



Charles Robinson proudly poses with his award winning painting entitled, "Black Cry." Robinson won two second place ribbons for his work at the Dixie Classic Fair.

## Robinson Wins Two Ribbons At Fair

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The Dixie Classic Fair has come and gone, leaving residents of Winston-Salem with some mixed emotions and memories of the 1981 event. For one resident, Charles Robinson, that one memory is a bright one in the form of two ribbons he won for his art work.

Robinson, a 30 year-old Gemini, has been interested in art since the age of six and reared in Winston-Salem. State University and the Famous Art School in Connecticut.

"I like to paint and I try to evoke, touch the emotions and consciousness of the people who might view my work," said Robinson. "I normally sit down and think about the things that are happening today. Usually, an idea will come from the back of my mind and my imagination takes over from there."

"The Black Cry," a work Robinson said illustrates the changes black people have experienced through time, and an abstract acrylic of a mother and child, were the two second place winners in their respective categories in the

professional division. Robinson received \$25.00 for each ribbon.

This is not the first recognition Robinson has received. He recently held a one man show for the 1981 Lyceum Series at W.S.S.U. and he has sold many of his works to people in the community.

Although Robinson works in a variety of mediums, his most favored is acrylic paints with abstract design.

"I do it all and enjoy doing it, but I mostly like abstract," Robinson said. "It (abstract) gives people something to wonder about, it's an exciting art medium."

## Olympic Lodge Holds Humanitarian Banquet

"Those who have a firm commitment to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man will face the future with the courage to survive," William A. Clement, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of North Carolina, said in a speech Saturday at Benton Convention and Civic Center.

Clement was in Winston-Salem to address the First Annual Humanitarian Banquet sponsored by Olympic Lodge No. 795 Prince Hall Masons and its affiliated Queens of Olympic Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 620.

In his speech, Clement stressed the importance of unity, education and voting rights.

On unity, he said that we cannot long exist in a land where the young are at odds with the old; where the Whites are against the Blacks; and where men of the earth continue to wedge war against each other.

On education, he said that we cannot afford to permit our young people seeking an education in our institutions of higher learning, to be denied the opportunity, because of unavailability funds.

"North Carolina Prince Hall Masons donated \$12,000.00 last year to student scholarships. It is our hope that we will be able to double this amount in the near future," he said.

"Blacks represent 40% of the unemployed among teen-agers. Our young people need to be trained in the skills that will make them eligible to compete in the job market."

often come from unexpected people," he said.

In emphasizing voting rights, Clement stated that of the seventeen million potential Black voters, only 50% are registered and less than 50% of those registered bother to vote.

"Are you aware that less than 50% of the voters elected the president of the United States?" he asked.

Rev. Luther Jones, Junior Warden of the lodge and toastmaster for the banquet, presented Clement. Willie A. McMoore, master of the lodge, presented a plaque to the speaker.

Before the main address, noted people spoke briefly. Mayor Wayne A. Corpening welcomed the group to Winston-Salem.

Attorney Henry E. Frye of Greensboro, state senator, represented the state government. Dr. H. Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, represented the educational area. Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, represented the religious area and Robert A. Miller, deputy of the 15th District P.H. Masons, represented the fraternal groups of the area.

Music was presented by the Twin City Chorists, under the direction of Dr. Permillia F. Dunston.

Special recognition was given to five charter members of the lodge who had remained active with the group since its beginning. They were: Robert L. Barnett, Sidney T. Bess, Teoro Brunson, Joe A. Livingston, and Melvin Williams.

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