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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Grand Master's Corner

There was a let-up in District Meetings in August because of a couple of meetings out of state. My activities for the month started on the first with a trip home from Charlotte, following a series of District Meetings in that area. On Saturday, August 2, I presided over a meeting of the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage, followed by the usual delicious meal in the Orphanage dining room. That afternoon an interesting meeting



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of the Special Committee on Area Education was held in the Grand Lodge office in Raleigh.

This committee, headed, by Brother Maurice E. Walsh as chairman, has been working hard to develop a program of Masonic education for the Blue Lodge Masons in North Carolina. This committee feels, and I whole-heartedly agree, that this program should not be launched until we are confident we have what we want, a strong program which will do the job we are hoping to ac-

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Brother Fred F. Harding Has Cataract Operation

Brother Fred F. Harding, our 92-year old Grand Tyler (who has held this office since 1938) entered Rex Hospital in Raleigh on September 25 for a cataract operation. The operation was performed on September 26 and Mrs. Harding says he is getting along nicely.

Brother Fred would like to express his appreciation to his Masonic Friends and their wives for the many flowers and cards he received while in the hospital.



M. W. J. Giles Hudson, Sr., P.G.M., Thomas O. Kepley, and T. W. Summersett, Jr., display plaques presented by Salisbury York Rite Bodies in recognition of their outstanding service to Masonry.

Rowan County York Rite Holds Recognition Night

BY R. GUY EAST

York Rite Masons of Salisbury and Rowan County, and their wives, attended 'Recognition Night' held at the Masonic Temple, Monday Night, September 29, for the purpose of recognizing members of long standing and past presiding officers of the various bodies. J. W. Puckett, Master of Adoniram Council No. 2, acted as master of ceremonies.

J. Giles Hudson, Sr., Thos. O. Kepley and T. W. Summersett, Jr. received plaques in recognition of outstanding service to Salisbury and Rowan County Masons. Both Brother Hudson and Kepley are past Grand Officers of North Carolina bodies, and Brother Summersett is a 25 year member who served many years as secretary and recorder.

The past presiding officers received emblematic tie clasps as tokens of appreciation of time and effort in behalf of York Rite Masonry. Nine members have served as presiding officers in all

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Brother Nelson Banks Elected To High Office

Brother Nelson B. Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple was recently elected Third Vice-President of the Shrine Recorder's Association of North America. Under normal advancement procedure of officers in the association, Brother Banks will be elected President four years from now.

Brother Banks was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on May 2, 1950 by Orr Lodge No. 104, Washington, N.C. He became Master of Orr Lodge in 1956 and served for three years as District Deputy Grand Master of the Third Masonic District. Shortly after moving to New Bern in 1960, he became active in organizing another Blue Lodge. He was very successful in this effort and became the first Master of Berne Lodge No. 724. The lodge later elected him a life member.

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Clay County Masons Celebrate Centennial

BY J. GUY PADGETT, P. M.

Almost all of the lodges in the 65th Masonic District of North Carolina were represented at a dinner meeting of Clay Lodge No. 301, A. F. & A. M., when they observed the 100th year of service to the Hayesville community, Saturday night, October 4, 1969.

Glenn Brown, a Waynesville attorney, civic leader and Baptist Layman was principle speaker. He was introduced by A. F. Padgett, a member of the local lodge and a Past District Deputy Grand Master.

Worshipful Brother Henry Truett, District Deputy Grand Master, was present and led in pledging allegiance to the flag.

James Howard Walker served as Master of Ceremonies and was introduced by Worshipful Master, John F.

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