

Meet Your New Grand Master

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Grand Master, William Watson Mims, Jr., then called and since known to us as "Bill."

The family moved to Charlotte in 1922; Bill attended Charlotte City Schools, as well as accounting school, following which for some eleven years he was an accountant for the National Baking Company. During this period, Bill made one of the most important and joyful decisions in his life when he married lovely Nelleen Cox, and today they enjoy so much their daughter Susan M. Kimery of Hillsboro, North Carolina, who with their son-in-law, Timothy H. Kimrey, a minister, are the proud parents of three-year-old grand-daughter, Erin.

Bill petitioned and was initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Joppa Lodge No. 530 (the Port of Friendship) in 1949. His talents that have so deservedly carried him to the apex of the Craft were even

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George R. Bennette Receives Many Honors

BY EARLEY W. BRIDGES, P. M.

When a Master Mason has the elegance to be elected a life member of nine Masonic Organizations, he is befitting to grace and adorn the Masonic Fraternity. This is true of our beloved brother George R. Bennette, who was elected a life member of Greensboro Lodge No. 76, A.F. & A.M. on September 11, 1969; elected a life member of Chorazin Chapter No. 13, R.A.M., Greensboro Council No. 3, R. & S.M., and Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, K. T. on October 1, 1961.

He was E. Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery in 1941; Recorder 1944-1948; and Grand Commander May 9, 1949 to May 15, 1950.

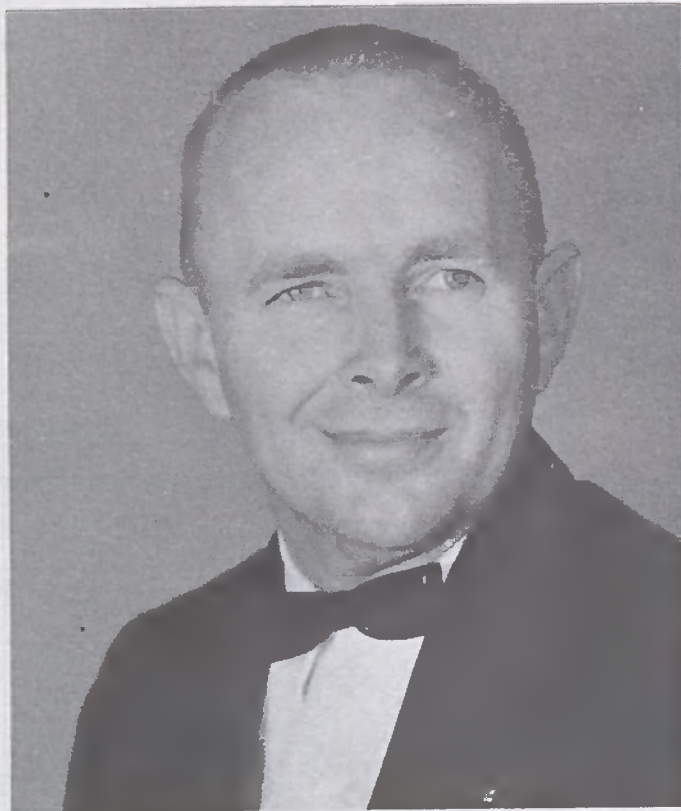
He was elected a life member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Greensboro on October 14, 1970.

He was elected a life member of the Oasis Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. on January 22, 1971; and is a life member of the Oasis Shrine Club.

He was elected a life member of Greensboro Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star on September 25, 1959.

He was a full time worker of the Lodge, the York Rite Bodies and The Scottish Rite Bodies of Enfield for six years; class Director in Greensboro and Enfield more than forty years; and served thirty-one years and three months as Superintendent of the Mas-

Reynold S. Davenport To Edit N. C. Mason



REYNOLD S. DAVENPORT

The Board of Publication of the North Carolina Mason has sought from the time of its inception to take those steps which it felt would lead to a better publication, one in which the Masons in North Carolina could take full pride.

For some time the Board had been looking to the future, and hoping that some way would be pointed to the selection of a full-time Editor who might be able to produce the type of paper the Board was desirous of having. Brother Allen Colenda, head of the Printing Department at Oxford Orphanage, had been serving as temporary Editor, and the Board is deeply grateful to Brother Colenda for all of his helpful contributions to the publication. Brother Colenda will continue to be available for such assistance as he might profitably render.

It was then reported to the Board of Publication that Brother Reynold S. Davenport, Sr., of Jacksonville, North Carolina, had been interested in the Editorship of the N. C. Mason for some time, and that he would be available. Brother Davenport was no stranger to the Board, nor is he a stranger to Masons in North Carolina. He has written monthly articles for The Red Fez, the publication of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., and also for The Bagpipe, the monthly publication of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of New Bern. His articles have always been challenging,

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onic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

He has passed his eighty-second birthday and he plans to promote Freemasonry as long as he is able—which we hope will be for many more years.

Colorful Ceremonies Will Mark 184th Installation

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina will conclude its 184th Annual Communication in Raleigh, North Carolina, on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 21, 1971 with impressive Installation Ceremonies, held in the Masonic Temple in Raleigh.

A Ceremony of Installation will be conducted by Most Worshipful Brother William E. Burrier, Past Grand Master of Charlotte, North Carolina and who appointed the new Grand Master in the Grand Lodge line several years ago. Most Worshipful Brother Burrier will be assisted in this Ceremony by Most Worshipful Brother James G. Johnston, Past Grand Master, serving as Grand Marshal for the Ceremony and he will be assisted by the Assistant to the Grand Secretary, Worshipful Brother R. Pete Dudley. Most Worshipful Brother Robert L. Pugh, Past Grand Master, will serve as the Installing Grand Chaplain. Most Worshipful Brother William W. Mims of Charlotte, North Carolina is to be installed as Grand Master to begin his responsibilities as the Leader of Masonry in North Carolina for the ensuing year. To assist him in discharging the responsibilities of this high office, he will have the services of the following brethren who have also been elected or appointed to a Grand Lodge line:

R. . . Berl M. Kahn of Goldsboro, Deputy Grand Master; R. . . W. . . Nathaniel C. Dean of Norwood, Senior Grand Warden; R. . . W. . . William L. Mills, of Concord, Junior Grand Warden; M. . . W. . . James W. Brewer of Greenville, Grand Treasurer; M. . . W. . . Charles A. Harris of Raleigh, Grand Secretary.

W. . . S. Frank Noble, Jr., of New Bern, Senior Grand Deacon; W. . . Hiram J. Casebolt of Raleigh, Junior Grand Deacon; W. . . Leslie H. Garner of Greenville, Grand Marshal; W. . . J. Earl Watson of Mt. Airy, Grand Steward; W. . . Fred F. Harding of Raleigh, Grand Tyler; W. . . Richard D. Shinkle of Straits, Grand Chaplain; W. . . A. D. Leon Gray of Oxford, Asst. Grand Chaplain.

W. . . Troy G. Robbins of Greensboro, Asst. Grand Chaplain; M. . . W. . . James G. Johnston of Charlotte, Grand Historian; W. . . James E. Spicer, North Wilkesboro, Grand Lecturer; M. . . W. . . William E. Burrier of Charlotte, Grand Orator; W. . . William T. Hatch of Raleigh, Judge Advocate.

These are the brethren who will lead the "Ship of State" for Masonry in North Carolina during the ensuing year.

As of press time for this issue, the other Grand Steward will remain undisclosed until the new Grand Master makes the announcement prior to the installation.