



YORK RITE CANDIDATES IN KINSTON

York Rite Bodies Confer Work At Kinston Festival

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Under the Sponsorship of the Grand York Rite Bodies of North Carolina a "Fall Festival," conferring all of the York Rite Degrees and Orders (except that of Super Excellent Master) was held in the Kinston Masonic Temple, Kinston, North Carolina on Saturday, September 11, 1971.

There are many reasons for the continuing Net Gains in membership in the York Rite Bodies of North Carolina. Among the most important of these is the wise planning and vigorous execution of Unified Festivals. Heretofore these have been held on local and statewide bases. This year, the Grand Bodies planned for three "Area" Festivals; Eastern, Central and Western.

Surely "The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof," for at the first of the three, or "Eastern Area," there was literally standing room only, as 289 Masons registered in attendance. Caswell Chapter No. 38, H. B. Jones, High Priest; Kinston Council No. 11, W. H. Hill, Illustrious Master; and St. Paul's Commandery No. 18, K. T., H. L. Dail, Commander, served as Official Hosts for the Festival. They overlooked nothing, from their opening ritualistic excellence, to the excellence of the meals so nicely served by Kinston Chapter No. 53 O.E.S. Daisy W. King, Worthy Matron—their guests were made glad they came.

129 Candidates received the Work in most impressive style. Chairman Kedar D. Pyatt, P.G.H.P., Grand Lecturer, with his well known efficiency, ably assisted by local committee Chairman: W. Hoke Smith, Howard Finch, Ben Thomas, H. L. Dail, Walter Gyger and Bruce Sloop, fielded ten crack teams of expert and hardworking York Rite Masons.

Starting on time at 8:00 A. M. the following program was executed to the letter.

REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES—Masonic Temple, Heritage Street, Kinston, N. C. Open Caswell Chapter No. 38 R.A.M.—Caswell Chapter No. 38, R.A.M.

Introductory Remarks—Dallas Holoman, Jr., P.G.H.P.

MARK MASTER DEGREE—Concord Chapter No. 1 R.A.M.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE (First Section)—Onslow Chapter No. 94 R.A.M.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER DEGREE (Second Section)—Onslow Chapter No. 94 R.A.M.

ROYAL ARCH DEGREE—Goldsboro Chapter No. 29 R.A.M.

LUNCH—Caswell Chapter No. 38

Introductory Remarks—A. Oden Latham, G.C.

ROYAL MASTER DEGREE Hiram Council No. 18 R. & S. M.

SELECT MASTER DEGREE—Tyrian Council No. 19 R. & S. M.

BREAK

Introductory Remarks—A. Oden Latham, G.C.

ORDER OF RED CROSS—St. Bernard Commander No. 21 K.T.

THE MEDITERRANEAN PASS AND ORDER OF MALTA—Calvary Commandery No. 25 K. T.

DINNER—Caswell Chapter No. 38.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—St. John's Commandery No. 10 K. T.

Upon resuming labor after the morning break, the following Grand and Past Grand York Rite Officers were recognized:

Presiding Officers: M. E. John H. Pierczynski, Grand High Priest; M. I. Cecil W. Henderson, Grand Master; R. E. A. Oden Latham, Grand Commander.

Grand Chapter Officers: R. E. Blake C. Lewis, Grand King; R. E. William C. Hammond, Jr., Grand Scribe; R. E. W. Hoke Smith, Grand Principal Sojourner; R. E. Alvia Hearren, Grand Royal Arch Captain; R. E. Harry W. Logan, Grand Master Second Veil, R. E. Otto Neustadt, Grand Master First Veil.

Grand Council Officers: R. I. James H. Horne, Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Commandery Officers: V. E. N. Donald Bell, Deputy Grand Commander; E. Lee B. Wynne, Grand Captain of the Guard; J. Fred Keyes, Asst. Chief Instructor-Inspector. Shrine: N. Donald Bell, Potentate; Nelson B. Banks, Recorder.

Past Grand Officers: M. E. Kedar D. Pyatt, P.G.H.P.; M. E. Nathaniel M. Baxter, P.G.H.P.; M. E. Dallas Holoman, Jr. P.G.H.P., M. I. Forrest H. Peeht, P.G.M.; M. I. William I. Gause, P.G.M.; J. Ray Rex, P.G.C.

The three Principal Officers made brief informal remarks to the effect that they were indeed gratified by the response to their call for ACTION and that based upon the results here achieved they expected another significant gain in York Rite Masonry this year.

A Change of Heart

Some years ago a North Carolina lodge purchased a building site in an exclusive residential area. A lady who had just moved into a rather expensive home just two lots down was outraged to learn that a Masonic Lodge would be erected so nearby. She threatened to sell, to sue the developers, and to organize neighborhood protest.

What her conception of Masonry may have been we do not know, but it is rather obvious that she did not hold the Fraternity in high esteem. She noised it abroad that the lodge

Deaths Reported To The Grand Secretary's Office

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- 544—Thomas Carey Patterson
- 571—Duckery Nelson McLelland
- 589—James Claud Williamson
- 656—Herbert Eugene Lester
- 672—Joseph W. Dyer
- 672—Martin M. Carver
- 672—William Marion Hardin
- 352—A. P. Tilley
- 454—William Franklin Baity
- 454—Fred Osborne Eidson
- 677—John William Straughan
- 712—Hubert Amerson
- 542—Willis H. Malone
- 109—John Porter Betts
- 31—E. Miller Brunson
- 429—William Henry Hill
- 602—Edwin Wright Miller
- 667—Elvie William Bartow
- 681—Louis P. Magnin
- 463—Willie Lorraine Walker
- 205—Charles Brown Whitley, Sr.
- 686—James Broughton Raynor
- 669—Raymond Maloney Whicker
- 263—Robert Jackson Drye
- 369—Charles Rogers Peace, Jr.
- 606—Charles Leroy Travis
- 657—Lewis Hazelious Rothrook
- 265—Henry Norwood Williams
- 411—John Davidson Bissette
- 521—Hugh E. Brady
- 687—Harvey Jordan Rape
- 170—Alonzo Malvin Dietz
- 446—Nat Taylor Clark
- 446—Ralph Joe Graham
- 418—Hugh Cleveland Griffin
- 262—Roy Conway Dillard
- 262—Rufus W. Greene
- 593—Allie Bird Godfrey
- 3—Richard Berry Fulford
- 3—William Jesse Ipock
- 230—Edward Gray Rowland
- 344—Walter A. Lee Moser
- 390—Robert Richard Bland
- 576—Eubert Hugh Graham
- 595—Earl NMN Wells
- 668—Uriah G. Vinson
- 707—David Spencer Kallam
- 99—George Franklin Conrad
- 214—Lola V. Miller
- 253—Frank Joyce Wier
- 527—Seth Elonzo High
- 594—Ira Thomas Johnston
- 473—Thomas Shell Eanes

would be a nuisance and would detract from other property in the area.

Her protests were of no avail and the lodge was built, just one empty lot away from her home. This empty lot remained unsold as the rest of the area gradually filled, and it became obvious that it soon would be sold and occupied.

One day the lady approached members of the lodge and suggested that she and the lodge jointly purchase the empty lot so that no-one could ever build between them. It was done and the lady and the lodge remain neighbors today.

Somewhere along the line this lady's conception of Masonry had changed. Once she had strenuously opposed the lodge as a neighbor, now she wants the lodge for her neighbor.

This says something for Masonry.