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Masonic Quiz — Who Is This Man and What Is He Doing?

Regular readers of the North Carolina Mason will recognize this man. Anyone who doesn't know him just might see him during the month of April.

Until then, we invite our readers to ponder these questions:

- 1. Who is this man?
2. What is his connection with North Carolina Masonry?
3. What is he doing?
4. Where is he doing it?
5. Is he likely to do it again?

Gleanings From Lodge Newsletters

Excelsior Lodge No. 261 is now meeting in their new building, and Master David Carriker has named his program "A Year of Renewal." He invites all members to come by and renew acquaintances with their brothers.

To make it easier for inactive members to attend lodge meetings, the Master has announced a special dinner meeting on February 29th. Part of the program is a presentation by the Masonic Education Committee to remind the members of everything they need to know to attend their own lodge or visit another.

A follow-up from Derita Lodge No. 715: apparently their Ham Day was a big success and was enjoyed by all participants — with the possible exception of the pig who supplied the ham.

We quote the following words from Master Jerry Abernethy of Mint Hill Lodge No. 742: "The Secretary has informed me that we have a good supply of 1988 dues cards in stock. If you haven't done so, please order yours from him as soon as possible. We would hate to run out before everyone got theirs this year."

Raleigh Lodge No. 500 reminds us that "one of a Mason's most important commitments is to live in public what he vows in private."

King Solomon Lodge No. 704 has just published their 1988 Register. It lists the lodge's mailing address, officers' names and phone numbers, names of committee members, addresses for all members, and other useful information. It's a very handy booklet.

In an admirable show of brotherhood, the members of St. John's Lodge No. 13 (Kenansville) recently offered visits and calls of prayers for a member and his wife who were recovering from a traffic accident. That's an excellent example of Masonry in action.

Derita Lodge No. 715 has upgraded their Trestleboard from a postcard sized publication to a four page letter size newsletter. After reading the January issue, we see why they need that much space to communicate their lodge news. Our congratulations to a very active lodge.

Grand Master's Message

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limited "out-reach" we permit through. It is also reflected in our support, through voluntary contributions, of our two Homes.

Yet, I am convinced that if we can engender PRIDE in our Masonic Membership, we will go a long way in creating a positive image before non-Masons, as well as ourselves. Remember the five points? Pride in Personal relationships, in Ritual, in Investments of time and money in Masonic and Charitable activities, in Dedication to the principles of Masonry, and in Encouragement of each other in his Masonic life. If you can't remember these five points, then remember the five points of fellowship . . . and don't just recite the points, but change the words into action . . . live the five points. Only then will Freemasonry assume its rightful position as a strong moral force in the world.

I believe that those who became involved in our Bicentennial Celebration caught the spirit of "Pride in Masonic Membership" and if we can reinforce this experience and pass it on to others, the tenets of our

fraternity will be transmitted on to our children and our children's children pure and unimpaired.

Some people ascribe great wisdom to their leaders . . . Grand Masters included. I'm reminded of a story. An arrogant youth wanted to test the wisdom of an older leader, the wise man of his tribe. He hid a rock in his hand and held them out to the wise old man and asked, "Old Man, what have I here?" The Wise One pointed to one of his hands and said, "a rock." The young man was angered at the correctness of the answer and was determined to make a fool of the Wise One. He decided to return with a bird in his hand. Again, he would ask, "Old Man, what have I here?" and if he answered, "a bird," he would ask, "is the bird alive or is it dead?" If the Old Man said it was alive, he would snap its head with his fingers and show him a dead bird. If he said it was dead, he would open his hand and let it fly away. He came before the Old Man with the bird in his hand and said, "Old Man, what have I here?" The Wise One replied, "a bird." He asked, "Is the bird alive or is it dead?" The Old Man said, "It is as you wish!"

My brothers, I have here in my hand the Fraternity of Freemasonry. What is the State of the Craft? IT IS AS YOU WISH!

Proposed Amendments To The Code

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CHAPTER 36-A
COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LODGE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

REG. 36 A-01. The Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities shall consist of three members to be nominated by the Board of General Purposes and elected by the Grand Lodge as follows: [33-01 (3P); 33-07; 33-17].

1. Each member of the committee shall be a Past Master of a subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction well versed in the law of this Grand Lodge and in the usages and customs of the Craft and shall be experienced in handling business matters pertaining to subordinate lodges.

2. The first members elected to the committee shall serve as follows: One for three years, one for two years and one for one year; at each annual communication the Board of General Purposes shall nominate one qualified Brother to serve for three years. The Committee shall elect its chairman.

3. In the event of a vacancy by death or for any other cause the Grand Master shall fill the vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term.

REG. 36 A-02. The committee shall meet upon call of the Grand Master or Chairman and its business may be transacted by correspondence.

REG. 36 A-03. A quorum shall consist of two members.

REG. 36 A-04. The duties, powers, and authority of the Subordinate Lodge Special Activities Committee shall be:

1. To investigate any matter, subject or thing pertaining to fund-raising activities by subordinate lodges. Such investigation may be made by one or more members of the committee, but the report should be made by at least a majority of the committee.

2. To adopt from time to time such rules as may be necessary to govern fund-raising activities as provided in Reg. 95-48 (2).

3. To report to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge all the facts pertinent to any inquiry or investigation with recommendations and the committee may deem proper.

4. To consider and act upon all applications of lodges or brethren in connection with or relating to fund-raising activities as provided in Reg. 95-48 (2).

5. To call for and examine any record, book, or account of any subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction which may be the object of or within the scope of its investigation; to order and require the attendance of any Masonic witness, as may be necessary or advisable to the proper discharge of its duties. All the powers and authority set forth in this paragraph are to be exercised under the direction of the Grand Master.

REG. 36 A-05. The members of the committee shall be reimbursed by the Grand Lodge for any reasonable expense incurred in the performance of their duties, but no member shall receive compensation for his services (Reg. 33-13).

Amend Reg. 49-03 (11) to read as follows:

REG. 49-03 (11). The holding or sponsoring by a lodge of lotteries, raffles, games of chance, gambling, or any activity which would discredit Masonry, is prohibited notwithstanding the proceeds may be contributed to charitable objects. [49-04 (1); 97-02 (31, 34)].

Amend Reg. 49-03 (16) to read as follows:

REG. 49-03 (16). No lodge shall permit the use of its hall or meeting place or other rooms or space in the same building over which it has control to be used for lotteries, raffles, gambling, games of chance, dances, card parties, or for any purpose which would discredit Masonry. [97-02 (34)].

Amend Reg. 97-02 (34) to read as follows:

REG. 97-02 (34). To use or allow the use of lodge room for lotteries, raffles, games of chance, card parties, dances, gambling, or other purposes which would discredit Masonry or would be a violation of Regulation 49-03 (16). [49-03 (11)].

Amend Reg. 97.01 by adding Paragraph 6 to read as follows:

REG. 97.01.

6. This chapter covers both individual brethren and Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction; and the so-called collateral bodies or other organizations in North Carolina whose membership is dependent upon or related to Masonic membership or which are likely to be regarded as Masonic organizations in the public mind as well as individual Masons, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, are enjoined and required to respect the purposes of this regulation.

(NOTE: If the above proposed amendment is adopted similar wording, in bold type, in Reg. 97-02 (31) becomes automatically deleted.)

Amend Reg. 97-02 (31) to read as follows:

REG. 97-02 (31). To conduct, promote, participate in, profit by, aid or assist, in the name of or in behalf of Masonry, in any lottery, game of chance, raffle, or other gaming device, or any activity by any name, whether or not permitted by public authority. This subdivision covers both individual brethren and Masonic bodies in this jurisdiction; and the so-called collateral bodies or other organizations in North Carolina whose membership is dependent upon or related to Masonic membership or which are likely to be regarded as Masonic organizations in the public mind as well as individual Masons, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge,



New Officers were installed recently at Shallotte Lodge No. 727 A. F. & A. M. at Shallotte. Pictured left to right, are Frederick Mintz, Treasurer; Douglas Marion Norris, Senior Warden; Cleo Hagan McCree, Master; Frederick Alton Hickman, Intendant; Steve Leo Causey, Secretary. Back row: Perry Harrell, Steward; John David Babson, Steward; Michael Eugene Potts, Tyler; Kimry Vivian Long, Junior Deacon; James Walton Marshall, Senior Deacon; and Bernard Francis Hanke, Chaplain.

are enjoined and required to respect the purposes of this regulation. In addition to the power and authority contained in Chapter 66 of THE CODE, the Grand Master shall have the authority to direct the Judge Advocate to institute a Masonic investigation, to have been or is a party to the promoting of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge whom he believes, after investigation, to have been or is a party to the promoting of a lottery, a game of chance, or a raffle of any kind or character.

Amend Reg. 60-12 to read as follows:

REG. 60-12. It is a Masonic offense for any Brother or any lodge to issue or be voluntarily a party to the issuing or to the circulation of a chain letter, in the name of or in behalf of Masonry, containing (1) a promise of a personal reward or gain, (2) a threat of any nature, or (3) a solicitation of any kind. Upon conviction of the Brother, the maximum penalty shall be suspension for not less than three years for the first offense; and for any succeeding offense the penalty shall be named by the Trial Commission under the Trial Code. If a lodge be guilty, the penalty shall be a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or the arrest of its charter. [97-02 (51)].

Amend Reg. 21-01 (1) by adding subsection "F" to read as follows:

REG. 21-01 (1). F. When changing any Grand Lodge dues, fees, or assessments.

Amend Reg. 60-05 by deleting the entire regulation and substituting the following to make Reg. 60-05 to read as follows:

REG. 60-05. No member of a lodge in North Carolina shall hold active or regular membership, or the equivalent thereof, in any other lodge, either within or without the state. Dual or plural membership is prohibited. Honorary membership as described in Reg. 89-01 is not prohibited. [83-01; 89-01; 97-02 (42)].

Amend Reg. 83-01 to read as follows:

REG. 83-01. A member of a North Carolina Lodge while retaining such membership shall not hold active or regular membership, or the equivalent thereof, in any other lodge, either within or without the state. Dual or plural membership is prohibited. Honorary membership as described in Reg. 89-01 is permitted. [60-05; 97-02 (49)].

If Regulations 60-05 and 83-01 are adopted, all members holding dual memberships as of the date of the adoption of these two proposed amendments shall be entitled to retain their dual membership but shall not transfer either of the two memberships.

REG. 51-02. A lodge shall hold at least one stated communication each calendar month; except, however, if a quorum of at least of seven (7) members are not present because of inclement weather, or other acts of God, then that stated communication may be cancelled for that month and the Grand Secretary notified of that action; however, it may provide in its by-laws for the omission of any of all stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July and August and those falling on legal holidays except, however, in the event the stated communication, as named in the by-laws of a lodge at which the officers should be elected as required by Regulation 62-01, shall fall on a legal holiday then the lodge shall hold that stated communication on the day following such legal holiday, except Sunday.

Amend Regulation 49-03 (10) as follows: REG. 49-03 (10). OBSOLETE.

Amend Regulation 97-02 (25) as follows: REG. 97-02 (25). OBSOLETE.

Amend Regulation 97-02 (47) as follows: REG. 97-02 (47). OBSOLETE.

Amend Reg. 97-02 (48) to read as follows:

48. To manufacture or sell a Masonic emblem (square and compasses) for use on a commercial vehicle or on business premises; or to use the same thereon. [97-02 (45)].