

Twin County Lodge Honors Elmo E. Battle

(Submitted by M. J. Stokes, Secretary 729)

Twin County Lodge No. 729, Rocky Mount, held a special program on June 28, in honor of Brother Elmo Elsworth Battle who has a 50 year record of activity in all branches of Masonry. The program had been planned without the knowledge of Brother Battle and was a complete surprise to him until the program was about to begin. While labor was dispensed with members of the Battle family and other friends were admitted and at this time "Brother Ed" was startled.

Brother Battle was presented an Honorary Membership certificate from Central Cross Lodge No. 187 by Brother Jimmy Cobb, Master. He was presented an Honorary Membership certificate from Concord Lodge No. 58 by Brother Turner E. Felton, Master. Brother Battle already held Honorary Memberships in Corinthian Lodge No. 230; Queen City Lodge No. 602 and Morning Star Lodge No. 85. This completed honorary membership in all the lodges in the 18th Masonic District. Brother Battle also holds a life membership in Twin County Lodge No. 729 of which he is a charter member.

A brief biography of Brother Battle was given by Brother M. J. Stokes, P.M. and Secretary and included the following: Born, Dec. 14, 1893, Nashville, N. C. Received Degrees in Queen City Lodge No. 602 in 1921 and was Master of that lodge in 1925; Certified Lecturer for 22 years; Honorary and Life memberships and fifty years of continuous membership in Masonry; Coaching of candidates; memberships and the conferring of Degrees in the York and Scottish Rite; and membership in Sudan Temple of the Shrine. Married to the former Miss Myrtie Hinton in 1919; six children and ten grand children. Retired machinist.

A plaque was presented to Brother Battle by Brother R. Ward Sutton, Master of Twin County Lodge, and Brother Frank L. Yost, D.D.G.M. of 18th Masonic District presented a portrait of Brother Battle from Twin County Lodge to be hung in the lodge room.

M. W. Brother James W. Brewer, P.G.M., Grand Treasurer, on behalf of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of N. C., in his usual splendid manner of presentations; presented Brother Battle a Fifty Year



Brother Elmo Battle (left) and his son, Larry W. Battle hold plaque as Mrs. Elmo Battle signifies her approval of the occasion.



Joseph Herbert Copeland, Sr., holding certificate center above, received his 60 Year Service Award in Ahoskie Lodge No. 684 on June 3. Brother Copeland was raised April 22, 1910 in Luke McGlaughan Lodge No. 504 (now defunct) and served that lodge several terms as Master. He affiliated with Potecasi Lodge No. 418 on September 23, 1944, and become a charter member of Ahoskie

Lodge on May 4, 1949. All three of his sons are Master Masons and appear in the above picture. Edward, Past Master of Ahoskie Lodge is on the left, Harrell is on the right, and Joseph is in the rear. Brother Copeland is the oldest member of Ahoskie Lodge and its only 60-year member. A meal was provided for the occasion by ladies of the Eastern Star.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

A SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

YORK RITE:

Fayetteville—Chapter Degrees October 16, Council Degrees (including Super Excellent Master) October 23, Commandery Orders November 20.

New Bern—Festival October 29-30.

SCOTTISH RITE:

Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction: Biennial Session, Washington, D. C., October 18-21. Inspectors General Honorary eligible to attend all except executive sessions. Memorial Services honoring Illustrious Albert Pike and departed brethren to be held 11 A. M. October 17, in House of the Temple, open to all regular Masons and friends.

REUNIONS:

Charlotte Bodies, October 12-14, Greensboro Bodies, November 26-27, December 11. New Bern Bodies, November 16-18, "Dynamic Freedoms Reunion" featuring "Veterans Night," November 16, "E. P. Blair Night," November 17, and Grand

Grand Lodge Certificate and pin from the Grand Lodge.

Brother Battle, in well-chosen words expressed his appreciation and surprise for the program and honors received on the occasion. He stated that his work in Masonry had been the greatest pleasure of his life. In his modest manner he stated that he did not think he deserved all the honors received but was indeed grateful.

After closing the lodge the members and visitors which totaled 93 were served refreshments in the ballroom of the Masonic Temple.

CORRECTION NOTICE

In our September issue we incorrectly listed Brother Daris Pete DeShazo among the deceased members. Brother DeShazo is very much alive. He recently demitted from Piedmont Lodge No. 711 to affiliate with Abbeville Lodge No. 320 in Asheville, Mississippi and somehow his name was transposed from one list to the other. We sincerely regret any embarrassment or confusion resulting from the error.

Master's Night" November 18.

Raleigh Bodies, October 27-29, closing date for petitions October 23.

Wilmington Bodies, November 16-18, "Dynamic Freedoms Reunion."

Winston-Salem Bodies, October 16, 30.

SHRINE:

Oasis Temple:

October 22-23, Ceremonial in Asheville.

Sudan Temple:

November 20, Ceremonial in Washington.

DEMOLAY:

October 17, Western District Workshop in Asheville.

October 24, DeMolay Advisors Training Program in Statesville.

November 7, Piedmont District Workshop in Thomasville.

November 14, Eastern District Workshop in Kinston.

NOTE: Requests for detailed information concerning any of the above events should be addressed to the secretaries/recorders of the respective organizations. Notices of regional or statewide events to be published in this section should be mailed to the editor of The North Carolina Mason.