

## Colorful Ceremonies Marks Installation

The Grand lodge of North Carolina will conclude its 183rd Annual Communication in Durham, N. C. on the evening of Wednesday April 22, 1970 with an impressive installation ceremony.

A Ceremony of Installation will be conducted by Most Worshipful Brother Charles C. Ricker, Past Grand Master of Asheville, N. C., who appointed the new Grand Master in the Grand Lodge line several years ago. Most Worshipful Brother Ricker will be assisted in this Ceremony by Most Worshipful Brother William J. Bundy as Grand Marshal and by the son of the new Grand Master Brother Steve Walsh, assisting.

Most Worshipful Brother Maurice E. Walsh of North Wilkesboro is to be installed as Grand Master and he will be assisted by the following Grand Lodge officers who have been elected or appointed as the case may be:

Right Worshipful William W. Mims, Jr. of Charlotte, Deputy Grand Master,

Right Worshipful Brother Berl M. Kahn of Goldsboro, Senior Grand Warden,

Right Worshipful Brother Nathaniel C. Dean of Norwood, Junior Grand Warden,

Most Worshipful Brother James W. Brewer of Greenville, Grand Treasurer,

Most Worshipful Brother Charles A. Harris of Raleigh, Grand Secretary,

Worshipful Brother William L. Mills, Jr. of Concord, Senior Grand Deacon,

Worshipful Brother S. Frank Noble, Jr. of New Bern, Junior Grand Deacon,

Worshipful Brother Hiram J. Casebolt of Raleigh, Grand Marshal,

Worshipful Brother Leslie H. Garner of Greenville, Grand Steward,

Worshipful Brother Fred F. Harding of Raleigh, Grand Tyler,

Rev. Charles Allen Laymon, Pastor First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, Grand Chaplain,

Worshipful Brother A. D. Leon Gray, Oxford, Assistant Grand Chaplain,

Worshipful Brother Troy G. Robbins of Greensboro, Assistant Grand Chaplain,

Most Worshipful Brother James G. Johnson of Charlotte, Grand Historian,

Worshipful Brother James E. Spicer, Chairmen Wilkes County Board of Commissioners of North Wilkesboro, Grand Lecturer,

Brother Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles, Jr. of Greensboro, Grand Orator,

Worshipful Brother Emery B. Denny of Raleigh, Judge Advocate.

As of press time for this issue the other Grand Steward will remain undisclosed until the new Grand Master makes the announcement prior to the installation.

## Meet Your New Grand Master

Maurice Elledge Walsh was born at Purllear, Wilkes County, North Carolina, November 11, 1917, the son of Jesse F. and Elizabeth Elledge Walsh. He received his formal education in the public schools of Wilkes County, graduating from Mount Pleasant High School at the age of fifteen years. He graduated from high school during the depression days of 1932. Not being satisfied with just a high school education, by correspondence and night school he obtained a degree in business administration from Draughn Business College, Knoxville, Tennessee.

On September 21, 1937, he married Miss Sina (Pat) Kilby, of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. To this union a son was born, Steve Michael, now age 23, who is enrolled in the Graduate School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina.

In 1934 he accepted a position with the N. B. Smithey Chain of Department Stores, with headquarters at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. Soon thereafter he was promoted to manager of the retail outlet division where he remained until August 15, 1946. Resigning from that position he became Postmaster of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, August 31, 1946, a position he now holds. He is a very active member of the North Carolina Chapter of N.A.P.U.S., and served as its president in 1966. He is one of the Postmaster Instructors of the Atlanta Region, and has trained new postmasters extensively throughout North Carolina.

He has been very active in church and civic affairs. He is a member of the First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. A former Superintendent of the Adult Department of Sunday School of his Church. A past president of three of the mens Sunday School Classes, and has given sixteen years of service on the Diaconate of his Church.

He is a charter member of the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, a past president and a member of the Board of Directors. He is a Charter member of North Wilkesboro Optimist Club, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and served as its first president. He was the first member of the Optimist Club to be presented with a life membership therein

for his outstanding service to the Club. He was a charter member, a past president, and a former member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes United Fund, Inc. He is a charter member, and a past president of Wilkes Toastmasters Club. He is a charter member, a past president, and a member of the Board of Directors of Wilkes Y.M.C.A. He is a former member of the Board of Directors, and served as Chairman of the Planning Commission of Wilkesboro and Wilkes County. For outstanding and distinguished service to his Town, County and Community he was honored by being selected as "Wilkes County's Young Man of the Year," in 1952.

Brother Maurice's keen interest for the welfare of orphans and widows prompted him to make application for membership in the Masonic Fraternity. He was elected to membership and received the Sublime degree of Master Mason in North Wilkesboro Lodge No. 407, A. F. & A. M., North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, November 22, 1943, and served as Master of his lodge in 1946. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, North Carolina, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro, North Carolina, rendering valuable service to these fine institutions for the past several years.

His other Masonic Affiliations are as follows:

He was Exalted in North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 78, Royal Arch Masons, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and served as High Priest of his Chapter in 1946. He was Anointed, Consecrated and set apart in the Grand Council of Anointed High Priesthood of North Carolina, in 1948. In 1948 he was elected Grand Master of the First Veil, in the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina. He advanced and served in the various offices of the Grand Chapter and in 1954 was elevated to the Exalted Office of Most Excellent Grand High Priest of The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina. In 1957 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina and has served, with distinction, in that Office to this date. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Florida near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

He was Greeted in Zabud Council No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in September, 1945. He received the Super-Excellent Masters Degree in April, 1946. He is a charter member of Wilkes Council No. 35, Royal and Select Masters, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and is now serving as its Illustrious Master. In 1957 he was elected Grand Treasurer of the

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needed will make our Grand Jurisdiction grow and prosper. Remember—I am counting on each of you—so when you are called upon to lend your talents towards the implementation of this program—don't say "no", say I'll do the best I can!—Brethren it is up to you to make it work.

Maurice E. Walsh, *Grand Master*