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222nd Annual Communication held in Winston-Salem

Grand Lodge is peaceful and historic



Grand Master Rice presided.



Grand Master Fitch addressed the Communication.



Credentials are needed for voting.



Most voting at Annual Communication was by show of hands.

By Ric Carter

WINSTON-SALEM — On Friday, September 25, the 222nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina saw a larger than usual opening morning crowd. When Grand Master Dan C. Rice dropped the gavel to open, more than 300 lodges were represented among an estimated 1,000 people. Without a major contentious vote this year, many had expected a smaller crowd. They were wrong. What we got was a group which was happy with the low tension event. Grand Master Rice presided over a talkative, relaxed crowd that seemed happy to face a quiet event that did not try to make history. But, get a little history they did.

They saw William L. Dill elected to become our next grand master. They saw the first contingent of Prince Hall Masons (more than 60) join us, and heard the first address of a Prince Hall Grand Master to our Annual Communication.

The business sessions for the Annual Communication were held at the Grand Pavilion of the Embassy Suites here in downtown Winston-Salem. Grand Lodge officials began arriving at the headquarters hotels on Wednesday so as to be present and ready for the committee meetings that were to begin at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday morning. The Committee on Finance and Board of General Purposes had their final meetings before bringing business before the membership. The Board of General Purposes voted on various nominations and appointments from Deputy Grand Master William L. Dill. It was BGP's next to last meeting with Grand Master Rice, the last being just before Grand Lodge officer installation in November. Jurisprudence had their last confer-

ence before bringing amendments to the delegates. Appeals held hearings for men asking for permission to return to the fraternity after losing their membership and to review all actions and trials by the judge advocate. The Board of Custodians and Committee on Miscellaneous Publications and other committees met before the general session. There was a training session for lodge secretaries on Thursday afternoon to help them learn more about MORI, the computer database for tracking membership information and lodge finances.

Thursday night, Grand Master Rice hosted a banquet for his guests at the Annual Communication.

The formal opening began at 10:00 A.M. on Friday morning. The opening procession was led by the state and United States flags and the banner of the Grand Lodge. The color guard was furnished by North Carolina's Sojourners. Officials and guests then marched in led by Grand Marshal Doug Caudle. First came the district deputy grand masters and grand lecturers who were taken to reserved seating on either side of the ceremonial lodge floor.

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Amendment Scoreboard

Group 1	Reiterate catechism requirement	Passed
Group 2	Define certain floor work.....	Passed
Group 3	Detail NPD procedure	Passed
Group 4	Limited alcohol usage	Failed
Group 5	Allow EA and FC funerals	Passed
Group 6	BGP meeting schedule.....	Passed
Group 7	Annual meeting updates	Passed
Group 8	Record keeping requirements	Passed
Group 9	Add background check	Failed

THE BOTTOM LINE



Jobs and entitlements

By Dan C. Rice
Grand Master

At Oxford Orphanage, every child eight years old or older had a job that they worked at six days a week for at least four hours a day during the school year

and at least eight hours a day during the summer. Yes, the Masons subsidized the Home with their generous gifts so that we could live better than our efforts alone could have provided, but there was no free ride for us orphans because we all had to work.

My first job at the Orphanage was to pick up trash all over the campus. This was not really a very hard job, but we did it every day except Sunday. Our fourth grade teacher, Miss Ellie Parrish, was in charge of us garbage-picker-uppers. She was a middle-aged old maid who barked instructions to us boys and carried a switch for enforcement. All of us were afraid of her, and we all called her either Hawkeye or Ellie Gooch behind her back. She was a tough old lady and required all of us children to use good manners everywhere. She always held us to the highest standards. In the summer, if we finished picking up trash early, we were allowed to go to the library where they read us stories. In my mind's eye, I can still see the group of 25 little eight- or nine-year-old boys listening intently to Uncle Remus' Tales. I still laugh when I think about Br'er Rabbit and Br'er Fox and the briar patch. We were also allowed to swim for an hour every day in the summer. Over all, the life of a trash-picker-upper was pretty good.

When I started the fourth grade, I had Hawkeye Parrish for a teacher. I had only been to school for a few months prior to arriving at the Orphanage in March 1959. I was finishing up the third grade, and I was way behind everyone else academically. They probably should have failed me. Instead, they passed me on to Miss Parrish who took me on as a project. She kept me in every recess and worked with me one-on-one. She was a very hard teacher who would cut you no slack at all. She piled extra homework on me and even made me do extra stuff on the weekends. I hated her for singling me out and making me do so much extra work. During that winter, we had a deep snow fall, and all of us boys would sneak and snowball any teacher that we could. I packed an ice ball really tight and hit Miss Parrish in the eye. That is one of only two times that I ever remember seeing her cry. She never found out who did it, so I escaped her wrath. But, I have felt like a dog for doing it for almost 50 years. By the end of the fourth grade, I was making good grades and had caught up with my classmates. It took me a long time to realize that Miss

Parrish loved us children enough to make us use good manners and to do our best in school and at work. Miss Parrish lived her final days at the Methodist Retirement Home in Durham. I had a chance to visit and tell her that I had finally realized that she had loved us enough to be willing to stand up to us orphans. I let her know that I realized what she had done for me. I told her that I loved her for what she had done, and that was the second time I saw her cry. She has been dead for many years, but the memories of her are still very much alive in all of us orphans that worked on her garbage detail. The life lesson here is that with enough time and wisdom, you may realize that you actually love the person you were sure you hated.

My next job was to work on the Orphanage farm. That job was really hard work but had a huge amount of variety. I liked it. In the spring, we helped plant vegetables. In the summer, we would use a hoe to clean up around the corn and other vegetables. We grew green beans, butter beans, corn, okra, strawberries, squash, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, and watermelons. We were also in charge of the muscadine vines (a poor man's grapes), the apple orchard, and the pecan trees. We raised enough food to feed 320 children and 80 adults year-round. This is where I was first exposed to that wonderful creature called a mule. The Orphanage had a pair of mules that they used for different jobs. They are great creatures, and later in life, I have met people who had all the characteristics of a good mule. They were hard workers but stubborn and contrary as all get out. The farm boys were also in charge of the hogs on campus. We had to shuck enough dry corn to feed them. We also had to transport and feed the hogs the slop from the dining room. In the late fall, we had to assist in killing and dressing enough hogs to provide meat for everyone for the next year. This was always an adventure and ended with all of us getting some "cracklins."

The farm boys worked in the fields during the hottest days of the year. We were allowed a short break in the morning and in the afternoon. There was a creek that ran through the Orphanage farm that had been gradually dammed by the boys that had lived there since the 1850s when St. Johns College first opened. Over time, a respectable dam had been engineered, and the creek backed up and formed a pretty good place to swim and it became the legendary Ole' Swimming Hole. It served us boys well on those hot summer days and was extremely refreshing.

The only thing we had to drink when we worked in the fields was water from the Thousand Dollar Spring at the back of the farm. One of the boys was designated as the "waterboy." His job was to walk from boy to boy in the fields giving them dippers

of water from a bucket. When the bucket was empty, the water boy would walk to the spring and fill it up and walk back and start giving the boys water. The job of being the waterboy was a pie job and was really sought after by all of us boys. I got to be waterboy only once because on one of my trips to the spring I stopped to play in the creek. Then I realized I should have been back with the water so I just dipped some out of the creek and carried it back. Somehow they knew what I had done, and I was fired as a water boy.

When there was not anything productive for us farm boys to do, they had us shuck corn, clean up the pastures with swing blades and bush axes, and rake leaves. Every fall, the Orphanage would buy several boxcar loads of coal to put up for the winter. Every coal bin on campus was filled to the brim when the coal cars came in. The Orphanage had only a couple of days to get the box cars unloaded, or they would have had to pay extra. The train dropped the cars up town in Oxford, and the Orphanage used every available vehicle to move coal. There was an ample supply of free labor as the farm boys were always available. They stationed several of us at the boxcars and several of the other boys at each building with a coal bin. The adults drove the vehicles, and the farm boys shoveled coal. There was an old black man named Doc Laws who worked as a laborer on the Orphanage farms for many, many years. I'm not sure why he was called Doc because he had no formal education and could not read or write at all. He was a tremendous worker and was endowed with a huge amount of common sense. He was a small wiry man in his late sixties at that time. All the Orphanage boys loved picking at Doc, and he loved picking back at them. For those of you who do not know it, there is a shovel made especially for shoveling coal. The coal shovels actually come in different sizes because coal is extremely heavy and hard to shovel. When Doc arrived to start shoveling coal with us, farm boys he picked out one of the middle sized shovels and went to work. Several of us boys started harassing him because we were using a bigger shovel than Doc. He just smiled and kept working. Two hours later all of us boys were gasping for breath and were worn slap out. Doc just kept on working with his smaller shovel and only smiled at us. That was a life lesson for all of us boys. Life as an Orphanage farm boy had no idle time but the variety of tasks made it fun.

My third job at the Orphanage was working in the chicken house. The Orphanage raised chickens both for eggs and for meat. They had several thousand chickens in suspended cages where the

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Clothes do not make the Mason

By Terry Gevedon

I agree with the recent editorial appearing here that the Prince Hall dress was impressive. I have been in lodges where all the officers wore a tie and jacket. I have talked to others where the officers wear tuxedos. If this is the rule of the lodge, it should be followed, but I disagree that the way a man is dressed makes a statement as to who he is.

As a child I was looked down on because I wore hand-me-down, worn out clothes and shoes to school. It was hard to understand at the time, but my parents told me that the only thing that mattered was the person in the clothes. As an adult, father, and Mason, I understand what my parents was trying to teach me. Possessions and looks do not determine who we are. We make that choice and show it in our daily lives.

During our degrees, we are admitted and accepted because of who we are and what we believe, not for what we are wear.

My lodge, as many other lodges, have brothers that do not own a tie. We have brothers who come from work to attend the meeting in their work clothes. If we adopted a business suit dress code, half or more of our members would not be able to attend.

Look around church any Sunday, you will see people wearing jeans and open shirts. Look again on Easter Sunday when the house is packed with everyone wearing their finest, and somewhere in the crowd you will see those same people in their jeans and shirts. They are the ones walking and acting as such in their daily lives. They are there rain or shine, not just for special events. I am certain that when we make that final journey to that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, we will be admitted because of who we are and not what we are wearing.

Terry Gevedon is a member of Blackmer Lodge 170.



Hal Perry photos

Thomas O. Eller

J.Allen Hughes

Rice presents Montforts

WINSTON-SALEM — While at Annual Communication, Grand Master Dan C. Rice presented two Joseph Montfort Medals, the highest award that is given by our Grand Lodge. The medals went to Thomas O. Eller and Allen Hughes, both champions of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Eller has long been an avid supporter of the Home, even building one of the campus's cottages. Hughes is a Home graduate who returned home after careers in the military and teaching to become administrator

of the Home for Children.

Eller is a member of Eureka 283 and Hughes is a member of Oxford 122. Both are in Orphans 761. Eller's medal was pinned on him by his son, Steve Safrin. Hughes's was pinned by Home resident Salena Helton.

The Montfort is the highest award given in North Carolina Masonry. It is awarded at the discretion of the grand master and for "distinguished Masonic service or achievement." Each grand master is allowed to present three of the honors.



School of Graphic Arts launches Wall of Fame

OXFORD — On May 8, the Masonic Home for Children held its annual Hayes/Neal Luncheon. In conjunction with that ceremony, School of Graphic Arts Manager Eddie Dickerson named the inaugural inductees to the print shop's Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame was started to recognize individuals who have been instrumental through the years in the success of the School of Graphic Arts, and who believe that the School's mission is important to the success of the Masonic Home for Children. It was decided that nominees would be selected from four categories — students, staff, administrators, and friends. Since this was the first group of nominees to be identified, one person from each category was selected to make up the inaugural class of honorees.

The 2009 selection as a student was Grand Master Dan C. Rice. On his plaque are the following words: "Dan Rice graduated from Oxford Orphanage in 1968. While working in the School of Printing, he gained the work ethic that would carry him into adulthood. Dan has gone on to distinguish himself in the business world, and in 2009 became the first alumnus to be elected grand master of Masons in North Carolina."

The staff selection was Allen G. Colenda, and his plaque reads: "Allen Colenda, an alumnus, was manager of the School of Printing from 1959–1988. Dur-

ing his tenure he became one of the most beloved employees at the Home. His legacy is manifested in the students that took his lessons of life and used them to guide their path into adulthood."

The administrator selection was John H. Mills. His plaque reads: "John H. Mills, the first administrator of Oxford Orphanage, had the vision to plant the seed in 1875 that would lead to the creation of the School of Printing at Oxford Orphanage. With his leadership, what began as just an idea has flourished into one of the great success stories in the history of this Home."

The friend selection was Tommy O. Eller whose plaque reads: "Tommy Eller has shown through his love, his caring, and his resources that he is truly a friend of the School of Graphic Arts at the Masonic Home. His ardent support during times of uncertainty has proven to be a guide to all those who still believe that, with faith, our mission can be achieved."

The plaques that were presented that day now hang in the lobby at the School of Graphic Arts as a permanent reminder of the honoree's contributions to the children who learned a vocation or a valuable work ethic that supported them for the rest of their lives. Anyone who visits the Masonic Home in Oxford is invited to visit the School of Graphic Arts as well so you can see our newly established Wall of Fame.

Grand Lodge officer installation set

NEW BERN — Grand Lodge officers will be installed Saturday, November 21 at 10:00 A.M. at the New Bern Scottish Rite Temple. A reception will follow. Grand Master-Elect William L. Dill invites you and your family.

Superstitions

By J. Perry Watson

The word superstition comes from the Latin meaning "excessive fear of the gods." Man has always looked to the unknown in order to learn about himself, his world, and his way of life. Superstitions have been a part of mankind's thinking since time began.

All of us notice a black cat crossing our path; know to have our "lucky" rabbit's foot with us (the poor rabbit wasn't very lucky). We have heard about charms and spells, good and evil spirits, and other assorted forces or objects which man, in days gone by, thought might play a role in our success or failure. One old legend had spirits living in trees; it is possible that many still think knocking on wood will bring good luck. In looking at many superstitions, we find that many are based on trying to have good fortune and avoid any bad luck or misfortune.

To be certain, superstitions do not now, and have not in the past, played any part in Freemasonry. There are no unusual omens which prevail throughout the fraternity, only sound and proven ceremonies, based upon our historical foundation, which will be found in any and all Masonic lodges throughout the world.

Freemasonry is the opposite of superstition in that our union is founded on principles of such

high order that our practices are as far removed from superstition as they may possibly be. In reality, the "Masonic Way" does not tell the future, does not guarantee good luck, will not stop evil spirits, and will not bring alterations to the weather. All Freemasonry will do is put you in touch with a group of men with the highest aspirations, allow a man to develop his potential, permit a chap to associate with worthwhile ideas from the past, and point each member toward life's most valued goals and beliefs.

J. Perry Watson is a member of Masters 754.

No officer photos, please

We regret that *The North Carolina Mason* has insufficient space to print lodge officer pictures. We continue to receive many new officer photos despite the fact that the paper has not published any since 1998. Decisions on what to include and what to omit are necessary at all newspapers. The decisions are always difficult. Other events not carried in *The Mason* are raisings and 25-year awards. Unusual angles to such stories may call for exceptions. If you are in doubt about your specific case, send it for consideration.

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chickens never touched the ground. First, we watered and fed the chickens. Then we gathered the eggs and washed, graded, and crated them. Then we got out our wheelbarrows and cleaned up the chicken pooh under the cages. I will never forget that each hen was in a separate cage and each cage had a small monthly chart that showed when she laid an egg. The farm manager used these charts to determine the productivity of each individual hen. What this really meant was that a hen that did not lay eggs regularly was just consuming food and provided no benefit. These were the first hens that we killed for food. This was another life lesson for us orphans.

My fourth job was office boy for the school. This was the easiest job I have ever had. Mr. Currin, the principal of our school, had an outside electric bell that he would alarm when he needed me. I was dispatched all over the school and the Orphanage to carry messages and documents. Most of the time, I really had nothing to do so I played baseball with Ricky Vick, the main building office boy, who served in the same capacity except he worked for the Orphanage main building and not the school. I found myself just wandering around the school a lot. I made good friends with the school janitor, an elderly black man. He was not physically able to fill the coal bins for the school as his job required. I started helping him shovel the coal and with other parts of his job. He would reward me with home cooked food. He always had an extra ham sandwich or a piece of pie. He and I became good friends, and I developed a liking for his wife's pecan pie. I have been looking for a pecan pie that tasted like hers for the last 40 years. That poor old janitor may not have had any extra money, but he sure ate good food, and he always enjoyed every bite.

My fifth job was in the Orphanage dairy. I think that the Orphanage had a dairy just to get the teenage boys to stink so bad that girls would not get near them. There is a smell on a dairy. When you got it on you, it would not wash off. I was assigned to work on the dairy just about the time I started liking girls. The Orphanage had a world-class herd of Holstein cows. They usually were milking almost a hundred cows at a time. They also kept several grown bulls. My job on the dairy in the morning was to shovel fermented silage out of two upright silos onto the ground and then into the feed troughs. My job in the afternoon was to shovel up the silage that had gone through the cows. The dairy was fun because we were working around those giant beautiful creatures. We knew the cows by name, and we knew which ones were docile. We would ride the gentle old cows when no adults

were around. We also tried our hand at riding the small young bulls. They were not as easy to ride and were much more aggressive. The older Holstein bulls were giant and mean. None of us had the courage to attempt to ride them, even though we bragged we were going to. The dairy produced enough milk for everyone at the Orphanage plus we sold excess milk to Pine State Dairy. The dairy was an interesting place to work because we saw life and death in action. When a world-class cow got too old to breed and too old to produce milk, she was carried to the market. That seems cold and hard, but the dairy was not run for the cows. It was run to produce milk for the children and income for the Orphanage. A cow that had produced for many, many years and then got old was sold for beef. Every one of us boys on the dairy celebrated the birth of a new calf and despaired when we lost a cow either to the market or to death. Life on the Orphanage dairy was long and hard, but everything came into perspective when you held a newborn calf in your arms.

My last job at the Orphanage was working in the Print Shop. This job was supposed to teach me a trade that would equip me to make a living when I left the Orphanage. It was not a physically hard job, but was one that required concentration and aptitude. There was a lot of stuff to remember. The print shop was a business that did a lot of work for the general public and with a bunch of Masonic entities. I was a linotype operator most of the time, but I also did a bunch of other stuff. As you learned how to do more tasks and earned the respect of your boss, you were put in charge of different jobs. You learned about quality products and on time delivery. You also learned about customer satisfaction, pricing, profit, and integrity. These all became life lessons.

The Orphanage taught me how to work hard and how to do it with enthusiasm. I learned about the relationship between hard work and food at the Orphanage farm. I learned that I was not too good for any job when I shoveled coal, hog manure, chicken manure, fermented rotten silage, and cow manure. I learned not to try and show off my physical prowess, when old Doc Laws was smart enough to get a medium sized coal shovel, and I picked a large shovel only to find I could not handle a large shovel. I learned that a business cannot keep people who are not productive by working at the chicken house and watching the hens that were not producing be butchered for that lack of productivity. I learned that life is short by watching calves be born and older cows die at the dairy. I also learned that some things should not be tackled even if you have bragged you were going to do it, like

trying to ride a two-thousand-pound Holstein bull.

Today's world is full of entitlements and stimulus packages. These all seem to run contrary to all my life lessons I learned at Oxford. There is no call for people to make their way in life with hard work and personal responsibility. The Orphanage taught me that I was not too good for any job and that I should always do my best regardless of what was required of me.

I struggle to keep up with the world's thinking on many things. For instance, I have spent my whole life trying to get away from clothes with holes in them. People are actually buying new blue jeans with holes already in them. In the past, I have had to reluctantly wear clothes that were wrinkled or faded. Now, people are buying clothes that are faded and wrinkled on purpose. Sometimes, I just do not get it.

The cash for clunkers car program has recently spent several billion dollars of our money. I found that I wasn't entitled to this program because my clunker was just barely worth more than the program would pay. I have worked hard to have a nice clunker. This time I blew it and I missed the boat on the cash for clunkers.

It seems that almost everyone except me is entitled to some government give away program. I keep waiting on a government program that I qualify for in some way. So far, it seems that I am participating in all of these programs, but it is only to help pay for them. It would be very easy to sit back and just complain.

Instead, I think I should take the time to be thankful for what I have. To live in this great country is truly a blessing. To be able to worship freely in the house of worship of my choice is amazing. To have enough food not to be hungry and to have a safe place to sleep is wonderful. To be able to take our sick children to a doctor when we need one is a rare thing in this world. The list just goes on and on for things we need to be thankful for.

One of the things, I am most grateful for is the fact that I lived at Oxford Orphanage for those ten years. The work experiences and life lessons I learned have proved to be invaluable. I am also extremely thankful to the Masons of North Carolina for always providing for the children at Oxford.

In my heart, I will always be just an Orphanage farm boy that will shovel anything for my upkeep. Experience is a hard teacher, but the lessons I learned by actual experience are much more lasting than any others. God must be laughing about taking that young man from the Orphanage farm and allowing him the great honor and privilege of serving as grand master fifty years later. God bless each of you and your families!

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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Thomasville

Not only was Thomasville 214's newest fundraiser "an enormous success," but they are hoping to turn it into a "new tradition." They were selling tickets to see their neighborhood minor league baseball team, the Hi-Toms. Profits from the sales went to the Masonic Home for Children. The fun part was that they sold lots of the tickets to themselves, then enjoyed each others company at the baseball game.

Thomasville Lodge's Curry Reagan recently got his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership. — *Trestle Board*

Waynesville

Sonoma 472 brought in 17 donors when they held their July 24 Blood Drive.

Sonoma recently took part in fundraisers for two Masonic families. One, held on August 8, was for the 18-year-old daughter of a member of Robbinsville 672. She suffers from a pulmonary disorder. Local EMS groups held a barbecue, auction, and poker run. The other, on August 15, was for a member of Pigeon River 386 who recently had brain surgery. The yard sale was to benefit a 45-year-old with five children.

— *Valley of the Moon*

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 is looking into finding the best lodge golf team in the 26th Masonic District. Rick Ashworth wants to award a Widow's Trophy to the top golfers. Kernersville and Walnut Cove lodges have already expressed interest in the competition. It will be used as a charity fundraiser. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Past Masters' Night at Piedmont-Pioneer 685 was being celebrated September 3 with a triple Master Mason Degree. Several special guests were expected to attend and help with the work. — Tom Braun



Howard Short presents Master Tom Tanner and members of South Hill Lodge the Master's Wage.

Johnston Caswell sends out a token

WARRENTON — At the August 3 communication of Johnston Caswell 10, the lodge hosted visitors from far and wide. The meeting featured a banquet and special ceremony. Among the guests that evening were several visitors from Suffolk, Virginia. Deputy District Grand Master Jeffery Smith was there as well as Nansmond 77 Master Harold Smith and McAlister 185 Master Kent Daughtry. Our own Eighth District Deputy District Grand Master Henry Wright was also there. Masons from Epson 624, Henderson 229, Millbrook 97, and Virginia's South Hill 297 were on hand.

Members of Henderson 229 shared their research into the origins of

Johnston Caswell Lodge, one our state's oldest lodges.

Chaplain Chris Withrow presented a program entitled "The Master's Wage." The lodge designed and commissioned a plaque to represent the wage for this presentation. Lodge Master Howard Short presented South Hill 297 Master Tom Tanner the plaque in a short ceremony. Tanner was told to share the wage with a visiting lodge at some later date. The hope is that "as the sharing moves forward, this wage will travel the globe and eventually find its way home one day." The plaque is meant to "rekindle and renew the spirit of brotherhood and fraternity." — Chris Withrow

Greensboro

P.P. Turner 746 had its lodge picnic August 8. It was held at poolside, so everyone in the family was urged to bring a bathing suit. Kurt Van Tine, grillmaster, performed his usual "wonderful job" according to reports.

Turner Lodge had their first homecoming set for August 20. — *P. P. Turner Lodge*

Gate City 694 was so pleased with their involvement with the city of Greensboro's bicentennial celebration; they are looking at other possible civic involvement projects. Under consideration are Groceries on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Greensboro Urban Ministries (food distribution), Cropwalk, and Adopt-A-Street.

Gate City Lodge's PhoneTree is operational now. They use it for reminders of special events, especially those with short notice, such as funerals.

Lodge supper events this summer included a June Ice Cream Social at which more than 100 people enjoyed ice cream, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Their annual fish fry was set for July 25 at the Sportsman Wildlife Club. — *Trestleboard*

The 23rd Masonic District had a Blood Drive set for September 23. It was to be held at the Greensboro Masonic Temple. There was a free lunch for everyone who donated between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. — Ross Gellar

Wadesboro

Kilwinning 64 hosted their local Prince Hall brothers on April 9. They were having a third degree that night, and the members of Lilesville 603 helped with the ritual work. It was the first such visit in Anson County. At the time of the meeting, Kilwinning Lodge was already scheduled to visit Lilesville Lodge on May 5. The visit was reported in the local paper, *The Express*. Kilwinning member Chesley Greene reported in the paper that, "Friendship and brotherly love were present in abundance." — *The Express*

Trenton

Four lodges in the Seventh Masonic District meet on the same night, and that makes it very difficult for friends to attend lodge together. Berne 724, Zion 81, Doric 568, and Cherry Point 688 have developed a solution. Once a year, in August, three of the lodges drop their meeting and visit the one meeting. This year, they all headed to Cherry Point for their visiting meeting.

For the last two years, circumstances made Zion 81 delay their fall fundraiser until December. The results were so good they decided to move it as a matter of choice this year. They are selling the six-dollar chicken plates on December 4. — *From Mount Zion*

Bahama

Fellowship 687 is now meeting at Knap of Reeds 158. They had a fellowship breakfast scheduled there for October 10. It is an opportunity for them to get to know men who have questions about the fraternity. — Horace Lane

Raleigh

Hiram 40 hosted more than 20 kids and staff from the Masonic Home for Children July 28. They carried them to a Carolina Mudcats baseball game. They got their money's worth when the game went to 14 innings.

Hiram had their Fall Sporting Clays Outing set for October 10. They were having lunch together before setting out for Deep River Sporting Clays in Sanford.

Hiram Lodge made more than \$3,600 on their Spring Chicken Barbecue in May. Their Fall Barbecue is set for October 2. Masonic charities are to benefit. — *Trestleboard*

Masters 754 hosted their first Prince Hall lodge visit in June. Members of Wake 717 (PHA) came and both lodges enjoyed much fellowship and discussion. — *The Trowel*

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 has one of the most consistent systems of Masonic education in the state. They have varied and interesting topics every meeting. Recent programs have mostly looked at Masonic history. Ted Conley did a presentation on Paul Revere, of ride fame. Ernie Wells told them about John Paul Jones, "Father of the US Navy." Also in the nautical vein, Levi Hefner expounded on the uses of the cable tow in the British Navy in Queen Elizabeth I's time. Ron Lough addressed differences in Masonic ritual from state to state.

Harry Pence is coordinating the lodge's purchase of lodge shirts. They will come in navy or white and sell for \$20.

Vesper Lodge had its golf tournament set for October 3. They were playing at Grassy Creek Golf Course. Jerry Phillips was chairing. — *The Beacon*

Hookerton

The *Greene County Heritage Book* traces the history of the county and its social organizations and families. The history of Freemasonry in the county is included, tracing it from its earliest times and Davie Glasgow 26 through today's lodges, Radiance 132 and Jerusalem 95. Bennie Heath wrote the Masonic history.

In August, Charlie Hall was named Secretary of Distinction by Jerusalem 95. They report, "This honorary title does not increase his salary since he has none." They also elected Giles Stroud to honorary membership.

Jerusalem Lodge is still looking for a tenant for their bank building after losing their renter last year. — *The Jerusalem Journal*

Paw Creek

West Gate 738 made \$5,500 on their April Chicken Fry. That's good news for the Masonic Home for Children which gets the proceeds. — *News From the West*

Coinjock

Currituck 463 scheduled its Ladies' Night for September 19. Members were reminded that the occasion was not for wives only, but also for daughters, mothers, and sisters. Girlfriends also (preferably for the unmarried members).

Currituck Lodges Past Masters' Night is set for October stated.

The lodge is collecting and recycling aluminum cans in their Cans for Charity campaign. They have a can drop off site at the lodge. — *Currituck Lodge*

Salisbury

Fulton 99 held their Past Masters' Night July 9. Cecil Keith and Jonathan Brindle fixed the steak dinner honoring the 21 past masters who attended. The past masters worked for their dinner afterward, conferring the second section of a Third Degree.

The same night, they presented an honorary membership to Dennis Sims of Andrew Jackson 576. On July 16, the lodge sent a contingent to Andrew Jackson Lodge's meeting to present the same to David Carmichael and Dewey Preslar. According to Master's Journal, all three have "volunteered their time to play three very important roles in assisting us in conferring the Master Mason Degree and have supported our lodge at the annual barbecue and in many other ways."

Fulton Lodge's annual barbecue fundraiser is set for October 22. They send one-third each to the Masonic Home for Children and White-Stone (Masonic and Eastern Star Home). The other third is earmarked for local Rowan County charities. — *Master's Journal*

Andrew Jackson 576 had a good turnout August 20 for their Past Masters' Night. Johnny Jones, Tony Hager Jr., and David Carmichael cooked the steaks.

Andrew Jackson Lodge will be celebrating its centennial in 2010. They have already set a banquet for January 21. Commemorative coins and shirts are planned. — *Master's Journal*

On July 16, the Salisbury lodges fed 50 kids from the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. They had spent the day at Dan Nicholas Park there. Everyone enjoyed the old-fashioned picnic on the lodge grounds.

The two lodges had a joint family dinner set for July 30. They urged everyone to wear their lodge attire when they gathered at a local seafood restaurant.

Both lodges, which share a lodge building, were setting up maintenance teams to take care of fix-up duties around the lodge. There was painting to be done and preparation for the professional floor stripping and waxing. There was also bush and tree trimming to be done in the yard. — *Master's Journal*

Mount Olive

Mount Olive 208 holds a Family Night covered dish dinner on fifth Tuesdays. At their June 30 edition, they showed off the new tile on the lodge room floor. Bernice Williams got his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership. He was accompanied by his granddaughter Judy Holland.

A. J. and Barbara Bullard, Ricky and Brenda Silance, and Alex Bryan entertained with strings and singing.

September 29 was the next scheduled. Entertainment will be by Samantha Casey and the Bluegrass Jam.

Mount Olive Lodge has recently visited several members at their homes to present their service awards. Getting their Veterans Emblems were Alger Outlaw, Guy McKee Jr., and Selby Beaman. — *Trestle Board*

Franklin

Junaluske 145 was having its biggest annual event, their Poor Man's Meal, on July 18. It benefits Masonic and local charities. Last year they contributed to the Masonic Home for Children, WhiteStone (MESH), the Junaluske Scholarship Foundation, the William V. Mason Scholarship Fund, and eleven other local charities.

Junaluske Lodge is selling denim lodge baseball hats for ten dollars each. Since Lindsey Bell donated the caps to the lodge, all of the money goes to the lodge building fund. — *Trestleboard*

Cary

Upcoming events at Cary 198 were listed in their August newsletter. Included were Move-Up Night for their officers, August 31 Family Night including feeding burgers and hot dogs to kids visiting Cary from the Masonic Home for Children, Awards and Ladies' Night on October 3, Fall Barbecue November 6, and Past Masters' Night December 7.

Cary Lodge has raised their initiation fee to \$100 and their dues to \$75. — *Trestle Board*
Doug and Lena Mae Eaker celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Cary Lodge September 12. — Cary Lodge

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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.

GRAND LODGE, from page 1

New to the procession this year was a contingent of 63 Prince Hall Grand Lodge district and other officers. Grand Lodge officers from the grand lodges of District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina Prince Hall, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia, and sitting officers from state appendant bodies were escorted to the stage which held the podium and the symbolic East.

Next, our attending past grand masters were brought to the stage. Finally, the current Grand Lodge officers marched in, took their stations and places, and opened the session in a ceremony very much like the one you use in every meeting.

Grand Orator Clifton W. Everett Jr., PGM and grand treasurer, gave the keynote. Throughout the rest of the morning, committees, commissions, and boards presented their reports. Several guests were also allowed comments to the assembly. Prince Hall Grand Master Toby Fitch addressed the crowd and received a spirited and happy reception. His comments included his a cappella version of "This Little Light of Mine," as he urged Masons to let themselves be better known in their communities. Prince Hall guests seated on stage included Senior Grand Warden Jackie Robinson and Grand Secretary Trent Carmon.

Lester Sabsook, a minister from Carteret County, performed his portrayal of Prince Hall for the crowd. His reception, as his message, was warm and celebratory.

Immediately after lunch, and before resealing the lodge, a young lady from the Masonic Home for Children shared the story of her rescue by the Home. A young lady from Rainbow for Girls told the story of her sorority and their charity work.

After the non-Masons were escorted from the lodge hall, we resumed labor. A ceremony was conducted by A. Gene Cobb to honor our members who died this past year. A special eulogy for Past Grand Master Leslie H. Garner was delivered by Past Grand Master Cliff Everett. The eulogy for Past Grand Master Walter F. "Bud" McCall was delivered by Past Grand Master Richard G. Moore.

At the conclusion of the Necrology, Immediate Past Grand Master David R. Cash presented a supplement to his preliminary report of last year, finishing the business of his term. Grand Master Rice then presented his preliminary report on his year thus far.

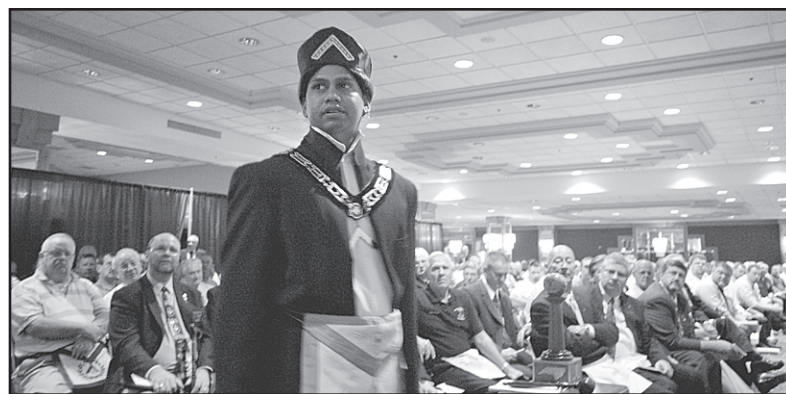
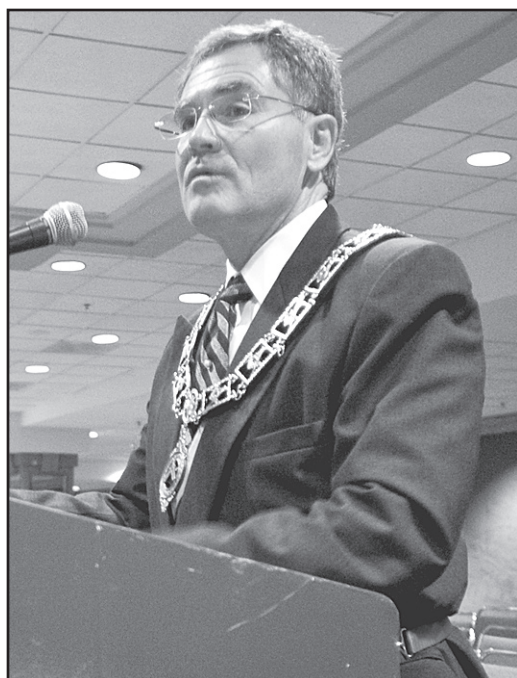
While the intention was to vote on many of the proposed amendments on Friday afternoon, time was crowded by more speakers than normal. These included a number of out-of-state visitors, testimonials from the Home for Children, reports from the Masonic Homes, and a number of presentations of gifts and checks.

Only the Report of the Committee on Appeals was acted on by the delegates on Friday, and that just before adjournment for the day. The Committee presented the previous year's work of the judge advocate and appeals for restoration. All considered actions were approved.

Grand Master Rice hosted a reception for Masons after the Friday session. On Friday evening, Masons were seen in groups all over downtown Winston-Salem. They enjoyed the entertainment and many restaurants around the center of the city.

On Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M., the final business session of the Grand Lodge began. The first business before us on the second day was the budget for 2010. Finance Committee Chairman Sam Lee presented the budget in sections, calling for discussion before asking for approval of the delegates for that section. Interspersed between those parts, delegates marked ballots to elect Grand Lodge officers for next year. The budget was approved as presented.

Elections proceeded without any surprises again this year. William L. Dill of St. John's 3 in New Bern was elected to become our next grand master. Dill is a retired school administrator and currently serves as Scottish Rite secretary in New Bern.



Clockwise from top right: A peek through the curtain. Prince Hall says hello to the delegates. Mark Menard teaches secretaries how to get more from MORI software. Superman or backward Mason? Presenting the colors. Grand Master-Elect William L. Dill. Jimmy Hicks Jr. is our next grand steward.

Ric Carter photos

Others elected were Lewis R. Ledford (Statesville 27), deputy grand master; Robert E. Gresham Jr. (Albemarle 703), senior grand warden; Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (Andrew Jackson 576), junior grand warden; Clifton W. Everett Jr. (Crown Point 708), grand treasurer; and T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), grand secretary. The most awaited appointment each year is the new grand steward, the man who will join the line of men advancing toward the office of grand master. The new steward is Jimmy B. Hicks Jr. of St. John's 3. Hicks is a lawyer who lives in New Bern. This year's appointed officers include Dalton W. Mayo, senior grand deacon; Douglas L. Caudle, junior grand deacon; Bryant D. Webster, grand marshal; A. Gene Cobb (Royal White Hart 2), grand steward; Jimmy B. Hicks Jr., grand steward; Johnny C. Surlis (Zion 81), grand tiler; Dennis R. Shepard (Mill Creek 125), grand chaplain; Michael W. Brantley (Raleigh 500), grand historian; Howard

Kahn (Semper Fidelis 680), grand lecturer; PGM Thomas W. Gregory, grand orator; and Jimmie R. Stevens Jr. (Garner 701), judge advocate. Past Grand Master David R. Cash (Campbell 374) and James A. Wiley (St. John's 3) were appointed to the Board of General Purposes. Donald E. Bolden, of Bula 409, was elected by the Board to return to the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*. Amendments were all dealt with on Saturday morning. Groups 1 and 2 concerned reiteration of two ritual requirements: catechism examinations must include the entire catechism and the junior deacon's place must be filled at all times. Both these passed. Groups 3, 6, 7, and 8 were housekeeping issues that fixed details and rules missed in previous changes to *The Code*. All passed. They include issues with NPD procedures, meeting dates, and record keeping in the modern age.

Group 9, which would have introduced a universal background check of candidates, was rejected in a close vote. Some had anticipated a contentious and close vote on Group 5, allowing Masonic funeral services for entered apprentices and fellows craft who were in good standing at the time of their deaths. The amendment passed by a large margin. Group 4 brought the most spirited discussion. There were two variations which would have allowed the use of alcoholic beverages in lodge facilities. One would have allowed table lodges, the other would have allowed it only in lodge rental situations, not at Masonic gatherings. Both were defeated. The rental allowance was put to a written vote that resulted in 440 against to 406 in favor, short of the needed two-thirds majority needed to change *The Code*. Annual Communication was adjourned just before noon on Saturday.

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Pilot Mountain
Jessica Sams, of East Surry High School, won the Masonic Scholarship to Surry Community College. The award was presented May 22.
George Toler has given Pilot 493 three hand-crafted, walnut working tools — the jewels of the master and wardens.
Pilot Lodge was holding their annual Widows' Dinner on August 14. They were giving the ladies flowers and taking them out to a restaurant in King. — *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Fayetteville
Creasy Proctor 679 recently raffled off a 47-inch flat screen television. Robert Burnett was the lucky winner, that is other than the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. The fundraiser brought in more than \$3,000 for the home. — Timothy Williams
Clifford Duell 756 had a big Masonic breakfast at a local cafeteria August 8. Members were being urged to bring someone interested in the lodge or members who have become inactive. — James Baker

Warsaw
June is a bad time for the air conditioning to go out. Warsaw 677 got burned by an early summer breakdown, but didn't let it get them down, just downstairs to the dining hall to hold their stated meeting.
July 14 was set as step up night at Warsaw Lodge. That night, officers were moving up one station to get a taste of next year. — Warsaw Lodge

South Mills
Ben Stallings had to pay up recently. Ben had promised to throw the lodge a fish fry if they met certain attendance goals. Ben lost, well won, and fried the fish at a June meeting of New Lebanon 314. They took the occasion to present Everett Brothers a special 70-year membership certificate.
The lodge and Eastern Star at New Lebanon recently raised enough money to replace their aged heating and air conditioning system. — *The Plumb Line*

Statesville
Statesville 27 Master Ben Stikeleather says that they had the best participation in years at their recent pancake breakfast.
May 19 at Statesville Lodge was Bike Night. Biker Masons were urged to ride their motorcycles to lodge and enjoy the night's fish fry. — *The Joppa Informer*

Robbinsville
The new handicap lift is in operation at Robbinsville 672. — Ed McCollum

Kenansville
St. John's 13 had its annual picnic at Maxwell's Mill September 3. Everyone brings a dish, a dessert, and beverage. The lodge serves chicken and pastry. The entertainment was furnished by Tim Bass and Ed Cloninger's grandchildren. — *Lodge Log*

Mount Gilead
Blackmer 127 was holding its Fifth Annual Fun Shoot September 19 at Dewitt's Game Farm in Ellerbe. The \$50 entry fee got you a morning of shooting skeet and a grilled chicken and pork chop lunch. Proceeds will go to the Masonic Homes. — *Blackmer Buzz*

Wilmington
In March, Orient 395 presented Julius R. Townsend his 50-year service award on behalf of his home lodge of Gardenville-Cache 455 in Missouri.
Orient Lodge is considering selling shirts with the lodge logo on them. — *Orient Express*

Black Mountain
Jim Helgreen was made a Life Member of Black Mountain 663 in June. Helgreen, an accountant, has given the lodge special help and financial advice for years. — *The Traveling Trowel*

Wake Forest
Rolesville 683, Youngsville 377, and Wake Forest 282 are cooperating on Red Cross Blood Drives. In January, they brought in 27 units. Another was set for Wake Forest Lodge on September 12. — Byron Hamilton

Ranger
On August 8, Montgomery 426 presented Euclid Voyles his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership in the lodge. — *Sonoma News*

Hillsborough
Live near northern Orange County and like to play Bluegrass music? Alan Forrest is trying to get together with like-minded Masons to play music. Get in touch with him at <alanforrest@usa.net>. — tarheel-masons email list

Eden
Leaksville 136 presented service awards July 27. Among the awardees was Henry C. Price III who was recognized for 50 years membership with his Veterans Emblem. — Steven Cates

Fuquay Varina
Crooked Creek Golf Course was to be the site of Fuquay 258's golf tournament August 25. — *Trestle Board*

Charlotte
Charles M. Setzer 693's Barbecue Butt Sale set a new record for the lodge, bringing in more than \$1,800 for Masonic charities. — *Trestleboard*
Steele Creek 737 has new rules for renting their lodge building. They will rent only to members of their lodge or their Eastern Star chapter, and then only for personal use. They are charging \$100 per event. — *Trestleboard*

Hickory
Hickory 343 recently elected Jack Elmore as an honorary member.
Hickory Lodge is upgrading their kitchen. They are replacing the ovens, griddle, and stove. — *Hickory Lodge*

Kannapolis
Cannon Memorial 626 was holding their semiannual Charity Breakfast on July 25. — Randy Crainshaw



Bula hosts county's first intervisitation

By Don Bolden

The following article and accompanying photo appeared in Burlington's Times-News. It is typical of the public perception of the new relationship between North Carolina's grand lodges.

BURLINGTON — Bula 409 conferred the second degree in Masonry on three men July 13, something that is done routinely in the local lodge.

But, this meeting was anything but routine. In fact, it might have been the most historic meeting in the long history of Masonry in Alamance County. At this meeting, for the first time ever, the membership of Augustus 642 Prince Hall Affiliation was in attendance and witnessed the degree work for the three men.

Bula Lodge is composed of white members and Augustus Lodge has a black membership. This meeting marked the culmination of a long trek by two groups operating separately and ignoring the existence of the other for many decades.

Last year, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the white Masonic organization in the state, a resolution was approved to recognize officially Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the black organization. Prince Hall had approved such a resolution in 2004.

At Monday's meeting, three men, David Michael Cook, Austin Gray Wood and Jeffrey Clifton Elliott received the second degree in their Masonic work with the members of the two lodges looking on. Also participating in this historic event was the grand master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Dan Rice, an Alamance County resident and member of Bula Lodge.

With him was Dwight Crews, district deputy grand master of the 22nd Masonic District, also a local resident and member of the local lodge. William Sellars, district deputy grand master of the 25th District of Prince Hall Grand Lodge was present as well. He also is a member of Augustus Lodge and is a local resident. Roger Stutts is master of Bula Lodge, and Algene Tar-

pley is master of Augustus Lodge.

The two lodges also met for dinner prior to the meeting in the dining hall at Bula Lodge.

The resolution approved by the Grand Lodge last year stated that "the Grand Lodge desires to insure a continuing harmonious relationship between it and Most Worshipful Prince Hall Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina and Its Jurisdictions, Inc. to provide for the successful coexistence of both Grand Lodges to promote Masonry in general among all people... in the best interest of Masonry everywhere and particular in North Carolina that these two Grand Lodges exercising Masonic jurisdiction in this state mutually recognize each other while each retains its own authority and jurisdiction."

Grand Master Rice noted that similar meetings have been held in other areas in recent weeks, but he was particularly pleased to be able to be part of this meeting in his home county. It was something he said that has been a long time in coming and something that he is most pleased to see occur.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has been in existence since the 18th century. There were lodges known to exist as far back as 1735, Solomon's Lodge at Masonboro Inlet. It and others of the time are known as "lost" lodges as they did not continue. The Grand Lodge gave the distinction of Number One to St. John's Lodge in 1794, but it had been in existence prior to that date as well.

Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free & Accepted Masons has been in existence in North Carolina since 1870.

Masonry has been a part of local history since the days of Company Shops. One of the first buildings in that railroad town was a Masonic hall, out of which eventually grew Bula Lodge.

This article is adapted from the one that ran in Burlington's Times-News. Don Bolden is a member of Bula 409 and editor emeritus of the Times-News.



Linda and Derrick Thompson, center, accept recognition into the Hayes Society on behalf of the Fitzgeralds from Administrator Allen Hughes, left, and Board Chairman Douglas Caudle, right.

Hayes-Neal Society inducts members

OXFORD — During a year highlighted by difficult economic times, the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford recently recognized 2008 lifetime donors, those who made provisions in their wills, estate planning, or in the form of trusts or annuities. Those donors were honored for their contributions with a reception, special recognition awards, and by placing their names on the Home campus.

Planned gifts are critical to the success and survival of the Home. In 2008, more than 70% of the charitable revenue received was the result of a planned gift. "It is rare when we have the chance to ask planned givers their reasons behind such generous gifts, but when we do have that chance the answer is often the same — donors want to see the work of this home continue, even after their passing," said Financial Development Director Chris Richardson. "With planned gifts they can give more than with a regular dona-

tion, recognize family, avoid taxes or other penalties, or can specify how their gift can be used. Planned gifts have historic significance in the success of this Home."

Recipients for 2008 were honored at a special recognition luncheon with guest speaker Eliot Carlson. Home alumnus Carlson is a communications specialist for the Navy's Seal Team. Special recognition was given to Diamond Level society members, Morgan and Esther Fitzgerald of Southern Pines. Their niece, Linda Thompson, accepted the membership on behalf of the Fitzgeralds.

The Hayes Society and the Neal Society were formed in 2005. Planned givers who name the Home in a will, a lifetime gift, or trust are recognized with Society membership each spring. For more information about planned giving and/or society membership, contact the Home at 919-603-3901 or by visiting www.mhc-oxford.org.

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thought, 'Okay, we've got some help.' But she was wanting to sit him up and I wouldn't let her. Henry said he remembered the few words I had with her — short and direct — not to mess with him."

Fighting for his life, Campbell said he then saw Jimmy Blanchard, a past master of Rehoboth 279 in Rose Hill, surveying the scene from the edge of the highway. Blanchard, however, had died three months earlier.

Campbell said, "I said to him, 'I'm coming, Jimmy,' and he told me, 'No, we're not ready for you yet.'"

Despite his own injuries, Dezso refused to leave Campbell's side: "I told him several times, 'I'm not leaving you, brother.'" Once Campbell was loaded into an ambulance for transport to New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Dezso went to the hospital in nearby Burgaw for treatment of bruises and torn ligaments. He was out of work for three weeks.

But, his mind was on Campbell the whole

time, and his thoughts at the scene of the crash weren't good ones.

"I told my sergeant, 'You might as well measure everything and take your time. I would go ahead and work the scene as a fatality. He's got some very serious injuries,'" Dezso said.

Campbell was literally a wreck. His injuries included a lacerated liver and spleen, a torn aorta, a pair of collapsed lungs, severe facial lacerations, and damage to three vertebrae in his upper back. He underwent several surgeries, including the placement of steel rods in his back, and doctors kept him in a medically induced coma for seven weeks to let his body begin the healing process.

Dezso visited Campbell numerous times in the hospital, even before he had regained consciousness.

Said Dezso: "I'll never forget the first thing he said to me: 'Just two brothers helping each other.'"

Thomas Pope is a member of Stedman 730 and a sports reporter for the Fayetteville Observer.

MORE MILEPOSTS



WILLIAMSTON — On August 11, Bobby Cherry approached finishing a course of work which would be the source of great pride for any Mason. Bobby brought his son, Bobby Jr., through the degrees. That was the night that he examined his son on his second degree catechism and proceeded to confer both sections of the Master Masons Degree. We expect that dad, as a past master and certified lecturer, will have son in lodge for final catechism before long. — Jim Williams



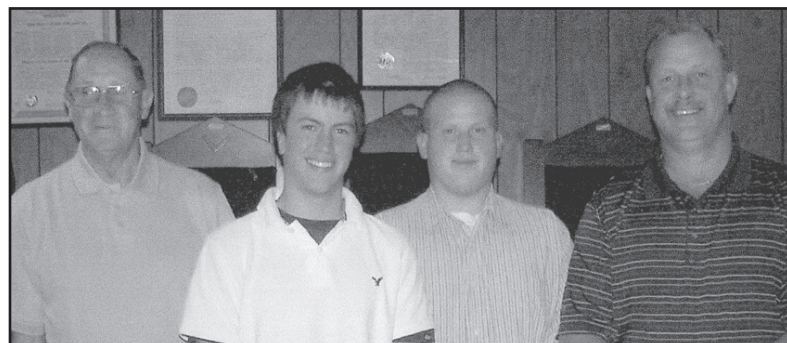
CREEDMOOR — Carla Maples, right, is this year's recipient of Creedmoor 499's Lodge Scholarship. The South Granville High School graduate is headed for Liberty University. She is seen here with Creedmoor Lodge member William Harold Keith. — Rick Haskins



WALNUT COVE — Recently, two young men were raised in Walnut Cove 629. Both had family there that night, and both were given Masonic rings to wear. The rings were first worn by their grandfathers. Seen here, from left, are George Hicks with son Jeff Hicks, Austin Walker, with Ralph Oakley (grandfather) and Wesley Walker (father).



WAYNESVILLE — The Waynesville Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star 2009 Scholarship went to Amanda J. Hyatt. She graduated from Tuscola High School and will be attending East Tennessee State University. Amanda wants to become a neo-natal nurse. Seen here, from left, are Waynesville Treasurer John Swain, Hyatt, Lodge Master Anthony Messer, and Worthy Patron Ralph Messer. — Joel Chambers



CHARLOTTE — Derita 715 recently lengthened a family membership tradition to a third generation. Ronald Mason Smith got to see two grandsons, Chad Mason Smith and Joshua Reid Wallace, raised the same night. Chad's father Kirk Mason Smith was also there for the milestone. Seen, from left, are Ronald, Chad, Joshua, and Kirk. — Steve M. Jordan



Here, from left, are Fund President David Potts, Fisher, Grooms, Worthy, Young, Earnhardt, and Senior Grand Deacon Dewey Preslar Jr.

Rowan Scholarship turns 21

By Dave Potts

SALISBURY — The Rowan County Masonic Scholarship Fund awarded its 2009 scholarships to Caitlin Earnhardt, Hannah Fisher, Samantha Grooms, Alexandrea Worthy, and Joshua Young. The scholarship awards are each for \$500. Earnhardt is headed to East Carolina University, Fisher to Catawba College, Grooms to University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Worthy to the University of Pittsburg, and Young to North Carolina State University.

The scholarship fund is an endowment administered by the six lodges in Rowan County: Fulton 99, Andrew Jackson 576, Scotch Ireland 154, Eureka 28, Spencer 543, and Keller Memorial 657. It is open to any resident of Rowan County pursuing higher education at an accredited institution. Applications may be obtained from any Lodge secretary or through area high school guidance counselors.

Since its inception in 1988, the fund has awarded 61 scholarships totalling at \$30,500.

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If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else. — Laurence J. Peter

BENEATH THE OAKS



Where memories begin

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Most of us have specific dates or events in our lives which trigger memories, and from there we tend to reminisce, especially about the good times. This is the time of the year in which I often recall key events in my life because it marks probably my most life-changing event.

Each year during the second weekend in October, the Masonic Home for Children/Oxford Orphanage hosts its annual homecoming. (I still refer to Oxford Orphanage frequently because to many alumni, Masons, and citizens across the state it will forever be Oxford Orphanage.)

the opportunities offered rather than dwell on things we couldn't control. Throughout the history of our Home, there have been many children who were admitted to be sheltered from severe occurrences in their lives, and for most of them, being here ended with positive memories.

Often, as I look around the campus and see the children in various activities, I wonder what memories they are making and what memories they hold from earlier events in their lives. I think back to my own youth and try to remember the things that helped me focus on what could be rather than thinking about what could have been.

Likewise, visits with the children create fond memories for Masons and others who spend time with them. Through the years, I have met Masons and non-Masons alike who have said that actually seeing and talking with the children meant so much more to them and gave new meaning to their commitment.

some of our children have resulted from those visits.

Obviously, the Masonic Home for Children is a memory maker rather than just a memory because it has continued to provide needed care for children into its 137th year of existence. From the day of the Grand Lodge vote to open it as a home for orphaned children to the present, there have been many Masons who have strongly supported the mission of the children's home.

As an alumnus of our Home, many of my fondest memories began here; as administrator of our Home, I see many of our children shedding a veil of unhappiness and disappointment and building memories to carry them through brighter days.

Oldest US lodge

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA — Solomon 1, here, celebrated its 275th anniversary February 21. It is the oldest continually operating, English constitution Masonic lodge in the Western Hemisphere. They were celebrating with a third degree.

— Sunday Masonic News by way of Fraternal Review

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

- 1..... Franklyn McPhall Barfoot
1..... Barry Allen Coburn
1..... Sean Patrick Hughes
1..... Terry Lee Kuhn
2..... Michael Douglas Bohanon
3..... Robert Ross Howell
3..... Stephen James Humphrey Jr.
3..... Anthony Raymond Montero
3..... Gary Brian Strawbridge
3..... Christopher Wayne Wainwright
4..... Russell Scott Radford
5..... Justin Garrett Byrum
8..... Kevin James Fieldgrove
8..... Eric Eugene Fuller
8..... Adam William George
8..... Joseph William Heron
8..... Gerardo Lora
8..... James Morris Jr.
8..... Kristofer Sagan Norris
8..... William George Ross
8..... Kenneth Andrew Scerbo
8..... Jimmy Dean Taylor
8..... Ness William Lee Van
17..... Frederick Warren Thompson Jr.
31..... Jeffrey Scott Brooks
31..... James Stewart Corne
31..... Charles Ernest Lilly II
31..... Billie C. Stout II
32..... Harold Jones Koontz Jr.
39..... William Eley Blanchard Jr.
45..... Danny Richard Coleman
45..... Thomas Clinton Elledge
53..... William Francis Austin
53..... Andrew Simpson Hampton
53..... Stephen Darrell Swinson
59..... Beau Patrick Daniel
59..... Jonathan Boutton Sawyer III
75..... Phillip Patrick Sansone Jr.
76..... James Wayne Belcher
76..... Robert Cameron Martin
81..... David McKinley Andrews Jr.
81..... George Ward Basden
81..... William Henry Batchelor
81..... Shannon Thomas Bray
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SENIOR MOMENTS



Outreach programs introduced

By Mark Kolada
Administrator
WhiteStone

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.” — Saint Augustine

Recently the Board of Directors of WhiteStone, residents, staff, and members of Life Care Services, came together to participate in a strategic planning session that discussed certain initiatives for WhiteStone to work on over the next several years. Out of this productive workshop, four priorities for the future emerged:

- Continuing to build our financial endowment with increased efforts to fundraise and increase donations, gifts, and endowments
- Staying on top of the advances in technology and ensuring that WhiteStone stay informed of industry changes and how to best utilize advances to make our residents lives better and our employees more efficient
- Continue to focus on improving the high quality of services and care for our residents
- Develop WhiteStone as an outreach hub that provides charity and services to those fraternal members and their families in need off campus. This last priority is one that WhiteStone has already begun to implement and represents the future of WhiteStone's fraternal charity in North Carolina.

One of the challenges WhiteStone has faced has been to figure out how best to provide financially sustainable charity. The reality was that for many years, the community did a lot more charity than it could afford. Recently, difficult decisions were made by the Board of Directors to help make the amount of charity more in line with the amount of financial support given by the fraternities. I am pleased to report that as of today, WhiteStone has made significant progress towards this goal and, as a result, has stabilized its finances and is improving. As we plan for the future of our charity though, the question has been posed, “Where do we go from here, and how do we continue to best carry out our mission of providing assistance to elderly members in need?”

One of the areas that WhiteStone is exploring is a more outreach base charity program, where assistance comes to the individual in need, rather than the person going to the source of assistance (in this case WhiteStone in Greensboro). In learning more about Masonic outreach programs in other states such as Tennessee, Missouri, and Connecticut, we learned that WhiteStone could potentially help more members and expand services offered. We can do this and be more cost-effective in our charity. So as a result, I am pleased to announce the addition of two new services that we hope will help provide support for those in need throughout the whole state.

The first program that is now available is the Medical Equipment Loan Program. WhiteStone currently has more medical equipment than its existing residents can use. Right now, in storage at WhiteStone are wheelchairs, scooters, electric wheelchairs, walkers, and so on that are not being used. This equipment is in excellent condition, and could be of use to someone within the fraternity. The idea of the program is that if you or someone you know needs a piece of medical equipment, you can call WhiteStone and request a loan of equipment needed at no cost. When the person is done with the equipment, they simply will return it to WhiteStone so that someone else may use it. WhiteStone staff and volunteers will even deliver the equipment to you or ship it if necessary, all at no cost.

The second program that is now available through our outreach program is a case management hotline that will help fraternal members and their families access health and social services in their respective community. Our staff at WhiteStone has experience helping residents access government programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, and veteran benefits. They can help find affordable housing, and they can do the same things for you or someone you know. While our staff may not have all the answers you need, they will be able to put you in contact with someone who can and help you navigate the bureaucracy when needed.

In the coming weeks, each Masonic lodge and Eastern Star chapter will be receiving a poster to place in the lodge to get the word out about these two programs. The toll-free number to call to access either medical equipment loan program or to access the

case management services is (877) 784-9309. We hope members will find both programs valuable and that it will help a brother or family member in need. Also, note that if you have a piece of medical equipment that you would like to donate, please give us a call and we will be happy to add to our inventory. It is our hope that while we continue to do charity work on our campus in Greensboro, that these outreach programs are a start of a new era of assistance that will hopefully help more members in need throughout the state.

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@liveatwhitestone.org>.

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- The Masonic Home for Children
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MILEPOSTS



SOUTH MILLS — Everett L. Brothers, second from right, was raised in 1939. The New Lebanon 314 member was recently honored by his brothers for reaching 70 years of active Masonic membership. Brothers is still a fixture around the First Masonic District. His son Everett Leon Brothers Jr. has long been faithful in carrying him to events. Seen here, from left, are New Lebanon Lodge Master Ben Stallings, First District Deputy Grand Master Jim Carr, Brothers, and First District Deputy Grand Lecturer Mickey Spruill. — Jim Carr



LAURINBURG — On June 30, Reginald “Mutt” McCoy was honored for 70 years as a Mason. That night Laurinburg 305 hosted 55 people for a dinner and award ceremony for McCoy. Grand Master Dan Rice was there to make the award. As the Grand Lodge has no 70-year award, the lodge had a certificate made up and presented it and a Masonic Bible signed by all the guests that evening. Seen here, from left, are Rice, McCoy, and Laurinburg Lodge Master Doug Calhoun. — Rick Best



STANTONSBURG — On March 5, Charles E. Dawson, center, was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Dawson is a member of Joseph Warren 92. He got the award from Warren Lodge Master Roger E. Bynum, left, and Deputy Grand Master William L. Dill. — Buddy Laumann



SALISBURY — Kernersville 669 member Brady Mullinax is a patient at the VA Medical Center here. On August 1, members of his lodge visited him to bring him his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years lodge membership. Grand Master Dan Rice made the presentation. Seen here, seated from left, are Sam Henderson, Mullinax, and Rice. Standing are Floyd Conrad, Zack Hopkins, Gurney David, John Letchworth, James Osbourne, and Bill McComb. — Chris Pearman



NORWOOD — Pee Dee 150's Clay Floyd, left, received his Veteran's Emblem July 16. Twenty-ninth District Deputy Grand Master Billy Canupp Jr., right, made the presentation with the help of Floyd's wife Patsy. Patsy is a 50-year member of Eastern Star. — Joel Allen



WARRENTON — On August 3, John Boyd Fleming, third from left, received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. A member of Johnston Caswell 10, Fleming was recognized at a special communication with visitors from several Virginia lodges present. Seen here, from left, are Chris Withrow, George Fleming, John Fleming, and Danny Short. — Chris Withrow



EDEN — Leaksville 136 celebrated their Awards Night July 27. Members of the lodge family were joined by Masons from Jefferson Penn 384 and Dan River 129. Grand Master Dan Rice and 22nd District Deputy Grand Master Dwight Crews made the presentations. John Pitzen is seen here having his award pin affixed. Henry C. Pace III also earned his Veteran's Emblem, but could not attend because he lives out of state. —Steven Cates



CLINTON — Hiram 98 Master Winston Coats, right, and Junior Grand Deacon Dalton Mayo, left, visited James Anderson McKenzie, center, at his home on July 21. They were there to give McKenzie his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. — Dalton Mayo



ELIZABETH CITY — On April 28, Grand Master Dan C. Rice, right, held his meeting here with the First Masonic District. During the dinner portion of the meeting, Bill Willis, left, a fellow Home for Children alumnus of Rice's, presented the grand master an honorary membership in Currituck 463.

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No heroes?

Just doing the brotherly thing

By Thomas Pope

WALLACE – The term “hero” doesn’t sit well with Henry Campbell. Allen Dezso would argue that it’s a perfect fit.

Last January, their predawn meeting in an ice-coated median on Interstate 40 began with a smile and a Masonic handshake. It would end moments later when Campbell saved Dezso’s life by shoving him out of the path of a sliding car. Dezso suffered hip and shoulder injuries from the push, but Campbell suffered injuries that kept him comatose in a Wilmington hospital for seven weeks.

Campbell, a retired chief arson investigator for the State Bureau of Investigation, has recovered from the damage well enough to receive heroism awards from Grand Master Dan Rice and from the State Highway Patrol.

“I’m no hero,” said Campbell, a past master of Wallace 595. “I did what anybody else would have done under the circumstances.”

Maybe. Maybe not.

Campbell was awaiting the arrival of a trooper at the scene of an earlier wreck near the Duplin-Pender line, and Dezso got the call to respond. They had barely exchanged greetings on opposite sides of the median cables when a pickup hit an icy patch and began skittering over the icy grass in their direction.

“Before I could even turn my head, I remember seeing, like, a strobe light – I guess it was the headlights on her pickup – and I remember hearing, ‘Look out!’” Dezso said. “The next thing I knew, I was doing cartwheels on the ground.”

The driver of the pickup, Dr. Myra Guzman, first hit Dezso’s patrol car, then the median cables where Campbell was standing. When they sprang in his direction, Campbell was slammed into the side of the firetruck so hard that it dented the driver’s-side door in four inches. He said, “I’ve never felt so much pressure on my body in all my life. I could hear my bones popping and cracking.”

Campbell then ricocheted back into the cable face-first as Guzman’s truck flipped and landed atop the first wrecked vehicle.

By that time, Dezso has risen to his knees, but couldn’t see Campbell in the darkness. The driver and passenger involved in the initial crash pointed to Campbell on the roadside, and Dezso, whose walkie-talkie and flashlight were lost as he tumbled head over heels, crawled to the firetruck to radio for help.

“He was breathing, but he was having a lot of trouble. He was bleeding out of his mouth and nose, but I didn’t know what had happened, and then I saw the damage to the firetruck,” said Dezso, who is stationed at Burgaw but remains a member of Lillington 302.

“I was concerned about internal injuries. Henry and I had both been tactical EMTs for years, and when the doctor got down there, I



Trooper Dezso and Campbell at the Patrol’s recognition.



Grand Master Rice thanks Campbell as Thomas Pope looks on.

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Officers of Franklin 109 assemble before their rising new building.

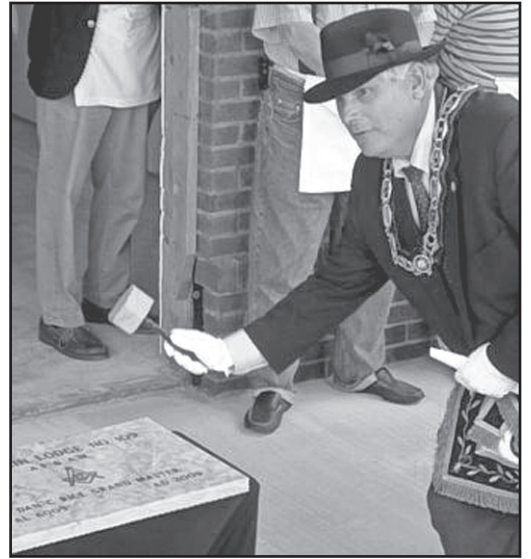
Franklin Lodge opens new home

BEAUFORT — Franklin 109 set the cornerstone for their new lodge June 5. Grand Master Dan Rice presided over the emergent communication of the Grand Lodge.

As is custom, the parts of Grand Lodge officers were taken by local Masons for the occasion. Playing those roles were Deputy Grand Master Numa Andrew, Senior Grand Warden Keith Moore Jr., Junior Grand Warden Steve Springle, Grand Treasurer Dick Farley, Grand Secretary Lee Jones, Senior Grand Deacon Ron Balfanz, Junior Grand Deacon Ron Jones, Grand Marshal Asa Buck Jr., Grand Steward Dennis Kyle, Grand Steward Burnie Davis, Grand Chaplain Marion Noe, and Grand Tyler Larry Springle.

Among the guests attending were Fourth District Deputy Grand Master Jeff Styron, Deputy Grand Master William L. Dill, Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, Past Grand Master William G. Mathis, Past Grand Master Leonard Y. Safrit, and Past Grand Master Gerry T. Smith.

Franklin 109’s new building is located at 104 Professional Park Drive in Beaufort. They meet first and third Mondays.



Grand Master Rice declares the stone prepared.

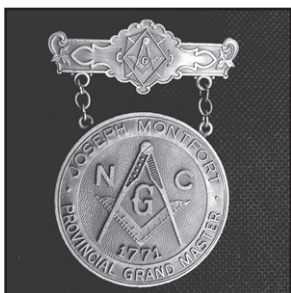
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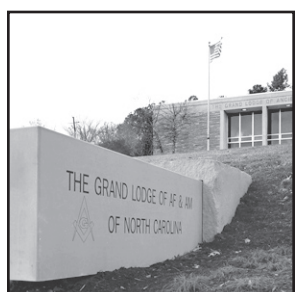
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