuel M. Sain, P. M. (202), as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Gaylen G. Covington, (SW-534), as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. George E. Brittain, (JW-534), as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Robert Gene Crowder, (Treas.-534), as Grand Treasurer; R. W. Lawrence A. Shuford, P. M. (S-534), as Grand Secretary; W. John B. Blanton, (534), as Senior Grand Deacon; W. Ernest V. Navey, (JD-534), as Junior Grand Deacon; W. Robert P. Dudley, P. M. (202), as Grand Marshal; W. Hiram J. Casebolt, P. M. (500), Grand Steward W. Leslie H. Garner, P. M.

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### LET'S MAKE HIM AN HONORARY TAR HEEL MASON

O. O. Allsbrook, Mayor of Wilmington (right), presents the key to the city to M. W. Frank C. Staples, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in the State of New York, and President of SuCrest Corporation, parent company of the American Molasses Co. of Wilmington, North Carolina. Mr. Staples was so honored for his contributions to the civic and industrial welfare of North Carolina.

## Meaning of Masonic Tolerance and Brotherhood

By JAMES N. HILLMAN, P.G.S.  
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The foundations of tolerance and good-will, or brotherhood, are fundamentally ethical in character. They include, first of all, a willingness to recognise worth wherever it may be found. A recognition of the value of human personality, of whatever race or colour, is vitally essential to the building of a worthwhile brotherhood. Character is at the centre of improved human relations. Robert Burns, a distinguished member of the Masonic fraternity, was right when he wrote:

What though on homely fare we  
Wear hoddin grey, an' a' that;  
Give fools their silks, and knaves  
their wine,  
A man's a man for a' that:

For a' that, an' a' that;

Their tinsel show, an' a' that;  
The honest, tho, e'er sae poor,  
Is king o' men for a' that.

Man is not prone to be tolerant with, nor does he quickly fraternize with, those individuals or organizations which he believes to be of little or no value. Tolerance and brotherhood must have motivation. One is moved to be tolerant with his fellow-man if he has high regard for his character, his judgment and his ability. Likewise, one enjoys from those whom he highly esteems the fellowship and the friendship out of which brotherhood and tolerance grow. It follows, then, that if we would have others tolerant of us, we must prove ourselves worthy.

It was a wise poet who observed that worth makes the man, want of it the fellow.

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