

## Traveling With The Grand Master

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drove to Beaufor and constituted Crissie Wright Lodge No. 741 with the help of ten Grand Lodge Officers, several Past Grand Masters, several visitors from outside the District, and an excellent crowd from within the 8th masonic district.

On Monday, April 21, I picked up Brother Bob Bass and his wife, Catherine, in Raleigh for a trip to Charlotte to attend the annual Scottish Rite Black Tie Banquet. It turned out that the immediate Past Grand Master was my first chauffeur, driving all the way to Charlotte. When we arrived at the motel, he even carried my bags to the room for me. Man, what a life! As usual, under the expert direction of Brother Ed Burrier, The Black Tie Banquet was a most successful and enjoyable occasion. There were several hundred persons present, including the Candidates, Grand Lodge Officers, Scottish Rite Officials Congressman Charles R. Jonas, Senator Sam J. Erwin, Jr., Lt. Governor Pat Taylor, Jr., and many others. I was particularly impressed with the remarks made by Brothers Sam Erwin and Pat Taylor, both of whom have served as Grand Orator of our Grand Lodge.

On Saturday, April 26, I attended a meeting in Greensboro of the Board Of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, my first as chairman. New members on the board are Brothers Mack L. Gordy, Sr. of Greensboro, and Berl M. Kahn, our Junior Grand Warden. Brothers Robert N. Bass, Jr., Maurice E. Walsh, and G. Dudley Humphrey were elected to the executive committee along with Mrs. Reta W. Henley and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Setzer of The Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Bass was also re-elected president of the corporation. There have been many additions and improvements made at the home during the past several years, and we have an institution here of which every Mason in North Carolina should be proud. I would like to urge all who have not visited the Home within the past five or six years to make a special point to do so. Only by visiting the Home, looking over the facilities, and talking with the workers and the guests at the Home can you realize what a wonderful job the Masons and the Eastern Stars are doing for those older people who are no longer able to care for themselves.

On Sunday, April 27, Nell and I were honored by a reception given by Fellowship Lodge No. 84 and the Smithfield Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star. About four hundred persons were in attendance, including many Grand Lodge officers, Past Grand Masters, and others from out of the county. During the afternoon I was presented a generous gift certificate from a local clothing store as a gift from the 27th Masonic District. This was a wonderful event, and Nell and I are grateful to all who took part in it.

On the following day, Monday,

April 28, along with several grand lodge officers, I attended a special Ladies' Night program in Brother Pete Dudley's hometown of Shelby, honoring Brother Russell Gold Laughridge. This was known as "Russell Laughridge Night", and was a fitting tribute to a brother who has served his lodge and Masonry well for many years. He has been a Mason for more than fifty years, and has been secretary of his lodge, Cleveland No. 202, for more than forty-seven of those years. It was my privilege to present Fifty-Year Veterans Emblems to Brother Laughridge, and Brother Dana Harris of Brevard, who are both members of Cleveland Lodge No. 202.

On the following day, we visited Camp Call Lodge No. 534, Shelby, Route 5, where we laid a cornerstone for their new temple. This is an enthusiastic group of Masons in this small lodge of approximately 125 members, and they are to be congratulated for the fine job they are doing. They are proud of this new temple now under construction, and justly so.

On the same evening, we moved on to Mint Hill and Constituted Mint Hill Lodge No. 742. After returning home the following day, Wednesday, April 30, I drove back to Millbrook with some members from my own lodge and Constituted J. J. Crowder Lodge No. 743. This was the third constitution within a period of eleven days and I sincerely congratulate the Masons who saw the need for these three new lodges, and then did something about it. There are many other areas in North Carolina where new lodges are needed, and I hope some of the Masons in those areas will use equal judgment.

This concludes the Grand Master's activities through the month of April, and it has been a rewarding experience. Everywhere I have been the hospitality has been exceptional, and the fellowship that which you can find only with a group of Masons. I am grateful to the District Deputy Grand Master's, the officers and members of various lodges, the members of the Grand Lodge, and others who have done, and are still doing so much in my behalf; and in behalf of Masonry in North Carolina.

### QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE NO. 2076

Brother Earle F. Burnette of Ocean Lodge No. 405, Morehead City N. C. was recently appointed the Local Secretary for North Carolina for Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076, London, England, the Premier Lodge of Masonic Research. Any Brethren who are eager to take a deeper interest in the Craft, its origins, developments and practices would be heartily welcomed. Membership is available for individuals and for lodges as a whole in the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle.

A good neighbor is one who smiles at you over the back fence but doesn't try to climb it.

## Shelby Lodge, U. D., Is Instituted

M. W. Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master, granted a dispensation to 37 brethren to form Shelby Lodge, U.D., and at the appointed hour the Grand Master called the meeting to order and directed the Grand Secretary to read the dispensation and then the list of brethren who had been selected to serve as Officers of Shelby Lodge, U.D. As their names were called these brethren took their places west of the Altar where Bro. Robert P. Dudley, acting as Marshal (assisted by Dan Craig) invested them with the jewel and apron of their respective offices and conducted them to their stations and places.

The Grand Master then opened a Master Mason's lodge with the following Officers in their stations and places:

Master, Samuel M. Sain, (seated to right of Grand Master); Senior Warden, Alvin E. Hoffman; Junior Warden, Robert E. Fortenberry; Treasurer, John Thomas King; Secretary, Billy M. Brady; Senior Deacon, John W. Weaver; Junior Deacon, George F. Creach (Bro. Bobby D. Smith acted as proxy for Brother George F. Creach); Steward Dock J. Glascoe, Jr.; Steward, Adam G. Whisnant, Jr.; Chaplain, John D. Crowder, Jr. and Tyler, Robert M. Gold.

After the Ceremony of Institution the Proclamation was made by the Marshal, the Public Grand Honors were given, (an oration was delivered by the Grand Master) and the Grand Master, with appropriate remarks and well wishes for the future of Shelby Lodge, delivered the dispensation and the gavel of authority to the Master of Shelby Lodge, U.D., and resigned the chair to the Master.

The Master then directed the Secretary to read the proposed By-laws of Shelby Lodge, U.D., which had been approved by the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws on May 19, 1969. A motion for the adoption of the By-laws was made by Brother Adam G. Whisnant, Jr. and seconded by Brother John Thomas King, and on vote of the lodge the By-laws were adopted.

The Master recognized a number of visiting brethren and appropriate remarks were made by Brothers Robert P. Dudley, Assistant to the Grand Secretary; Fred F. Harding, Grand Tyler; Troy G. Robbins, Assistant Grand Chaplain; Charles A. Harris, Grand Secretary; and Maurice E. Walsh, Deputy Grand Master.

The purpose for which this meeting was called having been accomplished, the minutes were read and approved and the lodge was closed in AMPLE form, by the Grand Master.

Finish each day and be done with it.... You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; you shall begin it well and serenely.

## Here They Are Again

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that still more would be coming in the near future. ("... and ye clothed me.")

Our Beloved Brother Harrison Kauffman contributed some timely thoughts on the topic "As the Wheel Turns", pointing out that Freemasonry has been working for the good of man for centuries, whereas the general public seems more interested in war than in peace, and knows more about killing than saving life; that the personal influence of the individual, whether Mason of profane, could work wonders when properly applied. He told that all too often Masons have not used the working tools with which they have been supplied, or have used them very poorly.

He added that many Masons did liberally support such activities as Oxford Orphanage, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, and the Shrine Crippled Childrens Hospital in Greenville, and by so doing they were using wisely and well the working tools in their possession. He urged the committeemen to continue their diligent work in support of the children at Oxford who are looking to the 68,000 Masons in North Carolina for their very existence and well-being.

Brother Shor called attention to the 25th District Meeting in Raleigh on August 13, when Brother Gray of Oxford and Brother Troy Robbins of The Home, will present reports on activities at their respective units, as well as to appeal to all of the brethren for continued support of both programs. This will replace the Area meetings held in recent years.

The chairman of the selective service system (Brother Harry) announced that June 26 (Thurs.) at North Hills Steak House would be the site of our fourth "report" meeting, and draftees would be Brothers Harrison Kauffman, P. M., Gerald T. Shor, P. M., Peyton J. Brown, Ryan D. Bashford, P.M. and Lester C. O'Neal, and their respective appetites. Its going to be fun. —Gage Smith

### ACQUAINTED

A symbol is the word derived from the Greek verb which signified "to compare one thing with another" hence a symbol or emblem, for the two words are often used synonymously in Masonry, is the expression of an idea which is derived from the comparison, or contrast, of some object with a moral conception or attribute. Thus the Plumb, is the symbol of rectitude; the Level, equality; the Beehive, industry. The physical qualities of the Plumb are compared or contrasted with the moral conception of virtue or rectitude of conduct. The Plumb becomes to the Mason after he has been taught its symbolic meaning, forever afterward, the visible expression of the idea of rectitude or uprightness of conduct. To study and compare these visible objects — to elicit from the moral ideas which they are intended to express—is to make oneself acquainted with the symbolism of Masonry.