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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Traveling with the GRAND MASTER

My last report closed with the resume of the special meeting with Mt. Pleasant Lodge No. 573 held on December 8, 1970.

On Thursday evening, December 10, 1970 W. Bro. Bill Owen, one of the officers of my home lodge and I drove down to Salisbury, N.C. to attend the Annual Awards Dinner of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 576. The meeting got under way promptly at 7:00 p.m. with a bountiful meal after which I presented



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several twenty-five year awards to the Brethren and three Fifty Year Veterans Awards. I was pleased to see and talk with my good friend, M. W. J. Giles Hudson, P. G. M. Also W. Bros. J. F. Bame D.D.G.M. and E. Rayvon Curran, D.E.C. of the 44th District. The meeting was excellently planned and arranged. W. Bro. Ken W. Beck, Master, the officers and brethren of Andrew Jackson No. 576 are to be commended for the way and manner they are conducting the affairs of their Lodge.

On Friday evening, December 11, 1970, my long time friend and Brother, W. Tam L. Shumaker and I motored to Durham, N.C. where we were met by my son, Steve. We attended the Twenty-first Anniversary and Ladies Night Banquet of Fellowship Lodge No. 687. This was an excellently planned and arranged meeting. W. Brother Lyman M. Johnson, Master, the officers and brethren of Fellowship Lodge were handsomely rewarded for their years work by the attendance at this meeting. It was good to see and greet so many of my friends of many years: Cabel B.

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Bro. Thomas R. McCrea Former Editor, Passes

Brother Thomas Russell McCrea, the first editor of *The North Carolina Mason*, was found dead in his bed Friday, March 5, 1971. Brother McCrea had apparently been dead two days. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 7 in Jones Funeral Chapel, Jacksonville, N. C., with the Rev. Gerald Davis officiating. Masonic burial rites were held in the Fountain family cemetery, Richlands. Brother McCrea is survived by two sisters, Mrs. R. C. Belfour of Thomasville, Ga., and Mrs. W. R. Pierce of Palmetto, Fla.; three brothers, W. W. of Atlanta, Ga., J. S. of Jacksonville, Fla., and H. V. McCrea of Thomasville, Ga.

Tom McCrea was born July 21, 1901, in Tifton, Georgia, a son of Dr. John Arch McCrea and Pauline Warnell McCrea.

After graduating from Tifton High School, he entered Georgia Tech in the fall of 1921 to study Chemistry.

On January 28, 1924, he transferred to North Carolina State University, where he immediately became active in the literary and musical organizations, his humorous art work being in high demand for the college annual.

Upon graduation, he was employed by the North Carolina State Board of

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NOTICE

Grand Lodge Meeting Place Changed

The annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. originally scheduled to be held in Winston-Salem, has been changed to Raleigh, April 20-21, 1971.

The sale of the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston-Salem has made this change necessary.

Greensboro Lodge No. 76 Has Sesquicentennial

By EARLEY W. BRIDGES, *Historian*
TROY G. ROBBINS

Steak "Old 76" style with all the extras was the delight of the members and their wives and many visiting guests on Monday night, March 1, in the Greensboro Temple dining room.

Brother John Herman Cass, Master of Old 76, presided over the festivities beginning with that appropriate yarn, "You didn't get your religion in this church", with Brother George Bennette as the victim.

Brother Henry Bridges, North Carolina State Auditor and brother of Earley W. Bridges, Treasurer of the Lodge, gave a very interesting history of the Lodge listing highlights through the years from 1821 since Old 76 was constituted on March 1, of that year.

Baxter Westmoreland, Conductor of the Greensboro Chapter of Barber Shop Society, along with 40 of his singers,
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Raleigh Lodge No. 500 Has 71st Annual Banquet

By R. GAGE SMITH

Raleigh Lodge No. 500 held their 71st Annual Banquet on Saturday evening, February 6, in the Confederate Room, Balentines Cameron Village, Raleigh, with Bro. Joe Harrington, S.W., as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was by Bro. Hubert Cross, Chaplain, after which the buffet line was buffeted by a double line of members, ladies and other guests.

Brother Harrington started off his program, but was interrupted by "Miss Minnie Pearl" who gave a full and complete report of recent happenings in and around Grinder's Switch. Diligent inquiry later revealed that Mrs. Jean Hobby, of Angier, was the double for the well-known radio and TV person-

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