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On Wednesday of this week the North Carolina Association of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will meet in this city for the purpose of holding its annual convention. The occasion will be the tenth anniversary of the local lodge, and they have prepared to celebrate in a manner that will live long in the memory of all who are in attendance.

Five hundred visiting members of the Antlered Tribe are expected to attend. During their visit the entire business section of the city will be illuminated each night. Aside from the business meetings there will be receptions,

Senator F. M. Simmons will be the orator of the evening. Luncheon will follow.

Friday morning, March 15th at 9 a. m. the association will leave New Bern on the U. S. S. Elfrida, U. S. Torpedo Boat Foote, and the House Boat Comfort for a trip down the Neuse River through the new canal recently constructed by the Government. There will be an oyster roast on the banks of the canal.

Since the birth of the local Lodge of Elks it has made phenomenal progress and a brief sketch of its career up to the present time follows:

These officers, together with W. B. Allen, H. R. Bryan, Jr., T. D. Carraway, O. H. Guion, J. S. Claypoole, J. W. Duguid, A. T. Land, O. Marks, R. A. Nunn, S. W. Hancock, C. G. Tunstead and E. E. Williams were the charter members of New Bern Lodge No. 764.

The Lodge for a few months occupied temporary quarters on Middle St., and in May 1902, moved into their new quarters in the building which is now occupied by the Atlantic Steam Fire Engine Company on Broad street, there to remain until the building which we now occupy was dedicated.

The growth of the Elks Lodge in New

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trips down the river on the government boats located at this port, theatre parties, dances, parades by the various Lodges and a number of other events which will prove interesting and entertaining.

The following program has been arranged for the occasion:

ELKS PROGRAM.

Wednesday evening, March 13th at 8 p. m., opening session by association. Address of welcome by Mayor C. J. McCarthy, and Exalted Ruler William Dunn, Jr., of the New Bern Lodge. Responses by District Deputy Witherspoon, President Bramham of the State Association and Exalted Rulers of visiting Lodges. Ex-Lieut-Gov. Francis D. Winston has been invited to be the orator of the evening. Luncheon will follow.

Thursday morning, March 14th at 10 a. m. Business meeting of the State Association. Thursday evening at 2 p. m., Parade in which all Elk Lodges are invited to participate. A silver loving

About ten years ago one of the members of Wilmington Lodge, No. 535, having accepted a position in the city of New Bern, came to make his home among us, and suggested the idea to several of his friends of organizing an Elks Lodge in the city of New Bern, which suggestion met with favor, and the request was made to District Deputy H. J. Gurkin and petition for dispensation to form a Lodge was submitted and signed by the following brethren: F. R. Hymann, Raleigh Lodge No. 735; W. H. Coleman, Kinston Lodge No. 740; E. A. Sutch and H. C. Bern, and the dispensation was granted them on the 20th of Feb. 1902, by Grand Exalted Ruler, Charles E. Pickett. March 14th, 1902, District Deputy Gurkin, with the assistance of the members of Wilmington Lodge No. 735, and Kinston Lodge No. 740, instituted New Bern Lodge No. 764, and installed the following officers: J. H. Weddell—Exalted Ruler. George Green—Esteemed Leading Knight.

Bern has been steady from the very first, and the membership has ever been enthusiastic and harmonious.

The members of New Bern Lodge, though their quarters on Broad street were very comfortable, were not satisfied to rent, and the idea of securing a permanent home was much discussed, and on Jan. 5, 1904, a committee composed of Bros. J. A. Bryan, W. B. Bader, T. G. Hyman, O. Marks, Thos. C. Daniels, Wm. Dunn, O. H. Guion and G. A. Nicoli were appointed to investigate and report to the Lodge a plan for the building of a permanent Elks Home in the city of New Bern. This committee went to work and purchased the site upon which our magnificent building now stands, organized an Elks Construction Co. and erected our present home, which we completed and dedicated on May 1st, 1908.

Premier Asquith announced that the Home Rule bill would not be introduced before Easter.



WM. DUNN, JR., EXALTED RULER N. B. LODGE OF ELKS.



REV. H. A. MERFELD, ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT.

cup will be awarded to the Lodge having the largest number in the and making the best showing. This cup is to be known as the New Bern 10th Anniversary Cup and is to be held by the Lodge winning it for the period of one year, and is to become the property of the Lodge winning it three consecutive times.

Thursday evening, March 14th at 9 p. m.

E. W. Rosenthal—Esteemed Loyal Knight.
Clyde Eby—Esteemed Lecturing Knight.
J. G. Dunn—Secretary.
James Richmond—Treasurer.
B. F. Biddle—Tiler.
E. M. Green—Chaplain.
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