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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Grand Master's Corner

On Friday, November 28, I drove to Raleigh for a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sudan Temple Widows Fund. It has been a real privilege for me to serve during the past year with the



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fine Masons on this Board, presided over by Brother Sam Toler of Rocky Mount, Past Potentate of Sudan Temple. The next morning I returned to take part in the Shrine Parade, followed by a good Moslem Feast—fried chicken, no less—at the State Fair Grounds. Nell joined me at the hotel after lunch and we drove out to Carter Stadium to see the Shrine Football Game between N. C. State and Penn State. We were sorry that we were unable to take in more of the activities at this Sudan Temple Ceremonial, but there was a good reason for it. Our daughter, Sue, and her husband, Hank Poisson, were preparing to move to a new house in Richmond, Virginia, and we were keeping our granddaughter, Doyle, with us for several days.

On Wednesday, December 3, I went over to Louisburg for the purpose of dedicating the Temple of Louisburg Lodge No. 413. I was met there by Brothers Pete Dudley and Leon Gray, as well as Brother Fred Harding, Grand Tyler, and Mrs. Harding. Also present for this occasion were District Deputy Grand Masters, Brothers Robert A. Harris (21), W. Herman Spencer (22), and Jerome C. Raper (23). Brother Harris explained that he had made a special point to attend this meeting to make up for having missed his own District Meeting in Henderson, which was held while he was on his honeymoon. I was glad of the opportunity to meet the new bride and to wish both of them a wonderful future together. As for the

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## Interesting Meeting Held By Fallston Lodge No. 356

Fallston Lodge No. 356 held its annual Ladies Night Banquet on Friday evening, November 21, 1969, at 7:30 P.M.

Following a delicious buffet supper Worshipful Brother Calus Williams, Master, extended a most cordial welcome to all those in attendance.

Brother Sam Sain, D.D.G.M., master of ceremonies, recognized the widows of deceased Brother Master Masons and other distinguished guests. He then presented 25-year Service Award Certificates and pins to Brothers John Dixon and Thomas Dixon.

Brother Sain then recognized Brother B. C. Turner, Jr., Past Master, who presented the annual Distinguished Service Award to Brother William Reece Helms, in recognition of his outstanding service to Freemasonry.

Brother Flay A. Willis, P.M., P.D.D.G.M., introduced the speaker of the evening, R. W. Berl M. Kahn, Junior Grand Warden of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Brother Kahn presented a 50-Year Veterans Emblem and Service Certificate to Brother M. W. Wright, Sr., and Life Membership Certificate to Brother Herman A. Beam, W. R. Gary, and M. W. Wright, Sr. Brother Kahn then delivered a most interesting talk on "The Secrets of Freemasonry."

## A NEW YARDSTICK

"What Masonry brings is not an old doctrine, made new for us who are new in the world; she brings a yardstick by which we may measure, each of us ourselves, and, measuring, learn to grow. It is these things we discover when we are brought to light; the square by which we measure that which we build; the compass by which we circumscribe our lives and conduct; the Book of the Law, by which we keep our feet upon the path marked out for all men. Every man should measure himself by his own standard." —Exchange



Brother M. W. Wright, Sr., left, Fallston Lodge No. 356 receives a 50-Year Veteran's Certificate from R. W. Berl M. Kahn, Junior Grand Warden of The Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina.

## Rolesville Lodge No. 683 Hosts 23rd District

Rolesville Lodge No. 683, A. F. & A. M., was host to the 23rd Masonic District for St. John's Day Celebration on December 18, 1969 at the lodge hall.

The DeMolay degree team from Raleigh, under the direction of W. Brother Hiram J. Casebolt, Grand Steward and Brother Don Etheridge, exemplified DeMolay degrees for the brethren of the 23rd district.

At 9 P.M. the ladies were invited into the lodge hall to hear the DeMolay flower presentation given by Paul Crawley. Everyone was very much impressed at the fine work done by these outstanding young men.

Distinguished guests present, other than those mentioned above were: Brother Jerome C. Raper, D.D.G.M. 23rd District, and Brother William C. Farrington, D.D.G.L. of the 23rd District.