

## LaFayette Lodge Honors Past Master Frank Smith

By Royden Caulk, Master-83

LaFayette Masonic Lodge No. 83 was the setting Saturday evening, September 18, 1971, for honoring an outstanding Mason for his contribution to his community and Masonry.

Worshipful Brother Frank Andrew Smith was born October 31, 1900, at Marines, N. C., which is now part of Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. He was educated in the public school there, and Wilson College in Wilson, North Carolina.

He met his wife, the former Pearl Hurst, in 1918 and they were married the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 1924. They are the parents of Mrs. Annice Rhue of Maryland, and are the proud grandparents of two lovely children.

Brother Smith was employed by the U.S. Postal service on June 11, 1928, at Marines, North Carolina. He was appointed Post Master by President Warren G. Harding on September 15, 1928. He served in that capacity until the Post Office at Marines was discontinued on September 30, 1941. He became a Postal Clerk in the Jacksonville Post Office on November 1, 1941. Brother Smith was appointed Post Master of the Jacksonville Post Office in August 31, 1944, in which capacity he served until his retirement on November 30, 1965.

Always desiring to serve his fellowman, he was elected to the Board of County Commissioners for two terms. He was appointed to the County Board of Welfare on January 1, 1968, and is currently Chairman of that board.

Brother Smith is an active member of the First Baptist Church, and is currently Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Brother Smith was initiated January 23, 1924, passed March 5, 1924, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 19, 1924. Having served in various appointed offices in his lodge, he was elected Junior Warden in 1945, Senior Warden in December, 1946, and Master in 1947. Following his term as Master, he has continued to serve on various committees. In recognition of his outstanding service he was elected to Life Membership in LaFayette Lodge several years ago. Brother Smith is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He is an active member of the 26<sup>o</sup> team, and was Knight Commander Count of Honor in October, 1969.

Brother Frank Andrew Smith is indeed an outstanding man and Mason, who by his indefatigable service to Masonry is an inspiration to the members of LaFayette Lodge.



Brother Dennis Combs (JD-83) presents plaque to Brother Frank Smith as Mrs. Smith looks on.



Pictured above is a group from Pendleton Lodge No. 524 preparing to board a chartered bus for visit to Oxford Orphanage on June 27. Members (or guests) with their wives are: Roger Bryant, Billy Driggins, David Simmons, Julian Liverman, Charlie

Panton, Lee Brittle, Julian Bridgers, G. O. Burgess, Sr., W. T. Bridgers, Joe Collier, James Jenkins, Walter Woodard, Jr., David Vann, Joe Barrett, R. C. Barrett, Grover Davis, E. J. Burgess, and Reverend Ernest Poston.

## Former Superintendent Of M&ESH Dies September 29

From the Greensboro Daily News

George Richard Bennette, 83, superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro for 30 years and a man known throughout North Carolina for Masonic activities died Wednesday (September 29) in Wesley Long Hospital.



GEO. R. BENNETTE

Bennette was a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Mason and was class director of the Greensboro Scottish Rite for 24 years. He was a life member of Greensboro Lodge No. 76, three York Rite Bodies, four Scottish Rite bodies, the Oriental Shrine Club and the Eastern Star Chapter.

Bennette, who lived at 2003 Madison Ave., in 1962 was appointed grand captain of the guard of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States.

Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Friday (October 1) at the First Baptist Church.

In addition to his Masonic work, Bennette was a trustee of the Governor Morehead School for the blind for six four-year terms. He also was a longtime member of the Greensboro Rotary Club, and had been its vice-president, board member and sergeant at arms. He was a native of Enfield.

Bennette is survived by his widow, the former Adeline Gilbert; son, George G. Bennette of New York City; daughter, Mrs. John Cooper Shackleford of Greenville, S. C.; sisters, Mrs. W. T. Eure of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. S. E. Hardee of Enfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Carolina Association for the Blind, 2415-F, Crabtree Blvd., Raleigh 27604.

### FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

This is to remind our lodge Secretaries that you should bring to the attention of your lodge at the first stated communication in November, the names of any and all members of your lodge who owe any amount of dues: PROVIDED, that you sent out notices on Form 23 between September 1st and 15th as required in Regulation 85-33.

Your report of these delinquent members should be listed on Form 24, and a copy of this Form 24 must be sent to the Grand Secretary's office within five days after your first stated communication in November. On this copy to the Grand Secretary you should list the amount due and the action taken on each delinquent member. If an extension of time in which to pay is granted by the lodge, please list the stated communication to which the extension was granted, and if later extensions are subsequently granted, please note this information on the back of your Form 49 when reporting other items acted on.

#### GRAND LODGE AWARDS:

It is our custom to mail out 25-year, 50-year, and 60-year awards requested by your lodge about 10 days before the scheduled date of presentation. If you have not received these awards by about five days before the presentation date, we suggest that you check with your post office before calling the Grand Secretary's office about them. It has frequently happened that in putting up your mail, these large envelopes that are too big for most post office boxes are laid aside and forgotten for the time being. If the awards cannot then be located at your local post office, you should call the Grand Secretary's office about them.

Charles A. Harris

When a politician finished his speech, an Old Indian in the crowd said, "High wind. Big Thunder. No rain."