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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Worshipful Reynold S. Davenport, member and Past Master of Semper Fidelis Lodge 680, and Masters Lodge 754, has served over fourteen years as Editor of *The North Carolina Mason*, and

WHEREAS, he has persevered in the faithful performance of his duties with enthusiasm, humility and good humor, and

WHEREAS, he has been committed to the tenet that *The North Carolina Mason* is the singular instrument through which the body of Freemasons in North Carolina can be kept informed of events, decisions, and the philosophical reflections and charitable undertakings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, he has steadfastly held to this tenet, continually seeking ways to improve the journalistic quality of this vital medium to better serve the diverse interests of the Craft;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in appreciation for his years of distinguished and faithful service to Freemasonry, hereby declares:

Worshipful Reynold S. Davenport

Editor Emeritus
of *The North Carolina Mason*



To The Editor's Desk

There is hope that I can say to make you understand how important Reynold Davenport has been to *The North Carolina Mason*. His foremost interest has always been bringing you the quality information you deserve. He has always made this publication as accessible to you as possible, recognizing it as the one thing that goes directly into the hands of each Mason in return for his Grand Lodge dues. His expertise and knowledge about things Masonic are unsurpassed in our state. His way with a story is delightful.

The continuing presence of his name at the top of this page is a reminder to this editor, and should be to all Masons, that dedication to duty should be one of the most important goals of a Mason. The editor will also take it as a reminder that laughter need not be sacrificed to accomplish high goals.

Welcome back, Reynold, to the top spot. It'll always be yours.



Pete Dudley



Jerry Tart

N.C. Masons Serve in National Posts

Two of our Grand Lodge officers have been recently elected to positions of national honor.

Grand Secretary Pete Dudley was elected first vice president of the Grand Secretaries Conference of North America. This puts Brother Pete on a collision course with that organization's presidency at their next gathering in 1993. He will be the first North Carolina Grand Lodge secretary to serve in that position. The Grand Secretaries Conference includes the Grand Lodges in Canada, Mexico, and the United States and has existed for 64 years. Dudley has served

as grand secretary of the North Carolina Grand Lodge since 1974.

Grand Treasurer Jerry G. Tart was elected Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States. He was installed at their 100th Anniversary Session in Washington, D.C. Tart was elected Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina in 1989.

We can all take pride in the fact that our own elective choices have been mirrored by other Masons on a national level. It is a source of pride for each Mason in North Carolina as well as Dudley and Tart.

Misunderstandings in the Northwest

Over the past several years, eight American Grand Lodges have recognized, to varying extents, Prince Hall Grand Lodges. The latest case is in Idaho. As a result, the Grand Lodge of Oregon has dropped its recognition of the Grand Lodge of Idaho.

At the Idaho Grand Lodge annual communication in September, 1991, their Special Committee on Prince Hall Masonry presented their report. They concluded that "Prince Hall Masonry emanated from the Grand Lodge of England," and was "legally formed."

They further concluded that a Grand Lodge "is either regular and entitled to recognition or it is not entitled to any recognition at all." They therefor recommended exchanging full fraternal recognition. The Grand Lodge approved the recommendation.

There is no Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Idaho. The Prince Hall lodge meeting in the town of Mountain Home, Idaho is main-

tained by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon which is not a Masonic body recognized by the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Grand Master of Masons in Oregon Ivan Rinck, citing their constitutional claim as "the only source of authority over matters pertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry in the State of Oregon," and the fact that they "did not agree to share (their) Jurisdiction," suspended fraternal relations with Idaho.

That is where things stand as of this writing.

Idaho joined Nebraska in offering full recognition to Prince Hall Grand Lodges. Grand Lodges offering recognition only for visitation purposes are Connecticut, Washington, Wisconsin, Colorado, Minnesota, and North Dakota.

— sources: Oregon Masonic News, January, 1992, and February, 1992; and American Masonic Review, March, 1992.



Simmons P. Boyd, Jr., left, and his mother, Mrs. Simmons P. Boyd presented the Simmons P. Boyd Award to Vic Ellis, master of Olin #226. Bill Sharpe, right, PM Grassy Knob #471, got the Chairman's Award. (Photo by Wanda Ireland, Statesville Record & Landmark)

Iredell Masons Host Bloodmobile

Statesville — The Masons and Eastern Stars of Iredell County have banded together for a third straight year to hold a bloodmobile. Statesville #27, Olin #226, Harmony #229, Campbell #374, Grassy Knob #471, Mooresville #496, Snow Creek #571, and Mount Moriah #690 participated in January's Masonic Community Bloodmobile.

More than 50 Masons volunteered over 700 hours in sponsoring the event. Duties included baking cookies, serving hot cookies and drinks to blood donors, assisting nurses, setting up, and cleaning up.

Olin #226 received the Simmons P. Boyd Award in recognition of the highest number of blood units contributed against goal. Boyd, whose name the trophy carries, was an active member of Statesville #27.

DeMolay, and the Shrine. Bill Sharpe, past master of Grassy Knob #471 got the Chairman's Award for the most individual pledges (168).

To get participants out for the 11 hour drive, the lodges used newspaper articles, radio ads, signs and banners, pledge cards, and personal contacts. It apparently worked as they managed their most successful bloodmobile ever.

They brought in an impressive 471 units. That's up from last year's record 357. Plans have already begun for a 1993 edition and volunteers are being called for now. But be forewarned, the goal next January 2 is 600 units.

— from *The Trestleboard*, Tom Gregory, and Lea Beazley of the Statesville Record & Landmark.