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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Grand Master's Corner

This column will take up where the one in January left off since the February issue was used to publish the talk given at District Meetings during the past year.



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The Grand Master's Masonic activities for 1970 began on January 7 with a trip to Greenville for the purpose of installing the officers of Greenville Lodge No. 284, Crown Point Lodge No. 708, and William Pitt Lodge No. 734. Prior to the meeting itself the

large crowd of ladies, guests, and Masons enjoyed a fine dinner served in this beautiful Masonic Temple. I was assisted in the installation by Brother William J. Bundy, James W. Brewer, and Leslie H. Garner, who served as Marshals for this occasion. This was an enjoyable occasion for me as I saw many old friends from the Greenville area.

The next day I traveled to Raleigh for a meeting of the Education Committee that afternoon, followed by a meeting of the Board of General Purposes the next morning, and a meeting of the Board of Custodians that afternoon. The following night, Saturday, January 10, I drove over to Zebulon for the purpose of dedicating the Temple of Zebulon Lodge No. 609. Brothers Charles A. Harris, Grand Secretary, and R. Gage Smith, Past Master and Secretary of William G. Hill Lodge No. 218, met me at the Buffet House in Zebulon where we enjoyed a fine supper with several officers and members of Zebulon Lodge No. 609 and their ladies. The Temple was filled with Masons, their ladies, and friends. Thanks to the thorough preparation made by the members of this Lodge, the program—including a ceremony of burning the mortgage on this Temple—

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## Grand Lodge To Meet In Durham, April 21

The one hundred eighty-third annual communication of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina will be held in the city of Durham, N. C., Tuesday, April 21, 1970. The meeting will be held in the Civic Center on Foster Street beginning at 1:00 P.M.

A highlight of this meeting will be the Grand Lodge Dinner on Tuesday, April 21, 1970 at 7:00 P.M., in the Civic Center. All Master Masons and their wives are invited to attend. Tickets for the dinner are \$5.00 per person and are available from Brother R. P. Dudley, assistant to the Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 6506, Raleigh, N. C. Reservations must be in by April 13, 1970.

Hotel reservations should be made at once for the representatives of your

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## Hiram Lodge Hosts Children At Circus

BY CHARLES P. SEPARK, P.M.

Friday, February 27 was a gala day for 40 happy youngsters from the Orphanage, 19 boys, and 21 girls ranging in ages from seven to fifteen years who had been selected to go on Hiram Lodge's annual trip to Raleigh, and a day of fun in their young lives. None of the group had ever before been on a Hiram sponsored trip, and many of them had never been to a circus, so you can imagine how much all enjoyed every minute of the eventful day that will never be forgotten by them.

Going along on the trip that left Raleigh at 1:00 p.m. upon a large Trailways bus, courtesy of Bro. Ralph Hears of the Carolina Coach Co., and driven by Bro. A. L. Johnson, Jr., of No. 40, were Bros. William Taft Baker and his wife, Bernice; Joe H. Holmes and his wife, Jesse, co-chairman of Oxford Or-

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## Grand Master Hooks Honored At Conference

A signal honor came to North Carolina Masonry on February 24, 1970, when Most Worshipful Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, was elected Chairman of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. The conference was held in Washington, D. C., February 24 and 25. Membership in the Conference includes the Grand Masters of all the Grand Lodges in North America. Brother Hooks presided at all sessions of the Conference.

During the election of committees M. W. Brother Sam A. Hennis, Jr., P. G.M., was elected chairman of the Committee on Information for Recognition. Brother Hennis has been a member of this committee for several years.

A highlight of the Conference was the Grand Masters' Banquet on Tuesday evening, February 24. Featured speaker at the banquet was Brother Jack J. Early, President of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N. C.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina was honored to have as its guests at the Grand Masters' Banquet the following members of the Congress of the United States from North Carolina:

Hon. and Mrs. B. Everett Jordan, Senator; Hon. and Mrs. Sam J. Ervin, Senator; Hon. and Mrs. L. H. Fountain, Hon. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, Hon. Nick Galifianakis, Hon. and Mrs. Earl Ruth, and Hon. and Mrs. Charles R.

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## MASON OF YEAR

Grimes E. Lewis has been selected as Farmville's Mason of the Year for 1969, an honor that annually since 1963 has been bestowed upon a member of the local lodge.

Other Masons receiving the honor and the year they were selected are: Luther Deal, 1963; William A. Norman, 1964; J. T. Walston, 1965; L. W. Godwin, 1966; John E. King, 1967; Harry J. Byers, 1968, and Lewis.