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## Masons set cornerstone for Richmond County Courthouse

# A cornerstone for the future

By Ric Carter

ROCKINGHAM — More than one foundation was set when Masons dedicated the cornerstone plaque for the new Richmond County Courthouse here April 24. It was also the first joint ceremony by North Carolina's two grand lodges. The two organizations normalized relations in September 2008.

The about 50 Masons from both grand lodges who gathered at Rockingham 495 late that Friday morning didn't quite know what to expect. What they got was history.

The county seat's lodge was hosting the formalities. For such dedications, the Grand Lodge is opened and closed before moving to the site of the public ceremony. It's much as is done for an open installation in your lodge. But, no joint

communication of the two organizations had ever been held before.

At 11:00 A.M., the lodge officer stations were filled by Masons from several lodges in both jurisdictions. Other than more racially diverse look than usual, the only difference was the presence of three men sitting in the East. There were seated two grand masters — our own Grand Master Dan C. Rice and Prince Hall's Grand Master Milton F. Fitch Jr., and Rockingham Master James Chavis. Since it was a joint ceremony, there were two grand lodges to be opened.

The solution preventing running overly long or finding two locations for the official open-

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Grand Master stand-ins James Alford and James Chavis spread mortar on the cornerstone of the new Richmond County Courthouse, above. At left, Grand Masters Rice and Fitch enjoy their joint appearance and the production of the first cornerstone with two GMs.



Ric Carter photos

## Space exploration's next Hubble named for James Webb

# Tar Heel Mason bound to the stars

By Ric Carter

Even though their mission was to land on the moon, running NASA in the 1960s wasn't rocket science. The agency best known for its rocket science is now saluting a politics- and business-savvy administrator who helped propel them into fulfilling one of the biggest promises ever, landing man on the moon in less than ten years. The Hubble Space Telescope's successor will be known as the James Webb Space Telescope.

In 1907, James E. Webb was born in Stem (some report Tally Ho) in southern Granville County. His dad was superintendent of schools there. (In fact, the school our kids at the Masonic Home for Children attend was named for his father.) James Webb got a degree in education from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. While a student, he took his Masonic degrees in University 408, later transferring his membership home to Oxford 396 (later Oxford 122). He got his three degrees on con-

secutive Mondays in December 1927.

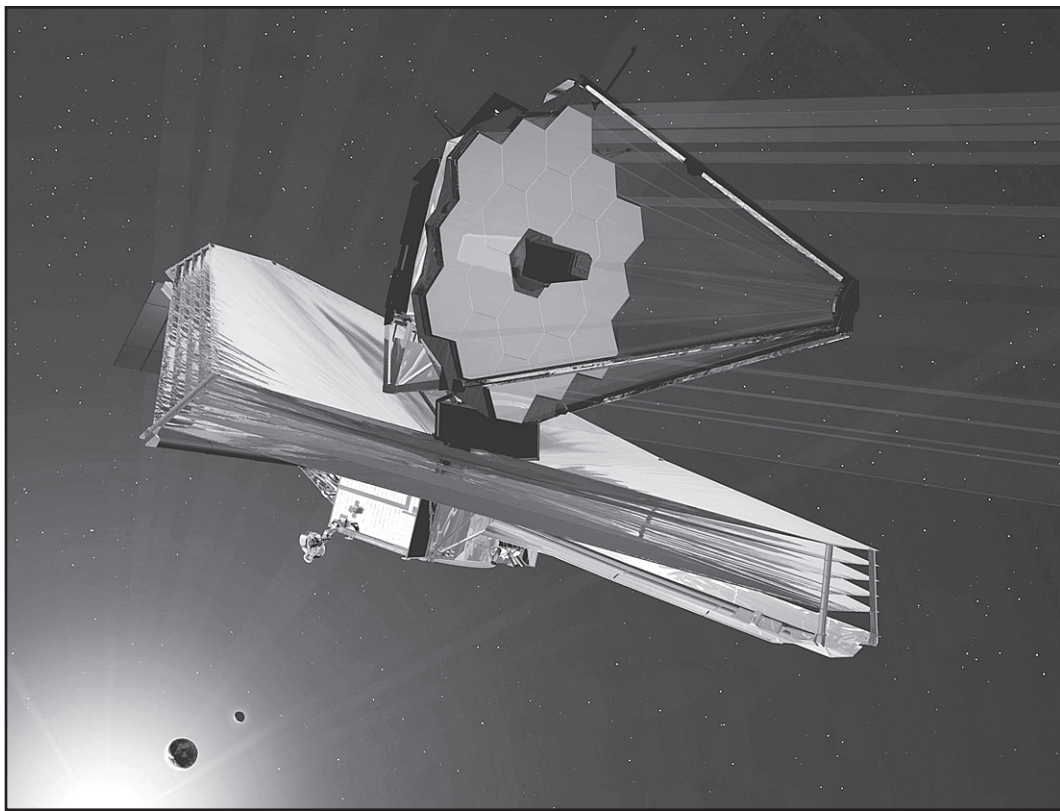
He served in the Marine Corps before studying law at George Washington University. He worked in the District of Columbia for several years before entering World War II as a Marine. After the war, he returned to the nation's capitol to serve the Truman Administration as under secretary of treasury, director of the Bureau of the Budget, and under Secretary of State. After the Truman Administration left town, Webb entered private enterprise, joining Kerr-McGee Oil.

Webb was called back to Washington from private industry in 1961. President John Kennedy and Vice-President Lyndon Johnson drafted him to head the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was to be the man to steer the agency through Kennedy's perhaps rash pledge to land a man on the Moon in less than ten years.



James Webb  
NASA's 2<sup>nd</sup> leader

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The Webb Space Telescope is set for 2013 launch and deep space orbit.

## THE BOTTOM LINE



# Are we all created equal?

By Dan C. Rice  
Grand Master

It has been drilled into me since I was very young that God created us all equal. I have some problems buying into that theory. I know that some very smart

people have made that statement over and over again, but I just do not buy it. Before you think I am a complete heathen and out in left field, let me explain.

I remember playing basketball for the Orphanage. On my best day, I could not make a three-point shot or dunk a basketball. There was even a girl at the orphanage named Sandra Perkins that could regularly beat me one-on-one in basketball. She later played and started for Florida State's women's basketball team, so I guess it was okay that she could beat me. I recently watched the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and watched those guys make three-point shots effortlessly. There is simply no equality in our basketball talents.

In algebra class at the Orphanage, I remember watching people struggle and trying to understand what I thought was extremely clear and easy. At the time, I just figured they were lazy or not trying. I was not smart enough to understand that algebra was just easier for some people. Just when I developed an overly exaggerated opinion of my own math skills, I was picked to study math at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee with 29

other exceptional high school math students from all over the country. That proved to be a sobering experience as I went from being the leader in the math class to, at best, just average.

It has become quite clear to me that, as individuals, we are certainly not made equal. Some people are physically strong, and others are weak. Some people have high IQs, and other people are mentally challenged by daily life.

A couple of years ago my church offered a Spiritual Gifts Class, and a group of about 20 of us took a psychological, personality, and emotional makeup profile test to determine what spiritual gifts God had given each of us. This was really neat as it revealed just how differently God has made us individually. Some of the gifts revealed were the gifts of wisdom, teaching, mercy, empathy, sympathy, giving, healing, and discernment.

As an example, several of our group scored really high in empathy. I scored almost a zero. It is not that I do not care about people and their problems. I simply am not made to listen to people's problems unless I can help find a solution. When someone just wants me to listen patiently to them and not to solve the issue, my ears fold up and go into my head, and my mind drifts away.

It became clear that each of us has a completely different mixture of all the God-given gifts. God had not only made us with totally different physical characteristics such as size and shape, He has also mixed in totally different strengths and weaknesses of personality and emotion and problem solving skills.

We tend to really like working in our areas where we have been

blessed with the strength of a spiritual gift. We are most uncomfortable when we get into areas where God has not blessed us with a particular gift. For instance, some people can stand in front of a crowd and deliver a message without any fear. Other folks would have their knees knocking together if they had to merely stand in front of a crowd.

We tend to judge others by our own strengths and not by our own weaknesses. For instance, when Tiger Woods looks at others and sizes them up, I am sure it is based on their golf skills. Michael Jordan would certainly not use someone's ability to do a physics problem as criteria for their basketball skill level. He would most likely judge them on their ability to play basketball. Albert Einstein or Isaac Newton would not have used basketball or golf skills to determine their worth but would have based their value on scientific knowledge or skills.

I am always impressed when one of our brothers delivers a Masonic lecture. The ability to memorize large amounts of ritualistic work is certainly a gift. I understand that learning the lectures is also very hard work and requires both dedication and time, but it also requires the ability to retain large amounts of information. Does the fact that a Brother can recite all three lectures, charges, and rituals from memory make him a good Mason? Does being wealthy or successful make a man a good Mason?

What about the Brother that struggles to memorize his degree catechisms, but is always willing to help with any lodge fundraiser

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Is any moment trivial?

I spend what seems a trivial Saturday. The mower repair was not finished, so I don't bother with the yard. I piddle on the computer with my weekly photo self-assignment. I make trivial comments on a couple of email lists I follow. I do a little work on *The North Carolina Mason*.

To avoid heating up the house, my wife Kitty asks me to do burgers and chicken on the grill. Beth, my teenaged daughter pushes me to go cell phone shopping. Our contract is expiring and so is her phone. I said, "Okay," but am not looking forward to it.

I have a beer while I grill and continue to dread the trivial shopping. We eat lunch, and after piddling a bit more on the computer, I go upstairs, lay on the bed, and take more of a nap than I intend. It's an unnecessary nap.

Kitty offers to wake me to go cell phoning, but Beth says, "Don't bother," giving me a reprieve.

I wake late, pour down a Diet Dr Pepper for a kick of caffeine, and offer to phone shop. Beth gets herself together, and I grab a camera bag. Off we go to the cell phone store.

We drive an uneventful 20 minutes to Smithfield. We arrive to a locked door — they close earlier than we thought. Just another trivial waste of time. As long as we are out, we head to Selma and take a look around — we cruise by the Amtrak station and through the little downtown. There's nothing happening, no photos seen — what a waste of time.

Loop finished, we head back out toward home. Just before our turn, I notice that the trees on the edge of a cemetery pond work well with that new wide angle lens I just got. We swerve into the cemetery for my shot. Beth is curious about a bunker-like structure, and heads off to investigate.

After taking my picture, I grab the car, join Beth to see this odd, modern barrow. We hop back in the car and take the long, circular drive out. I never knew that old burial ground was behind the newer cemetery. We go to look.

I notice a running car parked behind a line of trees at the back of the cemetery and assume lovers necking in a semiprivate spot. We walk around the old burial ground and talk about what we see. I take a trivial snap or two. Beth asks about the car, we laugh about my guess.

We head back to our car. I take a better (snoopyish?) look at the parked car. Something bright green peeks through under and behind

the car. Odd.

As I put cameras in the backseat, Beth asks about the car again. Our curiosity is tweaked for some trivial reason. I stop to take a better look. Yea, green like a garden hose. I move closer as Beth sits in the car texting away on the dying cell phone.

The green seems to take on a coil shape and one part seems to go up and toward the back end of the car.

I go a little closer. Yep, that's what it is — I'm almost sure.

I go back to the car, take Be's phone, dial 911, and tell them what I think I see.

In less than five minutes, an ambulance rolls in, sees us waving, and goes to the car. They snatch a hose lose, jimmy the locked door of the car, and pull a young, semiconscious woman from the vehicle filled with belongings and exhaust gas.

We interrupted a suicide attempt. Shortly, we hear coughing and crying.

I counted backward through every trivial, meaningless moment of the day. No mower, too long nap, closed store, a random turn choice based on idle curiosity, a glimpse of trees reflected in a pond... Only those exact accidents and non-events would have added up to being where we were, when we were. We never aimed to be there — trivial things just added up that way.

Each moment is trivial. Each moment is momentous.

It's a matter of what we choose to do with those moments. Sometimes, it's a matter of what they choose to do with us.

Nothing matters. Everything and every tiny detail matters.



Grand Master Rice congratulates Bradshaw in his 60 years as a Mason.

## Sitting Master gets 60-year award

HAMLET — It's an unusual coincidence for a sitting master to earn a service award during his term in office. It goes into the realm of unbelievable when the service award is the Diamond Jubilee Award— that one is given for 60 years lodge membership.

Recognizing the rarity of the occasion, Grand Master Dan Rice himself attended Hamlet 532's March 12 meeting to present personally Hamlet Lodge Master Earl Bradshaw his Diamond Jubilee pin and certificate.

Bradshaw, at 93 years old, is thought to be the oldest master in North Carolina, and one of our

oldest ever. It's his second trip to the chair. Raised in Hamlet Lodge in 1949, Bradshaw served a year as tyler before being appointed to the officer line of the lodge. He was master in 1962 at age 47. He went on the serve as lodge chaplain for 25 years before entering the officer line again.

Hitting 94 August 8, he is serving his second term at twice his age during his first term.

An estimated 100 Masons from around the state attended the event. And, lest you giggle, no, Earl's no "old man in dotage." He's enjoying a capable and energetic year in the east.

— William P. Horne Jr.



Ric Carter photo

## Sundays by the sea

WANCHESE — Raymond Wescott works on a tug boat. Where does a waterman go to relax? His other boat, of course. Raymond is here to repair the radio on his small trawler near the State Seafood Industrial Park. It's a bit of a hobby and a bit of a second job. Wescott has the names of two lodges on the flap of his leather apron. As he was going through his degrees in 1961, Wanchese 521 and Manteo 682 were consolidating into a single lodge. As most Masons, Wescott feels he should be more active in his lodge..

### NC Mason Deadlines

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## Masonic research loses an old friend

FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA — Ralph Herbold, longtime face of the Southern California Research Lodge, passed away earlier this year. He was 93. Herbold joined the SCRL in 1959 and was its master in 1963. Ralph's letters to the members became the publication of the education oriented lodge. You can learn more about his admirable legacy and Masonry at <<http://www.calodges.org/scrl/>>. — Fraternal Review

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or is willing to show up and help with every work project at the lodge? How about the Brother that cannot make it to the lodge regularly, but really supports the Masonic charities with financial gifts each year? And then, there is the Brother who does not know any of the ritual, who, because of his age, cannot work at the fundraisers or the work projects and who cannot give large amounts to the charities, but who lives his life, year after year, as a good and decent man. This man lives Masonry in all areas of his life and gives as he can to the charities and is proud of his Masonry.

Are all of these Masons equal? I guess it depends on who is judging and what criteria they are using. There are certainly people that would argue on behalf of each of them.

After carefully pondering whether all of us are created equal, I have simply concluded that, given my very limited skill set, God given gifts, and personal experiences, I am not even remotely qualified to seriously consider the question. We are all put together so differently that there is no way to compare people by the way they are created by God.

On the other hand, there are certainly methods to compare people by the way they live their lives after being created. Some people choose to be mean and selfish while others tend to be nice and charitable. Some people tend to be industrious, while others are lazy. We do get to choose how we live our lives. Some choose well, while others make poor choices. Our Masonic teaching says that we are to judge a man based on his internal and not external qualifications. A person cannot control what gifts he is given when created, nor how tall he is, nor the color of his eyes or skin, but he can decide whether to be a good man or a bad man. As Masons, it is important that we choose men who are good on the

inside regardless of their external appearance.

The lesson to be learned here is that everyone has different God-given gifts. It is extremely important that any organization, and especially a Masonic lodge, have a diversity of men with a complete variety of God-given gifts. A lodge will always function better with a wide range of thoughts, skills, and abilities. Harmony is not having everybody thinking exactly alike. Harmony is when everyone agrees to work together for the common good.

I want to emphasize that all of us have been given many spiritual gifts by God. We did not get to pick our individual gifts any more than we got to determine our own skin color. No one gift is greater than another. That being said, we do determine whether we utilize our God-given talents for others. An unused gift from God is like a beautiful apple being allowed to rot. On every good team, regardless of the sport, people have different assignments and different skills. A really good coach will analyze his pool of talent and available positions and match them up properly. My challenge to masters and lodge officers is to get all the Brothers in the game. Every lodge has an abundance of talented brothers waiting to be asked to help. May we always meet on the level and judge others only by their internal qualifications — if we have to judge at all. Let charity and love prevail in our lives.

The Apostle Paul said in I Corinthians 13:1-3, "If I could speak in any language in heaven or earth but didn't love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophesy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future, and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without

love I would be no good to anybody. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever."

## You're invited

### St. John's Day

June 27

OXFORD — The annual celebration at the Masonic Home for Children begins with a meeting of Orphans Lodge at 8:30 A.M. There's a service in the chapel at 10:00. Tours and other attractions run from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Details are at <[www.mhc-oxford.org/StJohns.html](http://www.mhc-oxford.org/StJohns.html)>.

### Summer Assembly

July 12-14

MAGGIE VALLEY — The 187<sup>th</sup> Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons is set for July 12-14. It's a cool spot during the heat of summer and has lots of events for the whole family.

You can get details from York Rite at PO Box 17212, Raleigh, NC 27619 or <[www.yorkrite.com/nc](http://www.yorkrite.com/nc)>.

### Mocksville Masonic Picnic

August 6

MOCKSVILLE — The 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Mocksville Picnic is set for August 6. Billed as the "oldest and greatest picnic on Earth," it will be held at the Clement Grove Masonic Picnic Grounds here. Speaker is at 11:00 o'clock A.M., and lunch is served at noon.

Visit <<http://masonicpicnic.com/>> for details.

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# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

### Greensboro

Gate City 694 member Gene Godsoe's son, Eugene, is a junior at Stanford University. He was recently named national collegiate swimmer of the week and is ranked number one nationally in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke.

Gate City has recently been taking collections for Horsepower — a group that helps special needs kids. They focus on therapy through horses, of course. — *Trestleboard*

In March, Dillard Moss did a Masonic education program for P. P. Turner 746. He gave the lodge an update on his experience at Wilkerson College. The leadership training program recently graduated its 2009 class. — *P. P. Turner Lodge*

### Raleigh

William G. Hill 213, Raleigh 500, and Widow's Son 4 (PHA) were cosponsoring a blood drive May 9. — *Mahlon Tucker*

It's spring cleaning time at Millbrook 97. They are planning a fresh coat of paint on the front columns and window frames. They are also fixing some gutter problems and policing the wooded area behind the lodge. Time to get that winter debris rounded up and tossed. — *Millbrook Messenger*

Raleigh 500 Master Russ Swindell has been named chief of staff for Congressman Bob Etheridge. Etheridge, US representative from the Second District, is a member of Lillington 302.

Wally Robertson got a pleasant surprise handing out holiday poinsettias to Raleigh 500's widows. The second delivery he made was to a lady from his home town. Not too odd, unless like Wally, you're from Glasgow, Scotland. They enjoyed talking about home. — *On the Level*

James B. Green 735 held its chicken barbecue April 24. Plates were seven dollars, dine-in or take-out. — *Dustin Tarditi*

### Winston-Salem

The Transou/Pranke team known as Big-Boy BBQ was moving barbecue at the Masonic Temple here on April 3. The seven-dollar plates were eat-in or take-out, with delivery on ten or more. Money was headed for Masonic charity. Winston 167, Salem 289, Piedmont Pioneer 685, and Forsyth 707 sponsored. — *Joey Transou*

Old Town 751's February 27 pancake supper brought in \$1,200 for charity.

Old Town Lodge planned to celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary on April 25. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

### Kenly

There's a new kitchen and renovated dining hall in Kenly 257's future. They are also relocating their past masters portraits.

They are planning their usual heavy involvement with the town's Cruising Kenly event. — *Grover Dees*

### Pineville

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic District was holding its Annual Picnic at James K. Polk 759 on May 2. Bands County Grass and Pinetucket were to entertain with their bluegrass music. Scheduled for the kids were games and prizes. Grownups were getting a golf contest. The highlight was to be the Lodge versus Lodge Tug of War showdown. The menu (And, what would a picnic be without a menu?) included hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cake, and ice cream. — *Jack Thrower*

### Charlotte

Steele Creek 737 was expecting 200 automobile entries in its May 10 Fish Fry and Car Show. The event was a fundraiser for the Masonic charities.

Steele Creek Lodge was having a special family night at the lodge on March 9. The supper was for friends also. They were collecting contributions to help with an upcoming joint fundraiser with Bakersville 357. — *Trestleboard*

### Fayetteville

Masons Richard Ripley and Andy Drenkhahn carried the message of our armed forces veterans to the Cape Fear Kiwanis meeting on Veteran's Day. — *Fayetteville Observer*

Clifford Duell 756 had a good turnout for their musical Entered Apprentice Degree on March 30. Harry Arter, Rob Rowe, and John Creech played guitars. Vaughn Steele and Jimmy Mack Beffert sang.

Twenty people attended Clifford Duell Lodge's Rusty Nail and Friends Breakfast on March 7.

Clifford Duell Lodge member Vaughn Steele has become active in the Senior Olympics. He's already won seven medals. He got four in running events as well as in shot put, football throw, and softball throw. — *Blue Sheet*

### Hickory

At Hickory 343's Valentine Dinner, couples competed in a "newlywed game." The newest couple was the Zammerellis who had been married for only three weeks and the most experienced was the Hermans who have been hitched for 59 years.

Hickory Lodge's Plez Teague memorial Pancake Breakfast was set for May 2. It was a fundraiser for the three Masonic charities. Work shifts were laid out in one-and-a-half hour shifts. They even had radio promotion. An early count had them over \$2,000 raised for the Homes and Foundation. — *Hickory Lodge*

### Paw Creek

West Gate 738 held their twice-a-year Chicken Fry on March 20. They had about 20 pieces of chicken left over after cooking more than a ton of yardbird. The Home for Children will benefit to the tune of about \$5,000. — *News From the West*

### Franklin

At their April 21 Family Night, Junaluskee 145 had a speaker from the Angel Hospital Foundation who told them about upcoming changes at the hospital and about the new digital mammography machine there.

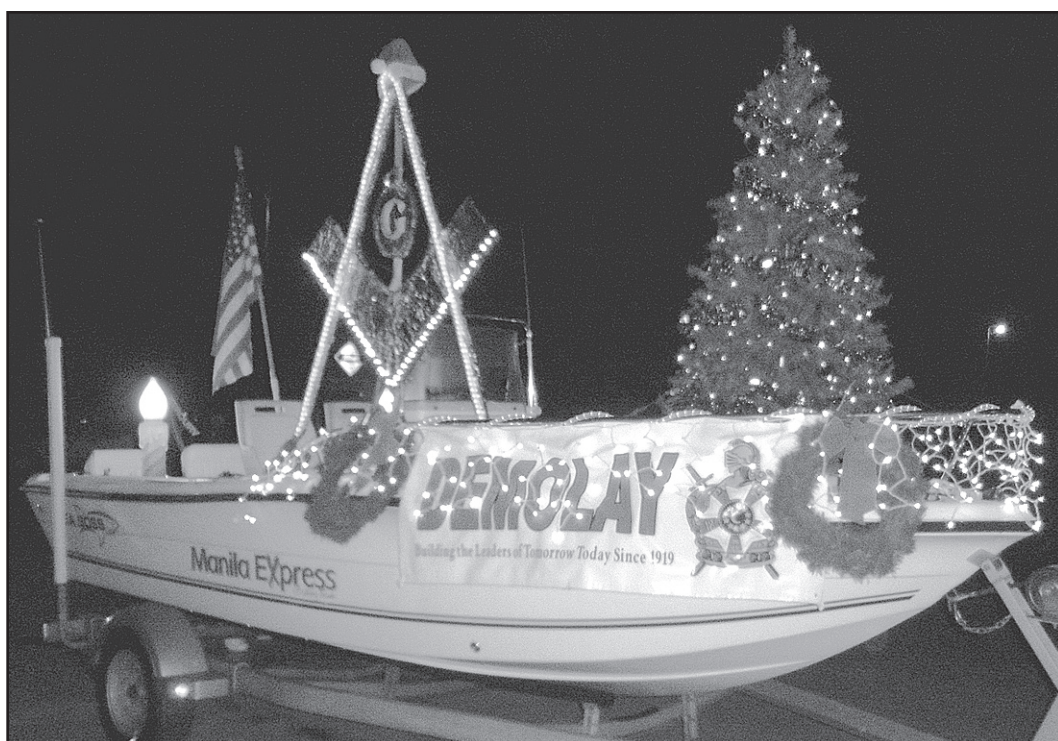
One lodge member has donated caps with a square and compasses and the name of the lodge. They are selling the caps for ten dollars each and feeding the money into the building fund.

Paul Shuler gave Junaluskee Lodge a storage building and set it up himself.

They are repairing damage caused by a leak in kitchen pipes. Much of the lodge was flooded in the accident. — *Trestleboard*

### Statesville

On March 2, Statesville 27 staged Extreme Masonic Challenge in which teams competed to answer questions about Masonic history, lore, and facts. It's an educational for the spectators as the participants. — *The Joppa Informer*



## Kids and Masons enjoy joint project

JACKSONVILLE — Jacksonville Order of DeMolay and Seaside 429 in Swansboro worked together to enter a float in the Jacksonville Christmas parade. Douglas Johndrow decorated his boat with the help of Tom Browne and DeMolay Chairman Advisor Shawn Jordan in a Masonic Christmas theme. They then joined the Swansboro Flotilla. They found all the hard work and braving of the cold very rewarding and a heck of a lot of fun. The public reaction was enthusiastic. — *Douglas T. Johndrow*

### Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 Secretary Bert Meijboom is a detail man. He has tracked their lodge attendance since 1995. In 1995 they averaged 14.8 members per meeting. It hit a low of 10.8 in 1996 and settled into a pretty steady rate of just over 14 through 2001. Then things grew steadily, falling off only in 2004. In the last two years, they have been averaging more than 21 Masons per meeting. Bert asserts that the increase coincides with the lodge's change from refreshments after their meetings, to meals before meetings.

As many lodges, Pilot Lodge has discontinued its telephone line at the lodge. They are saving more than \$700 a year. — *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

### Mount Olive

Mount Olive 208 had their Ladies' and Awards Night set for April 28. They were holding it at the Southern Belle Restaurant. Thomas David Hollowell was to get his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership. Selby Theodore Beaman and Alger Everton Outlaw were getting their Veterans Emblems for 50 years as Masons.

Mount Olive Lodge enjoys a Family Night Covered Dish Dinner every fifth Tuesday night.

They're replacing the tile at the lodge. That includes the kitchen, bathrooms, and lodge room. — *Trestle Board*

### Goldsboro

Masons in the Tenth Masonic District recently gave \$275 scholarships to six students in Wayne and Lenoir counties. Wayne County awardees were Stephanie Nicole Stroud, Charlotte Faye Holt, and Alden Pridgen. Lenoir County scholars were Elizabeth Grady, Rhiley Kennedy, and William Whaley. All have a family member who is a Mason.

The Tenth Masonic District lodges are St. John's 4, Wayne 112, Mount Olive 208, Pleasant Hill 304, Harmony 340, Home 613, Goldsboro 634, and Richard Caswell 705. — *Thigie Thigpen*

### Wake Forest

There was a great turnout when Wake Forest 282 held its first blood drive in more than 50 years. There was not an empty seat for the four hours of the event January 24. By the end, they had 27 units and had hosted 21 first time donors. Byron Hamilton organized the drive.

On February 10, Wake Forest Lodge members Robert Lee Barham and Lameul D. Perry received their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership. — *Jim Talaska*

### Selma

Samantha Casey and the Blue Grass Jam won the 2007 Oreo Jingle Contest. They also entertained at Selma 320's Past Master's and Ladies' Night in Selma. — *Grover Dees*

### Windsor

Charity 5 has changed their meeting night to fourth Thursdays. They previously met on the same nights as several other lodges in the Fifth Masonic District. The change came because they wanted to give their neighbors the opportunity to visit more easily.

Charity Lodge is hoping to hold a work Saturday soon. — *Mike Cashion*

### Stantonsburg

Joseph Warren 92's Charles Dawson recently got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Deputy Grand Master William L. Dill presented the award. — *Grover Dees*

### Salisbury

Andrew Jackson 576 is helping out at Eller Cottage at the Masonic Home for Children. They are going up in June to do some landscaping and have a cookout. — *Master's Journal*

### Wilmington

Orient 395 recently elected Bill Moore of Wilmington 319 an honorary member. — *Orient Express*

### Canton

On March 5, Sonoma Lodge presented Veterans Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership to Cohen Matthews and Troy Hargrove.

Sonoma 472 is looking into getting a new sign. — *Valley of the Moon*

### Bailey

In February, Randy Glover presented Bailey 411 a Masonic clock in memory of his father, Gerald D. Glover. — *Newsletter*

### Lewisville

West Bend 434 was planning to raise a third generation member of the Rothrock family on March 24. They were expecting the candidate's father, uncle, and grandfather to participate in the degree. They were also expecting some music from his friends. Rothrock is a member of the Moravian Easter Band in Old Salem. — *Mitch Moore*

### Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 planned a lodge cleanup day for April 4. Their annual picnic is set for June 13 in Gibsonville Park. — *Trestle Board*

### West Jefferson

Ashe 594 was having a Hoe Down March 25. They were holding the fundraiser in association with the Mountain Music Jamboree in Glendale Springs. The ten-dollar admission covered a pinto bean supper and entertainment by the Amantha Mill Band. — *Richard Edmondson*

### Robbinsville

The 41<sup>st</sup> Masonic District is considering a bus trip to Oxford to visit the Home for Children. DDGM Jim Hyde was organizing the July 11 trip. Deadline for signing on is June 27. — *Jim Hyde*

### South Mills

Ben Stallings has challenged his lodge. He told the guys in New Lebanon 314 that if they would get 50 members to a district meeting or a stated communication, he would treat them to a fish fry. If they do both, he'll let them invite wives. — *The Plumb Line*

### Arcadia

Enterprise 752 had a Poor Man's supper set for March 28. They were holding a silent auction at the same time. — *Derek Clodfelter*

### King

King 722 has been displaced by road construction along Highway 52. While their building is intact, their access road has been destroyed. The last event in their old home, a bean supper fundraiser for Masonic charities, was held April 25.

The lodge will be meeting at Pilot 493 until a settlement is reached with the Department of Transportation. — *Larry Bridges*

### Wallace

In April, Charles Dewitt McGowan, of Wallace 595, received his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. — *Bulletin of Wallace Lodge*

### Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 is known for its variety of Masonic education programs. In February, Brock Duncan gave the lodge a history of the Eastern Star. In March, Steve Pitman taught them about famous patriot Mason Benjamin Franklin. The April program from Alvin Carpenter was about the Biblical references in Freemasonry and their history. — *The Beacon*

### Zebulon

The 16<sup>th</sup> Masonic District is having a minor league baseball night with the Carolina Mud Cats on July 18.

Their \$25 adult tickets (\$15 kids 7-13) include an all you can eat Pepsi, hamburger, and hot dog buffet.

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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.

**CORNERSTONE, from page 1**

ings and closings was to open and close both grand lodges together. Grand Master Rice did the opening honors, running our usual Grand Lodge opening and declaring both open. Grand Master Fitch did the closing and declared both grand lodges closed in ample form.

After closing, the Masons adjourned to the new courthouse site on Franklin Street, just a few blocks from the lodge. There, they joined a sizable crowd. Many were already on hand, but others were attracted by the stream of men in suits and aprons headed toward the site.

Most of the parts of the grand lodge officers were occupied and played by members of local lodges. Both grand masters had agreed that it was important that men from that community be the ones who became part of their community's history, forever to be able to point at the county courthouse and tell family and friends that they were a central character in its building. As a result, Grand Masters Cash and Fitch stood and watched with pride as Richmond County Masons played their parts in the cornerstone ceremony.

Active participants included Rockingham 495 Master Jim Chavis as Grand Lodge of North Carolina grand master, 29<sup>th</sup> PHA District Deputy Grand Master James Alford as Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina grand master, Douglas Smith (495) as deputy grand master, Jerry Ingram (188 PHA) as senior grand warden, Richard Rankin (7 PHA) as junior grand warden, Past Deputy Grand Master William L. Mills as grand marshal, Grand Lecturer Don Kehler as grand chaplain, and 21<sup>st</sup> DDGM Ken Lewis as architect.

The cornerstone, the first bearing the names of two grand masters, was tested and found to be plumb, square, and level. The elements of corn, wine, and oil were presented and applied. The cor-

nerstone was proclaimed by the grand masters to be laid according to the ancient customs. The actual ceremony utilized was an adapted combination of the rituals used by the two jurisdictions.

Others who played a part in the ceremonies were John Foster (495), Tommy Morrell (PHA), Tom Ingle (495), George Morris (85 PHA), Edward Walker (105 PHA), James Chambers (331 PHA), and Tom Ingle (495). Past Grand Master B. T. Phillips made the early plans for the event with local officials, but reported that he was unable to attend due to health problems. Those in attendance reported that the meeting was one of the most exciting of their Masonic careers.

The last time our Grand Lodge dedicated the cornerstone of a courthouse was in October 1997. Then Grand Master Gerry Smith invited the Prince Hall Grand Lodge to attend our ceremony at the Gaston County Courthouse. A large Prince Hall delegation was on hand for the event, but they could not participate directly because our organizations had not yet recognized each other.



**Foundation stones**

Until the development of steel-frame construction in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, most buildings were erected by stacking stone on stone. Each part of the building was marked by ceremonies. The foundation stone was the first stone placed underground at the beginning of the building's foundation. The cornerstone was the first stone placed above ground level — it is a large stone, marking the northeast corner of the building.

The ceremonies of placing those stones were under the direction of the stonemasons who built the building, although the highest officials of the church and state usually participated, including the king or his representative. These ceremonies were occasions for public celebrations and fairs, each marking the progress of the construction.

Cornerstones have played an important role in the history of the United States as well as Europe. George Washington laid the cornerstone of the nation's Capitol building, both in his role as president of the United States and as a Freemason. Before that, Benjamin Franklin, while grand master of Pennsylvania, established the tradition beginning with the cornerstone laying of the state house in Philadelphia.

This explanation was given in the Ohio Statehouse Cornerstone Re-enactment Ceremony June 21, 2008, Columbus, Ohio and reprinted here by way of *Fraternal Review*.



**Indiana Masons make a family call to Stony Point Lodge**

*By Fred Barkley*

STONY POINT — On March 10, Gary Lawson and Joseph Dabkowski of Acme 83, Michigan City, Indiana presented a special program to the members of Stony Point 593. They were there because of Stony Point member Michael Breneman.

In 2007, Acme Lodge had an entered apprentice, Ronald L. Breneman (Michael's brother), who was admitted to Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Michigan with terminal cancer and could not attend lodge to receive his scheduled Fellow Craft degree. Gary Lawson asked his grand lodge for assistance in conferring the second and third degrees for this distressed brother. Their grand lodge authorized Bartimaeus Lodge UD to confer the degrees, and on March 30, 2007, Breneman received his Master Mason Degree. Indiana Grand Master James M. Barkdull attended the raising. Ronald Breneman died a short time after the degrees.

Gary Lawson told Stony Point Lodge the story, complete with pictures and details of how the mission was accomplished. He told them about Bartimaeus Lodge and its mission — to confer the degrees to candidates with physical impairments.

Lawson presented Brother Ronald Breneman's Bible to his brother Michael. Michael Breneman presented a plaque to Lawson expressing his appreciation on behalf of his brother, who had wanted to die a Master Mason. Joseph Dabkowski presented a Michigan City, Indiana flag to Stony Point Lodge. Brothers Lawson and Dabkowski were saluted with an ovation by the members of the lodge.

At top left, Michael Breneman, left, thanks Gary Lawson for his work on behalf of his brother. At left, Stony Point Lodge is given a Michigan City flag.

**WEBB, from page 1**

Webb insisted, "I was not really the best person" for the job. Kennedy did not agree. He saw Webb's sharp political and managerial skills as just what the agency needed. Webb insisted on a balanced approach to NASA, it must be more than just land a man on the moon. The space program, he insisted, must strike a balance between human space flight and science. It must serve as a catalyst for strengthening the country's universities and aerospace industry. "It's going to be a balanced program that does the job for the country," was Webb's demand.

According to a NASA biography, "James Webb politicked, coaxed, cajoled, and maneuvered for NASA... [As] a master at bureaucratic politics... [he] built a seamless web of political liaisons that brought continued support for and resources to accomplish the Apollo Moon landing on schedule."

During his tenure, NASA developed robotic spacecraft to explore the Moon and prepare us for landing. They sent probes to Mars and Venus. By the time Webb retired months before the Apollo landing, NASA had mounted more than 75 space missions.

Sean O'Keefe, former administrator of NASA said, "It's fitting that Hubble's successor be named in honor of James Webb. Thanks to his efforts, we got our first glimpses at the dramatic landscape of outer space. He took our nation on its first voyages of exploration, turning our imagination onto reality." Webb died in 1992.

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is scheduled to launch in 2013. The large, infrared-optimized space telescope is to peer through the dusty portions of space to reveal the first galaxies formed in the Big Bang. According to a NASA release, "It will study every phase in the history of our universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the Big

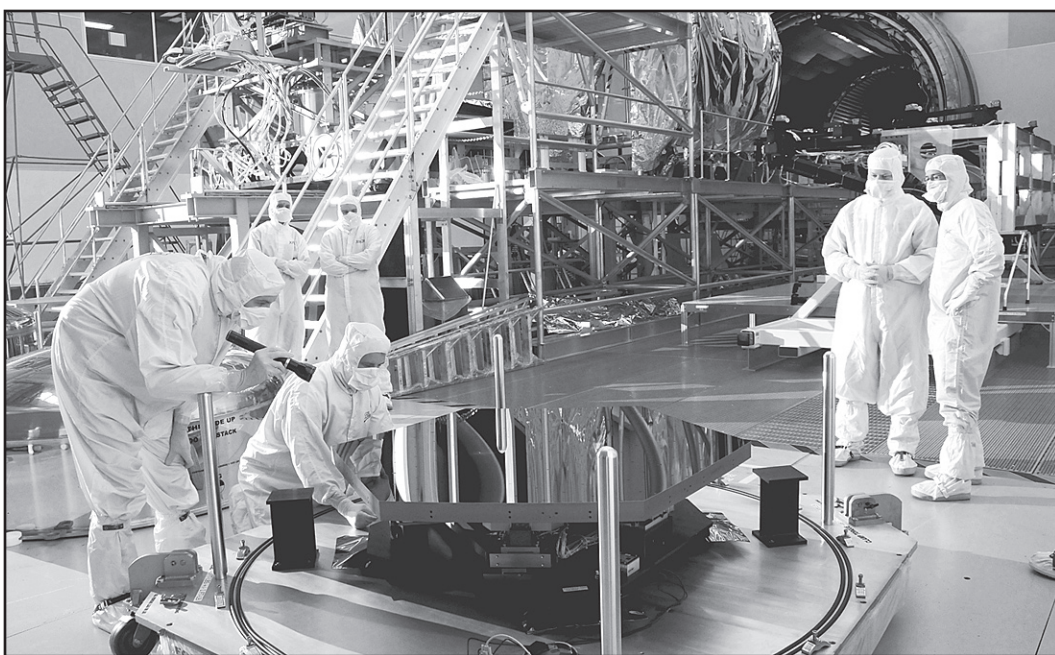
Bang, to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth, to the evolution of our own Solar System."

Weighing more seven tons on Earth, JWST will sport a folding, segmented mirror that will deploy after reaching orbit. The mirror is more than 20 feet across (six times larger than the Hubble's) and will be capable of seeing detail the size of a penny at a distance of 24 miles. Heat protection is essential for infrared observation. That is why the telescope will have a sunshield the size of a tennis court. That's also why the telescope will be parked in the L2 Lagrange point, about one million miles from earth. That spot keeps the Earth, Moon, and Sun in the same, constant direction relative to the satellite, making for easier shading of the telescope from external heat, allowing it to operate at -370 degrees Fahrenheit, very close to absolute zero.

The joint project of NASA, the European Space Agency, and Canadian Space Agency will be pushed aloft

by an Ariane 5 rocket. Fifteen countries are participating in the mission. The Webb hosts a near-infrared (IR) camera, a near-IR multi-object spectrograph, a mid-IR instrument, and a tunable filter imager. They plan a ten-year plus lifetime for the package. Its unfolding mirror of micrometeoroid resistant beryllium will set a precedent for later, larger mirrors in space.

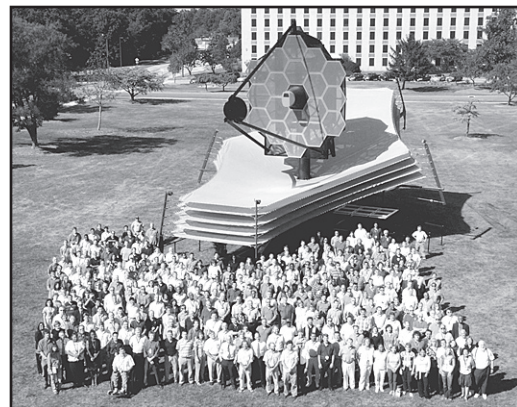
Space telescopes are increasingly being seen as much as time machines as optical devices. By recording ever more faint and distant light signals, we are seeing further and further back into time, nearing the very beginnings of the universe. The Webb Space Telescope will see objects that are ten to 100 times fainter



Technicians work on one segment of the Webb Space Telescope's 6-meter mirror.



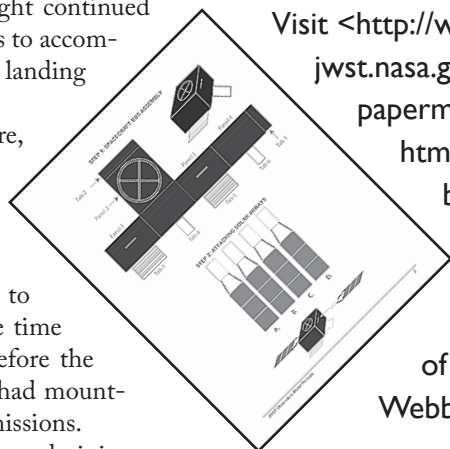
Left, Webb and LBJ discuss NASA. Right, Full size model of Webb Telescope at Goddard Space Flight Center.



than those captured by the Hubble, ten billion times fainter than the faintest stars you can see in the sky. It will see the universe as it was 100-250 million years after the Big Bang, a mere one or two percent of its current age. The Webb's mission will be to search there for the first galaxies and see how they evolved,

to observe the early formation of stars, and measure the physical and chemical properties of planetary systems.

As the Webb Space Telescope brings us flashes of the earliest light from the beginnings of time, we can all take pride that it is also more of light in Masonry from the Tar Heel State.



Visit <<http://www.jwst.nasa.gov/papermodel.html>> to build your own model of the Webb.



### Raleigh lodges hide eggs

RALEIGH — There was a good turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Raleigh Masonic Temple April 4. The fun for kids was sponsored by William G. Hill 218, Raleigh 500, Hiram 40, and Masters 754. They invited kids from the Home for Children, brought their own kids and grandkids from home, and invited friends and neighbors. They served hot dogs after the hunting was done — not classic Easter fare, but they were making kids happy. — Dave Rowson



### A Masonic gene?

LOUISBURG — James Peter Cash, once a member of Youngsville 377, would have been proud when James A. Johnson 413 installed their new officers. Three of his great grandsons were intimately involved. Stan Joyner, left, was the outgoing master; District Deputy Grand Lecturer Chris Hedrick, center, was the installing officer; and Matt Faulkner, right, was installed as the lodge's 2009 master. — Bill Riggan

### APRON, from page 8

Eagle Lodge, chartered in 1792, is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in North Carolina. Lodge members participated in the Old East cornerstone laying, a ceremony that marked the birth of public higher education in the United States.

Dossett's notes on the back of the frame say the apron was stored in a trunk for 150 years before it was given to him in 1986 by Winecoff's mother, Hilda Johnston Winecoff, for preservation.

Johnston was born at Greenhill, NC in 1800 and became a merchant in Hillsborough. He moved to Alabama in 1834 and, according to contemporary accounts, died two weeks later.

Eagle Lodge meets in an 1823 Greek Revival building designed by state architect William Nichols and built by John Berry, a past master of the lodge. The building, financed by a lottery authorized by the NC General Assembly, was built during Johnston's term as secretary. Lodge members are engaged in an extensive restoration of the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Speed Hallman is a member of Eagle 19.



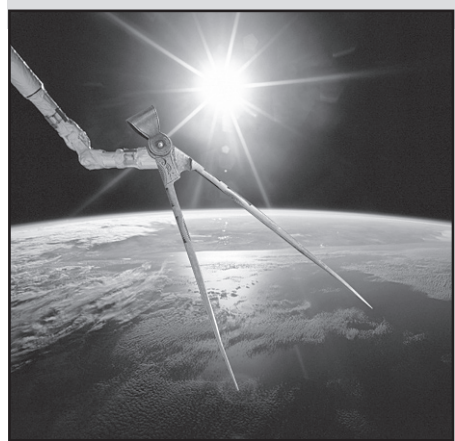
Statesville 27 did a demonstration second degree for visitors from their local Prince Hall affiliate.

### Mount Carmel visits Statesville

STATESVILLE — On February 17, Statesville 27 hosted Mt. Carmel 37 (PHA) in an evening of fraternal unity. More than 50 Masons attended the meeting, including two past grand masters, Tom Gregory and David Cash. Gregory is a member of Statesville 27.

Statesville Lodge served supper before the meeting. After lodge was opened, Statesville and friends exemplified the Fellow Craft Degree. This was one of the first Prince Hall visitations to one of our lodges. — Joe Link

## ENCOMPASSING THE WORLD



By Ric Carter

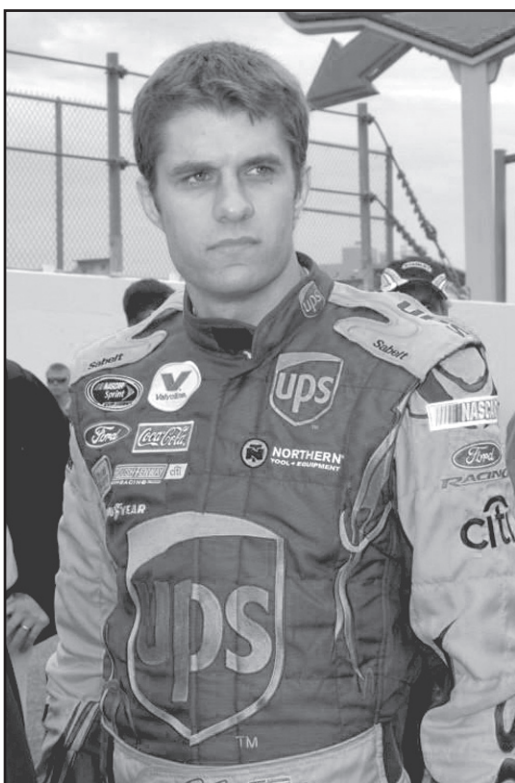
### Driver Ragan names Shrine Hospitals his charity

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — Need an excuse to pick a driver to root for as those NASCAR boys go round and round? How about 22-year-old David Ragan? Why?

He has announced that his official charity of choice is the Shriners Hospitals for Children. His relationship with the hospitals began in February when he toured the hospital in Tampa. He hopes to visit other facilities as the Sprint Cup season takes him around the country.

"I look forward to a long and productive relationship with Shriners International and the health care system they help support," Ragan said, "With the help of NASCAR fans across the nation, I know we can increase donations to their worthwhile cause and ultimately help thousands more children in the future."

You can learn more about the Georgia native at <www.davidragan.com>. — Red Fez



NASCAR'S David Ragan

### NJ Masonic Home troubled

BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY — In the winter edition of *The New Jersey Freemason*, NJ Grand Master John M. Colligas reported that their Masonic Charity Foundation and their Masonic Home is "now in a crisis mode." Only one in nine Masons there contribute to their Home.

In an effort to keep things going, they have reduced work force to a ratio of one employee to one resident. They have frozen hiring. They

have suspended fraternal care (charity) admissions. They have also adopted more conservative investment policies.

— *The New Jersey Freemason*

### The Lost Symbol

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA — That's the name of Dan Brown's latest book scheduled to be released September 15, 2009. According to a news release, the *The Lost Symbol's* story takes place over a 12-hour period. Rumors still persist if will be set in Washington, DC and will focus on Freemasonry.

Dan Brown was quoted as saying, "This novel has been a strange and wonderful journey," and continued, "Weaving five years of research into the story's 12-hour time frame was an exhilarating challenge. Robert Langdon's life clearly moves a lot faster than mine."

Also, the movie adaptation of Dan Brown's book *Angels and Demons* starring Tom Hanks, opened in movie theaters May 15.

— *EMESSAY Notes*

### Kit Carson's 200<sup>th</sup>

TAOS, NEW MEXICO — This city is hosting a parade for Brother Christopher Houston "Kit" Carson's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and Bent Lodge 42's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (Kit's Lodge). The festivities will be on Saturday, September 5, 2009, Labor Day Weekend. The parade starts at 3:00 P.M. and will have numerous historical re-enactments as well as Native American tribes... and a bunch of Masons. If you are a Mason, you can actually be in the parade. After the parade, there will be

### New Mexico's GM clamps down on ritual

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — In his first edict, New Mexico Grand Master David L. Baker charged that "ritual in many of our constituent lodges has fallen below acceptable standards."

To attack the problem, he is refusing to appoint any district deputy grand lecturers. Instead, their duties will be assumed by the district deputy grand masters who will be assisted by five regional assistant grand lecturers.

— *The New Mexico Freemason*

### Ohio bicentennial celebration continues

CANTON, OHIO — In recognition of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the William McKinley Presidential Museum and Library is running an exhibit on Ohio Freemasonry through June 6. McKinley's membership in the fraternity is the lynchpin of the show.

There are also artifacts from presidents Garfield, Taft, and Harding — the Ohio-associated Presidents. The exhibit will be available to county museums around Ohio after it finishes its engagement in Canton.

— *The Beacon*

### STATE, from page 8

#### Creedmoor

Creedmoor 499's fifth annual benefit ride for the Masonic Home for Children was scheduled for May 9. — Rick Haskins

#### Wilson

Happy Valley Country Club was the site for Wilson 712's Seventh Annual Bruce Boyette Scholarship and Masonic Charities Golf Tournament on April 3. There were gift certificates for various winners and a trophy for the lodge with the lowest overall score. Entry fees were \$220 per four-man team. — Tony Ferrell

#### Kannapolis

Cannon Memorial 626 and Allen-Graham 695 have been running a special fund taking contributions to add a computer, PhoneTree, and video projector to the lodge. The electronic projection system is now up and running. Time to retire those old slide projectors. Fifty-dollar donors get their name on a plaque. — Randy Crainshaw

#### Oak Island

Oak Island 758 was selling Boston butts for \$20 each May 16. — Keith Stocum

#### Asheville

Nichols-West Asheville 650 scheduled their Second Annual Masonic Light Classic set for May 16. Entry fees for the golf tournament at Broadmoor Golf Links was \$75 per person. The proceeds from the fundraiser were to go to the Masonic Homes. — Eric Redden

#### Greenville

William Pitt 734 hosted the annual joint installation of lodge officers in Greenville. Grand Master Dan Rice was the installing officer and Past Grand Master Les Garner was installing marshal. The participating lodges were Greenville 284, Farmville 517, Bethel 589, Crown Point 708, and William Pitt 734.

William Pitt Lodge's Secretary Tom Jones's son Tom Jr. was taking his degrees out of town. When the time came for his raising in Granite 191 in Clayton, they packed up a degree team and hit the road. They performed the degree and enjoyed a nice visit.

At their March 27 Pancake Supper, William Pitt Lodge raised more than \$2,100 for our Masonic Homes. — William Pitt Lodge

### Oldest US Mason

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA — Walter Breuning is the oldest man in the United States, third oldest in the world. He joined Great Falls 118 in 1925. He was master in 1934 and lodge secretary from 1945-1970.

Breuning worked for Great Northern Railroad from 1913-1963.

On his 112<sup>th</sup> birthday, Breuning said, "The secret to long life is being active. If you keep your mind busy and keep your body busy, you're going to be around a long time."

— *The Minnesota Mason*



### New Bern lodge takes flowers to widows

NEW BERN — Doric 568 delivered poinsettias to their lodge widows during the holidays, a tradition the lodge has maintained for years. They are seen here distributing the flowers to all the folks who will spread out across town to brighten days with the gifts. Master Elmer Burroughs is seen at front. Al Bannister organized this year's effort that distributed 60 poinsettias. — Max Freeze

Max Freeze photo

BENEATH THE OAKS



In whom do we put our trust?

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

In our Masonic journey, one of the first things we are asked is in whom we put our trust. As we progress along the journey, we learn that we need to place our trust in other people as well.

So much of our personal success (or failure) in life and that of the charities we support depend on our trust of others. There was a time when business transactions and other obligations were bound by one's word and sealed with a handshake.

Unfortunately, we get frequent reminders that the times they are a changin' as we are barraged by the many examples and stories of wrongful appropriation of funds, embezzlement, falsification of official documents on which we make critical decisions, and similar illegal actions by influential leaders in whom so many people have placed their trust.

Our examples are seen, heard, and absorbed by our children. For many of the children we care for at the Home, the concept of trust has no meaning because they have been lied to so many times and have had so many promises broken that they often anticipate the opposite of what they're told.

is important that we try to instill a sense of trust with each other, especially with our children. Life can be so much easier and more pleasant if we can do things with the confidence that we will be able to rely on others to do the right thing.

Our Masonic charities the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford and WhiteStone (Masonic and Eastern Star Home) have been harmed many times by rumors or distortions of the truth that were initiated by disgruntled Masons. Despite a lifetime of experiences in dealing with similar situations, it boggles my mind that so many good, intelligent people will latch onto and spread false information without question.

While I know I shouldn't, I take it as a personal affront when wrongful allegations are made about the operations of our Home. As a young boy at Oxford Orphanage, I learned one of life's valuable lessons which stuck with me. I think that most people who knew me as a boy here will say I usually did what was expected of me.

more so because of an offer of money, I took advantage of my position of trust and tried to steal a pair of shoes. As fate would have it, things went awry and I didn't complete the act, but I did enough wrong to get in trouble.

I share this because I want you to feel you can trust me and all of us who have been given the responsibility to do the right thing for this Home and the children. I also ask you to trust the leaders of WhiteStone to carry out their responsibilities in similar fashion.

Guinness Distinction to Mason

MILWAUKEE — Detective Lieutenant Andrew F. Anewenter of the Milwaukee Police Department recently received the Guinness World Record for the longest serving police officer in the world, serving for 61 years.

Brother Anewenter was a past master of McKinley Lodge, a member of the Tripoli Shrine, and the Valley of Milwaukee Scottish Rite where he was the Chaplain in 1977.

Brother "Andy" Anewenter passed away three months after setting the record in 2003.

— From The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, May 2008

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

- 1..... Craig Lee Blasingame
1..... Ronnie Matthew Humphrey Jr.
1..... Steven James Kimbro
3..... Jamie Leigh Player
7..... Edward Brian Basnight
8..... Ronnie Dean Lewis
8..... Marco Antonio Pastrana Marentes
8..... John Alexander Millward
8..... Jeffrey Ross Thomas
8..... Christopher Velez
17..... Edward James Buck
32..... Justin Alex Kessler
32..... Joseph Glenn Plott
40..... Joseph Edmund Lippy III
45..... Tracy Lee Anderson
45..... Steven Scott Handy
45..... Vernest Edwin Taylor
53..... Joseph Bielski
53..... Benjamin Griggs Roberts Jr.
58..... Daniel Mark Cenci
64..... James Fredrick Paxton
76..... Mark Edward Johnson
76..... James William Myers
76..... Michael Neal Myers
81..... Malcolm Henry Smith
83..... Tony Ray Frank
83..... Paul Morin
83..... Brian Christopher Raynor
84..... Anthony Alan Andreola Jr.
84..... James Trent Price
85..... Dennis Wayne Wooten
90..... David Nash Grant
90..... William Russell Mobley III
90..... Matthew Alexander Nihoa
98..... Emory Thomas Brown
102..... Christian Monroe Campbell
102..... Brian Robert Glover
104..... Raymond Gary Williams
109..... Daniel Kline Barton
109..... Zachary Thomas Davis
109..... Patrick Paul McCarthy
109..... Robert William Noe
109..... Micah Kenric Shepard
112..... Oscar Henry Barker Jr.
114..... Wesley Michael Coffey
123..... Bobby Joel Oakley
125..... Gary Mac Herring
127..... Cleo Forrest Burleson
129..... Vernon Elliott Cardwell Jr.
129..... Jason Lee Gibson
129..... John Richard Stone
134..... James Carter Goforth
134..... Paul Kemal Ressa
137..... Bertram Thurman Horne
143..... Kim Michael Beal
143..... Clifton Ray Langley Jr.
143..... James Lester Scott
143..... Charles Brantley Webster
145..... James Carey Anderson
145..... Leon Michael Ditch
146..... Kenneth Edward Henson II
146..... Jeffrey Richard Keen
146..... Reginald Peter Whittaker
147..... Christopher Allen Barfield
147..... Christopher Ray Hayes
147..... Brian O'Kelly Johnson
147..... Matthew Aaron Meredith
147..... Chad Pace Smith
150..... Steven Richard Cycotte
154..... Herman L McIntyre
176..... Kevin Robert Schaffer
198..... Blake Douglas Burd
198..... Edward Raymond Carr
198..... Adam Christopher Martin
198..... Chad Alston Reeves
202..... Frank Oliver Crump
205..... William Riley Cook
205..... William Donnie Lanham Jr.
205..... Benedict Pepitone
205..... Bruce Philip Watson
207..... James Albert Bailey
207..... Christopher Alan Pridgen
230..... Frank Leroy Hobbs
230..... Jeffery Scott Morgan
230..... John Curtis Simmons
230..... Michael Dean Woolard
249..... Richard Wayne Chaney II
249..... Logan Archibald Curry
249..... Thomas William Gore
249..... Jesse Lee Pierce
253..... Jr. John David Eller
253..... Michael Steven Henline
261..... Ketan Dhan Shah
262..... Jacob Eugene Allred
262..... Darrell David Douglas
262..... Jesse Neal Ramsey
263..... Michael David McSwain
271..... James Alfred Bouldin
271..... James Randall Cox
271..... Jeffrey Allen Cox
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276..... Nicholas Houston Griffin
276..... Joseph Martin Jones III
276..... Zachary Todd Stegall
277..... James Matthew Riddle
283..... James Clement Furr
283..... Ralph Scott Luther
283..... Jason Michael Peschock
283..... Phillip Dale Rogers
293..... Joshua Keith Shelton
296..... Jason James Whitfield
299..... Joshua David Cope
299..... Scott Merle Lykins
300..... Michael Ray Harmon
301..... Rea Colfax Williams Jr.
304..... William Dean Elmore
319..... Francis Stanton Blake Jr.
319..... Kenneth Gale Cecil
319..... Darren Cecil Goodman
319..... Richard Walton Howard
322..... Duane Paul Hawks
339..... Mark Smith
343..... Kevin Randall Burch
343..... Bryan Jason Edwards
343..... William Henry McNeill Jr.
343..... Terry Rayford Moore
348..... Jason Luther Naves
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358..... Benjamin Joseph Green III
358..... Mark Clifton Shull
358..... Phillip Tyler West
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363..... Casey Lee Miller
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363..... Thomas Benjamin Wilhite
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369..... James Alvin Gibson
373..... David Clyde Maine
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381..... Jason Dwayne Toney
384..... Timmy Lee Canady
386..... Thomas Patrick Anglin
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388..... Derek James Barkley
388..... Dean Allen Bingen
388..... Timothy Kale Henderson
391..... Kerry Lee Clancy
395..... Danny Wayne Morris
395..... James Brian Nunn
397..... Gary Marshall Gavenus
397..... Dustin Lee Ramsey
404..... William Grayson Allen
404..... John Timothy Bullins
404..... Eric Kennedy Surratt
405..... Ronald Irving Gohr
405..... Frederick Julian John Luhmann
405..... Paul Henry Padrick
407..... Phillip Mark Alexander
407..... Alan Dale Brown
407..... Wesley Steven Minton
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431..... Henry Gene Johnson Jr.
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432..... Larry Wayne McCloud
433..... Dennis Arron Dixon
433..... Brandon Scott Feller
433..... John Raymond Mills
434..... Jonathan Paul Rothrock
437..... Jeffrey Ray Dorsett
446..... Roberto Pedro Bogdanoff
446..... Jeffrey Scott Wood
460..... Jeffrey Francis Greene
460..... Steven Ray Greene
461..... Mark Wayne Campbell
461..... Michael James Childers
461..... Marvin David Johnson
461..... Curtis Rodney Johnston
461..... Barry Lee Jones
461..... Richard Alan Kratochvil
461..... Patrick Nicholas Marranca
461..... Richard Arthur Schrecengost
462..... William Alexander Bryson
462..... Zachary Taft Bryson
462..... Dewey Huston Howell
462..... Barry Jason Moore
462..... Joshua Venson Moore
462..... Thomas Bruce Moore
462..... Matthew Rhyne Stroupe
472..... Stephen Wade Henson
472..... Ted Darrell Inman Jr.
473..... Daniel George Miller
483..... Terry Dean Church
483..... James Rodney Hall
483..... James Ray Jordan
491..... Paul Trent McCraw
496..... William Kelly Hill
499..... William Harold Keith III
500..... Jason Whitfield Moore
500..... Michael Brian Whitfield
500..... Robert Owen Whitfield III
505..... Douglas Bruce Blackburn Jr.
505..... Mark Wayne Davis
505..... Joseph Brian Lamacchia
515..... Matthew Ross Foster
515..... Terry Leonard Walker
517..... Carnie Earl Hedgepeth
520..... Michael Allen Gibbs
520..... William Jason Williams
521..... Herbert Leon Holleman
521..... Brian Michael Marti
521..... Robert Forbes Reardon II
525..... Mark David Boykin
525..... Hubert Lee Cox III
525..... Johnny Lane Issette
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543..... Jeremy Allen Johnson
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550..... Charles Daniel McClendon
554..... John Darrell Jones
556..... Robert Cassidy Dukes
556..... Carl Earland Lee
556..... Harold Leonard Moore
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563..... Gentry Mark Coleman
564..... Kerry Lee Stratton
565..... Jeremy Douglas Reese
571..... Kenneth Frederick Moore
578..... Ricky J Burris
584..... Christopher Colt Benninger
584..... Dean Anthony Caputo
584..... Peter Mark Gervase
589..... Dennis Alton Roberson III
593..... Roy Justice Jr.
594..... Zachariah Steven Edwardson
594..... Christopher Bryan Neaves
598..... Robert Lee Braswell
598..... Johnathan Charles Harris
602..... Christopher Allan Kiser
607..... Teddy Ray Bullard II
616..... James Ray Collins
616..... Cory Lane East
616..... Tony Gray East
616..... Charles Jimmy Newman
616..... Michael Dean Walker
618..... Brian Allen Beck
654..... Leonard William Brock
657..... James Michael Finger
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669..... Zackary Halley Hopkins
669..... Gregory Scott Norman
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670..... Michael Leon Swink
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SENIOR MOMENTS

# Your update from WhiteStone

By Mark Kolada  
Administrator  
WhiteStone



I know that spring and winter are behind us when the azaleas, dogwoods, and other plants, and flowers are in full bloom at WhiteStone. If you have never seen our campus during the spring, it really is a beautiful site to behold. And with the start of spring I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update on WhiteStone so far in 2009.

**Resident satisfaction survey:** One of the first exciting things to happen in the new year was the announcement of the biannual resident satisfaction survey. Over the past few years our staff has worked hard in each of their respective departments to improve quality and increase customer service for our residents. In December, a second resident satisfaction survey was conducted as a follow up to the previous one completed in October of 2006. The participation rate was outstanding, with 99% of our residents responding. I am happy to report that the survey results were favorable and reflected increased satisfaction with most of the improvements made over the past few years. Overall, resident satisfaction improved from 67% in 2006 to 88% in 2008. Areas seeing the biggest improvement included food satisfaction going from 37% in 2006 to 85% in 2008, residential care improving from 59% to 95%, outreach services from 33% to 88%, landscaping from 54% to 85%, Board of Directors from 30% to 69%, and Care and Wellness Center from 61% to 81%. Special recognition goes to our receptionist services, residential care, house-keeping, office manager, chaplain, marketing department, transportation and maintenance department for all achieving 95% or higher for resident satisfaction. While we are excited to see progress, the staff at WhiteStone is already busy putting together plans and initiatives to continue to improve, with hopes to increase resident satisfaction even more over the next two years.

**Financial:** So far, through the first four months of 2009, WhiteStone continues to be blessed with steady occupancy and census, and as a result, the first quarter has seen continued financial improvement. At the end of April, the census in our Care and Wellness center averaged 97%, while our Independent Living has increased to 96%. Fiscally, the home is doing its best to reduce expenses during this difficult economic time for the country. As a result of these efforts, WhiteStone is approximately \$100,000 ahead of its budget and hopes to continue its progress for the

remainder of the year. First quarter donations were down by approximately \$27,000 from the same period last year.

**Development:** While the last several months have provided a challenging environment for marketing the new \$30 million+ expansion/renovation at WhiteStone, progress continues to be made on all fronts. To date, 20 apartments and four houses/duplexes have been pre-sold, with prospective residents putting down ten percent of their future entrance fees as a deposit. The months of November through January were slow for sales, however since February, the sales pace has picked up significantly. Our staff looks forward to having a productive spring and summer. It is anticipated that two remaining houses/duplexes will be sold soon, and construction of those units will begin in the summer. It is also expected that the renovation of the main dining room and state of the art fitness area in our Care and Wellness Center will begin in the fall of this year. In order to break ground for the new construction and solidify financing, WhiteStone needs to reach its goal of 56 apartments pre-sold, which it expects to achieve in late 2009 or early 2010. To stay updated on WhiteStone's progress, check out our new website at <<http://www.LiveatWhiteStone.org>>. To learn more about moving to WhiteStone please call us at (336) 547-2947.

**Operations:** Our Care and Wellness Center has been busy recently implementing new resident satisfaction software that allows our staff to better measure resident preferences and identify specific areas of operations improve. Our residents and staff are also currently raising money for the annual Alzheimers Walk in Greensboro. To date over \$4,000 has been raised, far exceeding last year's total of \$1,600. Plans for the summer are already beginning to take shape as our staff is in the process of already planning an employee picnic for June, Rob Morris Day in August, family day celebration in September, not to mention the themed dinners, chapel services, entertainment and various activities being held each month for our residents.

I hope 2009 is being as kind to you as it has been to us at WhiteStone. As always, if you have questions about WhiteStone, or need someone to do a presentation at your lodge, don't hesitate to call Executive Director Mark Kolada, at (336) 547-2992 or <[mkolada@liveatwhitestone.org](mailto:mkolada@liveatwhitestone.org)>.

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## 261 celebrates in costume

CHARLOTTE — Late last year, Excelsior 261 held one of their fully costumed Master Mason degrees. One of the newly raised Masons that night was Muslim. Excelsior is one of several lodges across the state now placing multiple holy books on the lodge altar. Masonry is open to men of all faiths. They take their obligations on their own holy book. — George Smith

# MILEPOSTS



**WAKE FOREST** — On February 10, Lameul D. Perry, left, was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership before a large gathering of the lodge and its family. The Wake Forest 282 member was presented the award by Horace L. Macon, right. — Kris Lull



**HAYESVILLE** — Hal J. Puett, right, of Clay 301 received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership on January 10. PDDGM Robert Wolfersteig, left, presented the award. Puett was master of Clay Lodge in 1957. — Jim Hilliard



**SNEADS FERRY** — Douglas Gray, left, recently got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. His lodge master, O. E. Jenkins, right, presented the award. He is a member of Stump Sound 733. — Robert McLaughlin



**SWANQUARTER** — Atlantic 294 recently presented service awards. Two of their past masters earned Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership in the lodge. The honorees were, left, Richard Arlen Swindell and, right, Allen Forest Gibbs. — Stephen Svetlovcis



**WARRENTON** — On April 6, 13 Masons from the South Hill 297 in South Hill, Virginia visited Johnston Caswell 10, Virginia Lodge 297's records indicate that, 70 years ago, Virginia's grand master visited Johnston Caswell 10. He was accompanied by members of his lodge and was greeted by North Carolina's grand master. Their minutes indicated that 250 Masons were on hand for that meeting. Whatever happened 70 years ago, the Masons of today had a wonderful time with the most recent visit. — Chris Withrow



**WAKE FOREST** — Robert Lee Barham, left, of Wake Forest 282 received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership on February 10. Past Master Horace Macon, right, presented the award. A large crowd was on hand for the event. — Kris Lull



**LUMBERTON** — Spencer McKee, center, has been a cornerstone at St Albans 114 for years, always active and supportive. In December, he received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. He is seen here with then Master Brent McMahan and Past Potentate Olen Smith, who presented the award. — Dayton Wilson



**MOCKSVILLE** — Members of Mocksville 134 recently received their service awards for long-term Masonic membership. George Martin got his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership. Veteran's Emblem awardees for 50 years were Charles Sawyer and Harry Osborne. Mocksville Master Taylor Slye and 27<sup>th</sup> DDGM Tom Jolly made the presentations. — Henry M. Bruce



**CHARLOTTE** — John C. Nicol has been a certified lecturer for 50 years. He is the 11<sup>th</sup> man to achieve the distinction. When Grand Master Dan Rice held his district meeting here April 13, he presented Nicol a certificate saluting the mark. Nicol is a member of Excelsior 261. — Mack Sigmon



Tyler Robbie Riley, Senior Deacon Doug Stevenson, and Master Bill Winecoff examine Eagle's relic.

# Eagle Lodge heirloom is home

By Speed Hallman

HILLSBOROUGH — A Masonic apron worn by Eagle 19's secretary 186 years ago was presented early this year to the original owner's great-great-great-nephew, who serves as lodge master this year.

The apron belonged to George Mulholland Johnston, Eagle's secretary from 1823 to 1825. It was left to the lodge by Jack T. Dossett, a member of Eno 210 in Durham and an honorary member of Eagle 19.

Dossett died in January. John C. Schrader, Dossett's executor, and Bryan Reckless, members of Fellowship 687 in Durham, presented the apron to Eagle Lodge Master Bill Winecoff at the lodge's January 27 meeting. Winecoff said his ancestor's apron will hang in a place of honor near the secretary's desk.

The white lambskin apron, mounted in a frame, is trimmed with gold fringe and features an image of a Masonic lodge surrounded by colorful Masonic symbols. It is identical to the "McCauley Apron" in UNC's North Carolina Collection. That apron is believed to have been worn at the laying of the cornerstone of Old East, UNC's first building, in 1793.



The Johnston apron

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# Grady takes life and death on his own terms

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — "I never lived in a house I didn't build myself, and I'm not going to stop when I'm gone," says Grady Hunter, a 75-year-old member of Palmyra 147 in Dunn. Grady was talking about his wood-working project that earned a North Carolina State Fair blue ribbon last October.

Grady is talking about his own coffin.

Grady's life has been intertwined with Masonry. He joined a Masonic lodge in Dunn back in October 1967 and served as master of Palmyra 147 in 1974. He was an operative mason for more than 40 years, laying brick until his "knees gave out." He started GLH Builders years ago in Dunn, and moved to Raleigh in 1979. Hunter retired about eight years ago and now continues to do rental maintenance work to keep himself busy.

In looking at mass produced caskets, Hunter decided that he could do a better job and make something that had more meaning. He made his casket of walnut wood he felled himself. He beefed up the cushion in the bottom for better "comfort."

He even threw in some ideas from Freemasonry. He avoided "minerals and metals" by not using metal handles on the box. Instead, he had the box rest on a canvas support with rope handles. His funeral plans call for a canvas committee, not pallbearers. He plans to be "laid out" with a trowel in his hand.

Grady recommends that if you attend his funeral, bring a snack. He has planned the program, complete with his video-taped eulogy to himself. The service will be in three sections: private/personal, Masonic, and patriotic. Those wanting a remembrance of him will not take a flower from his pall, but a scrap of wood left over from Grady's coffin project.

Hunter became a minor celebrity through his unusual Handicrafts and Hobbies award-winning coffin. He appeared on WRAL television, the Tarheel Traveler television feature, the *News & Observer*, and on Jay Thomas's national radio show. Grady is now entertaining the idea of building custom caskets for others.



Grady Hunter's casket won a blue ribbon at the State Fair.



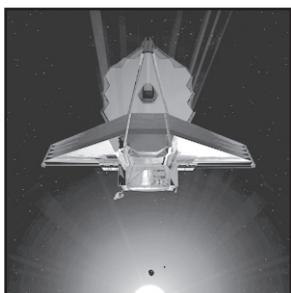
Hunter's proposed pose for viewing.

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