

Fellows Luncheon

The annual SMPTE Fellows Luncheon was held Sunday, October 14, in the Astor Ballroom of the Marriott Marquis Hotel. The luncheon is held to honor newly elected Fellows, to introduce them to their peers, and to present them with their plaques. Attendance is limited to Fellows and Life Fellows. A reception, sponsored by Magna-Tech Electronic Co., Inc., preceded the luncheon.

Executive Vice-President Blaine Baker filled in for the absent SMPTE President Maurice French, reading the welcoming address that French had prepared and introducing the guest speaker, former SMPTE President Harold J. Eady, HJE Communications. The text of Eady's speech, entitled "Leadership," appears in the following pages.



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Leadership

By Harold Eady, former SMPTE President

It's a pleasure and an honor to be here before you today on the occasion of our 15th Annual Fellows Luncheon. We have had the Fellow grade of membership for many years; however, it was not until 1976, when former President Ken Mason got the idea from our colleagues at the BKSTS in England, that these luncheons were started. Former President Bob Smith relayed a story to me about the first Fellows Luncheon held here in New York at the Engineering Club. Apparently, just before the presentations, they realized that all of the Fellows' plaques were missing, except one. They presented the same plaque to each of the Fellows. I'm pleased to see all the plaques are here this year.

In preparing for my short talk today, I did some research on what previous Fellows Luncheon guest speakers had to say. Not surprisingly, there was one thing in common — "This is



Former President Harold Eady, luncheon guest speaker.

an elite group" — and for that we can all be justly proud. There are 17 new Fellows added to this group today, and to you a special welcome and congratulations. Whether one is Associate, Active, Fellow or Honorary, membership in the SMPTE is a privilege that offers much to professional growth and the opportunity to keep up with the times in an industry that is everchanging and evolving. The

knowledge and camaraderie that you gain will stand you in good stead throughout your career.

But there is another side to the membership coin, and that is the leadership you provide. As Fellows, it is obvious that each of you has something to offer to the Society and to your colleagues and particularly to our non-Fellow members, (the grass roots of our Society, as former President Charles Anderson often said). By your encouragement to this membership to become involved in engineering and administrative meetings, presenting papers or volunteering for particular tasks, the members will find that their contributions will pay off manyfold in their own pursuits and for their own self-esteem. Please remember it is the Fellows of the Society who provide the leadership to make this happen.

I recall quite clearly the honor I felt in 1963, when I was asked by the Toronto Section if I would run on the ballot for the Board of Managers. At the time, I was at the CBC, and responsible for distribution of television programs, so getting actively involved

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