

## DeMolays Honor GM Kahn During Raleigh Meeting

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of Thomasville Lodge 214, Chairman of the Advisory Council of Thomasville DeMolay Chapter.

Verdery also presented the 1972 "Advisor of the Year Award" to Robert H. "Bob" Kalet, of Jacksonville. Kalet, a member of Semper Fidelis Lodge 680, organized the Jacksonville DeMolay Chapter in 1947 and has headed its Advisory Council during the succeeding quarter-century. The Jacksonville Chapter has been instrumental in the formation of numerous other chapters in Eastern North Carolina.

The Grand Master addressed the DeMolays and Advisors assembled at the Masonic Temple. He expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him and he congratulated Masons present for the wonderful work they are doing in DeMolay. He told the DeMolays that the Grand Lodge is not doing all it should for DeMolay; that instead of DeMolay coming to the Grand Lodge for assistance from time to time, the Grand Lodge should find some way to express its appreciation to DeMolay for all it does for Masonry.

Grand Master Kahn stated that if Masons do not do all they can to support the youth of America the future will be darker because of it. He said DeMolay Chapters need, deserve and must have the support of Masons and lodges willing to give much of their time to DeMolay.

For the Saturday evening banquet it was back to the hotel.

Banquet master of ceremonies was immediate Past State Master Councilor Don Etheridge, Jr., State Chaplain Phillip Harrison gave the invocation and Mike Foushee, Master Councilor of Raleigh's Host Chapter welcomed those attending. State Master Councilor Tim Grooms introduced distinguished guests (including Grand Secretary and Mrs. Charles A. Harris) and Tom Lease, Senior Councilor of Raleigh Chapter, introduced the speaker.

Charles A. Dunn, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation, was the banquet speaker.

Dunn spoke of the need for parents, churches, and the schools to spend more time and effort in recognizing and providing for the needs of today's young people.

"Everybody wants to be somebody," said Dunn. He declared that those who do not have opportunity to be somebody in worthwhile pursuits (such as DeMolay) often decide to be somebody on the drug scene, or in a speeding automobile. He cited the failure of parents in today's society, speculating that perhaps we need a law, making parents responsible for acts of their children up to a certain age.

Dunn told the DeMolays that their generation will make or break this country, asking them to decide if they wish to be part of a solution or part of a problem. He asked DeMolay to become a lobbying organization to investigate youth opportunities in North Carolina and then go before the legislature and elsewhere to ask for resources and assistance.

He spoke at length concerning the drug problem, stating that of all crime drug abuse is his chief worry. He noted that younger and younger age groups are trying drugs; drug abuse in just a few years has moved down the age scale from college students through high schools, junior highs, and is now found even in the elementary schools. There is record of a youngster of eight addicted to heroin. Dunn

## DEMOLAY MID-WINTER ACTIVITIES



At left above Grand Master Berl M. Kahn, George Bailey, William Mace, and James Badgett kneel at altar to receive DeMolay's Honorary Legion of Honor. In the picture at right DeMolay Executive Officer John A. Verdery (left) presents 1972 "Advisor of the Year Award" to Robert H. "Bob" Kalet, of Jacksonville.



Shown above at left are DeMolays, Sweethearts and Advisors listening to the banquet address of Charles A. Dunn, pictured at right above. Dunn is Director of the State Bureau of Investigation.



In the above picture the hotel lobby fairly swarms with DeMolays and their dates awaiting the beginning of the ball. All of the above pictures were made during North Carolina DeMolay's January meetings in Raleigh.

warned that a lot of these youngsters have taken up drugs in efforts to emulate older brothers and sisters, noting that older boys and girls must, in addition to protecting their own morals and health, be ever mindful of the examples they are setting for young children.

Immediately following the banquet the ballroom was cleared of tables and chairs, one of those real loud bands came upon the scene, and there was dancing until one.

Sunday began with church services, then there was a Council of Deliberation at the Masonic Temple for the disposition of routine business. This completed the weekend of mid-winter activity.

## Onslow Shriners Aid POWs

JACKSONVILLE—Having learned that the U. S. Naval Hospital at nearby Camp Lejeune is one of the hospitals to which prisoners of war from Vietnam will be returned, the Onslow County Shrine Club is contacting appropriate authorities and making plans to lend fraternal assistance when and where possible. Individual members of the club will make themselves available to POWs wishing to come into town or to attend lodge or other fraternal meetings, or to receive other personal services. Club members will be prepared to aid and assist in every way possible.