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Big Splash at the Pool

Grand Master Dedicates

Oxford—Grand Master L. R. Thomas, Jr., other Grand Lodge officers and enterested individuals assembled on the campus of Oxford Orphanage September 16 to dedicate the new Orphanage swimming pool in honor of Dr. Grover C. Dale.

Now retired from many years of medical practice, Dr. Dale has been a great benefactor of the Orphanage, and so it was decided some time ago that to recognize his bountiful philanthropy, the new pool should be named the "Grover C. and Margaret Dale Swimming Pool." In his oration during the ceremony, Grand Master Thomas said: "We dedicate and name this swimming pool in honor of Dr. Grover Dale...a man and a Mason. A man whose hands were gifted by the Supreme Architect of the Universe to practice the healing arts and sciences...a man who over many years of his medical practice saw human misery and reached out with human compassion...a Mason responding to the needs of children...a man and a Mason whose giving should be an inspiration to each of us."

Dr. Dale, a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of Wayne Lodge No. 112, at Goldsboro, now lives in retirement with his wife at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

The Grand Master is pictured above with Deputy Grand Master Jerry G. Tart during the ancient ceremony of dedication. Also assisting in the ceremony were Junior Grand Warden Lester P. Martin, Jr., Grand Secretary Robert P. Dudley, Senior Grand Deacon Willett R. Tillett, Junior Grand Deacon Ray Norris, Grand Steward William B. Brunk, Grand Tyler Johnny West and Grand Chaplain James H. Coile; Past Grand Masters Eddie P. Stiles, Cecil J. Liverman, S. Frank Noble, Jr. and A. C. Honeycutt. Distinguished guests included Past Grand Master Robert N. Bass, Jr., Assistant Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp, III, Orphanage Board Members Arnold L. Brown and Wade H. Fox, and D.D.G.M.'s David E. Jordan (17), Anton L. Ried (10) and Kenneth E. Paith (33).

To tell the truth, the pool had already been dedicated in somewhat less exalted fashion earlier this year by enthusiastic Orphanage youngsters who have sought all summer to see to it that its waters were never tranquil for long at a time. It is a "Junior Olympic" pool, has a diving board, and cost approximately \$100,000.00

Notice

We remind those sending pictures for publication in the paper to please send along a self-addressed, stamped envelope if they want the picture returned to them.

There are a number of pictures in the files which we cannot identifty and which we believe the lodge or the member concerned would wish returned. If you have sent a picture that you wish returned and which has not been, please write to the paper giving a detailed discription of the picture in question and enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If we cannot locate your picture, we will return the envelope to you with an explanation.

Drive To Greensboro Putt to the Home — Golf and Pig

Greensboro—Do not forget the golf tournament and "Pig Out" on October 20 to benefit the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Those events are almost upon us (if we can get this issue to you in time).

These festivities are being jointly sponsored by the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, which will divide credit for any profit accruing to the Home. If you are entering the tournament, you have probably already done so. If you wish to attend the "Pig Out," it commences in mid-afternoon on the grounds of the Home, and tickets for that only are \$5.00 each. Rain date is October 27.

Grand Master Urges Vote

L. R. "Pete" Thomas, Grand Master, called a news conference for 2:00 p.m. October 16, 1988 at the Grand Lodge office building in Raleigh. This was to introduce a program encouraging the 70,000 Masons of North Carolina to exercise their rights and fulfill their responsibilities as citizens by voting in the upcoming November elections.

Reporters from the daily press, periodicals, radio and television stations and wire services were invited. The conference was scheduled to be carried by the print and broadcast media across the state and aired on the evening and late night television news.



At center in the above picture, E. Floyd Dunn, Secretary of the Board of Custodians, begins the annual week of proficiency examinations. Shown at left is Grand Lecturer William J. Clark and Senior Grand Deacon Willett R. Tillett is at right. Both Clark and Tillett were being reexamined for another five year extention of their certificates.

Talking and Listening

Greenville, Clinton, High Point, Charlotte and Asheville—The annual examinations for Certified Lecturer (Class A) and Certified Instructor (Class B) were conducted in those locations, in the order shown, on September 19, 20, 21, 22, 23. A familiar figure, that of `E. Floyd Dunn, Secretary of the Board of Custodians and Past Grand Lecturer, presided over the five sessions.

To become a Certified Lecturer, a Mason must commit to memory all the ritual that is said and exemplified in lodge, except those small portions of the ritual that may lawfully be read from Bahnson's Manual.

"Why Masonic Membership"

The North Carolina Mason is mailed each month to the 75,000 members of the Masonic Fraternity in North Carolina. I think this is important because often it is the only means of communicating with the vast majority of our membership. The best estimates we have suggest that perhaps 10% of us attend lodge meetings on a regular basis. With this fact in mind we earnestly hope the other 90% take the time to read this month's Masonic publication to keep in touch with matters of Masonic interest in North Carolina.

While your lodge would welcome your attendance, the purpose of this article is not to discuss your nonattendance, but to remind you of the importance and value of your membership in the oldest and largest Fraternity in the world. Although you may be an inactive Mason, you

the world. Although you may be an inactive Mason, you are nevertheless participating through your membership in the work of Masonry.

The payment of your annual dues helps your lodge continue as a prominent organization within the community. It makes it possible for the lodge to meet its financial obligations and continue to confer the beautiful Masonic degrees on others who come into our Fraternity of their own free will and accord as you once did. A portion of your dues payment goes to the Grand Lodge to fund its operations and provide the necessary services to the 394 subordinate lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

But more than this, your membership and financial support enables the Masonic Fraternity to maintain and operate our two great charitable institutions, Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Perhaps you are one of those inactive Brothers who sometimes questions the need to keep your dues paid in the Masonic Lodge. If so I hope you will realize that while you may not attend regularly you are a member and vital part of your lodge. Won't you take a minute of your time now and check to see if you have paid your dues for 1988. If you do not have a current dues card, contact your lodge Secretary right away and obtain one.

WHY RIGHT AWAY? Your lodge is required under Regulation 85-34 of THE CODE to take action on delinquent members at its first stated communication in November. If for some reason you are unable to pay your dues by that time, you should contact your lodge Secretary and explain to him your circumstances.

Why Masonic membership? It makes you an important part of that beautiful system of morality that teaches and practices Brotherly love, relief and trust. it places you in that select group of men that encourages all that is good, kind and charitable.

This is variously estimated to total 30,000 to 50,000 words (I don't know of anyone that has counted them); everything but the Grand Lodge ritual in the OSW and most of what is in the manual. To become a Certified Instructor, a Mason must commit to memory all of the foregoing except the First and Third Degree lectures.

This may seem a daunting task when first contemplated, but the Mason who works regularly and often in lodge is usually surprised to one day realize that he is just about within reach of becoming certified—and it does not take nearly so long as one might think.

The D.D.G.L.s are selected from the roster of Certified Lecturers. Also, when a lodge is required to

hold lecture service, it must be conducted by a Certified Lecturer. Additionally, Certified Lecturers are available to lodges seeking assistance in the ritual, as well as to individual Masons wishing to learn the ritual.

Certificates of Certified Lecturers and Certified Instructors must be renewed each five years if they are to remain valid, so each September the proficiency exams are held across the state to reexamine those lecturers whose five years are expiring, and to examine new applicants for Certified Lecturer and Certified Instructor. Those Certified Lecturers whose certificates are less than five years old serve as examiners.

The total number of C.L.s and C.I.s in the Grand Lodge has for many years hovered around the 500 mark—never much over and never much under.



Last month we provided a price list of publications and emblems available from the Grand Secretary. The price of Bahnson's Manual has since increased by fifty cents, making the new price \$2.50. Those of you that clipped the price list from last month's paper should write in \$2.50 as the new price of Bahnson's Manual.



Last month we asked that those members who are also Eagle Scouts to provide appropriate information concerning your Masonic and Boy Scout activities to: Kenneth H. Grace, 5424 West 134th Place, Hawthorne, California 90250-4912. We also requested that you forward identical information to this paper so we could let our members know about you. We have so far heard from the following Eagle Scout Masons:

Dennis Tignor, Past Master of Statesville Lodge No. 27 at Statesville, and a member of Virginia Heights Lodge No. 324 in Roanoke, Virginia; Joseph R. Colenda, member of Oxford Lodge No. 122 and manager of Oxford Orphanage Printing Department; James E. McCleary, who also received the Bronze Palm as a Boy Scout, member of St. John's Lodge No. 1; Bruce H. Baker, Jr., member of William Pitt Lodge No. 734 at Greenville; Alfred B. C. Dew, Past Master of Beulaville Lodge No. 658 at Beulaville; Nacy J. McConnell, member of Cary Lodge No. 198 at Cary; William S. Goodson of Greenville (lodge name not given); William G. Dean of Matthews (lodge name not given); Maurice Earl Melton, Sr., member of West Bend Lodge No. 434, at Lewisville; Edward B. Wells, member of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, at Lumberton; James M. Huffstutter, member of Goldsboro Lodge No. 634, at Goldsboro; Kenneth Grain, Master of Cherryville Lodge No. 505, at Cherryville; Dr. Grover J. Robbins, Master of Old Town Lodge No. 751, at Old Town.

We congratulate these Eagle Scout Masons, and we trust they have sent the information to Brother Grace at the above address, as he is compiling a national listing of Master Masons that first displayed their excellence in the Boy Scout movement. We also would like to hear from others that have put off sending us their information.



Wheels for Rickey

When Rickey Burch of Lincolnton was born, doctors gave him two to three months to live. He is totally paralyzed and is a paraplegic. He has fluid in his brain which must be constantly drained through a tube attached to a drain bag at his side.

His mother abandoned him at birth. His grandparents, Mickey and Madge Champion, took him home from the hospital and have been caring for him for the past fourteen years.

Rickey was in need of a specially designed wheelchair to transport him around. The Champions' went to every government and state social agency for help. None could be found. This past May, they saw a picture in the local newspaper of three Shriners who was selling a newspaper to the father of a child that had been helped by

Oasis Temple. The Champions' knew one of the brothers, David Self. They approached him for help and

The rest is history. With the aid of Mr. Tim. Pigg, Manager of Sentry Drugs in Lincolnton, Lincoln Lodge No. 137 took up the project of obtaining a specially designed wheelchair for Rickey.

Rickey, with his chair, is shown in the front row of the picture above with Madge and Mickey Champion at his sides. In the second row: Ed Proctor, Senior Deacon; David Self, Junior Deacon; Bob Wood, Junior Warden; Kenneth Cantrell, Master. Third row: Jack Jones, Steward; Brothers Dean Whitesides, Jr.; Max Garner; Sam White and Brad Smith, Secretary.

— George W. Vessell, D.D.G.M. 53