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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

A Message from the Grand Master

"We Shall Be Known By Our Deeds and Actions"

This is the title of the program that has been presented to the Masons across the State of North Carolina during this year.

This is indeed a fact of life wherever it is applied, and especially so in Freemasonry.

During my years as a Mason, I have witnessed a decline in membership, not only in North Carolina, but also in virtually all the other states.

The loss of membership has not really caused me that much concern, but the loss of interest by those who probably would like to be members of our great fraternity causes great concern.

In our Blue Lodges we work with great zeal and skill to teach our initiates those great truths which are the philosophy of Freemasonry only to find that the practice of such is kept within the confines of the Lodge itself.

My brothers, apathy and complacency must be replaced by energetic desire to take our philosophy into the world in which we live and put it in practice by doing good.

Although Masonry is not a religion, our beliefs are so entwined that they are inseparable, therefore, I believe we should be faithful and active in our places of worship by serving with whatever our God given talents may be.

I believe that we must practice it diligently in our places of work and employment, exemplifying dignity and honor in whatever station of life.

It must extend into our lives through civic organizations or any other we may belong to in such manner that honors our fraternity and others see the good through us.

We must practice our great truths in our families with the love and care that we as Masons must revere.

In our Masonic Fraternity, we can accomplish many things if it makes no difference who gets the credit.

My Brothers, these certainly are not the solutions to all problems, however, by dedicating ourselves anew and putting our Masonic teachings in practice, we shall grow not only in numbers but in the dignity and honor of a Master Mason worthy of our name.

Finally, if we must tell people that we are Masons, then we are not, for by our deeds and actions as others see us we shall be known.

WALTER F. MCCALL
Grand Master

Grand Lodge Communication to Convene April 21 in Raleigh

CODE Amendments Proposed; Mozart Concert Scheduled

The 1987 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will open at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21st, at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. The two day long event will mark the two-hundredth year of Freemasonry in North Carolina. Business sessions will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, and a program of entertainment will be offered on Tuesday night.

The Grand Master's report will be given during the Tuesday afternoon session, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Grand Lodge will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, at which time

proposed amendments to THE CODE will be voted on and general business discussed. Officers will be elected at the 11:00 session and will be installed at about 1:00 p.m.

Delegates and Blue Lodge Members who plan to attend any of the Grand Lodge sessions, are referred to Reynold Davenport's "Questions and Answers" column on page four of this issue. Brother Davenport covers several questions regarding the rules and procedures that govern Annual Communications in North Carolina.

Among the items of business this year will be the slate of three amendments that were presented to the Grand Lodge during its Annual Communication in April, 1985. These amendments are due for a final vote this year and will be acted on during Wednesday morning's session. Delegates and members are urged to review them prior to that time. The complete text of the amendments appears on page three of this issue of *The North Carolina Mason*.

Tuesday night's entertainment, a concert titled "An Evening with Mozart," will be performed by the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, Leo Driehuys, conductor. The program will include the overture from "The Magic Flute" and "Masonic Funeral Music."

The concert will be held at Memorial Auditorium and will begin at 8:00 p.m. Information concerning admission to the program will be enclosed with the credentials which will be mailed to delegates.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, the noted Austrian composer, was a member of Zur Wohltatigkeit Lodge in Vienna. He was born at Salzburg, Austria in 1756 and died at Vienna in 1791, leaving behind a body of more than 600 musical compositions, many of them on Masonic themes. In fact, he produced some of his best work after becoming a Freemason. His dedication to the Craft is believed to have exerted a very positive influence on his musical career.

Mozart is especially noted for "The Magic Flute," which was first performed in Vienna in September, 1791. He wrote the opera in response to the criticism of the Craft that was widespread during his day.

"The Magic Flute" contains many elements that are familiar to Masons. The overture, which will be performed Tuesday night, features three repetitions of three chords, a sequence that Masons will easily recognize.

All sessions of the Grand Lodge will be held at Memorial Auditorium, which is located at the end of Fayetteville Street Mall, about seven blocks south of the Capital. It can be reached by taking South Salisbury Street from the center of Raleigh.

Bicentennial Coins Still Available

A limited number of bronze coins commemorating the bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina are still available. They will be on sale at Memorial Auditorium during the upcoming sessions of the Grand Lodge. The price is \$5.00 per coin.

These coins measure one and one half inches in diameter. The obverse features a portrait of Samuel Johnston, the first Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, and the words "Bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina 1887-1987." The reverse displays the Grand Lodge seal complete with the words "Grand Lodge of North Carolina—Faith, Hope and Charity."

The bicentennial coins were commissioned by the Grand Lodge and produced by the Charleston Mint in a limited edition.

TWO HUNDREDTH 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 TWENTY-FIRST

A. D. 1987, A. L. 5987

BEGINNING AT TEN O'CLOCK

IN THE MORNING

IN

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM
FAYETTEVILLE STREET

ATTEST:



Robert P. Dudley

Grand Secretary

Walter F. McCall

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 1:30 P.M., April 21, 1987; and 9:00 A.M., April 22, 1987.

NOTE: District Deputy Grand Masters and District Deputy Grand Lecturers Conference will be held in the Carolina Room (lower level), Memorial Auditorium, immediately following close of Grand Lodge on Tuesday, April 21, 1987.

Attention!

St. John's Day
at Oxford Orphanage
June 13, 1987
Mark Your Calendars

Now is the time for you and your fellow lodge members to begin making plans to attend St. John's Day, June 13, 1987, 10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M., at Oxford Orphanage. Start making plans now to charter buses or pack the cars and bring your family and friends.

St. John's Day is a day which has special significance to the Masonic Fraternity and what better way to celebrate this occasion than joining with fellow Masons, their families and friends, in a day of fun, entertainment, fellowship, good food—and it's all free. At a location that is very dear to the hearts of Masons, Eastern Star Members and others outside the fraternity—Oxford Orphanage, Oxford, N. C.

We also have a suggestion for each of you. We are sure that you all know someone who would make a great Mason but who has not asked to join the fraternity. Why not ask them and their families to come along and see the great Institution that the Masonic fraternity is supporting? You could have a new member when you

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The proposed amendment to THE CODE is reprinted on page 3.

A new column, "World News and Views," makes its debut on page 2. It will offer a scattering of items from Masonic publications in other lands.

Also on page 2 is a story about the passing of the Masonic Temple in Charlotte. This building, which was erected in 1914, features Egyptian Revival architecture and has housed Charlotte's Masonic Lodges for well over half a century.

We offer a Masonic Quiz on page 3. There are no prizes for knowing the right answers, but anyone who gets them all right can be proud of his knowledge of Masonic history.

And Reynold Davenport's "Questions and Answers" column appears on page 4. Anyone who plans to attend the Grand Lodge will enjoy reading this column first.

For these and other stories, please turn the page.

Eli Troy Regan, one of the guiding lights of Freemasonry in North Carolina, died on Tuesday, March 3rd and was buried with full Masonic honors on Thursday, March 5th. Brother Regan will be missed by all who knew him during his long association with the fraternity. A tribute to Brother Regan will appear in the June issue of the *North Carolina Mason*.