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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Grand Lodge Holds 183rd Annual Communication In Durham

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina held its 183rd Annual Communication in the City of Durham, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21st and 22nd. M. W. Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master, presided.

Brother Claiborne H. Lawson, General Chairman of the local committee, together with the Masons of Durham did an outstanding job in making this Annual Communication a success.

The attendance at Grand Lodge this year was excellent, and the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship prevailed throughout. The report of the Credentials and Registration Committee revealed that there were 906 registered delegates in attendance. Also present were representatives of the Grand Lodges of 15 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

The distinguished guests were escorted into the hall by the Grand Marshal, heartily welcomed by the Grand Master and accorded grand honors.

Then followed the reading of reports of various commissions, committees and boards, as well as the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Master.

A highlight of the Tuesday afternoon session was a report from Guil Waddell, State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay. Guil gave a report on the growth and accomplishments of North Carolina DeMolay. He received a standing ovation upon completion of his report.

The Grand Lodge dinner was held Tuesday evening, with 519 present.

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NOTICE

Lodge Secretaries Please Note: Our Grand Chaplain, Brother C. Allen Laymon, 501 D. Street, North Wilkesboro, requests that you send him the name of any of your members who pass away along with the name and address of the nearest of kin.



W. Brother Ed Holliday, Master of Temple Lodge No. 9, Richmond, Va., is shown receiving a gavel made from one of the pews from the old St. Johns' building at Oxford Orphanage. Brother Louis P. Autry, Junior Warden of Woodland Heights Lodge No. 345, Richmond, makes the presentation. Brother Holliday and Brother Autry grew up together in Oxford Orphanage. The gavel was made by Brother W. E. Warren and Brother Robert W. Ferguson in the wood shop at the Orphanage.

Past Masters Night At Waxhaw Lodge No. 562

BY F. A. TYSON, *Secretary*

Waxhaw Lodge No. 562 honored their Past Masters on April 7, 1970 at 7:30 P.M. at the lodge hall.

Worshipful Brother Jeff Blythe, Master presided and welcomed all members and guests. The invocation was given by Brother Craven Rogers, P.M.

Worshipful Brother Blythe gave a very interesting and informative talk on the founding of Waxhaw Lodge No. 562. He then called on the Past Masters to tell of the experiences of their year as Master. This was enjoyed very much by all in attendance.

From the GRAND MASTER

My program for the year will be the continuation of the programs of my worthy predecessors but with renewed emphasis on them—support of two of the finest, if not the finest, institutions in North America—The Masonic and Eastern Star Home and Oxford Orphanage. Let's increase our support for them. Due to increased costs this is a must.

Our Youth Orders, DeMolay for Boys and Rainbow for Girls: Remember our youth is where we deposit our most precious treasures—the hard-won wisdom, the dreams for a better world. Our youth can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit, a profit greater than we have ever dreamed. Our youth will inherit the world. All our work will be judged by them. Tomorrow they will earn your seat in Congress, own your company, and run your town. The future, whether we agree or not, is theirs. Perhaps they deserve a little more of our attention now.

The celebration of St. John's Day: Masonry is not a religion it is a Brotherhood of Man. According to our obligations we owe our allegiance to GOD, and our strongest support to the Church. Let us remember to attend the Church of our choice, and support it with our tithes, talents, time and energy.

The support of Public Schools: Let us remember Brethren, only in a free and democratic nation have Public Schools been allowed to thrive and grow. Therefore we must continue to work and support them. The Little White Frame Church, the Little Red School House, and the Masonic Lodge is as American as "Apple Pie." They are symbols of our heritage and we cannot let them die. We

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