



Front row, from left, Fifty-year veterans Bryant S. Hall, Zeb V. Murphy and F. Lee Edwards receiving awards from Rev. Richard D. Shinkle, Grand Chaplain. Back row, from left, Twenty-five year veterans Sam-

uel C. Sugg, Carlton A. Pollock, Liston M. Nash, Douglas S. Tolar, Clarence L. Baker, Aldridge W. Wilder, Warren S. Perry, Elwood Tylor, Ben M. Rouse and Frank O. Fitzgerald.

## St. John's No. 4 Honors Past Masters and Veterans

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ceive their 25 Year Awards were: Jesse L. Fields, A. Lionel Garner, F. Joseph Koonce, Jr., Luther L. Smith and Dr. George A. Wooten.

Brother Fred Lee Edwards, Bryant Southerland Hall and Zed Vance Murphy were conducted before the Altar where they were presented their 50 Year Veterans Certificates in a most impressive manner by Brother Shinkle. The sons of Bro. F. Lee Edwards, Preston and F. Lee Jr., assisted in the presentation to their father.

Each of these Brethren expressed their pleasure in having received their 50 Year Awards in a most sincere and appreciative manner.

Brother Shinkle delivered a most enjoyable and thought-provoking talk, taking as his topic, "The Great Light" in Masonry and its importance to the life of every Mason.

Those in attendance at the Meeting had a most enjoyable time, not only from the delicious supper and the activities in the Lodge, but also, the wonderful fellowship of the occasion.

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Grand Jurisdiction recognized by our Grand Lodge. (REG. 63-13)

16. Yes. (REG. 85-12)

17. Such lodges have concurrent jurisdiction and if one of them has jurisdiction over a petitioner all of them have. Either of them could lawfully receive his petition. (REG. 48-10)

18. Only to conduct burial services or to attend religious services. A communication held on Sunday for any other purpose is unlawful. (REG. 51-12)

19. No. (REG. 68-07) A lodge may vote funds to relieve a member's distress, but this would not be a loan. (REG. 60-09)

20. No. (REG. 75-01)

We will attempt here to answer (unofficially) all questions submitted on Masonic subjects which are lawful to be written.

## Questions and Answers

The Constitution and Regulations of our Grand Lodge (THE CODE) spell out the Masonic law which governs Masons and lodges in North Carolina. Copies of THE CODE are furnished to each lodge; individual Masons may purchase copies from the Grand Secretary. Some readers may wish to score themselves on their knowledge of Masonic law with their answers to the following questions. The answers (references in parentheses) are at the end of the article—don't peek!

1. Some lodges display the representatives of the three Lesser Lights at times other than when the Entered Apprentice Degree is being conferred. Is this legal?

2. How many degrees may a lodge confer in one day?

3. Is a minimum initiation fee prescribed by law?

4. Is it proper to present a cloth apron to a candidate?

5. Can a lodge invite a Masonic Club to confer a degree?

6. Can the Master order a secret ballot when voting on a lodge's financial transactions?

7. Can a North Carolina lodge legally receive a petition from a soldier stationed in another state or out of the country?

8. Can a member be assessed on account of lodge indebtedness?

9. Is the pledge of allegiance to the United States Flag required? If so, when?

10. Can the Master shut off debate on a motion which is on the floor of the lodge?

11. May a lodge conduct burial services outside its territorial jurisdiction?

12. Can the Grand Master excuse a candidate from proving his proficiency in the preceding degree?

13. Under what circumstances may the trustees of a lodge dispose of its property?

14. Must a District Deputy Grand Master

and a District Deputy Grand Lecturer reside in their respective districts?

15. Who is qualified to install lodge officers?

16. If a member pays his dues five years in advance does he then have to pay any increase in dues which may occur during those five years?

17. When two or more lodges in the same town meet in the same building how do you determine which lodge has jurisdiction over the petitioner?

18. May a lodge hold a communication on Sunday?

19. Can a Mason borrow money from his lodge if he is in distress?

20. May a Mason who recommends a petitioner be a member of the committee which investigates the petitioner's qualifications?

The following answers to the foregoing questions are brief, they are subject to error, and they are intended only for general information. Masons needing or desiring complete, lawful answers to these questions should consult THE CODE or other proper authority.

1. Yes, This is optional. (REG. 51-10)

2. All three, once each. (REG. 79-29)

3. Yes, fifty dollars. (REG. 72-01)

4. No. (REG. 95-28)

5. No. (REG. 79-21)

6. No. (REG. 68-11)

7. Yes, under certain circumstances. (REG. 47-06)

8. No. (REG. 85-13)

9. Yes, at the opening of every communication. (REG. 95-15)

10. Yes. (REG. 91-01)

11. Yes, by obtaining consent of the Master of the lodge having jurisdiction. (REG. 90-14)

12. No. (REG. 80-06)

13. Only upon the order of the lodge. (REG. 68-12)

14. DDGM, yes. (REG. 32-03) DDGL, no. (REG. 35-08)

15. A Master or Past Master who is a member in good standing of a regular lodge in a