

## Education Program Off To Great Start

At the one hundred eighty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, Grand Master Walsh announced the inauguration of a new and revolutionary Masonic Education Program. Never before has any program of the Grand Lodge been received and endorsed with such enthusiasm as has this new concept of Masonic Education.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Area Education, headed by M. W. Brother Robert L. Pugh has prepared a very comprehensive folder of material to be used by the D.D.G.M.s, D.D.G.L.s, Masters and Wardens in implementing this program. This folder contains all the information necessary to carry out a successful program of Masonic Education both for the newly raised Masons as well as for our older members.

Two of these area conferences scheduled for the month of May have been held in Greenville and Winston-Salem. At these meetings the D.D.G.M.s, the D.D.G.L.s and the D.E.C.s received their Education Manual, and were given comprehensive instructions on how to use the material and carry the program back to their lodges. Attendance at these meetings has been almost 100% of those invited.

The District Education Chairman, with the aid of the D.D.G.M.'s and D.D.G.L.'s will now schedule District Workshops in their districts, at which time they will explain the program to the Masters and Wardens.

It is to be emphasized that the new Education Program is in no way to interfere with the ritual, but rather that it is to compliment the ritual by bringing about a better understanding of the moral and spiritual applications of the several degrees.

The Grand Lodge Education Committee has developed a program consisting of four goals to be accomplished by each lodge. These goals are as follows:

1. Participate in "The Counselor Program", based upon the "Lodge System of Masonic Education." This is a comprehensive program that continues to meet with candidates from the time of their election to at least a year after the candidate has been raised.

2. Advancing to the East—A training program for leadership and service personnel in the lodges.

3. Well planned programs. Each lodge to have a minimum of four programs during the year in addition to the regular business and conferring of the degrees. (It is suggested that at least one of these be an open meeting.)

4. Grand Masters' Award. It is hoped

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must increase and strengthen all of them. They must be allowed to thrive and grow.

**Patriotism:** Rededicate our lives to God and Country, respect for law and order—support for our elected officials at all levels of Government. We can and must do this by standing up and speaking out on the vital issues of the day. Then, when the Flag of our Great Country comes by we can proudly stand erect, salute it and feel the tingle play up and down our spine. May our efforts be as great, if not greater than our forefathers. If they are, then we are performing as Men and as Masons.

Now the most important part of our program—*The Masonic Education Program*.

The Masonic Education Program is off to a wonderful start and I will have more to say next month about the conferences, meetings and workshops relative to it. My reason for not saying more—I hope to have all our Area Conferences behind us and at the time I am preparing this article we have not had any of them. This year we will not have District Meetings. They will be replaced by "Area Conferences", "District Conferences", and District Workshops"—with tremendous emphasis placed on Masonic Education at the Blue Lodge level.

Let's begin our new Masonic Year with a Prayer:

O God, as we face the tasks to be accomplished this year, we pray you inspire us with new vision of new levels of understanding. Make us great in devotion to truth, gallant in our desire for honor, and gentle in our dedication to good will. Make us tall for these trying times, make us strong against pomp and power, make us of the dimension to keep rashness from our speech, and hastiness from our conduct. Give us persistent courage and creative determination that we may all share in the Glory of Accomplishment. Humbly we make our Prayer, "As Men and as Masons."—Amen

Maurice E. Walsh  
Grand Master

that all lodges will become eligible to receive this award, by completing all requirements as set forth by the Grand Lodge.

This new concept of Masonic Education in North Carolina should bring a renewed vigor and interest to all lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

A forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note, torn in two and burned up so that it can never be shown against the man. Forgiveness should be so total as to be as though it never happened in the first place.

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Featured speaker at the banquet was Rev. Ernest K. Emurian of Arlington, Va.

The first order of business on Wednesday morning was the address of the Grand Orator, M. W. Brother William J. Bundy, P.G.M. (This outstanding speech will be published in the June *N. C. Mason*.)

During the election of officers, the following were elected to serve the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1970-71:

M. W. Maurice E. Walsh, Grand Master; R. W. William W. Mims, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Berl M. Kahn, Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Nathaniel C. Dean, Junior Grand Warden; M. W. James W. Brewer, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer; and M. W. Charles A. Harris, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master-elect, M. W. Brother Walsh announced his appointments as follows:

W. William L. Mills, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon; W. S. Frank Noble, Jr., Junior Grand Deacon; W. Hirma J. Casebolt, Grand Marshal; W. Leslie H. Garner, Grand Steward; W. J. Earl Watson, Grand Steward; W. Fred F. Harding, Grand Tyler; W. C. Allen Laymon, Grand Chaplain; W. A. D. Leon Gray, Asst. Grand Chaplain; W. Troy G. Robbins, Asst. Grand Chaplain; W. Richard G. Shinkle, Asst. Grand Chaplain; M. W. James G. Johnston, P.G.M., Grand Historian; W. James E. Spicer, Grand Lecturer; W. Hargrove Bowles, Jr., Grand Orator; and W. Emery B. Denny, Judge Advocate.

Honorary memberships in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were presented to: W. Brother Gordon L. Butler, former member of Andrews Lodge No. 529, Andrews, N. C., P.D.D.G.M., who now resides in Florida, and M. W. Samuel W. McIntosh, P.G.M., District of Columbia, Executive Secretary of the Grand Masters' Conference of North America.

The Joseph Montfort Medal, the highest award of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was presented to M. W. Brother Arnold J. Koonce, Sr., P.G.M., a member of Hiram Lodge No. 716, High Point, North Carolina; and W. Brother Robert P. Dudley, P.M., Cleveland Lodge No. 202, Shelby, North Carolina.

On Wednesday evening a crowd of over 200 assembled for the impressive installation of Grand Lodge Officers. Included in the crowd was a large delegation from North Wilkesboro, the home of Grand Master Walsh.

Immediately following the installation a reception honoring Grand Master Walsh was given at the Durham Hotel.