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Markers placed on Johnston's Edenton grave

First grand master's birthday saluted



Flags, historians, Revolution descendants, and Masons gathered at Johnston's grave.

By Ric Carter

EDENTON — On December 13, Masons and Sons of the American Revolution assembled here to honor a hero of American independence and North Carolina Freemasonry. Just two days before Samuel Johnston's 275th birthday, the gathering saluted our first grand master and one of our earliest governors. The ceremonies were held at Johnston's grave on Hayes Plantation here, just a few hundred yards from Unanimity 7. Members of both organizations met at the lodge before the assembly and returned there for a reception after the honors were concluded.



GM Rice speaks about Johnston.

Melvin Hawkins, president of the northern Albemarle Chapter of the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution, welcomed the crowd of 100 or so history buffs. NCSSAR President Sam Powell also had remarks about the honoree. The keynote for the day came from Past Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett. A direct descendant of the Johnston's sister, Ann Cope Mueller, shared family thoughts of their ancestor and thanked the assembly for honoring him.

The NCSSAR then presented the series of wreaths they use to memorialize their heroes. Flowers were presented by several chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and National Society of Colonial Dames. An SAR marker was installed at Johnston's grave site.

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The old is fresh again

St. John's Day set for June 27

By Chris Richardson

OXFORD — The tradition of Masons celebrating St. John's Day at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford goes back at least 100 years. Looking at records back to 1910 shows that St. John's Day has changed many times during its history. There were brief hiatuses for world wars, the Depression, and polio. There were wonderful additions such as the Shrine parade, live music, and the leadership of our departed friend Lloyd Young, "Mr. St. John's Day."

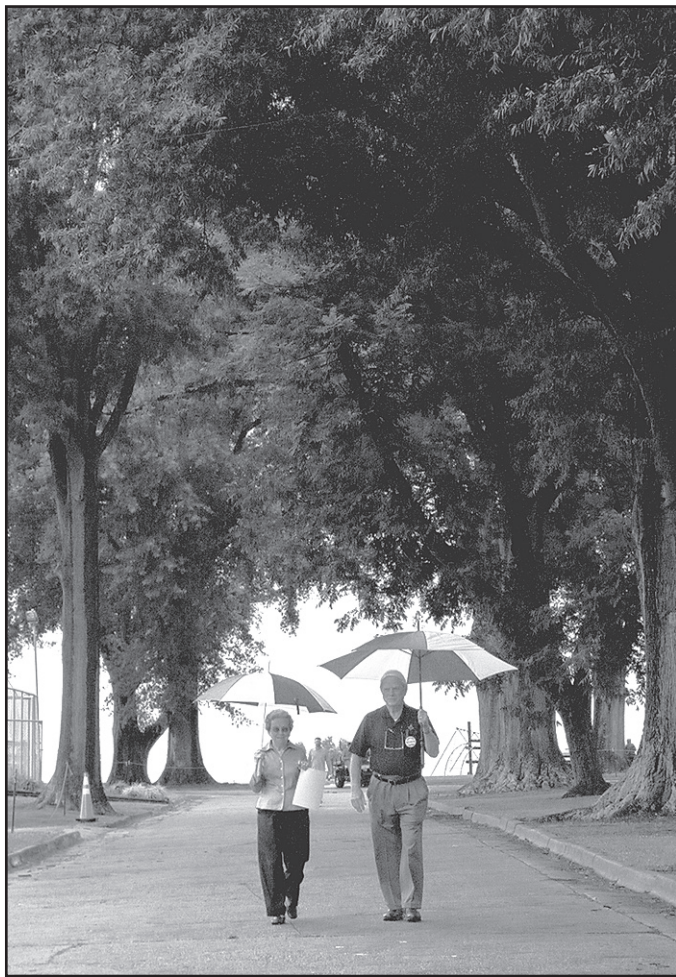
The year 2009 will mark another year of change, bringing back some of the traditional aspects of early St. John's Day celebrations. On Saturday, June 27, the Masonic Home for Children will host an open house for Masons and Eastern Stars, their families, and friends. Visitors may once again tour many different homes and facilities, including the residences, the School of Graphic Arts (Print Shop), and Cobb Center museum.

The day will begin with a stated communication of Orphans 761, the Masonic lodge which meets on campus and was chartered with a specific goal of raising money to support the children. All Master Masons are welcome to attend. Soon after the lodge meeting, a special St. John's Day service will be held in the York Rite Chapel, conducted by Grand Chaplain George L. Tyre.

For this year's celebration, tours will be conducted by residents of the Home. Some residents will set up cottage booths, allowing the children to sell food and gift items with proceeds benefiting their respective cottages. A special "Legacy Tour" of campus will be conducted by Home alumnus, Grand Master Dan C. Rice. He will be highlighting the places and people special to his life at the Home. The tours with the residents will be conducted throughout the day following the service in the chapel.

The Home will serve a barbecue and chicken lunch in the dining hall for Masons and Eastern Stars and their families. There will be souvenirs for sale, and other activities for the family. Special events are expected. An updated schedule of events will be posted on the Home's website in April.

All our Masonic friends and families are encouraged to make the trip and spend a day visiting our children's home, one of the few Masonic children's homes remaining in the United States. For more information, please call (888) 505-4357 or visit the Home's St. John's Day website at <www.mhc-oxford.org/StJohns.html>. We hope to see you and your lodge brothers and family on June 27, 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 3:00 o'clock P.M. for St. John's Day 2009.



Jean and Harvey Evans stroll the campus at an earlier St. John's Day celebration.

Samuel Johnston — early governor, first grand master

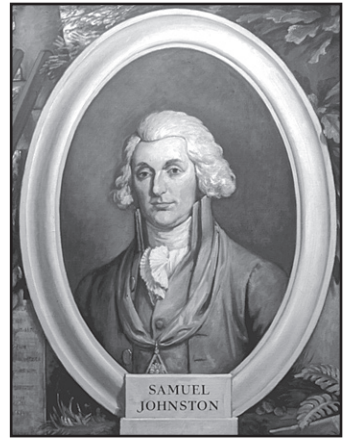
By Tim Berly

Samuel Johnston was born in Dundee, Scotland, on December 15, 1733. In his third year, his parents came to Onslow County in North Carolina.

He was educated at Yale College in New Haven, Connecticut from 1750-53. At the age of 21, Samuel came to Edenton, then a small village of no more than 500 inhabitants, yet an important industrial, political, and social center of the Albemarle region.

Johnston read law in 1753, was appointed clerk of the court in 1755, and licensed as an attorney in 1756. In the spring of 1765, he purchased Hayes Plantation where he and his family would live for the next 30 years.

Johnston served in the first four Provincial Congresses, which met in August 1774, April 1775, August 1775, and April 1776. After John Harvey, president of the first two congresses, died in May 1775, Samuel Johnston was chosen to preside over the third. On April 4, 1776 he was again chosen as president of the Fourth Provincial Congress, which met in Halifax. They unanimously passed resolutions, including one to authorize North Carolina's delegates to the Second Continental Congress then meeting in Philadelphia to vote for independence from Great Britain, as well as encourage delegates from the other colonies to do so. This made North Carolina the first colony to empower its



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THE BOTTOM LINE



The pursuit of the Masonic secrets

By Dan C. Rice
Grand Master

While working at the Oxford Orphanage Print Shop as a student in the 1960s, I heard about Masonic secrets. I had no clue what they were, but I figured they had to be something really big if all those men joined Masonry to find out what they were. The Print Shop boys had to set the type on Linotype machines for the *Orphan's Friend and Masonic Journal* and for the *Grand Lodge Proceedings*. That meant we were exposed to all the Masonic editorials and stories from those days. I read them all knowing that somewhere in that paper was the first clue to obtaining the Masonic secrets.

During that period, the Orphanage was in a building program replacing all the original buildings that had been built around 1890 to 1900. That meant that there were a lot of cornerstones being laid on the campus. Laying a cornerstone by the Masons was always a solemn occasion which required the attendance of all the Orphanage children. We had to put on our Sunday best and stand very quietly while the Masons went through the cornerstone ritual. I can still remember them lined up on stage with their corn, wine, and oil. I never had much use for the corn and oil, but I sure wanted a sip of that wine. The cornerstone ceremony gave me a chance to observe, up close, a Masonic ritual. I watched for any clue of their hidden secrets, but found none.

After graduating from the Orphanage, I found myself in a history class at UNC/Chapel Hill studying the French Revolution under a Dr. Caldwell, who took a particular interest in me. The

class was given a list of books from which to do a written report. Dr. Caldwell did not let me pick from the list but instead assigned me the book *Morals and Dogma* by Albert Pike. Many of you know the name Albert Pike. He is considered a giant among Masonic writers and was a very smart and interesting man who led a very colorful life. The book is a comparison of the world's religions and is intertwined with Freemasonry and its principles. I read the book (which was the hardest book I have ever read) and did my report. Dr. Caldwell gave me an incomplete and asked me to reread the book and do another report at the end of the summer. I felt that he was a complete jerk, but I did what he asked, and he gave me a B+ the second time. Years later I found out that Dr. Caldwell was a past grand master of our Grand Lodge. I had no clue at the time, but he was pointing me in the direction of the Masonic secrets by having me to read the book a second time.

At UNC, the library was full of books about Freemasonry both around the world and in North Carolina. I feasted on these books, knowing that I would stumble upon the Masonic secrets somewhere in the stacks at the old Wilson Library. I searched thoroughly, knowing that they had to be there somewhere, but what I got instead was a broad based knowledge of the principles that Freemasonry was built on such as friendship, morality, and brotherly love. The secrets were not to be found.

During this period, the Vietnam War was raging, and the world seemed to go crazy. Drugs, war protests, campus violence, and a general attack on the establishment took place. Integration was happening, but not smoothly, Russia invaded Czechoslovakia and crushed them, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King were shot down. Jimmy Hendrix, Janis Joplin, and many other

rock stars died of drug overdoses. For a boy who had grown up in a conservative country town orphanage, the world seemed totally crazy. I lost track of the search for Masonic secrets and just tried to survive in a world of constant change.

It was only after I had married and had children that I again began to search for the Masonic secrets. By this time, I had gained just enough sense to realize that a good place to actually find them was in a Masonic lodge as a brother. I petitioned Bula 409 in Burlington and began my Masonic journey. I can still remember the apprehension on the day of my initiation. The subtle light and the first appearance of the lodge room after being brought to light is forever etched in my mind. I was most impressed with the Fellow Craft Degree as it explained where a man was to get further instruction. Then came the Master Mason Degree, and I was very pleased that several men who had nurtured and directed me at the orphanage came to the degree.

Eli Reagan, who was the disciplinarian at the Orphanage, actually raised me, and I could see tears in his eyes. You have to understand that he was a tough old man and had whipped me constantly for ten years when I was at the Orphanage. As the assistant administrator, he actually managed the employees and took care of the Orphanage campus while Administrator A. DeLeon Gray raised money across the state. A boy that the cottage counselor felt needed a better whipping than she could administer was always sent to Mr. Reagan on Mondays. I somehow found myself in his office every Monday morning for my whipping. One Monday, to his shock and to my surprise, my name was not on

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Fear not, invest in something bigger

At the funeral, Past Grand Master Les Garner's minister praised him as "not afraid of new ideas," as a man who was always "investing in something bigger than himself."

Les, like his old friend Jack Honeycutt, embodied the antithesis of "old man's disease." He smiled, laughed, and embraced life. He was not the stodgy, grumpy old man complaining from the corner of the room. He was full of life and joy. He was one of those men who knew that loving life was not the same as clinging to history.

Freemasonry is old. It is the oldest fraternal organization ever. It has as many personalities as it does members. Some have no respect for the history of the craft and would make it over in their own image. Others see it as a perfected institution — perfected at the moment they took their obligation — no further changes needed or allowed.

Freemasonry has evolved over the years. It is a different creature than when it began. Otherwise, it would have died with the stone masons' guilds. It has adapted, though carefully, to the needs of its times and culture.

Over the years, our version of the craft has become more reserved — more like Sunday School and less like a social club. We once met in pubs, now we ban any contact with alcohol in our functions or facilities. We are discouraged from playing cards or dancing in a lodge hall. As a result of our growing reverence, we must defend ourselves as not offering the lodge as a substitute for the church.

We are admonished to avoid any frivolity before we confer a degree. This is despite the fact that it is a social play to bind men to one another, not a religious ritual.

Visiting another Masonic jurisdiction is now much more available to North Carolina Masons. No longer do we have to journey across state lines to see how other Masons celebrate making new members. We can do it in our own communities.

During a recent visit to a Prince Hall third degree, we were impressed by the statement of the lodge master at the beginning of the conferral. He reminded us, his brothers, that we knew when to have fun and when to be serious. He admonished us to maintain those boundaries.

Their approach allowed much more play be-

tween the members and their future brothers. It allowed more variation for individual lodges in certain portions of the work.

Is their approach better? Is ours?

Both have their advantages. Our privilege will be to exchange visits and thoughts and philosophies. Our jobs will be to discern what it is we have to learn. What can we take away to make our work and fraternity more vibrant? What are the lessons we may apply to make ours a stronger, more useful fraternity?

Let's make sure that Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry in North Carolina is "not afraid of new ideas." Let us assure that our Freemasonry is "investing in something bigger than" itself. Let us make sure that we continue to grow and thrive, not just cling to history.

PGM Garner dies at 89

GREENVILLE — Past Grand Master Leslie H. Garner died February 23. He was 89. Grand master in 1976, Garner received his degrees in Greenville 284 in 1946. He was a founding member of Crown Point 708 in Greenville and Orphans 761.

Les, along with our late Past Grand Master Jack Honeycutt, was an unofficial welcome wagon for the Grand Lodge, hosting a hospitality room for visiting dignitaries over the years.

At his funeral, his minister praised him as "not afraid of new ideas," as a man who was always "investing in something bigger than himself." The same applied to his life in Masonry.

Garner was active in many parts of the community. He was quite busy and well known in Kiwanis, having served as district governor. He helped organize more than 50 Kiwanis Clubs including the first Golden K Club and the first all female Kiwanis Club.

He was the second president of the Pirate Club, East Carolina University's athletic boosters. He sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the seventh inning stretch of East Carolina baseball games.

Garner is survived by five children and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Evelyn, his dear wife of 47 years.



Grand Master Rice enjoys a conversation with William Smith of Paul Drayton 7, PHA in Charlotte.

Rice visits VA

SALISBURY — Grand Master Dan C. Rice visited the Veterans Administration Medical Center here on January 10. He talked with veterans of our armed services who are confined to the medical center and demonstrated his appreciation for the volunteers who attend those patients. The Masonic Service Association's Visitation Program is active in each of North Carolina's VA Medical Centers.

Local Masons greeted Grand Master Rice at a local restaurant where they enjoyed lunch before their visit. Rice spent time with several patients at the facility, at least four of them Masons. Rice was accompanied by Grand Tyler Steve Lynch and Grand Lecturer Don Kehler.

Bill McComb, who supervises the MSA Visitation program in Salisbury, said of the grand master's visit, "It lightened the hearts of all he met and will have a long term positive effect on the patients. I also appreciate the Grand Lodge officers, who accompanied him."

Volunteers at the hospital are important in many functions. They help entertain those who do not otherwise have much contact with the

outside world. They read, help write letters, and offer personal favors for people who very much need and appreciate the aid. You can pitch in by contacting the volunteer offices at your local VA Medical Center. If you are not convenient to those centers, there are volunteer opportunities at local hospitals and nursing homes.



Posing for a photo are, from left, DDGM Steve Schenk, Grand Tyler Steve Lynch, Alexander Mitchell, GM Rice, and Grand Lecturer Don Kehler.

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his list. I was already in his office and had been dreading the paddling all weekend. I asked Mr. Regan to go ahead and whip me and let me off the next week. He laughed and refused to do it, but he always remembered my request.

The secrets handshakes and the secret words were all given to me as I progressed in Masonry. Somehow, I knew there had to be more to the story than that. Surely, I had not spent a lot of time chasing ghost secrets of the Masons. I had already found out most of the stuff before becoming a Mason, so I kept on looking because I knew there had to be more to the story of Masonic secrets.

As a quiet observer of the Craft, I began to look closely at what the Masons actually accomplished. Jesus said that you distinguish good people from bad people by their fruits or their works. The first example that I saw was how the Masons took care of Oxford Orphanage and all the children. I then observed what was being done at WhiteStone, then the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, in Greensboro, and I knew that this was also really great. I saw the Scottish Rite Learning Clinics, the York Rite Eye Foundation, and how these also helped people in need. I watched the Shriners with their hospitals and how they did not charge anyone. I watched lodges raise money to help the homeless shelters in their areas. Lodges raised money for scholarships, for widows, and for those in desperate need in their communities. I knew that God was at work in the Masonic lodges and that brothers that participated in these charities were blessed more than those they helped.

It always made me wonder what inspires a man to want to help others less fortunate. It has finally hit me between the eyes that the secret of Masonry is that it really teaches a man to want to emulate that great teacher, Jesus Christ. It leads a man to the Holy Book on the lodge altar and instructs him to use it as a rule and guide for his life. Experience tells me that Masons from other cultures find the same lessons from their great teachers and their Holy Books. What better instruction, can a man possibly get?

When properly applied, the teachings of Masonry are all derived directly from the Holy Book on the altar. When we talk about faith, hope, and charity and the greatest of these being charity, we are quoting the Apostle Paul in Corinthians. The three Masonic degrees which represent

youth, middle age, and old age, are designed to impress upon us the fact that we have a very short time on this earth and that what follows is more important than what happens here.

As grand master, I have had the privilege of observing Masonry at work across the state. I recently had the privilege of watching Andrew Jackson Lodge in Salisbury cook 700 gallons of Brunswick stew to sell to raise money for charity. The men and the women who were working that day were doing so in complete harmony and with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm even though some of them had been stirring the stew for several hours. The group worked like a well-oiled machine. Everyone just did their job as they cooked, served, ran a to-go operation, and waited on those who ate at the lodge. It was amazing to watch them work together, and it hit me that they had found the secrets of Masonry. This same enthusiasm, energy, and work ethic is demonstrated time after time as almost all of our Masonic lodges do as they hold their own fundraisers.

My Brothers, I believe you have found the secrets of Masonry.

May God bless each of your fund raising projects and may they be fun for all involved.

Oldest Prince Hall lodge damaged by fire

NEW BERN — North Carolina's oldest Prince Hall lodge, King Solomon 1 suffered fire and smoke damage in a January fire. While the fire was limited to the basement, smoke damage to the recently renovated upper two floors was extensive. The 40-member lodge was the first black lodge formed in North Carolina and dates from 1870.

If you would like to help their recovery efforts, send donations to King Solomon Building Fund c/o Frank Evans, PO Box 218, New Bern, NC 28563.

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DDGM Dickie Lyon arranges and instructs the fellow craft for the degree.

Mosaic Lodge hosts Prince Hall neighbors

CHAPEL HILL — Several lodges have already enjoyed visits with Prince Hall lodges. On February 2, Mosaic 762 hosted members of Mount Olive 36 PHA in Chapel Hill. More than 30 Prince Hall Masons attended the fellowship supper. Several University undergrads interested in membership also attended the dinner.

Mount Olive cancelled their stated meeting for the night in order to stay for Mosaic's triple third degree. Three of their members participated as fellow craft in the second section of the degree. In addition to the 18 Prince Hall visitors, there were Masons attending from Africa, Australia, and New Zealand.

You're invited

Poor Man's Supper

April 25
KING — Hot dogs, corn bread, and slow-cooked pinto beans are highlighting the Poor Man's Supper at King 722 on April 25. It's all you can eat for five dollars. They're serving from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

Golf Tournament

April 25
WALNUT COVE — The Eighth Annual J. Arthur Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament will be a best ball, captain's choice contest. The entry fee is \$240 per four-man team. A meal and snacks along the course are included. For details on sponsorships or playing, visit <http://www.angelfire.com/nc/masoniclodge629/golftournament.html>.

Building Bicentennial

June 6
NEW BERN — St. Johns 3 and the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies are celebrating the 200th anniversary of their building. On June 6, at the building, they will hold a commemorative banquet, lodge meeting, dedication, and tours of the facility. A number of recognitions are available for donations to the building preservation fund. Banquet tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 for a couple.

Lodge opens at 10:00 A.M., the dedication is at 5:00 P.M., and the banquet is at 6:00. Tours will be conducted throughout the day. For more information contact New Bern Masonic Theater Historic Preservation Fund, 516 Hancock Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Warsaw

Warsaw 677 held their Ladies' Night in December. Tim Bass, the newest Mason in the lodge, entertained the forty or so folks who attended with a program of seasonal music.

Hank Gurley was awarded his life membership that night, and James Davis, of Pleasant Hill 304, was named an honorary member of Warsaw Lodge. — *Warsaw Lodge*

Hillsborough

Eagle 19 is holding fellowship breakfasts each month. Members are urged to join the fun and bring friends who are not Masons. They also use the day for their workdays at the lodge. If you'd like to join them, they may be found at the lodge on the Saturday after their stated meetings on second Tuesdays. They eat at 8:00 o'clock A.M.

The Hillsborough Tourism Board recently gave Eagle Lodge a \$5,000 grant for their work restoring their lodge building. They have done marvelous work bringing back the former glory of their nearly 200-year-old building.

They are now working in the upstairs lodge room. They've stripped paint from the windows and replastered. Repainting of the walls, ceilings, and trim is being done with paint provided at cost by a lodge member. Refinishing of the heart pine floors is next up. — *Eagle Lodge*

Charlotte

Excelsior 261 recently brought 16 kids from the Masonic Home for Children to Charlotte for a visit. They entertained them with a private tour of Roush-Fenway Racing headquarters.

— *Trestle Board*

Charles M. Setzer 693 has started a new drive to get in touch with inactive members. They are aiming at the guys who still pay their dues, but don't show up at lodge. Alan Mann is spearheading the operation.

Don't want to buy a new wardrobe with Masonic emblem stitched on? Setzer Lodge is letting members bring in clothing they already have. For five dollars, you get an embroidered emblem. — *Trestleboard*

West Gate 738 had their 50th Fish Fry scheduled for March 20. Profits from their spring event go to the Masonic Home for Children. — *News from the West*

Phalanx 31 held their Awards and Past Masters' Dinner December 16. They installed officers the same night. — *Trestleboard*

Steele Creek 737 has set its Fish Fry and Car Show for May 9. They are hoping for 200 entries in the show. Proceeds will benefit Masonic charities.

Back in 2005, Steele Creek Lodge developed a relationship with Bakersville 357. This summer they plan to help Bakersville with a charity fundraiser. They are considering cooking their barbecue in Charlotte and delivering it to Bakersville. — *Trestleboard*

Kannapolis

Allen Graham 695 held its 56th Annual Ladies' Night and Awards Banquet on November 22. There were door prizes for the ladies and entertainment from the Oasis Gspelaires. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership went to Lawrence Edgerton Barden, Lewis Nolan Barts, Roy Mansfield Chatham, Thomas Edison Harrison, James Wade McCurdy, Alonzo Lewis McDaniel Jr., Donald Lee Sechler, and Robert Doyle Weatherman. — *Randy Crainshaw*

Pilot Mountain

The Basket Van sallied forth from Pilot 493 on December 20. They roved from spot to spot brightening the day of those widows and homebound brothers to whom they gave holiday fruit baskets. Along the way, Rick Smith gave his common law copyright local historical tour.

A recent raffle at Pilot Lodge brought in \$500 for the NC Masonic Foundation, \$325 for the Masonic Home for Children, and \$900 for WhiteStone (MESH). — *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Fayetteville

Clifford Duell 756 held a Friends and Rusty Nails Breakfast March 7. They met at a local cafeteria to welcome men who wanted to know more about the Masons and old friends who have not attended lodge in a while. — *Blue Sheet*

Canton

Sonoma 472's Veterans' Appreciation Dinner went over so well last October; they're reprising this coming November. Also coming up is a June Family Cookout and a cookout in May to honor their Eastern Star.

They had a blood drive scheduled for February 6.

Sonoma Lodge holds practices at 7:00 P.M. every Friday evening. — *Valley of the Moon*

Raleigh

If you've passed the Shrine food tent at the North Carolina State Fair any recent October, you know the voice of Al Almaguez. He sits out front and sings the praises of their chow. Last year, the Raleigh *News and Observer* ran a short feature on Al's fame and passion. You just know that Big Al is right when he extols the pleasures of Amran Shrine's "big ole biscuits." Almaguez is a member of William T. Bain 231. — *News and Observer*

Masters 754's bakeless bake sale, that we told you about in our last issue, brought in more than \$1,300 for Masonic charities. — *The Trowel*

In January, William G. Hill 218 (in cooperation with Raleigh 500) raised a new member. The candidate's best friend, a Prince Hall Mason, attended the raising with four of his brothers from Widows Son 4, PHA, in Raleigh. The friend accepted an invitation to raise Hill Lodge's newest member. It is thought to be the first participation of a Prince Hall Mason in our degree work. As yet another sign that barriers continue to fall, the lecture of the degree was delivered by a young black man, a member of Raleigh 500. — *Miles Davis*

Winston-Salem

Jim Pittman's widow has donated his books to Old Town 751 for their library.

The 2008 officer at Old Town Lodge gave outgoing Master Alan Williard a watch to thank him for his year of service.

Tom Cain picked up the breakfast tab for the Old Town team that delivered Christmas baskets to the lodge's widows back on December 20.

April 25 is the scheduled celebration date for the 35th anniversary of Old Town Lodge. They had a pancake supper scheduled for February 27. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Salisbury

Masons in Rowan County are in the planning stage, but taking applications, for their Scholarship Foundation. They hope to award \$3,000 to a college student for the fall.

Fulton 99 recently named Steve Schenk their Mason of the Year and made Bruce Mason the recipient of the Wiley G. Morgan Award. — *Master's Journal*

This year, Tony Hager becomes the third consecutive Hager to lead Andrew Jackson 576. His son Heath was master in 2008, and son Tony Hager Jr. was master in 2007.

Heath Hager was also named the lodge's Mason of the Year for 2008. Lonnie Goodman received the L. C. Lake Memorial Award. Rayvon Curran has gotten his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. — *Master's Journal*

Franklin

Junaluskee 145 sold 2009 pocket calendars five dollars each. Proceeds will be used to buy school items to give away to kids at the Macon County Fair.

During the holidays, Junaluskee Lodge collected items for the Manna Food Bank. — *Trestleboard*

Statesville

Lew Ledford, a member of Statesville 27 and senior grand warden, was named Tar Heel of the Week February 8 by the Raleigh *News and Observer*. He was saluted for his management and negotiating style that has brought innovative growth to our State Parks system. Ledford is director of NC State Parks.

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 member Ted McEntire was recently elected District Court Judge for Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Yancy, and Madison counties. — *The Beacon*



Gate City Lodge members pack goody boxes for troops.

Gate City 694 supports troops

By Arthur Marshall

GREENSBORO — As the holiday season approached last year, Gate City 694 wanted to show their support for US troops Iraq and Afghanistan. They decided to show some material tokens to our men and women making the sacrifices.

The lodge began a drive collecting items from lodge members. Then they expanded their reach to friends and family. They even included residents at WhiteStone (MESH) in their call to.

The drive began in September, and items were boxed and shipped by November 1. This assured delivery by Christmas.

Participation was overwhelming. More than half of the postal charges were contributed by members after lodge meetings and at the Friday morning coffee sessions at WhiteStone. Fifty-six

cartons were shipped to 18 military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan, both men and women, enlisted and officers. The packages included personal items, items to be shared such as food, tea, and coffee, and even coffee filters. All items were from an approved list obtained from <http://www.give2thetroops.org/>.

One large carton contained 25-30 rubber balls to be handed out to the children. Troops use these toys to help instill trust and faith in the local population.

Gate City 694 has already received several letters of gratitude from those receiving the packages. Because this was such a success, Gate City 694 has elected to continue this project with three or four more shipments during 2009. *Arthur Marshall is a member of Gate City 694.*



Greensboro Masons finish wrapping Middle East bound gift boxes.

Greensboro

Gate City 694 was again gathering items for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. They sent a shipment of personal packages at Christmas. Another batch was set to mail in March.

Arthur Marshall was elected a life member on August 26.

Gate City Lodge members attended as a group two local churches late last year, Westminster Presbyterian and Life Community Church.

Their November Brunswick Stew fundraiser brought in \$1,313 for WhiteStone. They also contributed to Greensboro Beautiful and Mobile Meals for Christmas.

At WhiteStone, they helped decorate and bought gifts for 18 residents. — *Trestleboard*

Southport

Pythagoras 249 enjoyed their annual Sweetheart Brunch on Valentine's Day — conveniently a Saturday morning this year. — *James Robinson*

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 was having a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast March 28. It was a five dollar, all-you-can-eat Saturday morning extravaganza. — *The Trestleboard*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 invited interested non-Masons over for dinner in February. Eight men came by, and two have asked for petitions already.

The lodge had a clean-up session scheduled for Saturday, March 7. — *The Jerusalem Journal*

Lewisville

West Bend 434 is moving back into the media world. Mitch Monroe has relaunched *West Bend 434 News*, their newsletter. Christopher Petree is putting them on the Internet with a new web site. — *West Bend 434 News*

Hickory

Hickory 343 participated in the Brookford Community Toy Drive again this past holiday season. They delivered toys to a dozen needy families with children. Ten of the families also got \$20 food cards.

Hickory Lodge now has a remodeled library. They have also completed their smoking room which is nicely outfitted with a pool table.

They had a sweetheart's dinner planned for February 14 and their Annual Pancake Breakfast for May 2. — *Hickory Lodge*

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 held a Scholarship Visitation in January to support the Onslow County Masonic Scholarship. They raised \$850. — *Trestle Board*

Lowell

Fifth Tuesdays are becoming a special celebration night at Lowell 590. They plan to bring their families and invite lodge widows. They are also going to make special efforts to attract long-absent members back to lodge on those evenings. The first event was scheduled for March 31. — *Lowell Lodge*

Garner

Earl Purser knew he had at least six Masons who were active members of Ernest Myatt Presbyterian Church. He thought it would be fun to get them together for breakfast once a quarter. They had so much fun, they've increased their meetings to every other month. They meet at the Toot and Tell in Garner at 7:30 A.M. on the second Saturday of every other month starting in April.

Goldsboro

On January 13, Wayne 112 held its first Blood Drive in years. They turned out 34 donors. It was also the kick off on what is hoped to become a friendly competition with their neighbor lodge, Goldsboro 634. Goldsboro Lodge was to hold their own Blood Drive January 22. They were inspired by talk of the huge blood drive sponsored by Masons in the western part of the state each winter. — *Bob Franks*

Chapel Hill

A recent publication of the Duke Translational Medicine Institute featured University 408 Master John Sampson on the cover. Sampson is a neurosurgeon and faculty member at Duke University Medical Center. He is also a member of Mosaic 762.

Spindale

More than 40 Masons, accompanied by an equal number of family members, attended Danieltown Baptist Church on November 2. They were members of Spindale 673 and other lodges in the 38 Masonic District. Creighton Lovelace, the pastor at Danieltown Baptist was then junior warden at Spindale Lodge. He is now sitting master.

Spindale Lodge held a Christmas Meal and Fellowship on December 6. More than 25 attended. — *Spindale Skimmings*

If your lodge has a newsletter for its members, make sure *The North Carolina Mason* is on your mailing list. Lodge newsletters are a major source of news for Masons around the state. If you don't have one, think about starting one. Newsletters are a good way to keep your members active and informed.

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NCSSAR's colonial costumes attracted cameras.

Grand Master Dan Rice spoke about Johnston's Masonic career and its importance to us all. He then presided over a dedication ceremony for a granite Masonic marker at the grave site, the only Masonic marker at our first grand master's final resting place. The usual ceremonial checking the stone with the plumb, square, and level was performed and the stone was anointed with corn, wine, and oil to assure its long and proper survival.

PGM Tillett gave the keynote.

The small markers were instituted some years ago at the behest of Walter Klein, of Excelsior 261 in Charlotte. Klein was frustrated by the lack of Masonic markings on the graves of several historic figures he was researching. He had the markers devised and installed at a number of grave sites including historical figures Zeb Vance, Alexander Hodge, William R. Davie, and others. The markers bear a square and compasses and the inscription "A Hero Among Masons, Grand Lodge of AF & AM of NC."

Following the ceremony, guests were invited to Unanimity 7 to enjoy refreshments. District Deputy Grand Master Jim Carr took care of most of the organizational aspects of the Masonic portions of the occasion. The Grand Lodge has been involved with several projects with the North Carolina Society Sons of the American Revolution. You can learn more about them at <www.ncssar.com>.



All the necessities of a dedication are at the ready on Johnston's grave.

Grand Master sets district meetings

Grand Master Dan Rice plans to visit more than half our districts this year. His meetings start in late February and will finish in early June. The meetings this year will be mostly in the odd numbered districts. His meetings will be similar to the area meetings of the past few years. Pre-meeting meals are scheduled for 6:15 P.M. with the tyled meeting starting at 7:00 P.M.. District officers and the grand master will be received with usual honors.

You may make your lodge's reservation for the meeting with your district deputy grand master or lodge secretary. Please be considerate of the host lodge. Make your reservations for dinner at least seven days before your scheduled meeting. It is very frustrating to try to plan for a meal when reservations have not been made. Your lodge will be responsible to pay for all meals reserved. Those who have not made reservations should not expect to eat.

Date	District	Lodge	Location
April 13	31	St. Andrews 702	Charlotte
April 14	35	Fairview 339*	Kings Mountain
April 15	34	Lovelady 670	Valdese
April 27	5	American George 17	Murfreesboro
April 28	1	Eureka 317	Elizabeth City
April 29	6	Greenville 284	Greenville
April 30	9	Morning Star 85	Nashville
May 12	3	Belhaven 509	Belhaven
May 13	7	Ionic 583	Cove City
May 14	11	St. Johns 13	Kenansville
May 20	33	Mt. Pleasant 573	Wilkesboro
May 21	29	Waxhaw 562	Waxhaw
June 1	12	Oak Island 758	Oak Island
June 2	18	Lebanon 207	Whiteville
June 3	21	Raeford 306	Raeford

In case of inclement weather, meetings will be cancelled in accordance with local schools cancellations. If a meeting is cancelled, the host lodge and district deputy grand master will be notified. Your lodge may cancel its stated communication to attend your district meeting. Information will also be posted on the Grand Lodge web site: www.grandlodge-nc.org. This schedule was the schedule as of January 27, 2009. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

— Andrew Jackson, 1767-1845, 7th President of the USA

District honors fallen firefighters

SALISBURY — Last fall, September 6, the Masons of the 28th Masonic District held a special event to honor the three Cabarrus (James Earl Arthur) and Rowan County (Justin Monroe and Victor Isler) firefighters who lost their lives earlier in the year. Eureka 283, Allen Graham 695, and Cannon Memorial 626 held a cookout in Kannapolis; Union 618 and Cabarrus 720 covered the Midland area; and Stokes 32 covered the Concord area.

The cookouts brought in \$10,858.49. The full amount was donated to the Shriners Hospital for Children's Burn Center in Cincinnati. The families of the honored firefighters were presented certificates proclaiming the honor and

contribution in the name of their loved ones. Event Chairman Ed Britt of Stokes 32 said, "The mission of this effort is to honor these fallen heroes who protect us, so that we can do all that we do. Getting all the lodges in two counties involved helps to bring the county together. It is good for the community to see the cement of brotherly love and affection being spread. It is good for the families of these fallen firefighters to see their loved ones honored. It is good for all firefighters to know that they too are loved, and most important, raise some funds for Shriners Children's Burn Center."

The Center will offer hope for children who may feel they have none.



The competition at the Pig Jig is spirited.

Pig Jig moves to May and featured position

By Mike Sterling

RALEIGH — The Fourth Annual Carolina Masonic Pig Jig, the state's top barbecue competition between Masonic organizations, has been set for Saturday, May 30, 2009. The location will again be here at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds, next to the new Exposition Center. This year's event is held in cooperation with North Carolina Ag Fest.

This cook-off is a one of a kind for NC Masonic organizations. If you think your barbecue pig, chicken, or sauce are worthy of statewide bragging rights, then this is the place to come and claim your rightful crown. More than 25 teams have competed in the first three years of competition. They served more than 1,500 hungry barbecue fans the best Tar Heel barbecues.

The competition has a couple of aims. It provides an atmosphere in which Masonry can shine and lets the public get a sense of the fun and enjoyment that we get from being Masons and working to raise money for our charities. It also brings in support for those in need. This year, the proceeds from the Carolina Masonic Pig Jig will be donated to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford and

the Central Children's Home in Oxford. The Pig Jig hopes that your lodge, temple, valley, district, or order will take up the challenge to come, enjoy a great weekend of fellowship, and compete for barbecue bragging rights. The entry fee for the contest is \$200 and includes the meats that you will cook at the competition. Individual tickets to the competition are ten dollars, but your Masonic organization will receive a block of 30 tickets for your entry fee. You may can use or resell these tickets to recoup your entry fee.

Set up is between 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Friday, May 29 and will open to the public for the barbecue competition (and eating) from 11:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 30. There are many other attractions that day at Got to Be NC festival including an antique tractor parade, a carnival, and lawn mower racing.

Accept the challenge. Vie for the title. Help the kids. Enjoy great Masonic fellowship. For details visit <www.carolinapigjig.com> and <www.ncagfest.com> or call Event Coordinator Mike Sterling at (919) 272-1353 or <mjsterling@tax-freeinvesting.com>.

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delegates to vote for independence.

In 1780, he was chosen as a North Carolina delegate to the Continental Congress and reelected for another term in 1781.

In 1781, Johnston was elected as the first "President of the United States in Congress assembled" under the Articles of Confederation. The next day, he declined the honor due to health and financial concerns. He was elected the fifth governor (sixth term) of North Carolina in 1788. A year later, he was elected North Carolina's first United States senator and resigned as governor to travel to New York to serve in the US Congress. When his term ended in 1793, he moved his family from Edenton to a farm he named the Hermitage located in Williamston.

On December 11, 1787, Samuel Johnston was elected as North Carolina's first grand master at the age of 57. He was noted at that time as being affiliated with Royal Edwin 5 in Windsor, which had been founded by Joseph Montfort about 1774.

He was then at the height of his popularity and would be elected governor eight days after his installation as grand master. With the official formation of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina on December 12, under a constitution drawn up by Caswell, Silas Arnett of Windsor stood in as Johnston's proxy at his installation that day. Johnston presided for two years. He declined to serve a second term as grand master due to his other duties, and was succeeded by

Richard Caswell, who served as North Carolina's first governor. After Caswell's untimely death in 1789, Samuel Johnston once again became grand master, serving from 1789-1792.

Blandford-Bute Lodge of Warrenton in old Bute (now Warren) County was renamed Johnston-Caswell 10, in honor of the two great Revolutionary leaders and first two grand masters of North Carolina.

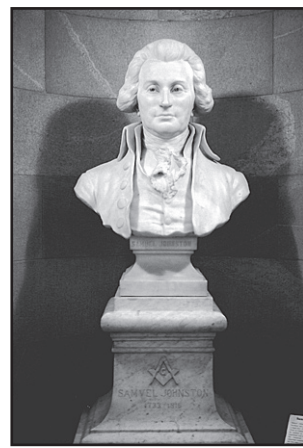
Johnston married Francis Cathcart in 1770, and they had nine children, four of whom survived to adulthood. Francis was a participant in the 1774 Edenton Tea Party — a display of independence fervor by prominent women.

Johnston was the first trustee elected at the founding of the University of North Carolina in 1789. He often visited the University in its early days and was proud to be there when the students took their public examinations at graduation.

Samuel's Johnston's personal collection of over 1,000 books was the largest personal library in North Carolina prior to the Civil War. It is housed in a replica of the octagonally shaped library at Hayes Plantation at the North Carolina Collection Gallery in Wilson Library of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He died on August 17, 1816 and was buried at his home, Hayes Plantation in Edenton in the Johnston Burial Ground. Hayes Plantation was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1973.

Tim Berly is a member of Excelsior 261.



Johnston bust in the NC Capitol

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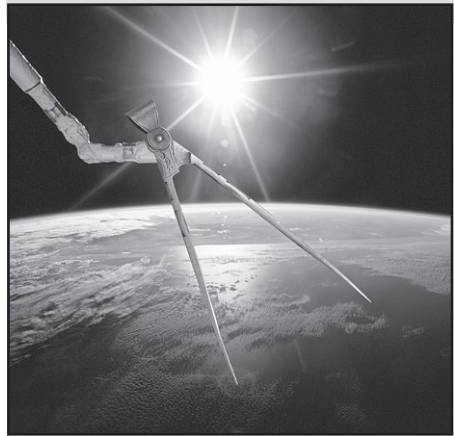
Yes, parents and other adults help in the fundraising, but the selection of the charity is decided by the LMNC Court, and the fundraising activities are spearheaded by the young ladies. They each have their own ideas and techniques, but their goal is the same. Their charity for our Home and the children also is expressed in personal visits with our children and the presentation of gifts for special occasions such as Halloween, Christmas, and Easter. Some of the young ladies use their special talents and/or association with other groups to provide special entertainment for our children.

We who take pride in our support to MHCO can take lessons from these young ladies. They give from their heart and not out of a sense of obligation. They give with cheerfulness to strangers whose names they do not know and whose faces they rarely see because they want to help make a difference. If you get a chance to meet any of these wonderful young ladies and their families, you most certainly will be impressed by their personality and demeanor, let alone their beauty. You can become awe-stricken by

some of their efforts. In recent weeks I have had the opportunity to be in the presence of three of the current queens — Ashlee, Chelsea, and Victoria — as they spoke at several of our Masonic lodges or other charity functions and have been impressed each time by their composure and sincerity. I often think back to St. John's Day of 2006 when then Little Miss North Carolina, nine-year-old Alexis Massengill, presented a check to MHCO for \$15,000 which she had raised through her personal efforts. The names and faces change each year, but the hearts and charitable goals are of one accord.

Do you think kids ought to act the way we think they're supposed to? If it means stifling their charitable and community efforts, if it leads to a child being angry and belligerent or feeling low self-esteem, the answer is a resounding "no." Instead, we adults might want to consider being role models and act the way the children think we should. We can always learn; where better to get new ideas than from "new" minds?

ENCOMPASSING THE WORLD



Masonic conference held in Cuba

A major academic symposium on the history of Freemasonry was held in Havana, Cuba, at the end of last year — the first of its kind to be held in the country, and was officially opened at the University of Havana.

There were welcoming speeches by Osmundo Cabrera, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Cuba, Professor Jose Ferrer Benimeli, founder and director of CEHME (Center for Study of the History of Spanish Freemasonry) based at Zaragoza University, Spain, and the event's principal organizer, Professor Eduardo Torres-Cuevas, director of the National Library and the current holder of the chair for research into Cuban Freemasonry.

For the remainder of the three-day event, there were around 20 presentations on the history of Latin American and Caribbean Freemasonry at the fashionable Hotel Habana Libre Trip.

Freemasonry first struck root in Cuba in 1859. Since then, many of the country's most famous personalities have been Masons, including the nineteenth-century Cuban independence leader, Jose Marti. Following the Castro-led revolution of 1959, Freemasonry went into a sharp decline. However, since 1990 the number of members has grown by almost a third and today there are some 30,000 Freemasons in Cuba spread across more than 340 lodges.

That Freemasonry operates in Cuba at all is remarkable, in that it was the only state formerly within the Soviet sphere of influence where Freemasonry was permitted. Although it is not altogether clear why Cuba should have tolerated the Craft, it is strongly rumoured that the intellectual elites backing the revolution, felt an affinity for Freemasonry due to its historical involvement with many of the liberation movements of Central and South America.

Indeed, a cursory glance at a short list of famous Masons across the southern Americas, figures such as Simon Bolivar, Dom Pedro I of Brazil, Benito Juarez in Mexico, and more recently, the leftist President of Chile, Salvador Allende, would appear to suggest that such a story might in fact hold more than a modicum of truth.

A reader of *Freemasonry Today* added the following information on Cuba and Freemasonry.

The author poses the question as to why Masonry is tolerated in Cuba.

The answer stems from prerevolution time, when Fidel Castro was imprisoned by the Batista regime. In the next cell was a prominent local Freemason, who over the period of mutual incarceration explained to Castro all about the Masonic ethos, brotherly love, relief, and truth etc, along with the charitable tendencies and works of its members.

Castro eventually came to the conclusion that Freemasons had only good in their hearts and represented no threat to his Communist beliefs whatsoever, therefore upon the success of the revolution, he avowed to allow Freemasonry to continue unmolested by his regime.

It is also true that Jose Marti, author of the revolution, a prominent lawyer and hero of the cause was a Mason, and his tomb in the cemetery in Santiago, the old capital of Cuba is in a Masonic part of the cemetery, surrounded by other prominent local Freemasons.

Editor's Note: Just a few years ago, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina became one of the first US grand lodges to reestablish recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba.

From the British journal, Freemasonry Today with a note added by its reader S. E. Mitchell of Sussex Services 5906, Province of Sussex.

Northern GLs enjoy snowbird visitations

We North Carolina Masons think of the heavy travel schedule of our grand masters each year, but it could be worse. Several northern states have so many members who move south to retire and escape the North's winter doldrums that they schedule district meetings to stay in touch with members in other states.

Ohio's Grand Master Charles Murphy will hold three Florida meetings this winter in Sarasota, Ft. Myers, and Tavares. He will present service awards and have representatives of their Masonic Homes with him at the January gatherings.

Minnesota Grand Master Thomas Jackson will be visiting Phoenix, Arizona in February — the ninth year of the event. He will be visiting Harlingen, Texas also to host Minnesota Masons who live in warmer climes. That party has been going on for 28 years. — *Beacon and The Minnesota Mason*

Rail lodge still active

ALBERTA, CANADA — The membership of King George 59 here was, at one time, largely made up of railroad employees. Industry closings have changed the makeup over the years, but each October the lodge celebrates Railroad Night. That's when a group of former railroaders assemble and confer a second degree.

The tradition started more than 25 years ago. The degree team wears engineer's coveralls, and they use a locomotive bell in the place of a gavel. As the rail industry has dwindled over the years, the lodge has relaxed the basic qualifications for their rail team. It is said these days that rail fans or anyone who has recently ridden a train is "likely to be railroaded into joining the team."

— *The Alberta Freemason*

Notes

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA — 2009 will be the 50th year for the Grand Lodge of Alberta presenting scholarships to students for higher education. In 2008, they presented 100 bursaries of \$2,000 each. — *The Alberta Freemason*

CINCINNATI, OHIO — August 16 was the 70th annual Masons' Night with the Cincinnati Reds. Many Masonic dignitaries were introduced on the field before the game. Grand Master Ronald L. Winnett threw out the first pitch. — *The Beacon*

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — This year, the Indiana Grand Lodge awarded 328 college scholarships worth more than \$425,000. Since the inception of their Grand Lodge scholarship, they have given 7.2 million dollars helping nearly 7,900 Indiana students attend college. — *Indiana Mason*

WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT — It is reported that the lengthiest discussions at the October Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut came on the budget for next year. The are said to have spent much time figuring where to cut expenditures. Effective January 1, 2009, their per capita will be \$55. (North Carolina's is \$15.) — *Connecticut Freemasons*

TUMWATER, WASHINGTON — The Grand Lodge of Washington was celebrating their 150th birthday in December 2008. — *Oregon Masonic News*

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO — The Grand Lodge of Ohio directed all its lodges to hold an open house on Saturday, March 21. While the details, agenda, and schedules were left to individual lodges, the single statewide date allowed for a larger publicity effort. — *Beacon*

Ohio holds 200th

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO — During its recent Bicentennial Grand Lodge Session, the Grand Lodge of Ohio hosted several thousand visitors from across the country at an Exhibit of American Masonic Treasures. Among the artifacts in the show were the St. John's Lodge Bible on which George Washington took the oath of office and the gavel Washington used to set the cornerstone of the United States Capitol in a Masonic ceremony. Art objects in the exhibit included paintings by Peter Waddell and a label made by Silversmith Mason Paul Revere. Many Ohio Masonic treasures were also included. — *Beacon*

RI Masons play ball

EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND — Masons in Rhode Island are getting fit and having fun as they form a softball league for lodges. In its early stages, they are shooting for a team in each Masonic district. They hope to add more teams as time goes on, including teams from appendant bodies and Prince Hall lodges there.

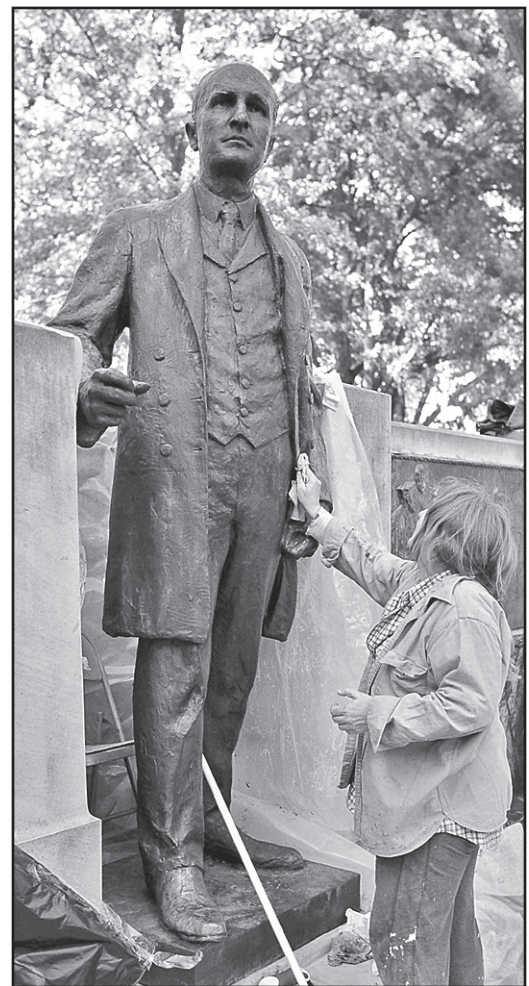
For the first year, DeMolay members and entered apprentices will be allowed to play. A Master Mason-only rule is anticipated for the second year. — *Rhode Island Freemason*

Rookies Down Under

WESTERN AUSTRALIA — If you are interested in the symbolism and details of the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Western Australia Lodge of Research runs a special production which "explains many of the words, perambulations, and complexities" of that ceremony.

The presentation is open to anyone who has received a degree in the past year. "Its object is to give new Masons an opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of the other new members of the Craft, make new friends, and to be aware that they are not alone in taking 'their first steps.'" — *Fraternal Review*

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Aycock wears his newly cleaned finish.

such beautiful statues from simple blocks of stone, he said, "It is very simple. I merely knock away with a hammer and chisel the stone I do not need, and the statue is there... It was there all the time." His description is reminiscent of our Masonic admonition on using the gavel to shape our lives.



Rashes a big part of Harmony

HARMONY — On February 7, Josh Cope made it five generations of the his family to be a Mason. He was raised by Harmony 299. Dottye Rash is the connection. Dottye's great great grandfather was a Mason, as were her father, her husband, her son, and, now, her grandson. Josh's little sister, Sarah, already has her Eastern Star

petition filled out, and she's only 14. Josh's grandfather, J. B. Rash, conferred the first section, and Past Grand Master Tom Gregory conferred the second section. Seen here, from left, are DDGL Keith Rash (uncle), J. B. Rash (grandfather), Dottye (grandmother), David Cope (father), Josh, and Dana Rash Cope (mother). — *Joe Link*



Zion launches a family tradition

TRENTON — A family tradition may start suddenly. Zion 81 had two special initiations at the end of 2008, first on December 29, and again on December 30. They initiated two families.

On December 29, they initiated a father and son along with a friend. They are seen in the

back row here, from left, David Andrews, Brian Higgins, and Franklyn Higgins.

On December 30, they initiated a father, his two sons, and his son-in-law. They are, front from left, William Batchelor, Edgar Mills, Acting Master Johnny Surlis, Keith Mills, and Kevin Mills. — *Bobby Meadows*

Rainbow landmark

HILLSBOROUGH — Crumbling walls continue to fall. On December 22, the Hillsborough Assembly of Rainbow for Girls elected the Rainbow's first black member.

Rainbow for Girls is a Masonically-connected, service oriented youth group for girls ages 11 through 20 years old. Many assemblies also have Pledge Groups for girls six to 11 years.

According to Al Serff, both organizations "stress service and virtue, along with good fellowship (or is it 'girl-ship?'), and fun times."

The Hillsborough Assembly meets at Eagle 19 in Hillsborough.

Correction

In our September/October issue, the presenter of Chuck Taylor's Veteran's Emblem was incorrectly identified. Cherry Point 688 Master James Muse Jr. made the presentation. We are pleased to make the correction.

Harvey, from page 8



Harvey family and friends in front of the Wall of Honor.

Honor in the lodge to perpetuate the memory of those storied people from Kinston's historic lodge. Jerry took his plan to Harvey family members Felix Harvey III and his sister Myrtila Brody, both of whom are known for community service and generosity. Ms. Brody's late husband Sammy was a member of Greenville 284.

Kanter researched the history of the family's involvement in St. John's 4 and shared with the family its importance.

Touched, Ms. Brody had a sophisticated sound system installed in the lodge. Thanks to the wireless microphones at officer stations and remote audio pickups around the lodge, members who have severe hearing impairment can once again attend lodge and hear what is going on.

Felix financed Memorial Endowed Memberships for each of his Mason forefathers

(eight in all). Those memberships work as an endowment that provides income for the lodge in perpetuity.

On November 10, the lodge held a special dinner to unveil the Wall of Honor that carries the Endowment Certificates of all the lodge's endowed members. They hosted several members of the Harvey family for dinner and expressed their appreciation to the Harveys for their years of support.

Felix spoke to the lodge about his affection for the institution. He and his sister unveiled the certificate collection on the wall of the lodge dining hall. Before the dinner, Jerry Kanter conducted the family on a tour of the lodge. It included their viewing of several of their ancestors who are pictured among the past master portraits in the lodge room.

BENEATH THE OAKS



We can learn from our children

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Why can't things be the way they used to be? Why don't kids act the way they're supposed to? Why don't parents control their children like they should?

How many times have we heard these questions, or how many times have we, ourselves, asked these questions? There are so many of us who like to think of "the good 'ole' days" when children didn't dare question the authority or talk back to an adult.

In a perfect world that probably should be the case because it is our responsibility as adults to prepare our children for adulthood. Unfortunately, our world is far from perfect and many "all-knowing" adults do dumb and immature things that hinder rather than help proper child development.

Do we dare ask a child's opinion? If we're not willing to listen to a different point of view, we shouldn't ask. Children usually are not reluctant to tell us what they think, unless we ask them what they think they can do to improve themselves.

I like to try to get youth involved in organizing projects, especially community activities. In an earlier period in my life, I taught leadership skills to high school students and gave them the task of organiz-

ing and coordinating hands-on projects. There will always be some who are hesitant to accept responsibility and leadership roles, but there are many people of all ages who will lead if given the opportunity.

Many of the projects chosen by my students were community service projects. In some cases, it was a matter of organizing a team to help with an existing program; for some it involved raising money and collecting supplies to assist with an existing program.

Our Home is truly blessed by the charity of a group of special young ladies. Little known to most of our Masons and supporters of the Masonic Home for Children is the fact that, for the tenth consecutive year, our Home has been selected as the primary charity effort of the winners of the Little Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant.

Who are these young ladies, and from where do they come? Girls compete in seven different age groups ranging from 15 months to 18 years old in pageants throughout all areas of North Carolina. The area pageant winners participate in a week-long LMNC State Pageant in July.

eight new queens (one from each of seven age groups and the one who accumulated the highest overall score in all categories of competition), but the highlight for the outgoing queens has been the announcement of the fundraising success for their charity and the presentation of the check.

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Let me help Masonry's charities

- The North Carolina Masonic Foundation
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The Masonic Home for Children
Send information about wills and bequests.
Please have someone contact me.

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In memory of (optional) _____

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To assure that your gift is properly credited to the fund of your choice, please make the check payable to that charity.

Mail to The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, PO Box 6506, Raleigh, NC 27628.

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

We used a new method of collecting names of new Masons in our last issue. It resulted in many mistakes in matching new members with their lodge.

- 1..... John Clell Hamm
1..... Howie George McCullough
3..... Michael Shane Turney
3..... Jacob Eugene McConnell
3..... Carlyon Lee Smith
4..... John Paul Lee
7..... Edward Brian Basnight
8..... Paul Alexander Johnson
8..... Dennis Guy Patterson
8..... Travis Sanders Ross
8..... Teddy Zachary Santiago
8..... Ivan Manuel Santiago Vazquez
10..... Christopher Mark Withrow
31..... James Babcock Simons II
32..... Daniel Lee Glenny
45..... Justin Andrew Hale
53..... Jerry Michael Gibbs
53..... Benjamin Griggs Roberts Jr.
58..... William Matthew Joyner
58..... Daniel Mark Cenci
64..... Joseph Wayne McDonald
64..... Robert Paige Perry
64..... William Charles Troetti
76..... Matthew Carl Blake
76..... Christopher Bruce Wingfield
76..... James William Myers
76..... Michael Neal Myers
81..... Franklin Eric Merritt
83..... Michael Lee Wagoner
83..... James Kerr Macfarlane
83..... Joseph Domenick Palmeri
83..... David Alan Burford
83..... David Dale Williams
84..... Anthony Alan Andreola Jr.
84..... James Trent Price
85..... Arthur Paul Hyman Jr.
90..... James Cooke Guard Jr.
98..... James Stephen Carberry
102..... Michael Christopher Kenlan
102..... Christopher Thomas Burger
102..... Blaine Ray Sturdivant
104..... Jason Perry Nixon
104..... Raymond Gary Williams
106..... Todd Wesby Tilley
109..... Franklin Ray Fulcher
109..... Mahlon Patrick Swain
109..... Daniel Kline Barton
109..... Zachary Thomas Davis
109..... Patrick Paul McCarthy
109..... Micah Kenric Shepard
113..... Vayton Neal Daniel
115..... David Nelson Morley
123..... Clifford Eugene Baldowski
123..... Christopher William Dement
123..... Mark Brian Oakley
125..... Bobby Wendell Herring Jr.
129..... Vernon Elliott Cardwell Jr.
129..... Jason Lee Gibson
134..... Darian Phil Correll
137..... Bertram Thurman Horne
138..... Talmadge Russell Lewis
145..... Coleman Lindsey Bell
145..... Ernest William Holt Jr.
146..... Kenneth Edward Henson II
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SENIOR MOMENTS

Current charity report

By Mark Kolada
Administrator
WhiteStone



With spring bringing the annual Masonic district meetings, 28 in total this year, the Masonic term "traveling man" takes on additional meaning for those traveling with the grand master. The district meetings have become one of the highlights of my year as executive director of WhiteStone, as I get to see more of this beautiful state and enjoy good southern hospitality. More important, it's also an opportunity to visit unique lodges and meet so many of my brothers. For those of you who may not get a chance to attend the district meeting in your area, here is a summary of my district meeting report.

WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community is a continuing care retirement community located on 42+ acres in the heart of Greensboro and is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that was established in 1912 to meet the retirement and long term care needs of its fraternal brothers and sisters. WhiteStone is run by a 20-member Board of Directors consisting of 12 Masons and eight Eastern Star members, and by management company Life Care Services based in Des Moines, Iowa.

WhiteStone consists of several housing options and levels of care including independent living with 48 single-story homes and 16 cottages, residential living with approximately 68 studios and one-bedroom apartments, an 88-bed skilled nursing facility, 12-bed dementia unit, as well as a home care department. The community currently has approximately 275 residents. Amenities of the community include on site chapel, indoor pool, local transportation, gated security, on site medical clinic and pharmacy, full activity program, and a dining room that provides three meals a day.

In 2008, I am happy to report that WhiteStone once again fulfilled its charitable mission having provided more than \$1.8 million worth of financial assistance to approximately 70 fraternal residents and collected \$2.1 million in contributions. Contributions from lodges remained steady with a total of \$379,862 in 2008 being donated compared to \$372,498 the previous year. Given the tough economic times, we are truly blessed to have the continued support of the blue lodges. Please continue to give generously as WhiteStone will continue to do as much charity as it receives in donations. The more we receive, the more fraternal brothers and sisters we can assist.

Last year also saw continued improvement in the community's finances. While the final numbers have not been audited yet, WhiteStone is projected to be in the black by approximately \$862,000 and to have increased its cash reserves by approximately

\$1.8 million. For the first time in many years, WhiteStone has put more money in the bank than it withdrew. We expect to continue this positive trend in 2009.

But it's not all about dollars and cents at WhiteStone. The staff, board of directors, and Life Care Services are working hard to also improve the quality of care and services for our residents. Some of the many initiatives put in place in 2008 included: introduced an "always available menu" as well as "carry out" option so that our residents had more dining and food options; implemented an innovative duet bike program that has our activity staff giving bike rides to wheelchair bound residents; installed security cameras to make our campus safer; upgraded the carpet in the care and wellness center to make it more homelike; repainted the historic chapel, and renovated and reopened the historic Latham building.

As a result of some of these quality initiatives, as well as ongoing training of our staff, resident satisfaction has increased over the past two years. Overall resident satisfaction has increased from 67% in 2006 to 88% in 2008. Some of the substantial improvement came in the areas residents deemed most important: satisfaction with food increased from 37% to 85%, activities from 70% to 87%, and residential care from 59% to 95% in 2008. While we are proud of achieving a higher satisfaction rating, it does not mean our job is close to being finished. Over the next several months, the staff at WhiteStone will continue to find ways to do their jobs better and continue to make our resident's lives richer and more satisfying.

Moving forward, plans to renovate and expand WhiteStone continue to progress. The \$30 million expansion plan will add

75 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units as well as a new fitness area, expanded dining room, and new multipurpose room. WhiteStone has already presold 25% of its units and will continue to work hard to get to the 70% presold goal so that permanent financing can take place, and construction can begin late 2009 with a completion date of early 2011. For more information on the project, pictures, and sample floor plans, visit our new website at <www.liveatwhitstone.org>.

Finally, I want to publicly thank our Grand Master Dan Rice who has served as chairman of WhiteStone's Board of Directors over the past two years. There have been many difficult decisions that have been made recently, and his tenure has not been easy, but thanks to the grand master's leadership and dedication, WhiteStone continues to improve and grow. We wish him a successful year as grand master of North Carolina Masons.

On behalf of our 275 residents, 180 staff members, and many more family and friends, we appreciate your continued support of WhiteStone and encourage you stop by to visit us when in Greensboro. As always, if you have any questions or need more information about the community, feel free to call me at (336) 547-2992 or email me at <mkolada@liveatwhitstone.org>.



Little Miss Court chooses Home kids again

NEW BERN — Sixth DDGM David Stapleton invited the queens of the Little Miss Court to visit each lodge in the Sixth Masonic District. For the tenth straight year, the girls, age three to 18, chose the Masonic Home for Children as the group's charity. Their visits netted \$3,000 for the Home, bringing their ten-year total to more than \$85,000.



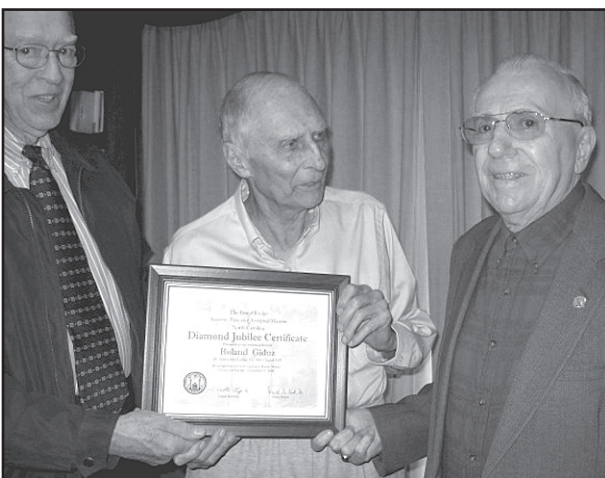
Mack Freeze photo

Doric brings Christmas help

OXFORD — Doric 568, in New Bern, raised \$2,000 to help with Christmas at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. A contingent from the lodge is seen here presenting the check to Grand Master Dan Rice after his installation in November. Seen here, front from left, are Grand Master Rice and Doric Master Dell Wyatt. Behind them are, from left GM Rice's wife Debbie, Doric Lodge members Robert Ipock, Al Bannister, Donald Ipock, Eugene Setzer, Deputy Grand Master Billy Dill, and his wife Margaret.

— Mack Freeze

MILEPOSTS



CHAPEL HILL — Roland Giduz, center, was a Chapel Hill icon. The UNC grad and former city councilman spent a lifetime in journalism here. In November, University 408 presented his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership. Giduz passed away in January. Seen here with Giduz are University Lodge Secretary Will Towne, left, and 408 Past Master James Jennings, right.

— Will Towne



LEXINGTON — Lexington-Memorial 473 held an oyster stew December 18 to honor its service award winners. Of 34 veteran members, ten attended the event. They were, from left, George Clifton, Cliff Lopp, Sam McBride, William Vickers, Boyd Beeker, Vernon Darr, Jack Marble, Adrian Neal, and Sam Ketcham. Billy Hughes was present, but not photographed.

— Doug Sink



LAURINBURG — On September 30, then Grand Master David Cash, right, presented Laurinburg 305's Thomas Williamson, left, his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership.

— Rick Best



MAUI, HAWAII — James A. Johnson 413 member Ben Massemburg, second from right, recently received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership. The award was presented in Hawaii for our Grand Lodge by Lodge Maui and Grand Lodge of Hawaii officers.

— Bill Riggan



LAURINBURG — September 30, 2008, Grand Master David Cash, right, presented Douglas Yongue, left, his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Yongue is a member of North Carolina's legislature and Laurinburg 305.

— Rick Best



FARMINGTON — Farmington 265's Wilburn W. Spillman, right, recently got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Past Grand Master Lester P. Martin, left, made the presentation.

— Andrew C. Brock



FARMINGTON — Luther West, right, of Farmington 265 was recently presented his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years lodge membership. Past Grand Master Lester P. Martin, left, made the presentation.

— Andrew C. Brock



BRONX, NEW YORK — On January 30, Commander Mark Gerfin, US Navy Retired, returned to active duty for a day in order to swear Matthew Gerfin, his son, into the Navy. It was less than a week after he raised Mathew in J.J. Crowder 743 in Raleigh. The newly commissioned ensign is a recent graduate from State University of New York Maritime College in the Bronx. In March, he was to report to his first command, USS Oscar Austin, a guided missile destroyer based in Norfolk, Virginia.

— Stanley Sokolove

Masonic art renewed



Near the northwest corner of the State Capitol, Edwin Adams layers plaster onto Wyatt statue.



Doreen Bledsoe prepares the rubber-coated C. B. Aycock statue to accept its upcoming layers of supporting plaster.

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Samuel Johnston was saluted on his 250th birthday.



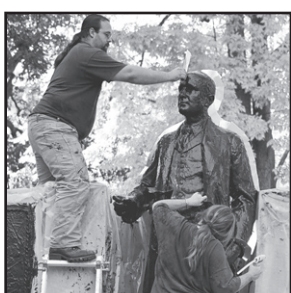
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Gate City Masons send packages to our troops.



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Pig Jig gets a new date in May Ag Fest.



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Borglum statues get cleaning by sculptor's museum.

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — Gutzon Borglum is a crossroad of connections for North Carolina's Masons. And, while he died in 1941, he was recently in the news here reminding us of those connections.

First, you may find the name familiar, yet not be able to quite place it. Borglum, a sculptor, produced what may be the most widely know piece of art in our country — Mount Rushmore.

What Tar Heel connection?

Among his North Carolina connected works there is, of course, the Gettysburg monument to North Carolina's losses on Seminary Hill during Pickett's charge. It is considered, by many critics and most of the public, the most beautiful of the battleground's many memorials.

His works that made recent headlines are the two on the grounds of the North Carolina Capitol here in Raleigh. The oldest, dedicated in 1912, is a bronze of Edgecombe County's Henry Lawson Wyatt, the first confederate soldier to die in the Civil War. The other is an oversize bronze and two plaques memorializing Governor Charles B. Aycock, often referred to as North Carolina's education governor. It was dedicated in 1924. A Mason, Aycock was a member of Wayne 112 in Goldsboro.

The Borglum Historical Center is located in South Dakota, not far from Mount Rushmore. It regularly makes copies of Borglum's work to add to its collection. Late last year, the Center sent experts to Raleigh to clean, preserve, and make copies of the two sculptures on Capitol Square.

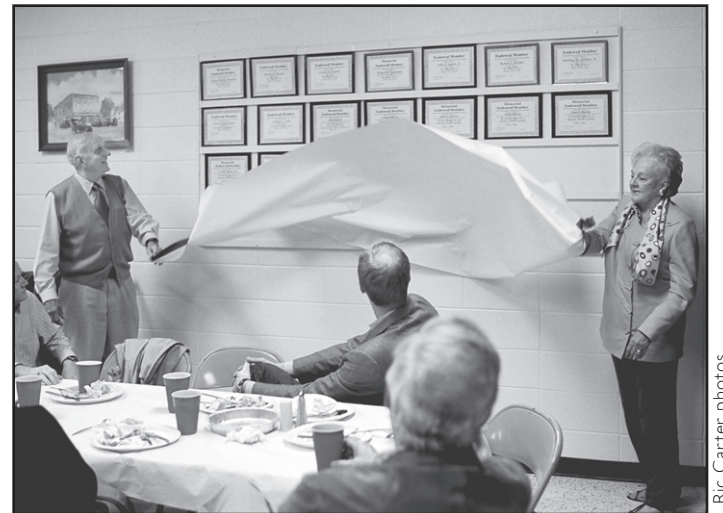
Their process started with a thorough cleaning of the bronzes. They were painted with several layers of rubberized paint, then covered in a heavy plaster cast to hold the rubberized copy in shape. The molds were then removed and a final patina was applied to the statues to bring them back to their original look. Finally, they added a weather resistant coating.

Molds are then sent to a casting studio in Connecticut to make copies. The copies will join the collection at the Borglum Center.

Gutzon Borglum was also a Mason and an active one. He was raised in New York City's Howard 35 in 1904. He was master of the lodge 1910-11. He maintained a studio for a period in North Carolina. He moved his family to Raleigh, where they lived for a time next door to Josephus Daniels.

Borglum's Masonic dedication is apparent in an answer he once gave an interviewer. When asked how he carved

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Felix Harvey and Myrtilla Harvey Brody unveil the Wall of Honor.

St. Johns 4 adds Hall of Honor

By Ric Carter

KINSTON — We often talk about a family being in a lodge for two or three generations. How about a family history dating back to the 1700s?

Felix Harvey is part of a continuous line of Harveys who have been members of St. Johns 4 here since at least 1806. That was the first report of John Harvey in the records of the lodge. But, that in 1773 Provincial General Assembly Speaker John Harvey appointed a committee of correspondence that consisted of himself, Robert Howe, Cornelius Harnett, Samuel Johnston, William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, and Richard Caswell — all prominent patriots and Masons — offers evidence of his involvement with the fraternity much earlier.

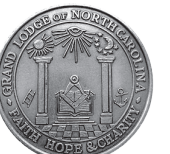
After John came Matt, then Lemuel, Thomas, and Charles; all in the 1800s. The 1900s brought Amos, and Felix, Felix Jr., and Felix III.

Last year, Jerry Kanter started building the idea of a Wall of
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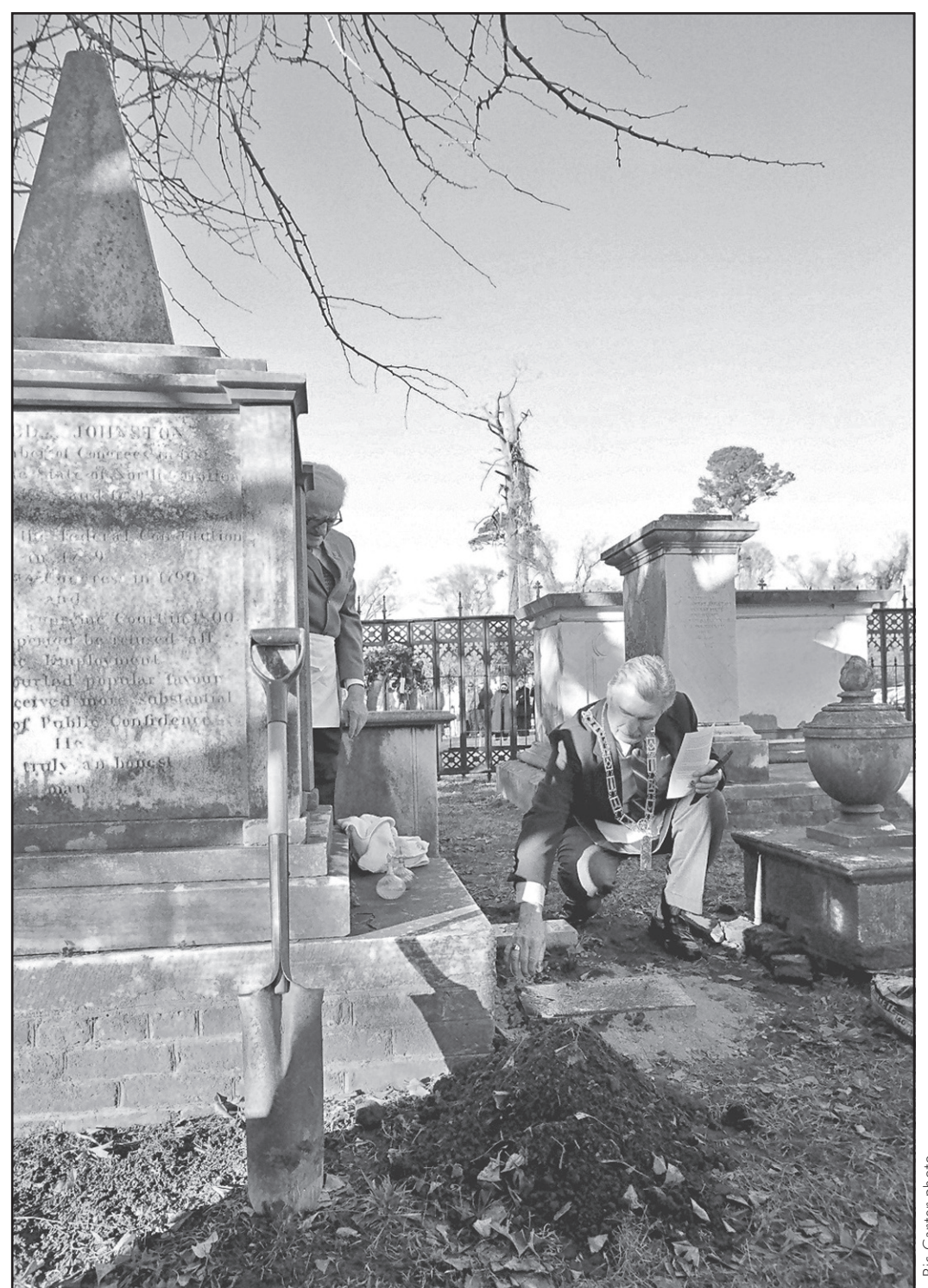
Jerry Kanter, second from right, gives the Harveys a tour of the lodge room and past masters portraits.

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Freemasonry is a wonderful blend of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We take pride in our past and use it as a way to tell future generations what our fraternity has to offer. In December, Mason from across the state assembled in Eden-ton to place a marker on the grave of Samuel Johnston, our first grand master. Johnston, then North Carolina's governor, was elected at the formation of the Grand Lodge in 1787. Coverage of the event begins on page one.

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