

## Centennial Celebration

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officially opening the celebration of Oxford Orphanage's Centennial Year.

A bevy of Orphanage beauties—vintage about 1960 or so—greeted visitors on the front porch of the main building and ushered them through the door where Superintendent Leon Gray and his staff met them with handshakes, expressions of welcome, registration certificates and lapel pins.

Grand Master Berl M. Kahn led the Grand Lodge family, which included the following Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies: Deputy Grand Master Nathaniel C. Dean, Senior Grand Warden William L. Mills, Jr., Junior Grand Warden S. Frank Noble, Jr., Grand Treasurer James W. Brewer (PGM), Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris (PGM), Senior Grand Deacon Hiram J. Casebolt, Grand Tyler Fred F. Harding and Grand Chaplain I. Boyd Hopkins. Past Grand Masters J. Edward Allen and William W. Mims, Jr. were also in attendance.

Other Masonic officials attending with their ladies included: Robert P. Dudley, Assistant to the Grand Secretary; William E. Fulmer, Chairman of the Board of Publication; A. C. Honeycutt, Chairman of the Committee on Charity; James H. Horne, Reynold S. Davenport and E. Floyd Dunn, members of the Board of Custodians; Hackett C. Wilson and Robert L. Martin, members of the Orphanage Board of Directors; Maurice J. Stokes, member of the Committee on Appeals; George W. White, member of the Credentials Committee; Kedar D. Pyatt, member of the Orphanage Committee and Grand Lodge Accountant Walter A. Watts. William F. Owen, Jr. was present representing the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Attorney General Robert Morgan, accompanied by Mrs. Morgan and their children, represented the North Carolina Council of State.

Eli T. "Coach" Regan, former Assistant Superintendent of the Orphanage, was present with Mrs. Regan. All of those familiar with the Orphanage in the past, including the children who were there during his tenure, were delighted at the opportunity to be with "Coach" Regan once more.

The banquet was held in the main dining room and guests were officially welcomed by Robert L. Martin. Superintendent Gray made the introductions and everyone united in asking the dining room blessing which has been spoken at Oxford for more than three-quarters of its century of existence.

After the dinner Mrs. Virginia Clay presented the Orphanage Choir in a program of music adventure entitled "The Creation of Child Care in North Carolina." Students Mike Cook and Monroe Tart narrated excerpts from Orphanage history. Mrs. Marie Flowers provided piano accompaniment.

The Alma Mater, written and arranged by Miss Myrtle L. Peacock, former Orphanage teacher now retired, was sung by the entire assemblage.

The final item on the program was the showing of the film, "I Remember Oxford." This 15-minute portrayal of campus life and activity, will be shown to all guests visiting the Orphanage on designated tour dates this year.

It was obvious that all visitors thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and the program, but it was equally obvious that everyone received their greatest enjoyment in the opportunity to mingle with the boys and girls who make the Oxford campus the wonderful place it is.

## Colonel Morgan Released From Communist Captivity

CANDLER—William F. Childs, Secretary of Hominy Lodge 491, has advised that a member of Hominy Lodge, Lieutenant Colonel Herschel S. Morgan, USAF, is among the prisoners of war recently released by North Vietnam.



Colonel Morgan, a captain when the accompanying photo was made, was shot down while on a photo-reconnaissance mission on April 3, 1965 and it was two years before his family learned he was a prisoner of war. There was no direct word from him for almost five years.

Now, after seven years and ten months in communist prison camps, Colonel Morgan is home with his wife and two sons.

The Morgan family now resides at Sumter, S. C., as do Colonel Morgan's parents. When news reached them that their father was in the first group of prisoners to be freed, Stephen, born 4½ months after his father's capture, and Scotty, 11½, ran down the street ringing doorbells and screaming to neighbors, "Our Daddy's coming home! Our Daddy's coming home!"

Letters of rejoicing and welcome have gone to Brother Morgan from Lodge Secretary Childs and from Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris.

Colonel Morgan's father, Norman Morgan, is also a member of Hominy Lodge and provided the picture used here.

## Fraternal Calendar

A SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

### GRAND LODGE:

Mar. 24, Dedication of new temple of Raeford Lodge No. 306, Raeford.

Mar. 31, Dedication of new Masonic Temple, Fayetteville.

### APR. 17, 18, ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, RALEIGH.

### SCOTTISH RITE REUNIONS:

Mar. 20, 21, 22, Wilmington Bodies.

Apr. 10, 11, 12, New Bern Bodies.

Apr. 10, 11, 12, Asheville Bodies.

Apr. 14, 21, 28, Raleigh Bodies.

Apr. 14, 28, Winston-Salem Bodies.

### SHRINE:

Apr. 14, Oasis visitation to Eastern part of jurisdiction by Divan and units.

May 11, 12, Oasis Ceremonial in Greensboro.

May 25, 26, Sudan Ceremonial in Raleigh.

### DEMOLAY:

During April, Harry Truman Memorial Classes.

Apr. 14, 15, Eastern District Convention, Cary.

Jul. 19, 20, 21, Annual Conclave, Charlotte.

NOTE: Requests for detailed information concerning any of the above events should be addressed to the secretaries/records 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* as early in advance as possible.

## Annual Communication

RALEIGH—At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 17, the 186th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge will open in Memorial Auditorium. By the time Grand Lodge Officers are installed Wednesday night more than one thousand North Carolina Masons will have witnessed all or portions of the proceedings. Also in attendance will be scores of visiting Masonic dignitaries from various parts of the Nation.

Other business sessions will commence at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and at 9 a.m. on Wednesday. The Annual Grand Lodge Dinner will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. At 2 p.m. Wednesday there will be a conference of the District Deputy Grand Masters, the District Deputy Grand Lecturers, and the District Education Chairmen in the Sir Walter Hotel. The Wednesday evening installation will begin at 8 p.m. in the auditorium and will be open to guests.

Headquarters for the Annual Communication will be established at the Sir Walter Hotel; Grand Lodge Boards, Commissions and Committees will meet there on Monday, April 16, at various times and general registration will begin in the hotel lobby that afternoon at three. Registration on Tuesday and Wednesday will be at the auditorium, as will all business sessions.

Credentials forms have been mailed to the lodges and other interested parties. Delegates are reminded that credentials must be in order before a Mason may represent his lodge in Grand Lodge.

Accompanying the credentials forms are pertinent extracts from THE CODE and other useful information. Area hotels and motels are listed and delegates have been requested to deal directly with the hotels and motels in obtaining reservations. However, anyone experiencing housing difficulties should phone General Chairman Jack Honeycutt at 833-1157 (business) or 832-0705 (residence) for assistance.

## Deaths Reported To The Grand Secretary's Office

### LODGE NAME

188—Carl E. Bishop  
317—Charles Robert Hopkins, Sr.  
479—James Claud Bland  
81—Thomas Ruffin Mallard  
626—Clarence R. Dellinger  
210—Bobby Lloyd Eudy  
202—Blanche Bryan Higgins  
202—Floyd Montgomery Willis  
117—William Oscar Harrison  
91—C. O. Ridings  
319—Nicholas Wood Mintz  
454—James Evan Martin  
602—George Anastaios Pantelakos  
629—Jacob NMN Fulton  
692—Johnny Ambrose House  
705—Charlie Jack Herring  
32—William Morgan Ross  
97—Paul NMN Stevens  
218—Thomas Edmund Stuckey  
218—Calvin Clay Bishop  
218—George Vernon Harrell  
218—Alfred J. Sutter  
218—Gilbert Rogers Perry  
218—Charles Desmond Matthews  
530—Harold Milton Stokes  
530—Theodore Jackson Caldwell  
562—Sam A. Simpson  
685—Walter Roland Clitherow  
702—Harry Eugene Parris  
702—Fred Wilson Wallace  
721—Gurney Lawrence Pennington  
162—John Frank Driver  
343—Grover Harold Stanford  
434—Roy Ferdinand Jones  
322—Porter M. Hampton  
322—Valna Ralph Hunter  
339—Paul Mauney Neisler, Sr.  
656—Harry Hoyt Halstead  
665—Paul Edward Lyday  
109—Theodore R. Willis

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