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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Four Generations of Freemasons



Four generations of Masons are represented by (left to right) Christopher W. Anderson; Jerry W. Anderson, father of Chris; C. Roy Anderson, father of Jerry; and Ben F. Anderson, father of Roy.

By TAYLOR SLYE AND GENE SMITH
MOCKSVILLE LODGE NO. 134

Chris Anderson comes from a long line of Masons, which probably explains his great interest in Masonry. He was very curious about the work even before he reached his twenty-first birthday. Soon after this birthday, he applied for the degrees. He was raised on August 1, 1986 and is now serving as our Junior Deacon and learning the work quickly.

His uncle, Charles Anderson, Past Master of Clemmons Lodge No. 755, conferred the First and Second degrees. His Grandfather C. Roy Anderson, Past Master of Mocksville Lodge No. 134, was in the East and

raised his grandson. Chris's father, Jerry Anderson, and great-grandfather, Ben Anderson, along with his other grandfather on his mother's side, Bob Powell, Past Master of Mocksville Lodge, were among those in attendance. Another Anderson, now deceased, who served Mocksville Lodge was his great-grandfather's brother, Chris's great-uncle Spurgeon Anderson. Spurgeon was Master in 1944 and Secretary from 1945 until 1969.

Spurgeon Anderson worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Mocksville. Ben operated a saw mill and farmed. And Roy, Jerry, Chris and Charles are all with Anderson Lumber Equipment Co. in Mocksville.

Masonic Bicentennial Will Be Celebrated on December 5th

The long-awaited Bicentennial Communication of the Grand Lodge begins on Saturday, December 5th. Grand Lodge will open at 11 a.m. at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh. A brief session will kick-off a day-long celebration for Masons, their ladies and members of the public.

At 12:00 noon, the celebration will be open to the public. At that time the Grand Lodge will present an exciting program featuring a slide show that chronicles 200 years of Masonry in North Carolina, as well as the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and Oxford Orphanage. Lodges throughout the state have contributed to this presentation. It promises to entertain and enlighten all who see it. Even the Craft's "old timers" will learn things about Masonry that they never knew before.

The celebration continues at 7 p.m. A banquet at Raleigh's Civic Center will provide an evening of food, music, and comedy.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. to the sound of Jimmy Farr and his Orchestra. Farr will provide music from 6:30 p.m. through dinner and will close out the evening.

Virtually all the members of this "big band" have played with such notables as Glenn Miller, Vaughn Monroe and

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Worship Services Held By St. John's Lodge No. 13

By DAVID ENGLISH, MASTER

A special Masonic worship service was recently enjoyed by the members of St. John's Lodge No. 13 of Kenansville. The service was held at the Kenansville Baptist Church on Sunday, June 28.

Pastor D. Gene Lakey, Jr., who is not himself a Mason, delivered the Masonic sermon. The music was directed by Brother Henry West, Jr., a member of Warsaw Lodge No. 677. Approximately fifty people attended the service, of whom about sixteen were Masons.

After the worship period, an hour of fellowship and refreshments was enjoyed by those present.

St. John's Lodge has held an annual worship service for many years, visiting many of the churches in the area. The services were suspended for four or five years due to poor attendance. But the program was resumed about five years ago and continues to be a regular part of the Lodge's activities. These services not only strengthen the bonds among the Brethren, but they also make many new friends for Masonry throughout the country.



Master Edmie P. Stiles and Ernest F. Parker, Master of Clemmons Lodge No. 755 stand at the cornerstone of the lodge's new Temple.

Cornerstone Laid During Emergent Communication In Clemmons

An Emergent Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Clemmons Lodge No. 755 on August 15 for the purpose of laying the cornerstone for the new Temple of Clemmons Lodge No. 755. The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 4 p.m. by M. W. Eddie P. Stiles. Those in attendance then proceeded to the site of the new Temple, where Master Ernest F. Parker delivered a welcoming address.

The Grand Master then announced the purpose of the communication, and the cornerstone was laid in accordance with Masonic custom. A box containing objects of Masonic significance was placed in the cornerstone. At the completion of the ceremony, the group returned to the Clemmons Lodge's present Temple, where closing remarks were made and the Grand Lodge closed in Ample Form.

Second Annual Quarry Degree Set For Sat., Oct. 24

The 44th Masonic District will conduct its second Annual Outdoor Third Degree on Saturday, October 24, 1987, at 2 p.m. (rain date is Oct. 31, 1987).

Park at Erwin Jr. High on Highway No. 52, four miles southeast of Salisbury, North Carolina. Shuttle bus will take you to Bal Four Quarry.

Bring folding chair and 1987 dues card. Entire Third Degree will be conducted by the 44th Masonic District Degree Team. Donations will be welcomed to help cover costs.

BICENTENNIAL COMMUNICATION

OF

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WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1987

A. D. 1987, A. L. 5987

BEGINNING AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK

IN THE MORNING

IN

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

FAYETTEVILLE STREET

ATTEST:



Robert P. Dudley

Grand Secretary

Edmie P. Stiles

Grand Master

NOTE: The Credentials Desk will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 4, 1987, in the Lobby of the Radisson Hotel, Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Credentials Desk will open in the Lobby of Memorial Auditorium at 8:30 a.m., on Saturday, December 5, 1987.

NOTE: The Banquet for the Bicentennial Celebration will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center, 500 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, North Carolina, on Saturday, December 5, 1987. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Admission by advanced ticket ONLY. REGISTERED DELEGATES — BE SURE TO OBTAIN YOUR TICKETS FROM THE CREDENTIALS DESK WHEN REGISTERING. (No tickets will be available at the door.) Additional tickets can be purchased from Grand Lodge Office prior to November 15, 1987.

A Message from the Grand Master

"Freemasonry Is Under Attack"

I have had members of our Fraternity come to me with concerns about the position various churches, within the United States and in North Carolina in particular as well as in England, have taken with respect to their members also holding membership in the Masonic Fraternity. Some Grand Lodges have yielded to these forces to change their ritual, such as the removal of the symbolic penalties. The removal of the symbolic penalties from our obligations will not be enough to satisfy those who find membership in the Fraternity objectionable. These groups object to the fellowship of Masons with those who are not of the "fundamental" Christian Faith. They object to Masons offering prayers to "The Grand Architect of the Universe." They object to the fact that on our altar is a Bible which is called "Great Light" and because the Square and Compasses are also called "Great Lights." They object to the "Good Works" which are done by Masons in the name of Freemasonry. They object to the tolerance of Freemasons to others who accept as their Sacred Writings a book other than that which we commonly refer to as "The Holy Bible." All of these are forces from without which are attacking our Fraternity. How are we to combat these forces? You will remember from the Charge of the Entered Apprentice, "... neither

are you to suffer your zeal for the institution to lead you into argument with those who, through ignorance, may ridicule it." This has particular application to those who find religious arguments against our Fraternity. There are two kinds of philosophical thought involved in these arguments: The first is that of most churches which find fault with Freemasonry — "If you think different from me, I must convert you to my way of thinking. If I cannot convert you to my way of thinking, then you are my enemy and I must destroy you." The second applies to those who are more ecumenical and tolerant in their views — "If you do not believe as I do, I shall try to convert you to my way of thinking, but if I cannot we can discuss our differences and still be friends." These two systems of thought are incompatible and the one who is in the

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Speakers Bureau

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