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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

From the GRAND MASTER

Following my installation as Grand Master my first official meeting was to attend and preside over the Official Board of Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, on Saturday, April 25. It seemed fitting that this should be my first Official Board that I should preside over since my fellow Wilkes Countian, M. W. R. N. Hackett, Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina, on June 18, 1910 signed the Charter establishing this fine institution. This was a very harmonious meeting and the Official Board unanimously passed a motion naming the new Care Center, The Robert N. Bass, Jr. Care Center, in honor of M. W. Brother Bass, P. G. M., who has done so much fine work in behalf of the Home.

On Monday April 27, Pat and I journeyed to Charlotte, where I was privileged to attend the Black Tie Banquet of Carolina Consistory. Those of us who are acquainted with M. W. Brother Edward Burrier, Secretary of this fine Consistory, always look forward to attending and participating in an outstanding meeting. Apparently Brother Ed had a first this time as the Grand Masters of North and South Carolina were both in attendance, as well as 750 other outstanding Masonic Brethren.

On Tuesday, April 28, Brother W. F. Owen, Jr., an officer of my own home lodge, and W. Brother James E. Spicer, Grand Lecturer, and I motored to Shelby, where we were met by W. Brother R. Pete Dudley, Assistant to the Grand Secretary, and a large number of brethren for the purpose of constituting Shelby Lodge No. 744. W. Brother Samuel M. Sain was installed as Master. Afterwards Brother Dudley returned to North Wilkesboro and spent the night in my home.

On Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. the Grand Lodge was convened in

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N. C. Grand Lodge Creates New Officer

At the annual communication of the North Carolina Grand Lodge in Durham during April, approval was given to a new educational program to be implemented in all of the Lodges in North Carolina. The Code was amended to provide for a permanent and continuing program of education to be implemented by the Committee on Masonic Education. This committee was elected to provide for the implementation of the program in each Lodge in North Carolina. To do this it authorized the selection of an officer in each District by the D. D. G. M. and the D. D. G. L. to be appointed by the Grand Master, a new officer who would bear the title of District Education Chairman, or as he will be known in an abbreviated form, the DEC.

There is supposed to be a District Education Chairman in each district in North Carolina. In another section of this issue you will find a list of all of the District Education Chairmen whose names have been reported to the Grand Secretary's office. If your district is not represented, it is suggested that you contact your D. D. G. M. immediately and find out the name of the person who has been selected as your DEC.

The DEC is required to implement such Masonic Educational programs as shall be promulgated from time to time by the Committee on Masonic Education.

The DEC is appointed for a period of one year but may be re-appointed to succeed himself for a maximum of not
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What Is "The Grand Master's Award"?

What is "The Grand Master's Award"? This is a beautiful framed award which will be presented at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to each Lodge in North Carolina that has become eligible to receive it. The Grand Master himself will present the award.

How may a Lodge become eligible to receive "The Grand Master's Award"? The answer to this is simple. Your Lodge becomes eligible to receive it by meeting the following requirements:

1. Each of the three principle officers must attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in person.

2. The three principle officers must attend one District Workshop during the year. Each District will conduct at least one District Workshop during the year. If you have difficulty in attending your own District Workshop, perhaps you can attend the Workshop in a neighboring District.

3. The Lodge must have a minimum of four programs during the year. These

programs must be in addition to the regular business and to the conferring of the degree. (It is suggested, but not required, that at least one of the programs be an open meeting.) Discussion on types of programs and how and when to present them will be a part of the program of each workshop.

4. The Lodge must participate in "The Counselor Program" as described in detail in a manual presented to your three principle officers. "The Counselor Program" is also described in detail in a section of this issue of The N. C. Mason.

5. The Lodge must cooperate with the D. D. G. M., D. D. G. L. and the D. E. C. in carrying out the Grand Masters program. This includes not only the education program but also the other items that are included in the Grand Master's program.

6. Annual returns for the Lodge must be filed with the Grand Secretary by March 1.

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