



Dedication of the present Lodge Home was made at an Emergency Communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Marvin G. Pound, Grand Master, held September 3, 1951.

Plans for the building were donated to us by Douglas Lodge number 386, Douglas, Georgia, and with a few changes were used by our building Committee consisting of:

JESSE B. BOYETT SR.

Chairman

**EARL T. HAMILTON
JAMES C. BAILEY
JOSEPH R. BENNETT
ODEL HUGHES**

**THOMAS C. PERKINS
ELMO JENKINS
M. JODIE MOORE
CLAUDIE D. SCOTT**

Worshipful Master Samuel T. Bragdon in the year 1949 formed the Committees that built this Masonic Building.

Worshipful Master Henry T. Futch in the year 1956 saw completion of the payment for this Masonic Building.



FROM THE EAST

My Brethren:

As we bring to close the first century of Duncan Lodge, we look back through the years past; years that most of us know only through history left to us by our brothers before us.

No one set of officers or members can claim credit for the progress of any Lodge of Masons, but can only lay up plans and dreams for the future brethren to turn into realities.

The Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, so dear to us today, will be the same for countless ages to come. The tenets of our profession, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, will remain forever. Our belief in the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of GOD will never change. The lessons we teach to younger Masons today will be handed down to the future generations to come.

So let the designs that we leave on the Trestleboard of time be a helping hand to the brethren who follow us through the next century and on through time.

ROBERT F. HANCOCK



THE FIRST HOME OF DUNCAN LODGE
From a Postcard of 1907

UNDER DISPENSATION

Duncan Lodge was authorized to work under Dispensation granted on June 13, 1859 and was given a Charter at the Grand Lodge Communication held in Macon, Georgia on October 28, 1859.

Officers on record at the time of dispensation:

WILLIAM J. MABRY, Worshipful Master

DAVID P. LUKE, Senior Warden

JOHN McKINNON, Junior Warden

RICHARD A. PEEPLES, Senior Deacon

JASPER M. LUKE, Junior Deacon

Other Brethern of the Lodge on the rolls at that time were:

E. G. BREWTON

GEORGE S. BROWN

MATTHEW

DEKLE

OSCAR EDENFIELD

DUNCAN LODGE 1859

The Officers and Brethern who composed the Charter membership of Duncan Lodge were:

WILLIAM J. MABRY, Worshipful Master
DAVID P. LUKE, Senior Warden
JOHN McKINNON, Junior Warden
RICHARD A. PEEPLES, Senior Deacon
JASPER M. LUKE, Junior Deacon

E. G. BREWTON
GEORGE S. BROWN
MATTHEW DEKLE
OSCAR EDENFIELD
M. M. GRIFFIN
DAVID T. HUTCHINSON
IRWIN JONES
JASPER C. LUKE
H. M. MATHIS
E. C. MORGAN
H. P. MORRIS
JOHN C. MORRISON
A. P. PATTERSON
D. H. PEEPLES
H. T. PEEPLES
ELI D. WEBB

W. G. BRYAN FC
G. M. T. WILSON FC

JAMES E. GOODMAN EA
JOE J. PARRISH EA
A. D. PATTERSON EA
H. M. TALLEY EA



PAST MASTERS

WILLIAM J. MABRY - 1859 - 1860

DAVID P. LUKE - 1861

NO RECORD FOR 1862

H. T. PEEPLES - 1863 - 1864 - 1865 - 1866 - 1867 - 1868 - 1869 - 1870

B. F. WHITTINGTON - 1871

H. T. PEEPLES - 1872 - 1873

B. F. WHITTINGTON - 1874

WILLIAM H. SNEAD - 1875 - 1876

H. T. PEEPLES - 1877

WILLIAM H. SNEAD - 1878 - 1879 - 1880 - 1881 - 1882 - 1883 - 1884 -
1885 - 1886 - 1887

H. B. PEEPLES - 1888 - 1889 - 1890 - 1891 - 1892 - 1893 - 1894 - 1895

JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER - 1896 - 1897

L. A. CARTER - 1898

H. B. PEEPLES - 1899 - 1900 - 1901 - 1902

J. H. GARY - 1903 - 1904

W. HENRY GRIFFIN - 1905 - 1906 - 1907

JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER - 1908

W. HENRY GRIFFIN - 1909

JAMES H. GASKINS - 1910

W. HENRY GRIFFIN - 1911 - 1912

JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER - 1913

W. HENRY GRIFFIN - 1914

JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER - 1915

W. HENRY GRIFFIN - 1916 - 1917

SAMSON S. MATHIS - 1918

JOSEPH A. ALEXANDER - 1919 - 1920

J. TALLY FUTCH - 1921

JULIAN L. BROGDON - 1922

NEEDHAM H. HARPER - 1923 - 1924

ARLIE D. TUCKER - 1925 - 1926

NEEDHAM H. HARPER - 1927

LITTLE ALEXANDER FUTCH - 1928

ARLIE D. TUCKER - 1929 - 1930

M. LEON GASKINS - 1931

NEEDHAM H. HARPER - 1932 - 1933 - 1934

FOSTER P. GRIFFIN - 1935 - 1936

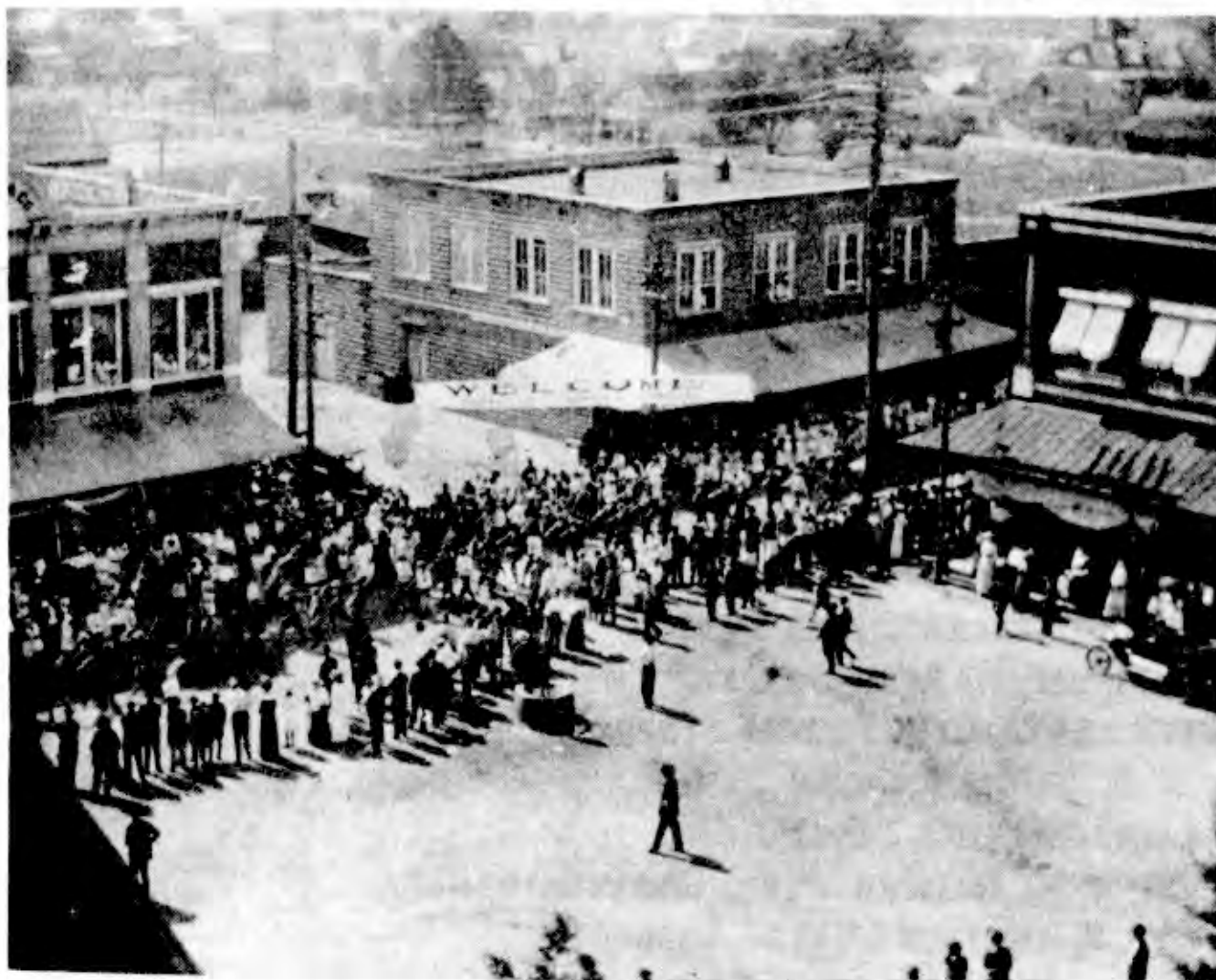
JOSEPH R. BENNETT SR. - 1937

HOLMES W. GIDDENS - 1938

SAMUEL T. BRAGDON - 1939

JAMES C. FUTCH - 1940
FRED A. TAYLOR - 1941
EDWIN R. SMITH - 1942
LEAH R. STALLING - 1943
RUBEN L. GRINER - 1944
ELMO JENKINS - 1945
OWEN B. WILLIAMS - 1946
OREN G. MOORE - 1947
THOMAS C. PERKINS - 1948
SAMUEL T. BRAGDON - 1949
RICHARD E. WILLIAMS - 1950
JAMES C. BAILEY - 1951
ABNER D. GREENE - 1952
JACK A. DIX - 1953
RAYMOND A. GUEST - 1954
BRUCE L. GUEST - 1955
HENRY T. FUTCH - 1956
WILLARD HENDLEY - 1957
ROBERT G. DRAKE - 1958

*On the following pages are pictures which were available of Past Masters - others were lost in the fire of 1905.



THE THIRD HOME OF DUNCAN LODGE (1905-1949)



W. Henry Griffin



Joseph A. Alexander



James H. Gaskins



Samson S. Mathis



J. Tally Futch



Julian L. Brogdon



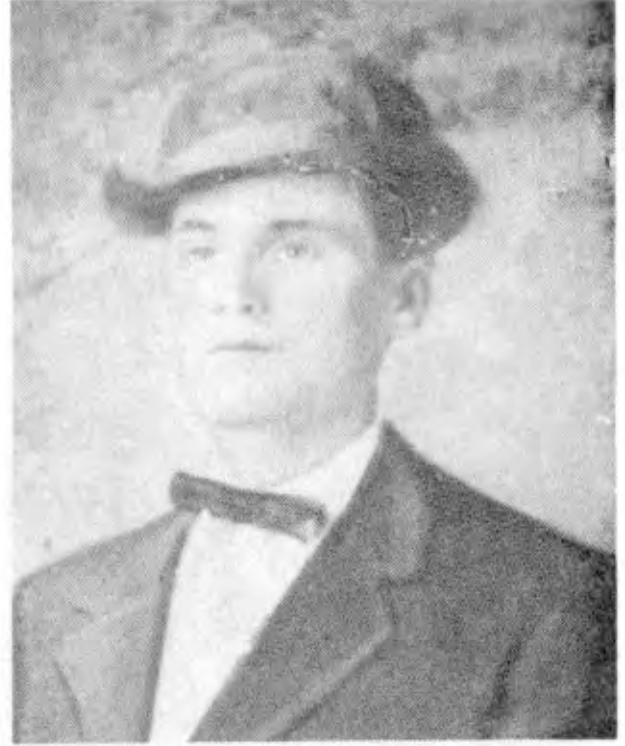
Needham H. Harper



Arlie D. Tucker



Little Alexander Futch



M. Leon Griffin



Foster P. Griffin



Joseph R. Bennett



Holmes W. Giddens



Samuel T. Bragdon



James C. Futch



Fred A. Taylor



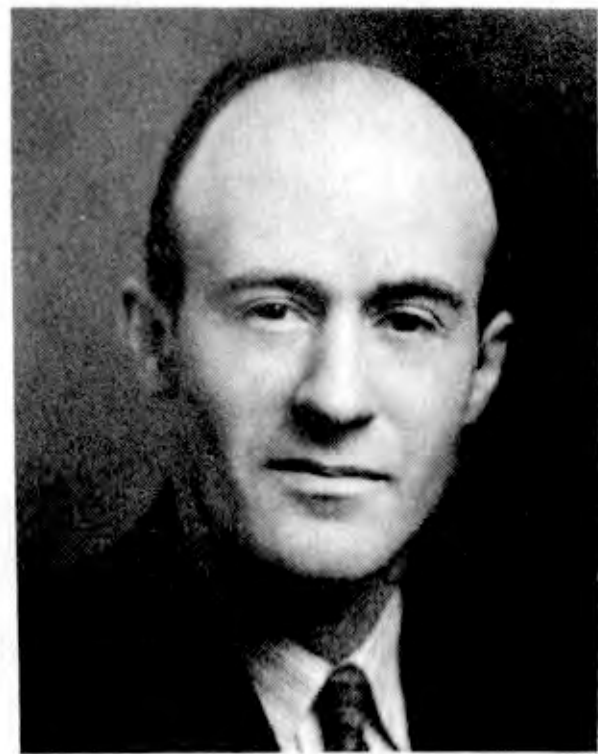
Edwin R. Smith



Leah R. Stallings



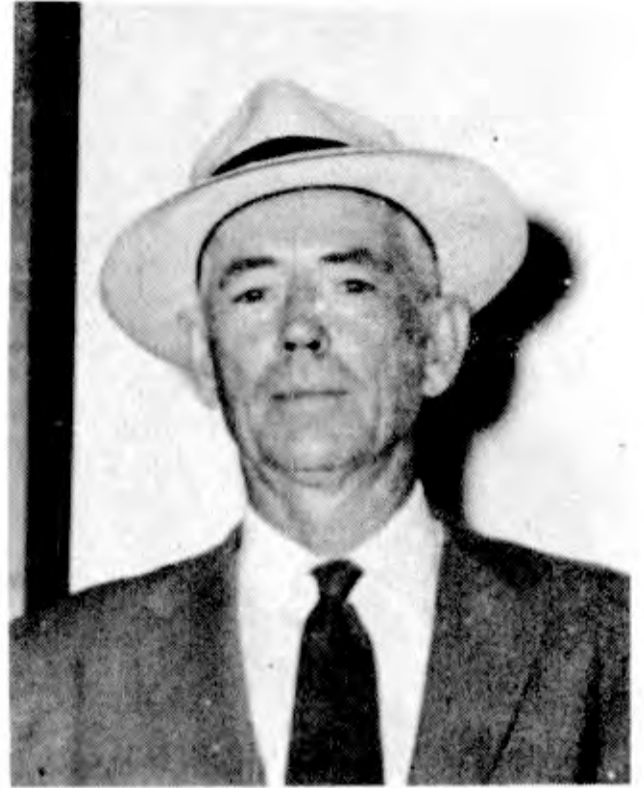
Ruben L. Griner



Elmo Jenkins



Owen B. Williams



Oren G. Moore



Thomas C. Perkins



Richard E. Williams



James S. Bailey



Abner D. Greene



Jack A. Dix



Raymond A. Guest



Bruce L. Guest



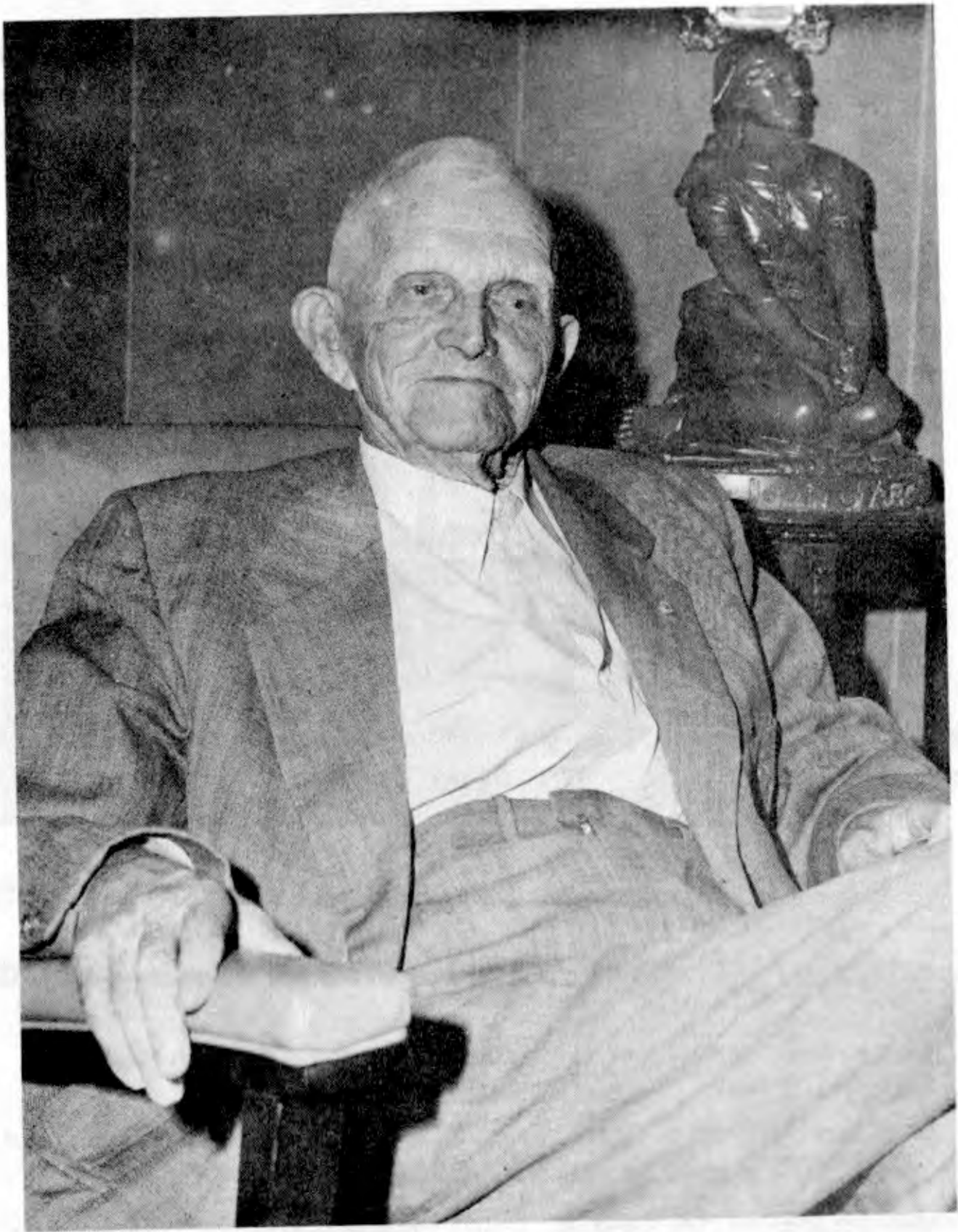
Henry T. Futch



Willard Hendley



Robert G. Drake



Born in 1866 William Mack Snead is our oldest Master Mason. Initiated May 27, 1893, Passed September 24, 1893 and Raised December 27, 1893. He held the Office of Treasurer in this Lodge during 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. Uncle Bill does not attend Communications quite as regular as he did but when he does come out he seems to enjoy himself. Uncle Bill was for a time Treasurer of The Royal Arch Lodge as well as Duncan Lodge.



THE 1959 OFFICERS OF DUNCAN LODGE

Left to right, are: Front, Washington P. Long, William H. Rowan, Robert F. Hancock, James L. Gray, Ralph G. Hackett.

Back Row, Hubert L. Warr, Eston S. Griffin, Wayne Barrineau, and Leburn J. Brown and T. J. Futch.

Absent for picture was Perry A. Harris Sr.



1959 OFFICERS OF DUNCAN LODGE

ROBERT F. HANCOCK, Worshipful Master

JAMES L. GRAY, Senior Warden

WILLIAM H. ROWAN, Junior Warden

PERRY A. HARRIS SR., Treasurer

RALPH G. HACKETT, Secretary

WASHINGTON P. LONG, Chaplain

WAYNE BARRINEAU, Senior Deacon

ESTON S. GRIFFIN, Junior Deacon

LEBURN J. BROWN, Senior Steward

HUBERT L. WARR, Junior Steward

T. J. FUTCH, Tyler

Regular Communications of the Lodge are held on the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. Starting at 7:00 p. m. November through March and 8:00 p. m. April through December.

Election of Officers is held on the first communication in January

This Lodge is under the Eleventh District.

MASTER MASONS

Date under name indicates date of Raising

HAMON S. AKINS,

May 6, 1955

ROBERT J. AKINS,

April 28, 1959

BUFORD B. AKRIDGE,

September 7, 1944

CHESTER E. ALLEN,

June 24, 1925

FRED T. ALLEN,

May 25, 1935

CHARLES W. H. ANDERSON,

May 25, 1943

JACK P. ANDERSON

August 15, 1944

JAMES H. ANDERSON JR.,

July 15, 1920

PHIN AVERA

July 15, 1935

JAMES S. BAILEY,
April 19, 1928
THOMAS W. BAILEY,
August 14, 1959
SAM H. BARKER,
November 16, 1953
WAYNE BARRINEAU,
May 14, 1956
HOMER B. BARRY JR.,
October 31, 1958
FRED L. BELCHER,
November 20, 1945
BOUIE L. BENNETT,
July 9, 1953
JERRY C. BENNETT,
November 14, 1944
JOSEPH R. BENNETT SR.,
September 11, 1928
ZELL S. BLACKMAN,
July 8, 1955
GUS BONNETT,
August 3, 1936
LEON BONNETT,
February 28, 1938
WILLIAM L. BOSTIC,
May 1, 1957
JAMES E. BOYD,
November 13, 1923
JESSE B. BOYETT JR.,
August 22, 1950
JESSE B. BOYETT SR.,
November 24, 1936
WILLIAM T. BOYETT,
May 9, 1950
LEON J. BRADFORD,
May 7, 1930
SAMUEL T. BRAGDON,
March 28, 1935
GARNIE A. BRAND,
July 9, 1954
WILLIE H. BRADHAM JR.,
April 19, 1945

WAYNE P. BRITTON,
March 2, 1951
ELIJAH BROGDEN,
1905
LEBURN J. BROWN,
February 1, 1955
JERRY B. BULLARD,
February 7, 1958
HAROLD H. CARLTON,
December 17, 1946
WILLIAM M. CARLTON,
November 29, 1946
HANSON R. CARTER,
July 8, 1955
ISAAC N. CARTER,
March 19, 1919
JAKE W. CARTER,
August 28, 1953
YANCEY F. CARTER,
September 22, 1948
JOHN J. CHAMBLESS,
November 22, 1944
RUDOLPH J. CHAMBLESS,
October 5, 1954
HOSEA P. CLEMENTS,
January 8, 1935
MASON C. CLEMENTS,
June 3, 1953
WILLIAM K. CLEMENTS,
May 16, 1951
HORACE G. COLLIER JR.,
May 18, 1953
WILLIAM G. CONNELL,
May 31, 1946
CARREY J. CONNER,
February 29, 1952
HORACE R. DANFORTH,
April 20, 1953
ROBERT M. DAVIS,
December 2, 1947

JACK A. DIX,
January 8, 1946
WALTER H. DIX,
November 28, 1944
ROBERT G. DRAKE,
May 18, 1953
SHERMAN C. DRAWDY,
June 22, 1956
THAD C. DRENNAN JR.,
March 9, 1956
WILLIE B. DUREN,
January 12, 1937

MALCOM J. FALTERMAN SR.,
October 16, 1953
ALBERT H. FOLSOM,
April 3, 1953
JOHN G. FORD,
March 8, 1921
RALPH FORD,
June 3, 1947
EDISON B. FOUNTAIN,
October 27, 1957
CLARENCE W. FUTCH JR.,
September 8, 1952
CLARENCE W. FUTCH SR.,
August 12, 1919
DANIEL A. FUTCH,
March 2, 1951
FLOYD R. FUTCH,
September 22, 1926
HENRY T. FUTCH,
November 5, 1946
JAMES C. FUTCH,
July 31, 1935
JAMES O. FUTCH,
July 15, 1926
LITTLE ALEXANDER FUTCH,
April 8, 1919
LITTLE ALTON FUTCH,
April 23, 1946

OLON E. FUTCH,
July 26, 1927
ROBERT H. FUTCH,
July 1, 1957
THOMAS E. FUTCH,
May 26, 1942
T. J. FUTCH,
May 22, 1951
THOMAS G. FUTCH,
April 23, 1946

ALVAH W. GASKINS,
May 31, 1946
FELTON L. GASKINS,
February 24, 1942
JOE S. GASKINS,
October 22, 1930
JOHN W. GASKINS,
July 12, 1948
LEON GASKINS,
May 31, 1946
WALTER J. GASKINS,
March 17, 1955
WILLIAM K. GASKINS,
December 10, 1941
L. J. GAY,
May 4, 1929
HOLMES W. GIDDENS,
July 31, 1935
LYMAN F. GIDDENS,
May 21, 1919
ROBERT C. GOODRICH,
April 6, 1956
HENRY L. GRAY,
May 14, 1929
JAMES L. GRAY,
July 9, 1953
ABNER D. GREENE,
September 8, 1942
ESTON S. GRIFFIN,
April 11, 1950

MARSHALL B. GRIFFIN,
March 9, 1954
NOEL E. GRIFFIN,
February 20, 1919
W. DUMPS GRIFFIN,
July 15, 1935
JAMES C. GRIMES,
March 3, 1950
POMPEY J. GRINER,
May 26, 1942
JAMES A. GRISSETT,
June 24, 1925
BRUCE L. GUEST,
October 7, 1947
RAYMOND A. GUEST,
October 29, 1946
HERMAN B. GUTHRIE,
November 30, 1939

RALPH G. HACKETT,
January 19, 1953
EDWARD G. HACKLE,
March 27, 1923
WILLIAM C. HADSOCK,
November 28, 1944
CHRISTOPHER C. HALL,
April 23, 1946
CURTIS F. HALL,
September 23, 1954
OREN L. HALL,
April 27, 1954
THOMAS A. HALL,
April 23, 1946
EARL T. HAMILTON,
August 10, 1944
VERA A. HAMLIN,
May 9, 1945
HARVEY D. HAND,
December 28, 1944
HARRY P. HANCOCK,
October 29, 1946

ROBERT F. HANCOCK,
April 10, 1951
RUDOLPH H. HANCOCK,
October 29, 1946
YANCEY W. HANCOCK,
February 9, 1943
JAMES C. HARNAGE,
July 1, 1957
HAYWOOD D. HARPER,
June 16, 1942
VINSON HARPER,
October 27, 1950
PERRY A. HARRIS,
December 10, 1941
TROY W. HARSEY,
March 17, 1955
THOMAS B. HEATH,
May 17, 1919
BENJAMIN F. HENDERSON,
July 2, 1953
DOUGLAS G. HENDERSON,
August 27, 1954
JANNIE M. HENDLEY,
December 21, 1920
JESSE H. HENDLEY,
February 10, 1953
JOHN E. HENDLEY,
May 6, 1955
JUNE F. HENDLEY,
May 6, 1955
WILLARD HENDLEY,
January 22, 1952
JOHN A. HENLEY
September 13, 1957
JOHN P. HENLEY,
April 28, 1944
JAMES W. HERNDON,
April 3, 1953
HORACE M. HIGGS,
September 11, 1928
REMER L. HIGGS,
December 11, 1956

HOWARD HORTON,

January 28, 1952

JOHN R. HOWARD,

January 8, 1946

JASPER T. HUGHES,

October 4, 1954

MARCUS N. HUGHES,

April 23, 1946

ROY O. HUGHES,

October 29, 1946

ROBERT L. JACKSON,

November 5, 1942

ELMO JENKINS,

April 3, 1939

DAVID M. JONES,

December 1, 1952

JAMES V. JONES,

June 25, 1946

ELMER C. KEEFFE,

February 7, 1958

JOHN R. KIHNL,

March 28, 1958

FRANKLIN B. KING,

July 8, 1943

JAMES U. KING,

July 8, 1943

ISAAC J. LANGDALE,

January 25, 1947

FLOREN LEON,

April 15, 1955

LEON I. LEVIN,

May 28, 1935

MORRIS A. LEVIN,

November 10, 1936

HOMER LEWIS,

September 20, 1945

JAMES O. LEWIS,

August 22, 1954

ALVA G. LINDSEY,

June 24, 1929

WASHINGTON P. LONG,

July 3, 1915

HANSEL W. LOTT,

May 6, 1955

NORMAN M. LOVEIN JR.,

October 7, 1947

WALTER LOWE,

1908

JAMES A. P. LUKE,

November 15, 1919

JOHN D. LUKE JR.,

February 3, 1948

WARREN D. MCGEE,

March 2, 1951

WILLIE B. MCGEE,

January 1, 1946

GEORGE R. MCKINNON,

November 9, 1954

MARION W. McLENDON,

October 15, 1909

WILLIAM H. MATHIS,

May 20, 1947

AMY B. MAXWELL,

June 3, 1947

WILLIAM A. MERCER,

May 1, 1957

MELVIN L. MILLS,

March 9, 1956

GEORGE J. MOORE,

April 3, 1953

M. J. MOORE,

October 8, 1929

OREN G. MOORE,

May 25, 1943

HERSHEL P. NICHOLSON,

July 13, 1945

ALVIN W. NIX,
September 16, 1947
CLIFTON NIX,
November 28, 1946
ELBERT J. NIX,
September 9, 1924
GLENDON E. NIX,
January 24, 1945
LUCIOUS E. NIX,
April 20, 1953
ROBERT L. NIX,
November 14, 1944
WILLIAM F. NIX,
October 15, 1925
WILLIE B. NIX,
May 31, 1946
JOHN S. NORRIS,
July 25, 1922

ARTHUR D. OSBORNE,
November 28, 1944
WILLIAM H. OUTLAW,
July 6, 1944

LEE R. PAFFORD,
October 27, 1953
ARLIE PARKER JR.,
February 7, 1958
WILLIAM R. PARKER,
April 19, 1945
JULIAN J. PAULK,
November 10, 1936
THOMAS C. PERKINS,
September 22, 1942
JAMES H. PERRY,
October 29, 1946
MACKIE E. PERRY,
April 28, 1931
THOMAS W. POWELL,
August 21, 1943
WILLIAM V. POWELL,
January 8, 1926

JAMES W. PRICE,
May 13, 1958

CLINTON QUINN,
March 5, 1950

ARTEAMUS R. RAY,
January 22, 1952
HOWARD E. RAY,
April 3, 1953
COLAN C. REGISTER JR.,
December 13, 1957
COMER B. ROBERTSON,
November 28, 1944
ARTHUR W. ROGERS,
June 22, 1956
SAMUEL G. ROGERS,
January 8, 1926
LONNIE H. ROLLINS,
December 11, 1956
LOIS T. ROUSE,
February 13, 1959
WILLIAM H. ROWAN,
April 15, 1955
JACOB J. RUTHERFORD JR.,
June 8, 1920

HAYGOOD H. SCHULTZ,
March 9, 1956
HARRY D. SCHWARTZ,
April 20, 1953
CLAUDIE D. SCOTT,
May 16, 1939
PAUL W. SHEPARD,
November 30, 1939
ROBERT B. SHEPARD,
May 4, 1938
LEON A. SIZEMORE,
January 25, 1938
EDWIN R. SMITH,
July 15, 1935

WILLIAM R. SMITH,
September 11, 1923
WILLIAM M. SNEAD,
December 27, 1893
ARTHUR L. SNIPES,
December 8, 1942
LEAH R. STALLING,
September 15, 1939
ARCHIE W. STARLING,
September 26, 1940
JAMES M. STRANGE,
November 20, 1945
LOYD J. STRIPLING,
September 13, 1957
GORDON L. STUDSTILL,
October 27, 1950
HENRY A. SWINDLE,
January 21, 1925

ALLIE B. TAYLOR,
June 9, 1925
ALLISON L. TAYLOR,
April 14, 1937
FRED A. TAYLOR,
July 15, 1935
ARLIE D. TUCKER,
June 17, 1918
WILLIAM W. TURNER,
July 31, 1935
ARCHIE TYSON,
Dec. 15, 1913

DEWITT D. VICKERY,
September 16, 1946

THOMAS E. DEEN SR., November 10, 1959
JOHN G. NISEN, November 10, 1959

JACOB EDD AKRIDGE

HARMON L. GRIFFIN

HUBERT L. WARR,
April 29, 1958
JAMES H. WATSON,
April 23, 1946
LEWIS E. WATSON,
July 15, 1947
JOHN L. WEAVER,
May 31, 1946
GARTH L. WEBB,
April 3, 1939
JOHN P. WEBB,
August 10, 1944
LUTHER L. WEBB,
November 29, 1946
RALPH A. WEBB,
March 11, 1925
ROGER W. WEBB,
March 9, 1943
HOLLIS WILLIAMS,
February 8, 1949
OWEN B. WILLIAMS,
May 26, 1942
RICHARD E. WILLIAMS,
May 26, 1942
THOMAS E. WILLIAMS,
June 25, 1946
ALTON T. WILLIS,
November 9, 1954
SAMUEL L. WILLS
March, 1911
VERNON D. WRIGHT
December 11, 1956

JOHN PAIT HARPER

EMERITUS MASONS

ELIJAH BROGDON

LITTLE ALEXANDER FUTCH

HORACE M. HIGGS

WASHINGTON P. LONG

WALTER LOWE

JAMES A. P. LUKE

MARION W. McLENDON

WILLIAM F. NIX

WILLIAM R. SMITH

WILLIAM M. SNEAD

ARCHIE TYSON

SAMUEL L. WILLS

* * * * *

Slow me down, Lord! Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace with the vision of eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills. Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations - of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines from a good book. Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values.



PROGRAM

Registration Opens at 6:00 p. m.

Assemble in Lodge Room -- Lodge Opens 7:00 p. m.

Welcome By Worship Master Robert F. Hancock.
Recognition of Visiting Guests and Other Lodges

Labor To Refreshments -- Adjourn to Social Hall

National Anthem

Invocation by Chaplain

Music By Nashville Baptist Church Male Quartet

Reassemble in Lodge Room with Presentation of Program
By Past Master Oren G. Moore.

Presentation of Lodge History by Past Master Samuel T. Bragdon.

Speaker of the evening, Worshipful Brother P. Y. Luther, Grand
Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

Closing of Lodge.

MENU

Turkey

Dressing with giblet gravy.

String Beans - Sweet Potato Souffle

Cranberry Sauce - Peach Pickles

Rolls - Cake - Coffee

Banquet Prepared and served by

Ladies of the Order of The Eastern Star

Chapter Number 334

Worthy Matron, Mrs. Luel Folsom

Worthy Patron, Perry A. Harris Sr.

During the conflict between the states, the Grand Lodges were authorized to give special dispensation for the forming of Lodges in a military unit, thus Stonewall Military Lodge No. 11, Savannah was organized, composed of both Duncan Lodge No. 234 and Butler Lodge No. 211 of Milltown.

Records of both Duncan Lodge and Stonewall Lodge disclose the following Masons as in the service: (* denotes known Duncan Lodge members).

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| * William Anderson | L. J. Knight |
| J. W. Berry | S. J. Lastinger |
| Benjamin Bridges | * T. D. Lindsey |
| * W. G. Bryan | A. A. Lowe |
| * John J. Bryant | * David P. Luke |
| Joseph Burkhalter | * J. M. Luke |
| E. B. Carroll | * Ezra McCranie |
| * Robert Chism | H. T. McGlothlin |
| * J. M. Clayton | M. J. McMullen |
| J. W. Collier | * H. M. Mathis |
| * Paul Crosby | J. B. Mathis |
| * Matthew Dekle | * E. C. Morgan |
| J. M. Duncan | * J. J. Parrish |
| * Mosses Giddens | * Alexander Patterson |
| John G. Graydon | * A. P. Patterson |
| * J. B. Griffin | * H. P. Patterson |
| * J. H. Griffin | * I. J. Peeples |
| * J. M. Griffin | * I. J. Pounds |
| * Solomon Griffin | * James S. Roberts |
| * J. M. Hagan | * F. H. Rooks |
| Lewis Holzendorf | * W. W. Rutherford |
| * R. N. Hutchinson | D. A. Smith |
| * B. M. Jones | * H. M. Talley |
| * Irwin Jones | W. J. Taylor |
| Mitchell Jones | Julius Turner |
| * B. M. James | Uriah VanGeisen |
| * James H. Kirby | * Eli D. Webb |
| * J. D. Knight | |

HISTORY OF DUNCAN LODGE

In 1858 Duncan Lodge was granted Dispensation to work by the Grand Lodge and for some time was the only Lodge in Berrien County. This same year the Masons with other civic-minded citizens met to discuss a joint building of school and Lodge Hall. Results of this meeting was the building of a two-story frame building, the upper floor for the Lodge and the lower floor the McPherson Academy. This was located where the present old grammar school and swimming pool now stand, but the building has since been moved and is located just north of the cemetery across from the Methodist Church.

The Lodge was named Duncan in honor of Duncan O'Quin who lived four miles west of Nashville the location of the old home place of Dr. P. H. Askew. There is no record of Duncan O'Quin as a member of this Lodge but it is known that others of his family were active Masons, and he aided this Lodge in the starting of its work.

Later the Lodge moved to the Bullard Building on the North side of the square, and in 1905, that building was razed by fire which destroyed all records of the Lodge. After the fire, the Lodge moved to the Giddens and Connell Building on the Southwest corner of the square.

The Lodge remained in this building until the construction of the present home in 1949, but during the time the Lodge bought the old Askew Hospital, now the Nashville Herald Office but did not occupy it; later selling that and buying the piece of land where the Moore Cabinet Shop now stands.

In 1943 Worshipful Master Leah Stalling managed to introduce a building fund and a group of the Brethern sat down at a table in the Lodge and raised the sum of \$3500.00. In 1946 the Lodge sold what land they owned and bought the entire city block at the present location.

Past Master Samuel T. Bragdon in his second term as Master of the Lodge, 1949, worked hard and at a called Communication, with a group of ladies from the Eastern Star in attendance, inspired the Brethern to turn their dreams into reality and the plans for a building started. Much sooner than they had expected the Lodge found they had the money to commence building and the Lodge was completed and the corner stone laid in 1951.

During the year 1956 under the direction of Past Master Henry T. Futch, the last payment was made on the Lodge building and in the next two

years air conditioning was installed and paid for.

At present the Blue Lodge meets every second and fourth Tuesday, the Eastern Star every first and third Tuesday and the Royal Arch every third Monday.

Social activities have been few in the Lodge of late, but in the early days the Brethern met to hold watermelon cuttings and have fish fries. Once each November the Lodge would hold a ladies night having dinner in the Lodge Hall. Many times during the regular meetings of the Lodge there would be talks by members of the Lodge or visiting Brethern.

We could not have reached this grand old age without the aid and helping hand of both Brethern of surrounding Lodges and this Lodge, so we wish here to speak of a few who have aided us.

Duncan O'Quin, as we have said, two other helping hands were in the early days, Senator S. G. Williams of Atlanta and Benjamin F. Whittington of this Lodge. Folks Huxford of Cassia Lodge No. 224, Homerville, Georgia, spent much time in the Grand Lodge looking up names and dates of the history lost in 1905.

Old members of the Lodge would ride many miles by horseback to attend the meetings but few people have walked the eight miles Brother William (Willie) B. Duren has walked many times to attend to his duties as Tyler or just attend the Lodge. Another faithful present member of the Lodge is our grand Chaplain, Washington P. Long, who has just reached the grand age of 71 years still holds that important place in the Lodge and attends regularly, also he is one of the few we have who gives the apron lecture. Past Master Arlie D. Tucker for years traveled about the state but was never so busy he could not return to Nashville in our lean years to aid the graveside rites of a Brother. E. R. Smith and O. G. Moore still answer the call of the Lodge as well as S. T. Bragdon. Brothers from other Lodges who have in the past aided us are Pete W. Reddick of Pavo and Brother Emmerson of Quitman.

During the years 1935 through 1940, Past Master Holmes W. Giddens was the Captain of the Degree Team. This team earned such a fine reputation they were called upon to perform for many also for the Thomas County Convention in Thomasville and the Troopville session of St. John the Baptist Lodge. This team made one trip into Jacksonville, Florida, presenting the degree in the Temple, also to Adel, Homerville, Valdosta, Lakeland,

Sparks, Pearson, Tifton, Quitman, Dixie and the Eighth District Conventions both in Pearson and Lakeland.

The team consisted of H. W. Giddens, F. P. Griffin, S. T. Bragdon, J. R. Bennett, J. T. Futch, C. E. Allen, D. L. Branyon, J. C. Futch, F. A. Taylor, E. R. Smith, N. H. Harper, G. Bonnett, S. Gaskins, W. B. Duren and E. S. Stewart.

Past Master Henry T. Futch while acting as Captain of the Degree Team had a fine group and in two years Duncan Lodge did not hold a Third Degree without the dramatic section.

The Lodge had two members enter the line of the Eleventh District, Joseph R. Bennett and Holmes W. Giddens, and this year our Master Robert F. Hancock was elected to the position of Junior Steward.

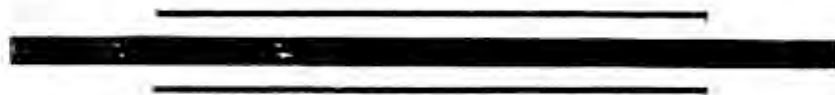
Thus we close the first one-hundred years of Masonry in Duncan Lodge, much of our past history lost, forever lost, but paying some respect to the past we as Masons are ready now to look out to the future, ready to build, aid and assist those who in the coming years shall take from our hands the working tools of this their heritage as Master Masons in Duncan Lodge.



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