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ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF
RALEIGH
NORTH CAROLINA
TUESDAY, APRIL FIFTEENTH
A. D. 1986, A. L. 5986
BEGINNING AT TEN O'CLOCK
IN THE MORNING
IN
MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
FAYETTEVILLE STREET

ATTEST:



Robert P. Dudley
Grand Secretary

Robert C. Hyatt
Grand Master

NOTE: All business sessions of the Grand Lodge will be held in the MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, Fayetteville Street, Raleigh. The Sessions will be held as follows: 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., April 15, 1986; and 9:00 A.M., April 16, 1986.

NOTE: There will be presentation on the book, "SAM J. ERVIN, JR., THE MAN AND THE MASON," at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 15, 1986, in Memorial Auditorium.

Proposed Amendments to THE CODE

During the Annual Communication in 1985 the following amendments to THE CODE were received for action in 1986. Accordingly, these proposed amendments, copies of which were previously forward to the lodges, will be voted upon during the Annual

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Raleigh—Grand Master Norburn C. Hyatt will open the 199th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 15th, in the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, N. C. At 1:00 P.M., there will be the presentation of the book "Sam J. Ervin, Jr., The Man and The Mason." Grand Master Norburn C. Hyatt will make his report at 2:00 P.M. followed by miscellaneous business.

The Grand Lodge will reconvene at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday morning. Final reports will be presented and voted upon, and delegates will consider several proposed amendments to THE CODE. (See elsewhere in paper.) Election of Grand Lodge officers for 1986-87 will take place promptly at 11:00 Wednesday morning. Installation will be at 1:00 P.M. and the 199th Session will close at 2:00 P.M.

An event of interest this year will be the Grand Lodge "Pig—Pickin'" for delegates and wives. This will be at the Kerr Scott Building, North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 P.M. \$6.00 per person.

Any Master Mason in good standing may attend the Grand Lodge Sessions, only delegates may vote.

Communication this year. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Amend Regulation 21-02 to read as follows:

REG. 21-02. An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge may be called by the Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, the welfare of Masonry shall require it, and it shall be called upon written application therefor, signed by the Masters, and attested by the Secretary, of not less than one-quarter of the chartered lodges, setting forth the cause which demands it. (16-03(4)).

Amend Regulation 35-01 to read as follows:

REG. 35-01. The Board of Custodians shall consist of eight members. The Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer shall be *ex officio* members of the board with the right to vote. The Grand Master shall appoint six other brethren learned in the ritualistic work, the law and the customs of Masonry, all of whom shall be Certified Lecturers. The first members to be appointed shall hold office as follows: two members for one year, two members for two years and two members for three years; at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint two qualified brethren, each to serve for three years. (33-01(1B); 33-07).

Amend Regulation 54-01(1) by deleting the word four dollars and fifty cents and inserting the word six dollars to make it read as follows:

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Ceremony to Present First Copy of "Sam J. Ervin, Jr., The Man and The Mason"

Gov. Martin, Senator Helms, Chief Justice Branch,
Attorney General Thornburg among Dignitaries on program.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1986 at the Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will publicly present the first copy of the book, "Sam J. Ervin, Jr., The Man and The Mason," to Senator Ervin's family. This will mark the release of the publication, the proceeds from which will go to support The North Carolina Masonic Foundation.

On March of 1984, several Masons from eastern North Carolina drove to Morganton to visit former U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. During dinner the Senator expressed his desire to do something for The North Carolina Masonic Foundation and the discussion that followed resulted in the planning of the book. Grand Master I. Boyd Hopkins appointed Past Grand Master James W. Brewer to head a committee to plan the printing and distribution of the book.

Due to the untiring efforts of Brother Brewer, together with the assistance of the committee, the book has been printed and is now ready for distribution. The first printing consisted of 5,000 copies, of which 500 will be consecutively numbered and labeled. The first 100 will be presented to persons making a \$1,000 or more contribution, and the remaining 400 numbered books will be presented to those making a contribution of \$500 or more. These numbered books will be personally signed by the Grand Master. Inasmuch as this book was conceived for the primary purpose of promoting the N. C. Masonic Foundation, the following plan has been advanced for the disposition of the remaining books printed: Each Mason contributing \$50 or more will receive a copy of the book. The books will be available during Grand Lodge, and at the Grand Lodge office thereafter.

The book contains a Preface by Brother Clifton W. Everett, Sr., of Bethel, N. C.; a biographical sketch by Brother Reynold S. Davenport, P.M., together with pictures and the Masonic writings of Senator Ervin.

Following is the program for the presentation:

Welcome, statement of purpose, and
introduction of distinguished guests M. W. NORBURN C. HYATT, 33°
Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina

Introduction of the Governor of the State of North Carolina JAMES W. BREWER, 33°
Past Grand Master, Past Grand Treasurer, Chairman of Book Committee

Remarks and presentation of the First Copy JAMES G. MARTIN, 33°
Governor of the State of North Carolina

Acceptance of the First Copy Judge SAM ERVIN, III, 32°

Remarks in behalf of the Ervin family ROBERT ERVIN, 3°

Remarks Bro. LACEY THORNBURG
Attorney General of the State of North Carolina

Remarks Bro. JESSE HELMS
United States Senator, North Carolina

Remarks Bro. JOSEPH BRANCH
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina

Reception MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Grand Lodge Bicentennial Medals Available At Annual Communication

In preparation for our celebration of the Grand Lodge Bicentennial in 1987, The Grand Lodge has had a commemorative medal struck which has on the obverse the likeness of Samuel Johnston, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and on the reverse, the Grand Lodge Seal.

Bronze medals will be available to the members at the time of registration and during the Annual Communication at a cost of \$5.00 per medal.

Silver medals will also be available during registration and during the Annual Communication, but sales will be limited to authorized agents of the lodges. A limited edition of 3500 serially numbered silver medals have been struck each containing in excess of one ounce of silver, 0.999 proof quality. The cost for each silver medal is \$35.00. Each lodge will be entitled to obtain up to eight (8) medals for its members at this time. Lodges will receive up to three medals ending in their lodge number. A representative from each lodge with an official order form under the seal of the lodge and a check made to The Grand Lodge of N. C. in the amount to cover the number of silver medals desired may purchase up to eight medals. Bronze medals should be purchased separately.

Silver Medals No. 0001 and 3500 have been reserved for the Grand Lodge to be placed in its archives. A Silver Medal has been reserved for each member of a Grand Lodge Board, Committee, Commission, D.D.G.M.'s, D.D.G.L.'s and Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. Those qualified to receive an individual medal should present identification and a check in the amount of \$35.00 to receive their medal.

Proceeds from the sale of these medals will be returned to the Bicentennial Escrow Fund to finance the Special Program and Celebration of the Grand Lodge Bicentennial in 1987.