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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

New Grand Steward

The Reverend I. Boyd Hopkins, of Mount Airy, is the newest addition to the Grand Lodge line, having been appointed Grand Steward by Grand Master J. Earl Watson on April 20.



Boyd is well known by and owns the respect of Masons all over North Carolina. He was impressive as Grand Chaplain during 1972-74, and as Assistant Grand Chaplain in 1974-

75. Also, since 1973 he has traveled the state as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education, meeting with leading Masons in every area. He has spent and continues to spend countless hours preparing and disseminating programs for the furtherance of Masonic Education in North Carolina. He is a Past District Education Chairman.

A native of Stanly County, he has studied at Mars Hill, Wingate, Wake Forest and Carson-Newman Colleges, and has done graduate work at Appalachian State University and at Southeastern Theological Seminary. Since 1971 he has served as pastor of Flat Rock Baptist Church, at Mount Airy.

Boyd is married to Jean Wells, formerly of Hamptonville, and they have one son, Brady, age 10.

He received his Masonic degrees in Albemarle Lodge 703 in 1957, affiliated with Catawba
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Attendance Responsibility for District Meetings

In compiling the schedule for district meetings each year extreme effort is exerted to avoid major conflicts, particularly with respect to stated communications of lodges. But with such a long state to cover, and with 65 individual district meetings to arrange, and with the unavoidable commitments of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, it is next to impossible to arrange a schedule absolutely devoid of conflicts.

It is therefore incumbent upon the District Deputy Grand Masters and the lodge Masters to work around conflicts where they do exist. If a lodge has a stated communication the same night of its district meeting, that stated communication can be presided over by a Past Master and the business transacted that night held to a minimum. Lodges should NEVER schedule degree work for the same night the
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Federal Point Lodge 753 North Carolina's 388th



Greenville—Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley (left) and Grand Master J. Earl Watson hand out certificates during the conference here on April 30.

District Officers Meet Greenville and Hickory

On consecutive Saturdays, April 30 and May 7, Grand Master J. Earl Watson and Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley met with the officers of the 65 North Carolina Masonic Districts to outline work and objectives for the new Grand Lodge year. The first meeting was at Greenville with the DDGM's, DDGL's and DEC's of the eastern half of the state. The following Saturday was at Hickory with the district officers of the western half. (See page 3 for pictures made during the Greenville conference.)

Each meeting opened at 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple. The Grand Master spoke to the entire group, then they divided into three classes; Grand Lecturer Gilbert English and Custodians Secretary Floyd Dunn met with the DDGL's Grand Steward Boyd Hopkins took the DEC's, and the Grand Secretary met with the DDGM's. The Grand Master met briefly with each of the separate groups.

The two meetings gave the Grand Master and the other Grand Lodge officials opportunity to explain in considerable detail the schedule for district meetings and other programs in the works for 1977-78. Each conference was well attended and there was ample evidence the district officers are ready to go forward with the work at hand.

Carolina Beach—The newest lodge in North Carolina, Federal Point 753, was constituted by Grand Master J. Earl Watson April 29.

The lodge was instituted June 28, 1976 by Grand Master Leslie H. Garner and worked under dispensation until just before the 1977 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Having proved its ability to conform to the requirements for a subordinate lodge, Federal Point was awarded its charter at Grand Lodge on April 20.

In the ceremony of constitution on April 29 Grand Master Watson was assisted by Grand Lodge officers Senior Grand Warden William B. Bellois, Grand Steward I. Boyd Hopkins and Grand Tyler Marvin D. Wilson; and by Past Grand Master G. Dudley Humphrey, Louis W. Shrier (M&S-1), Remi C. Savage (S-319), Reynold S. Davenport (PM-680), Dayton J. Lanier (DDGL-10), Cecil E. Bowden (DDGM-10), Earl M. Noe (PM-109), James F. DeVane (PM-612) and Larry C. Brown (SW-1).

Having conducted the constitution ceremony according to ancient form, the Grand Master, with the assistance of Acting Grand Marshal Earl Noe, then installed the following officers of the lodge: Master James C. Sanderson, Senior Warden Benjamin W. Best, Junior Warden Clinton L. Hines, Treasurer Ray M. Atkinson, Secretary J. Delmar Hill, Senior Deacon Charles I. Rogers, Junior Deacon Dennis T. Barbour, Stewards Samuel M. Frisbee and Thomas H. Steen, Chaplain Felix P. Harris and Tyler Reed S. Bartley (Proxy).

The Grand Master turned the gavel over to the Master, who recognized several who offered remarks of congratulations and pledges of support. The lodge adopted its by-laws and, for the first time, was closed in Due Form as a chartered lodge.



Carolina Beach—Grand Master J. Earl Watson presents the charter of Federal Point Lodge 753 to the Master, James C. Sanderson.