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**From the
GRAND MASTER**

THANKSGIVING DAY
LET US BE THANKFUL

For the Lord thy God bringeth thee unto a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of the valleys and hills;

A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of olive and honey;



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A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig (copper) brass.

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which He hath given thee. Deuteronomy 8:7-10

This "good land," so long ago glimpsed by the prophets, is indisputably the United States. Of a surety, Providence has favored this country above and beyond that of any nation in the world. Does this not imply that those who owe it (the United States) allegiance have a torch to light and a banner to bear aloft in proclaiming to mankind that here is the "good land" whose destiny comforts with the piety, diligence and the sacrifices of God-fearing Founding Fathers?

Thanksgiving Day, indeed a Thanksgiving which spans all of the calendar, is a time in which Americans should pause to count their blessings and to express thanks and gratitude to the Triune God, even as did the Pilgrims of an earlier day.

In 1970, we are not compelled, as were the Pilgrim Fathers, to brave the

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RECEIVES 60-YEAR AWARD

Dr. William Albert Sams, of Marshall, seated, is shown receiving a Diamond Jubilee Certificate and diamond pin from Brother Fuller H. Stines, of French Broad Lodge No. 292, at Dr. Sams' home Monday, November 9. The coveted honor goes only to Masons in good standing for sixty or more years. Dr. Sams, a Past Master of French Broad Lodge 292, received the Master Mason's Degree on August 20, 1910 in the Flag Pond, Tennessee, Lodge No. 408. The 81-year-old Marshall physician has received many honors in Masonry.

John Temple Rice Dies

John Temple Rice, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., passed away Nov. 5 at the Knights Templar Home for the Aged Infirm, Paxton, Illinois. He was 81.

Following his term as thirty-fifth Grand Master of the national masonic organization (1946 - 49), he became Grand Recorder of the organization at the Chicago office, a position he held until illness forced his retirement Dec. 31, 1966.

Funeral arrangement for the Templar leader were held in El Paso, Texas, with burial in the Masonic cemetery.

**Dedication Held For
York Rite Temple**

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina was held in the new York Rite Temple at 1201 Central Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 5, 1970, at 7:30 P. M. The purpose of this meeting was to dedicate the new Temple of the Charlotte York Rite Bodies.

M. W. Maurice E. Walsh, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, presided over the Grand Lodge assisted by the following brethren: R. W. Robert L. Grubb, P.M. (726) as Deputy Grand Master; R. W. Peter H. Gerns, P.M. (726) as Senior Grand Warden; R. W. Lester M. Hancock, P.M. (31) as Junior Grand Warden; R. W. Murray C. Alexander, P.M. (530) as Grand Treasurer; R. W.

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**Veteran Mason Honored
By Pendleton Lodge 524**

On Tuesday night, October 13, 1970, Pendleton Masonic Lodge No. 524 of Pendleton, N. C., on behalf of the Grand Lodge of N. C., presented Brother George Deloatch his 50 year Veterans Emblem and Certificate. 25 year Certificates and Pins were presented to Brothers J. C. Watson, and S. D. Heds-peth, Jr.

A Diamond Jubilee Certificate and Pin was presented to Brother Percy Martin of Portsmouth, Va., but because of poor health, he was unable to attend. This marks the first time in the history of Pendleton Lodge and perhaps of all lodges in N. C., where three brothers, Percy Martin, J. F. Martin, and Paul Martin, all members of Pendleton Lodge, had lived to receive this honor for being a Master Mason for 60 years or more.