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Masons from around North Carolina shared each other's company in the lobby and outside Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh during Annual Communication.



Grand Lodge Holds Annual Communication

Raleigh — R.G. "Rick" Moore was elected grand master at the 206th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. There's no official count of the total attendance at the April 20-21 meeting, but there were 1,258 voting delegates according to an early figure. Three hundred sixty-six lodges were represented.

Boards and committees met at the Radisson in downtown Raleigh for most of Monday. Dignitaries attended the Grand Master's Banquet on Monday night. The next day the real action started down the street at Memorial Auditorium.

Tuesday was pomp and circumstance day. Visitors from several other grand lodges were welcomed with full honors. Officials from the appendant bodies of North Carolina were formally received. Seventeen past grand masters were conducted to seats of honor on the stage.

Most of the committee reports were submitted on Tuesday morning. Ex-Governor Jim Martin delivered his oration. In the afternoon a service was held for those Brothers who died this past year. Grand Master Ray Norris presented his annual report.

Wednesday was crunch time. All debates and votes were held that day. Attention was more focused as delegates listened for votes that meant the most to those they represented.

So, how did the votes go?

A suggestion that past district deputy grand lecturers be added to the list of those qualified to serve as district deputy grand master was rejected. A DDGM must still be a master or past master to hold the office.

Unless asked to excuse themselves from a meeting by vote of the committee, the grand treasurer and grand secretary will, by a newly adopted regulation, be required to be present at meetings of the finance committee. The intention is to assure that the committee has all the necessary information in detail to make financial decisions.

How You Voted

AMENDMENTS

- Qualify DDGLs for DDGM.....NO
- GS & GT Must Attend Finance.....YES
- Minimum \$100 Initiation Fee.....NO
- Annual Lodge of Sorrow.....NO
- Remove Jurisdictional Restraints.....NO
- Emergents on Degree Conferred.....YES
- Three Cubes Needed to Reject.....NO

RESOLUTIONS

- Hire Foundation Director.....YES
- Put NC Mason on Subscription.....NO
- Revise The Code.....YES

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PGMs Pass Away

We have recently lost two past grand masters of North Carolina. Berl Maurice Kahn served as grand master in 1972. Kahn was born in Charlotte in 1913. He spent most of his life in Goldsboro where he owned and operated Issacs-Kahn Furniture Company.

It was in Goldsboro that he met and married his wife Ruth Issacs who preceded him in death. They had two children.

He was raised in 1944 at Wayne 112 in Goldsboro where he was eventually made a life member. He served there as master in 1949.

He was an active member of both Wilmington Valley of the Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies of Goldsboro. He served as potentate of Sudan Shrine Temple and patron of Goldsboro 54, Order of the Eastern Star.

He was awarded North Carolina Masonry's highest honor, the Joseph Montfort Medal, in 1961.

Everette Stansil Aldridge was elected North Carolina's 127th grand master in 1980. He was born in the town of Albemarle in Stanly County. He was the head of Stanly Funeral Home there.

He lost his first wife, Catherine Taylor, to cancer. He later married Gaynelle Ragan. He had two children and two step-children.

He was made a Master Mason in Stanly 348 in 1957. For 20 consecutive years he held one office or another in that lodge, including master in 1965.

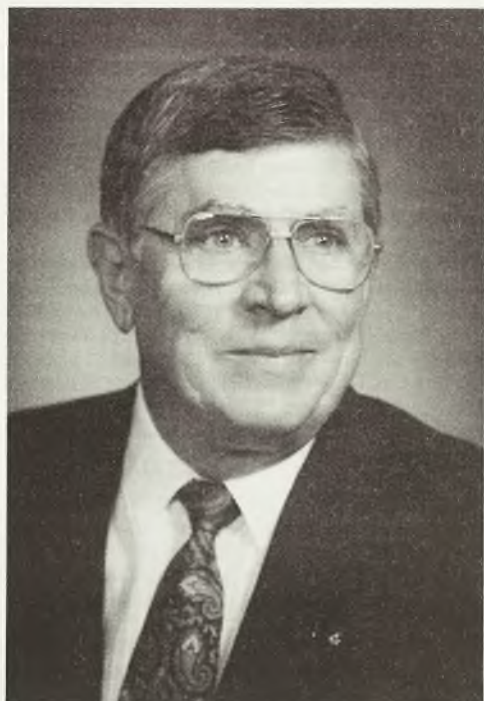
He was a member of both York and Scottish rite bodies in Charlotte. He was a member of Oasis Shrine and served as patron of Albemarle 71, OES. He was an active supporter of the Order of Rainbow for Girls.



Take a Load Off! St. John's Day Is Coming!

Oxford — Hey, folks, it's time to take a load off. Next month we salute St. John's Day. Saturday, June 26 will be the perfect time to take a load off your brain and your feet. Take a trip to Oxford Orphanage that day, and you'll find as friendly a bunch of people as you can think of. Heck, the folks you see here were so friendly, they gave up one of

their seats to some clown who dropped out of the Shrine Parade to take a breath. There are kids (bring your own or enjoy the ones there), delicious food (lunch free), great entertainment, top notch fellowship, and much more. Come alone or bring a busload. For details on this year's celebration turn to page eight.



Introducing Our New Grand Master

Richard Groves (Rick) Moore was born March 11, 1935 in Gastonia, North Carolina. The fourth of six children of the late Brother Dr. Oliver S. and Anna M. Moore of Mt. Holly, North Carolina. He attended the Gaston County Schools and graduated from Mt. Holly High School where he lettered in varsity football and basketball. He furthered his education at the University of South Carolina, majoring in business administration. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

In community life he is a former member and director of the Mt. Holly Jaycees and past president of the Mt. Holly Civitan Club. Rick and his wife, Marie, are active members of Calvary United Methodist Church in Charlotte. He serves as the church's vice-chairman of the Administrative Board and chairman of the Pastor/Parish Staff Relations Committee.

Rick and Marie reside on Lake Norman in Lincoln County. He has three sons, Tony, Chris, and Mike; a daughter, Pam; a stepson, David; and seven granddaughters.

Moore was employed in the finance and accounting departments of Piedmont Natural Gas Company. He served as controller for Impac, Inc. and as regional controller for the Ervin Co. before being appointed secretary of the Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies in March, 1978.

R.G. "Rick" Moore Grand Master

In the summer of 1978, the Valley of Charlotte started construction of its new temple. Completed in September, 1979, construction required borrowing \$500,000 for a term of twenty years. Working closely with Fred Trethewey, Isadore Silverstein, G. Dick Pierce, Walter F. McCall, and the Advisory Conference; Brother Moore carefully monitored and steered the financial affairs of the Valley. The Valley paid off its loan in 6½ years and set aside an adequate reserve fund for maintenance of the Temple.

In July, 1988 the Valley of Charlotte opened a Childhood Language Disorders Clinic at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. The establishment of this clinic was Moore's fulfillment of a commitment made to the late James Guy Johnston, past grand master and sovereign grand inspector general, that upon paying off the indebtedness of the Temple, the Valley of Charlotte would establish and finance a clinic to help these special children. In order for the brethren to become more involved in working with the children, the clinic was moved from the University to the Scottish Rite Temple in January, 1993.

Rick's Masonic career began when he was raised a Master Mason in Mt. Holly 544 on May 20, 1957. He was appointed an officer in that lodge in 1964 and served as master in 1968. He served as district deputy grand master

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