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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

New Home Superintendent

Greensboro—Last month Grand Master William L. Mills, Jr. announced the resignation of Reverend Troy G. Robbins as Superintendent of Masonic and Eastern Star Home, and announced that Thomas A. Patterson would succeed Robbins on July 1. A picture and biography of the new superintendent has now been obtained, and follows:



Thomas A. Patterson, who succeeds Rev. Troy Robbins as Superintendent of the Masonic &

Eastern Star Home, comes to us from Batavia, New York where he has been Superintendent of the New York State School for the Blind for the past three year.

He was born in High Point, graduating from Erwin High School at Erwin. Patterson earned an A.A. Degree from Louisburg College at Louisburg and an A.B. and M. Ed. Degrees from the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. He did Post Graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill;

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Grand Master at Kannapolis For Cornerstone Ceremonies



Grand Master William L. Mills, Jr. presides at cornerstone ceremony (left above) and Grand Orator A. W. Thomas, Jr. delivers oration.

Kannapolis—The Grand Lodge came here on May 6 to lay the cornerstone for the Kannapolis Masonic Center being erected on South Main Street. It was the first emergent communication of the new Grand Lodge year and a number of Grand Lodge officers were present to assist Grand Master William L. Mills, Jr. in the ceremony. They were: Senior Grand Warden Hiram J. Casebolt, Grand Secretary Charles A. Harris (PGM), Grand Steward William F. Owen, Jr., Grand Chaplain G. Howard Allred, and Grand Orator Arthur W. Thomas, Jr. Past Grand Master Robert N. Bass, Jr. attended and acted as Deputy Grand Master. Grand Secretarial Assistant Robert P. Dudley acted as Grand Marshal.

Other Masons filling Grand Lodge chairs and lodge positions were: Jesse S. McClannon (PM-626), Kelly W. Ussery (Tr-695), John Q. Benton (S-626), J. W. Cook (SW-626), Donald R. Todd (M-695), Edwin W. Liverman (PM-32), Charlie R. Harrington (Ty-748), Robert D. Koontz (PM-695), William R. Blalock (JW-626), Lewis P. Hartis (PM-695), and Andrew O. Slawson (PM-626).

Grand Master Mills opened the Grand Lodge in the present Masonic Temple and the large group of Masons then proceeded to the building site and was joined there by the many other citizens gathered to witness the ceremony.

The Grand Master welcomed the large assemblage, explained the purpose of the occasion, and then laid the cornerstone in ancient form. During the course of the ceremony a box containing items provided by the three Kannapolis lodges was placed inside the stone. Grand Orator Thomas delivered an appropriate oration and William S. Bullock (PM-626), expressed the appreciation of all concerned to the Grand Master and others who participated. The Grand Master made a brief response.

There are three lodges in Kannapolis; Cannon Memorial 626, Allen Graham 695 and South Gate 748. These lodges, with Rainbow, DeMolay and Eastern Star, will move into

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District Meetings Begin Some Changes in Program

The 1974 series of district meetings began on June 3 with a meeting of the 10th District in Wilmington Lodge 319 at Wilmington. The series will conclude in November.

Grand Master William L. Mills, Jr., in a letter on May 14, advised the District Deputy Grand Masters concerning the schedule and the program to be followed. The complete schedule, subject to one or two possible changes, is included in this article and will be repeated in several future issues.

The program for the meetings has been changed somewhat from previous years because, quoting from the Grand Master's letter: "We want to hear from the leaders in the district and find out in what ways, if any, the Grand Lodge can be of service, to explain the function and procedures of the various Grand Lodge committees, the significance of any proposed changes in THE CODE, and endeavor to answer any questions which may be presented."

The program for each meeting is as follows: Dinner at 6:30, open lodge at 7:30, receive the District Deputy and then the Grand Mas-

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These keys open the oldest Masonic building in America. (See article on page five.)