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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## Hiram 40, Riverside 606 Among the June Meetings

Opening the 1976 schedule of district meetings, Grand Master Leslie H. Garner and Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley went into 13 North Carolina Districts during June. They will visit 13 more in July, 9 in August, 16 in September, and complete the schedule with 14 October visits (the remaining schedule appears at the end of this article).

This issue of the paper contains pictorial coverage of two June meetings, in districts the paper had not previously covered: the 24th District in Hiram Lodge 40 at Raleigh on June 11, and the 53rd District in Riverside Lodge 606 at Catawba on June 17. There was good attendance at each of these meetings.

This year's format is not greatly changed from those followed in previous years. The host lodge serves dinner at 6:30 and opens

at 7:30. The host Master officially receives the District Deputy, who in turn receives the Grand Master, who presides. The Grand Secretary calls the roll, then reports are made by the Masters and the district officers. The Grand Secretary enumerates "Bicentennial items" available to the lodges, explains proposed amendments to THE CODE, and offers remarks of general interest to the members. Reports from the Orphanage and Home are also on the agenda. The Grand Master's address closes the program.

Grand Master Garner's emphasis this year is on "Unity." (He delivers a forceful address and we do not detail it here lest we spoil it for those yet to hear him.) The Grand Master is naturally vigorous, positive, and humorous,

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Greenville—Grand Master and Mrs. Leslie H. Garner at Grand Master's Banquet June 12.

### Grand Master is Honored Greenville Lodges Hosts

Greenville—The three local lodges, Greenville 284, Crown Point 708, and William Pitt 734 honored Grand Master Leslie H. Garner at a banquet in the Masonic Temple here June 12. Masons and guests from many areas of North Carolina filled the banquet room.

Grand Chaplain James H. Bailey was master of ceremonies and gave the address of welcome. Later in the program he expressed appreciation to many who had contributed to the success of the occasion.

The invocation was given by Assistant Grand Chaplain Robert G. Hufford.

Following dinner a program of musical selections was presented by the Overton Sisters, Dolly Mitchum and Millie Tripp. These young ladies had the guests toe-tapping throughout the performance and the audience was invited to join in singing some of the songs.

Past Grand Master William A. Hooks, who appointed Les Garner to the Grand Lodge line, was recognized and he expressed his pleasure in the work the Grand Master is doing for North Carolina Masonry.

Past Master Durwood Harris, long a close  
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Catawba—Shown above at the meeting of the 53rd District, front row, left to right: Hughes J. Hun (DDGM-53), Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley, Grand Master Leslie H. Garner, Charles C. Campbell (DDGL-53), Conrad Steward (M-606). Back row, l-r: Glenn Rowe (M-709), Kenneth Mace (M-137), Terry Crafton (JW-592), Edward Brown (SW-248).



Raleigh—Pictured here at the meeting of the 24th District are, front row, left to right: Norman Miller (DDGM-25), Eddie Stiles (DDGM-26), Grand Master Leslie H. Garner, William Tester (DDGM-24), William Durham (DDGM-32). Back row, l-r: Otis Jones (DEC-25), John Leagon (DDGL-24), Jesse Atkins (M-740), John Barkley (DEC-24), Otis Matheny (M-40), Charles Wagner (M-701).

Because of a severe space shortage this month we are forced to delay until our August issue the account of the Masonic Trail visit to Windsor on June 26, the account of the Institution of Federal Point Lodge at Carolina Beach on June 28, and other shorter items. Articles appearing this month have been reduced in order to get them in. With a heavy schedule of activities pending, it will probably be September or October before we are again current.