

Red Branch OES Banquet

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The First Recognition Banquet for the Red Branch Chapter #418, Order of Eastern Star was held in Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church Fellowship Hall where around one hundred guests attended. The theme for the banquet was "The Work You've Done, Speaks For You."

The evening began with hostesses, Sis Alice Russelle and Sister Martina Southerland welcoming the guests as they arrived. Associate matron, Diane Wright served as mistress of ceremony. The welcome was given by Sister Mary Orr, followed by the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Then the patron brother, Garfield Summers led the group in a stirring prayer and blessing. There next was an elegant dinner catered by McCarral Catering Service. Music for the evening was beautifully rendered by Miss Cecilia Stroud, a minister of music at Logan Chapel C.M.E. Church, and a student at Johnson C. Smith University where Miss Stroud is majoring in music. Miss Stroud sang "Close To Thee."

The speaker for the banquet, Mrs. Lena Helton Pickens, was introduced by past matron Beatrice Kiser. Mrs. Pickens, a Charlotte, NC native is married to William Pickens and they have four children. Mrs. Pickens is a speech therapist with the Charlotte Mecklenburg School system and a member of Friendship Baptist Church. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed her speech.

After this, recognition was given to those who had gone beyond the call of duty. Past patron Wilbert Alexander, who is deceased was also recognized



Patrons and past matrons of the Order of the Eastern Star are pictured above-(standing (l-r) Parton Garfield Summers, Past Matrons-Beatrice Kiser, Luck Simpson, Josephine Summers, Ruby Turner, Carrie Morris -(seated) Capathia Alexander.



At the 36th Mid-Atlantic Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority several members of Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter were honored. Pictured (l-r) Elizabeth Dixon was honored for 25 years of service, Alma Blake was honored for 50 years of service and Joyce Cooke Woodard was honored for 25 years of service.

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