



Pictured at the dedication service of the new Masonic Temple for Spindale Lodge No. 673 are: Brothers Carl Poteat, Bill Williams, Max G. Padgett, C. A. Hamrick, Johnny Keller, John Smith, M. W. Charles A. Harris, P.G.M., Grand Secretary; Fred

C. Kinzie, M. W. William A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina; Theodore Justice, Ira C. LaFever, Billy Prince, Doyle Tate, Larry Martin and Robert Massey.

Spindale Lodge No 673 Has New Masonic Temple

BY GLENN JAMES

Most Worshipful William A. Hooks, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was in charge of dedication services of the new Lodge Hall for Spindale Lodge 673 Friday night, January 16.

After opening of the Grand Lodge, business was dispensed with and the public was admitted to the dedication service with members of Spindale Lodge and the Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. Charlie Harris, P.G.M., of the Grand Lodge taking part. Between 150 and 175 people, Masons and friends, attended the meeting. The Spindale Lodge Hall on Davis Street was completed the latter part of 1969 at a cost of some \$17,000.

New officers of Spindale Lodge this year are: Brother Carl Poteat, Master; Bob Massey, Tyler; Larry Martin, Secretary; Bill Prince, Junior Warden; Johnny Keller, Senior Deacon; Max G. Padgett, Treasurer; Bill Williams, Junior Deacon; Doyle Tate, Senior Warden; Theodore Justice, Chaplain; Gene Hines, and Ernest Haynes, Stewards.

Hiram Lodge No. 40 Celebrates 170th Anniversary

BY R. GAGE SMITH

On Saturday evening, December 13, Hiram Lodge No. 40, held an annual banquet, celebrating the 170th Anniversary of the lodge. Brother Dallas Holoman, Jr., acted as Master of Ceremonies, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Invocation was by Brother John S. White, P.M., Chaplain.

The dinner was served by North State Shrine No. 10, White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Brother W. T. Baker, Chairman of the Oxford Orphanage Committee of Hiram Lodge, presented a check for \$4,000.00 to Brother A. D. Leon Gray, Superintendent, but in making the presentation he noted that if Hiram Lodge No. 40 had to pay the actual cost of each child sent to Oxford by the lodge that it would have to find about \$38,363.77 to discharge this obligation. Brother Gray expressed sincere appreciation for the liberal gift and the support of the Orphanage program by the members of Hiram Lodge. He invited the brethren and their families to visit Oxford whenever possible to do so, and see some of the work being carried on there.

Brother A. Thurston Powell, Chairman of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Committee, presented a check for \$1,500.00 to M. W. Brother Robert N. Bass, Jr., for the use of the Home. Brother Bass, on behalf of the 142 guests in the Home thanked Hiram Lodge for this donation, and extended greetings from Brother A. A. "Doc" Husman, past master of Hiram Lodge who recently entered the Home as a guest.

Brother Holoman, recognized W. Brother Forrest H. Pecht, Past Master, who made some remarks about a "com-

muting Master" (as Brother Neustadt has been commuting by plane from Florida for several months to finish out his term as Master for 1969), and then presented a beautiful Past Masters Jewel to Brother Otto Neustadt. Brother Pecht called on Mrs. Pecht to come forward and pin it on Otto.

In expressing appreciation for the honor of serving as Master of Hiram Lodge No. 40 during 1969, Brother Neustadt thanked the brethren for their confidence and support throughout the year. He noted that 18 had been initiated, and four more candidates were to be initiated on December 15, to make a total of 22 for the year, with 15 Passed, and 15 Raised, and that three E. A.'s were ready for the 2°. He regretfully announced that ten members had been called to that Celestial lodge from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Brother Ralph Moore, Master-elect was recognized, and presented the slate of officers for 1970, as follows: Brother Ken Halstead, Senior Warden; Don B. Street, Junior Warden; Charles P. Separk, P.M., Treasurer; James W. Campbell, P.M., Secretary; William C. Tester, Senior Deacon; Sidney Howard Perry, Junior Deacon; Bob Ruggerio, Senior Steward; Tom Jones, Junior Steward; John S. "Jack" White, P.M., Chaplain, and R. E. "Pop" Graham, Tyler.

Expressions of regret from a number of distinguished brethren who could not be present were read, including M. W. Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master.

Distinguished invited guests were introduced, and then the most distinguished guests, widows of deceased members of Hiram Lodge were individually recognized.

New Officers Installed At Wendell Lodge No. 565

Brother Ronald W. Thompson was recently installed as Worshipful Master for 1970 in an open installation service at Wendell Lodge No. 565.

A unique feature of the installment was the fact that Thompson's father, Calvin Coolidge Thompson, a Past Master served as the installing officer and a past employer, Brother W. A. Johnson of Maxton served as installing marshal.

"It gives me great pride and pleasure to preside over this particular installation," said the installing officer. "I have taught this boy everything he knows and I am proud of him."

Other officers installed were Brothers Horace Perry; Senior Warden, Joe Beane; Junior Warden, Stanley Dail; Senior Deacon, Roy Liner; Junior Deacon; Tyler, Rodney Brown; Secretary, Hugh T. Moody; Treasurer, W. C. Coley; Chaplain, Jack Hatley; Jerome Raper and Frances Dew, Stewards.

Thomas listed as his goals for the coming year the building of a new Masonic Lodge and the activation of inactive members.

"I am looking forward to a good year. We have the best slate of officers the lodge has ever had," said Thompson.

Speaking Of Credit

Lord, keep me big enough to work with other people and let them get the credit.

—Anon.