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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Grand Master's Column

In last month's issue of this paper, because of the press of other duties, we published an article written by Rick Coy, Past International Master Councilor of the Order of DeMolay for boys as



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a substitute for my usual column. This seemed appropriate because support of DeMolay has been a part of the Grand Master's programs during the last two years. DeMolay is a character building organization for young men 14 through 21 years

of age, and is probably the finest organization of its kind in existence. Chapters are sponsored only by Masonic Lodges and other Masonic-related organizations. We would be doing a great service to our state and to our country if the Masons in each district in North Carolina would sponsor one or more chapters of DeMolay. Those of you interested in getting further information on this should write Reverend Sinclair Tebo, 801 Madison Avenue, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103. Brother Tebo is Executive Officer for DeMolay in North Carolina, and would be happy to hear from any of you who may be interested in organizing a chapter in your area.

I have found that neither time nor space permits a detailed report of the Grand Master's activities, but I feel that possibly many of you are interested in where my traveling companions and I go, as well as in some of the highlights of our travels. During the week of June 15, we had to leave on Sunday in order to arrive in time for our District Meeting Monday at Ranger. I always considered Murphy as the western-most town in North Carolina, but I found that Ranger is a few miles further west. This

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Why We Use Blue

The Grand Lodge of England in 1731 changed from a previous determination that white was the Masonic color and denominated blue as that hue. The Order of the Garter, whose color was blue, was, and possibly still is, the most famous Order of Knighthood in existence. By adopting its color, then, the Freemasons of the early 18th Century attempted to add to their dignity and the growing prestige of the Fraternity.

One English king, when faced with the necessity for new chinaware, called in his favorite purveyors, who, while obtaining specifications asked "O King, His Majesty, if we may ask; of what color shall it be?"

After a studied pause he answered "The color of the sky after a rain".

The blue vault of heaven suggests the Deity and prompted the early Freemasons by general agreement to adopt the color because of an age-old association of blue with those celestial attributes for which Masons strive; i. e., truth, fidelity, wisdom, purity, hope.

—TRM

Governor Robert W. Scott Honors N. C. DeMolay

On its page titled "Doing our Thing" the International DeMolay publication "The Cordon" in its August '69 issue carries an interesting article on our Tar Heel DeMolays which we are reproducing herewith with justifiable pride.

"State Government Day was proclaimed by North Carolina Governor Robert W. Scott in honor of the N. C.



SMC Dan Killian and Ford Buffaloe with Gov. Robert W. Scott.

State Association of DeMolay and the Order's 50th Anniversary. Governor Scott later addressed the 125 DeMolays from 25 chapters who participated in the program for which SSC Guil Waddell was largely responsible.

A seminar on State Government was conducted for the DeMolays by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, Speaker of the House Earl Vaughn, and Secretary of State Thad Eure, and they were later introduced in the House of Representatives."

North Carolina is proud of the DeMolay fraternity. They're the teen agers who stand for the finer things of life on which our state and nation is founded. They are our sons, our hopes and our aspirations. They are our investment in tomorrow.

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