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Dill becomes grand master



William L. Dill
Grand Master

William L. Dill is the 157th man to be grand master in the 222-year history of the Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

The son of William Lloyd and Evelyn I. Dill, William L. Dill was born November 2, 1952, just before a twin brother. He was an active Boy Scout attaining the rank of Eagle and being inducted into the Order of the Arrow in 1968. He graduated from New Bern High School in 1971.

He married Margaret Carol Gurganus of Washington, NC in 1976. They have three sons William (executive chef, Pinecrest Inn, Pinehurst), Charles (dining manager, New Bern Golf and Country Club), and Marcus (MBA graduate student, East Carolina University). Son William has a wife, Stephanie, and a son, Paxton.

Dill attended East Carolina University getting degrees in Industrial Technology and Education Administration. He was a member of the professional honorary fraternity Epsilon Pi Tau.

A lifelong educator, Dill taught drafting and design, construction technology, and photography until becoming an assistant principal at his high school alma mater in 1985. He served as principal there before becoming director of Workforce Development for Craven County Schools and later principal at Grover C. Fields Middle School in New Bern. He was named Craven County Schools Administrator of the Year in 1992 and again in

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2010 officers assume their new roles

By Ric Carter

NEW BERN — On Saturday, November 21, in a ceremony repeated many times in the history of our state, William Lynn Dill became the 157th man in our 222-year history to serve as grand master of Masons in North Carolina. He and his officers were installed at a 10:00 A.M. gathering in the auditorium of the New Bern Masonic Temple.

Dill's line journey began when he was appointed grand steward by then Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett shortly after Tillett was

selected grand master in 2001.

Tillett, now as installing officer, was again there to assist his appointee in beginning the final act of his progression through the Grand Lodge line. Tillett administered the oath of office to each of the men who will serve in 2010.

Tillett was assisted by Installing Chaplain David R. Cash (PGM), and Installing Marshals Pete Thomas (PGM) and S. Frank Noble (PGM).

Installing Grand Chaplain David Cash knelt at the altar with Dill and offered a prayer for the beginning of his endeavor.

The ceremony was very similar to the one you have likely seen in your own lodge. All the officers took an oath to serve his office and the Grand Lodge well. Each was then charged and presented the jewel of his office.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master William L. Dill, Deputy Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford, Senior Grand Warden Robert E. Gresham Jr., Junior Grand Warden Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr. (PGM), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, Senior Grand Deacon Dalton W. Mayo, Junior Grand Deacon Douglas L. Caudle, Grand Marshal Bryant D. Webster, Grand Steward A. Gene Cobb Jr., Grand Steward Jimmie B. Hicks Jr., Grand Tyler Johnny C. Surlles, and Grand Chaplain Dennis

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Down from top, PGM Dave Cash offers his prayer for Dill and the incoming Grand Lodge officers. Dill's son, Bill, and grandson, Paxton, watch the ceremony from the wings. The wives of the new officers are escorted into the auditorium.

Ric Carter photos



Hicks takes his place in the line

At the September meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Grand Master-Elect William L. Dill appointed Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. steward in the Grand Lodge officer corps. It taps him as the junior man in line to become grand master of Masons in North Carolina.

Hicks was born May 29, 1965 in New Bern. He received a bachelor of science degree from North Carolina State University in computer science in 1988 and his juris doctor in law from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 1991.

He currently practices law in New Bern. He is counsel for several local governments including Craven, Pamlico, and Jones counties and the towns of Pollockville, Minnesott Beach, Cove City, Bridgeton, River Bend, and Dover.

Jimmie Hicks Jr. was raised a Mason November 21, 1990 in St. John's 3 in New Bern. He was master of the lodge in 1998. He has served Grand Lodge as a member of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence and as judge advocate. He is a key member (Thirty-Third Degree) of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. He is also a member of Sudan Shrine.

Jimmie B. Hicks Jr.
Grand Steward

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THE BOTTOM LINE



Masonic education: exposure or learning?

By William L. Dill
Grand Master

As all are by now aware, I spent my career as an educator. There is no way to get away from it, therefore, my major emphasis this year will be concentrated on education. Not just the typical Masonic education or teaching of the catechisms, but all aspects of educating the total Mason.

Whether it is through mentors or coaches, a Masonic friend, or a more formal approach such as Wilkerson College I will be traveling this jurisdiction with great interest for how we as Masons are addressing this issue. In the charge of the Entered Apprentice degree we tell the new Mason, "During your leisure hours, that you may improve in Masonic knowledge, you are to converse with well-informed brethren, who will always be as ready to give, as you will be to receive, instruction." This instruction is not to end with the conclusion of the Master Mason degree nor with the conclusion of the catechisms. The leadership of each lodge has not only a responsibility to provide qualified coaches for candidates but also instruction for every member of the lodge. We each, kneeling at the sacred altar of Freemasonry, professed a desire to pursue light in Masonry. Now, granted that response was whispered to us, but after hours of study each of us should decide if this is really what we want.

"Freemasonry, a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols" is by far the most powerful statement concerning our beloved fraternity. It is no wonder that it is the most ancient society in the world. Imagine men through the ages clinging to principles of morality, brotherly love, relief, duty, commitment, and the list continues. It teaches men how to live their lives.

This is exactly why the education of our members cannot stop with the last catechism, the memorization of ritual, or simply a topic of interest presented at a stated meeting. Please do not misunderstand, I have always been a strong supporter of Masonic education programs at stated meetings. We have always had them, and they certainly have a place within our efforts to educate. These are well and good but nowhere near enough. Freemasonry is so much more.

We must do more than expose members to Freemasonry — we must cause the learning of Freemasonry. I use the terms expose and learn because I can still remember those days, while teaching a class of high school students, my subconscious question was: Are my students learning or am I only exposing them to this material? I still have this thought when I present Masonic education in lodge, teach in Wilkerson College, or speak at a function. If our only goal is to get finished with a catechism and get the next degree so it is behind us, we have missed the true secret of Freemasonry. If our only goal is to get raised and move on never to return to the Blue Lodge, we have missed the true secret of Freemasonry.

I think often of two ladies, each of whom shared with me their thoughts on Masonry. The first told my wife right after I was raised, "Don't worry, he'll attend a few meetings, the novelty will wear off, and he will be just like the rest of our husbands and quit going."

The second approached me as I was leaving my first Past Masters' and Ladies' Night. Her husband had just received his 25-year award, and she remarked, "This is some club you men belong to. My husband hasn't been back to the lodge a single time since he was raised. Masonry hasn't had any affect on his life, and you have a special dinner to honor him." I have never forgotten either of these women. Freemasonry is so much more, and the responsibility

is ours to see that it is.

There is certainly no need to reinvent the wheel. There are incidents of quality Masonic education taking place across our jurisdiction. Enough cannot be said for the efforts of our Masonic Education Committee in recent years. Anyone who has ever had the opportunity to discuss this topic with Dan Weatherington cannot help but go away excited for more light.

Any who have spent time in conversation with me on this topic can attest, eventually, I will mention the Master Craftsman program offered by the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite. This is by far the best program for the kind of Masonic education needed in our lodges. It is truly an in-depth study of Freemasonry and a positive vehicle to generate interest for understanding and enlightenment. Every person without exception who has taken on this program has glowed with an excitement not seen in them since the first night they arrived at the lodge.

It is that kind of excitement that I want for every member in their pursuit of light in Masonry. Imagine if every member shared that level of excitement for the principles, tenets, and lessons of our fraternity. The potential is unlimited.

Many of us like to talk about how we have grown through Freemasonry. Sure we have made lifelong friendships. Yes, we have learned some ritual and seen some legends. Have we learned the lessons? Have we kindled and nourished what being a Mason truly means? The choice really is simple — either we stand and live as Masons, or we continue to devolve into a group of men playing in a boy's club.

As I begin the year as your grand master, I invite each of my brothers to accompany me on this journey. Let us together ensure, not just a future for our fraternity, but fulfillment of the goal to make good men better.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Brotherhood universal

As North Carolina struggled with the racial problems so deeply ingrained in Freemasonry, we often heard, "I don't have any problem with recognition, it's just the way the Grand Lodge has gone about it."

Of course, those critics never had an answer when asked what the right approach would have been. The closest thing to an answer was, "Just give it time." Apparently 200-plus years were not enough for it to work itself out.

Could it have been done better? Perhaps, but it certainly could have been worse. Just look at Georgia's experience in 2009.

Gate City 2 in Atlanta raised a young African American Army Reservist who had been visiting their lodge dinners for a couple of years. They made no big deal about it, but as soon as the young man appeared at a couple of events, the rumbling started. Before long, Georgia's grand master released a statement affirming that indeed the black Mason had legitimately and legally joined the lodge.

Soon, formal Masonic charges came from two lodges: that the "peace and harmony throughout the Craft" had been destroyed by "raising a non-white man... which has never been done... under [Georgia's] jurisdiction." They demanded the revocation of the charter of Gate City Lodge and expulsion of several of the lodge's officers. Their grand lodge accepted the charges and proceeded with trial procedures. Fearing they were being railroaded, Gate City Lodge sued the grand lodge for violating Masonic procedures and their own rules. They demanded a restraining order to prevent continuation of the trial.

Eventually, the goings on became known around the world. National newspapers carried the story. It was all over the Internet. Pressure grew. Eventually, the lodge withdrew its lawsuit after threats of Masonic trials were dropped. But, it was too late to prevent the parading of a repulsive racial outlook before the world.

Lawsuits against grand lodges are not unusual when jurisdictions work their way through racial questions that are at odds with Masonic philosophy. In Virginia, a Mason favoring Prince Hall recognition was expelled summarily after calling a grand master a rude name in connection with the topic. He was reinstated by court order in 2009 tanks to a civil suit he brought against his grand lodge.

One past grand master of West Virginia had several "reforms" passed by his grand lodge, among them a resolution to pursue recognition of Prince Hall Masonry. The changes were quickly overturned by the next grand master, and the offending grand master was expelled from the fraternity. He is suing the Grand Lodge of West Virginia for reinstatement. A hearing is set for this summer.

Our own Grand Lodge was sued when charges were brought against four men for insulting and urging the undermining of one of our grand masters who urged normalization of relations with Prince Hall Masonry. Charges on both sides were eventually dropped.

These civil cases have one thing in common: Masons let their passions push them into disregarding their own laws and procedures. Court decisions came from not following our own rules and principles.

It does not necessarily have to be that way as the last of the Southern holdouts grant recognition of the reality that is Prince Hall Masonry. Reports are that Louisiana has raised African American members and will consider Prince Hall recognition at its next meeting. Rumors have it that Kentucky is also considering recognition.

It is inevitable that grand lodges will become more inclusive — it is one of the basic tenets of Freemasonry, and to live otherwise under world scrutiny will be just too painful to explain and excuse.

The inclusiveness of our own lodges and Masons will likewise grow. Visitation between our Grand Lodge and Prince Hall lodges is now unrestricted. Everywhere it has been tried, it is popular and has been universally enjoyed. Black membership in our lodges continues to grow.

We did not get nearly as many resignations as promised for passing recognition. We yet have members who play race games to build their personal power. We have others who avoid the lessons and fellowship of Masonry because of personal prejudice. But, this too shall pass as they learn that Freemasonry is no safe-house for antipathy. The words of the ritual of our forefathers will eventually overwhelm the whisperings of uninformed men in the lodge hallway.

Every day, we move closer to our ideal of universal brotherhood.

Resetting TarHeelMason list

Missing the Tarheel Mason email list?

When Grand Lodge Internet hosts were changed late last year, Tarheel Mason blew up. Despite host assurances otherwise, the list and all addresses were irretrievably lost.

The list is being relaunched, but it will require that those interested sign up for the list. To get access, got to the Grand Lodge web site for directions <grandlodge-nc.org>.

Masons star in Brown's latest novel

By Ric Carter

The Lost Symbol, Dan Brown's latest blockbuster book (and you know it will be a runaway, big bucks movie) has brought even more attention to Masonry. *The Lost Symbol* uses Freemasonry as a central force in the plot. While perhaps not all that much of an educational bonanza, the book is one enjoyable adventure yarn. We get a favorable treatment in the thriller.

Brown is not a Mason. So why make us a central theme and plot agent of the book?

Some might say that it's because we are a popular draw among mystery and conspiracy aficionados. That likely did not hurt our getting the part, but we can be satisfied with Brown's own answer to the question.

In an October letter to the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, he tells us why.

Brown says, "In the past few weeks, as you might imagine,



Lt. Lee and Col. Glover



Trp. McKeel and Col. Glover

Patrol Masons get heroism award

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — On August 26, two North Carolina Highway Patrol troopers were honored with North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Commendation Award and the Highway Patrol Samaritan Award. Both Lt. Charles R. Lee and Trooper S. G. McKeel are Masons. Lee is a member of Durham 352 and McKeel is in Morning Star 85 (Nashville). Trooper McKeel and Lt. Lee performed life-saving CPR on a distressed motorist on US 64 in Wake County.

"Each Trooper went beyond the normal call of duty, and demonstrated outstanding judgment. This level of service exemplifies what it means to be a state employee — to serve others," said Colonel Randy Glover, Highway Patrol Commander.

The Commendation Award is CCPS's second highest award for heroism and is given only to those who have demonstrated judgment and courage that saved others. The Samaritan Award is given to a trooper who went beyond the call of duty to aid or assist a fellow citizen.

Patrol Commander Col. Randy Glover made the presentations. Glover is a member of Doric 568 (New Bern).

NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Rueben F. Young said they were "to be commended on their actions and contributions to the citizens of the state of North Carolina and to our department."

Masonic membership among the Patrol has long been strong.

Grand Master's district schedule announced

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

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

Date	District	Lodge	Location
March 3	30	Grassy Knob 471	Union Grove
March 4	22	Thomas M. Holt 492	Graham
March 22	37	Cranberry 598	Elk Park
March 23	26	Piedmont Pioneer 685	Winston Salem
March 24	14	Zebulon 609	Zebulon
March 29	21	Elberta 654	West End
March 30	10	Mt. Olive 208	Mt. Olive
March 31	5	Charity 5	Windsor
April 5	12	Orient 395	Wilmington
April 7	4	Ocean 405	Morehead City
April 8	7	St. John's 3	New Bern
April 19	1	Eureka 317	Elizabeth City
April 20	2	Manteo 521	Manteo
April 26	41	Cherokee 146	Murphy
April 27	40	Waynesville 259	Waynesville
April 28	34	Maiden 592	Maiden
April 29	24	Bush Hill 732	Archdale
May 10	6	Bethel 589	Greenville
May 11	8	Royal Hart 497	Littleton
May 24	36	Cherryville 505	Cherryville
May 25	32	Steele Creek 737	Charlotte
May 26	38	Western Star 91	Rutherfordton
May 27	28	Cabarrus 720	Midland
June 1	18	St Alban's 114	Lumberton
June 2	20	Neill S. Stewart 556	Erwin
June 3	16	Kenly 257	Kenly

In case of inclement weather, meetings will be cancelled in accordance with local schools cancellations. If a meeting is cancelled, the host lodge and district deputy grand master will be notified. Your lodge may cancel its stated communication to attend your district meeting. Information will also be posted on the Grand Lodge web site: www.grandlodge-nc.org. This schedule was the schedule as of January 5, 2010. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

I have been repeatedly asked what attracted me to the Masons so strongly as to make it a central point of my book. My reply is always the same: In a world where men do battle over whose definition of God is most accurate, I cannot express the deep respect and admiration I feel toward an organization in which men of differing faiths are able 'to break bread together' in a bond of brotherhood, friendship, and camaraderie.

"Please accept my humble thanks for the noble example you set for humankind. It is my sincere hope that the Masonic community recognizes *The Lost Symbol* for what it truly is... an earnest attempt to reverentially explore the history and beauty of Masonic Philosophy."

I enjoyed listening to it on audio book. Grab a copy if you like suspense and a chase. Expect fun, but not literary high art or Masonic education.

NC Rainbow Girl is Ft. Hood Hero

Former Rainbow girl Kimberly Munley is being hailed as a hero for bringing down the Fort Hood shooter while taking three bullets herself, and her former partner isn't a bit surprised. Shaun Appler, who worked with her years ago in North Carolina, says that he began calling her "Mighty Mouse" after she leaped through the air to free him from an assailant choking him and trying to grab his gun.

"She saved my life that night," Appler says. "When I found out the female officer at Fort Hood was Kim, I wasn't surprised. Kim not



Kimberly Munley

only has the training, I know she was mentally prepared to know what to do when you get into that situation." He spoke with her by phone yesterday. "She is in good spirits, although she is obviously saddled with the loss of life that occurred there."

All of us were horrified by the terrorist attack at Ft. Hood last week. We were equally thankful for the heroic actions taken by the civilian policewoman who ended the attack by shooting the terrorist and bringing him down.

Officer Kimberly Barbour Munley was a member of North Carolina Wilmington Assembly 29, now Goldenrod Assembly 29, where she served as worthy advisor, and as the North Carolina Rainbow grand musician. She was also a member of the Grand Cross of Color.

North Carolina Rainbow Supreme Inspector Kay Letterman said, "We are very proud of the courage that this young lady displayed to save so many lives."

This uncredited article appeared in the *Cinosam* Newsletter and several other publications.

Editor's note: According to her blog, Munley is now home recovering from a mid-January knee replacement to repair damage to her blood vessels and bone caused by her gunshot wounds. Her injuries seem to be coming under control now. She was seated beside the First Lady during President Obama's recent State of the Union address.

Masonic doodling



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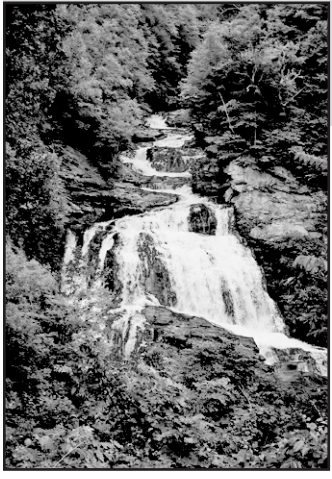
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

Ararat

Ararat 558 is working with the Friends Church in Ararat to help a family in need in their community. The family home was badly damaged by fire some time back, and the father had left the family. Pilot 493 volunteered to feed the work crews one evening in October. They fed about 50 workers from area Friends churches and students from Guilford College. Several members also helped with breakfast for the workers all that week.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Hookerton

After months of worry about replacing their long-term tenant on the ground floor of their lodge building, Jerusalem 95 finally has filled the office space. A Medicaid-financed home care service for children will be renting from them.

Jerusalem Lodge Secretary Charlie L. Hall was recently elected a Secretary of Distinction by the lodge.

Steve Dunn performed a duty so often forgotten by lodges — he gathered all the lodge cotton aprons and had them laundered and pressed. No word if the newly bright whites now require sunglasses at lodge meetings.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Thomasville

Thomasville 214 Master Darrell Wilson challenged the members of his lodge to attend four meetings during 2010. To help encourage them to meet the goal, Wilson has promised to contribute \$50 to the lodge operations account each time lodge attendance goes over 30. He's even offering rides to members to increase his chance of losing the money.

— *Trestle Board*

Franklin

Junaluskee 145 enjoyed a visit in September from Jon Greenacre and Mark Sanders, two Australian Masons from New South Wales. The presented the lodge an Australian ritual book and demonstrated part of their Fellow Craft Degree for the appreciative audience. At the same meeting, they enjoyed a large turnout for their Annual Fish Fry for which Arlon Eldridge donated the trout.

Junaluskee Lodge set up a booth at the Macon County Fair. They were pleased with their results. They hosted plenty of visitors and collected donations for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. They also picked up a few affiliations and petitions.

In September, Junaluskee's Dwight Beaman got his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years lodge membership.

Junaluskee is trying to move much of its newsletter circulation to email to save on postage costs.

— *Trestleboard*

Salisbury

Andrew Jackson 576 had their Annual Awards Dinner December 11. Buck Curlee received the L. C. Lake Award for his "many contributions to the lodge." Currie Pendleton got the lodge's Mason of the Year Award. He served as chairman of the Brunswick Stew fundraiser last year.

Donald Wood has retired after serving as Andrew Jackson Lodge's treasurer for the last 25 years.

Andrew Jackson Lodge was celebrating its centennial with a banquet January 21. They're selling commemorative coins and shirts. The gold shirts are light blue. The gold colored coins bear President Jackson's likeness and sell for ten dollars.

Preparations for the party included plenty of fixing up around the lodge building. There's fresh paint in the dining hall, the tiler's room, and on the stairway. The yard has been spruced up, and the metal stairs outside were repainted. Another paint party was scheduled for February 6. This year's Brunswick Stew is set for February 25. It is one of the state's biggest Masonic fundraisers.

— *Master's Journal*

In October, Fulton 99 completed a complete revision of their bylaws. It included an increase in dues to \$75 plus Grand Lodge per capita (currently \$17). Much of the increase comes from increasing costs of building maintenance.

— *Master's Journal*

Statesville

January 19 was to be Emergency Services Night at Statesville 27. They were inviting Iredell County emergency services personnel (law enforcement, fire, EMS, and so on) to have dinner and enjoy a thank you from the lodge. FBI consultant Bob Fromme was to be the featured speaker.

Lodge 27's Friendship Breakfast was set for Saturday, January 30. It was a time for members to enjoy each other's company and to bring non-Masons who may be interested in learning more about the fraternity.

— *The Joppa Informer*

Wilmington

St. John's 1 got on the Saturday morning degree bandwagon in December.

— Cleo Haase

Jacksonville

As one might expect, Semper Fidelis 680 has lots of members who are in the US Marine Corps. They often miss lodge meetings because they're visiting some inconvenient place like Iraq or Afghanistan. When they are in such places, they are regular recipients of Hickory Farms packages from the lodge.

On September 30, two fathers raised their sons in Semper Fidelis Lodge. Brent Foster Keelan's dad flew up from Texas for the privilege. Travis Lee Adkins' dad drove down from Michigan.

Last year's barbecue fundraiser at Semper Fi made more than \$4,000 for Masonic charities.

— *Trestle Board*

Conover

Conover 709 was having breakfast and degree work on December 19. Breakfast was served at seven A.M.

— *Conover Lodge*



Paw Creek

Back in November, West Gate 738's guardian angels made their regular visits to the widows of their lodge. They brought the ladies gift cards. They make special efforts to track changing contact information on the ladies.

West Gate Lodge holds chicken fries twice a year. Lodge Master Sean McDeson saluted Junior Warden Danny Davis for running their record-setting Fall Fry. By lunch, they had sold 65 percent of their chicken. They rushed out and bought another 300 pounds. By the end of the evening, they had a record profit and were left with only 11 pieces of chicken.

— *News From the West*

Robbinsville

Members of Robbinsville 672 and their Eastern Star affiliate delivered Christmas gifts to residents at a local nursing home on December 19.

— Jim Hyde



Oxford Lodge honors kids

OXFORD — Oxford 122 has partnered with the West Oxford Elementary School to sponsor the first ever Masonic Golden Owl Award. One student from each classroom in grades pre-k through fifth grade and exceptional child classes is nominated based on their hard work, positive attitude, and strong character. This is the first time the school ever had such a merit award. Oxford Lodge worked closely with the school to organize the event. In October, a member from the lodge also gave an interactive drug prevention assembly for the students at the school.

— Rich Weaver

Murphy

Marble Springs 439 and Montgomery 426 had a unit in the Murphy Christmas Parade. Available Masons were urged to "wear overalls, white apron, a big smile, and to come and ride the float while [they] pass out hard candy to the parade onlookers."

— *Sonoma News*

New Bern

Grantham 725 recently named a new scholarship after their 41-year treasurer, Douglas Edwards. Edwards has had a lifelong love of flying, so the scholarship will go to a local student pursuing a career in aviation.

The lodge held their Barbecue Chicken Dinner on November 13. In addition to making \$1,000 for charity, they donated 50 plates a local soup kitchen, Religious Community Services.

Sixty people attended Grantham Lodge's Annual Past Masters' and Ladies' Night November 7.

— George Herring

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 held its annual golf tournament October 3 at Grassy Creek Golf Course. The winning team was composed of Jerry Phillips, Jeff Flynn, Craig Sparks, and Bob Moser. The tournament brought in nice donations for the Masonic charities. It also brought the lodge two petitions from golfers.

At Vesper's November 5 meeting, Phillip Nelson Henline was given his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership.

— *The Beacon*

Hickory

November 19 was Awards Night at Hickory 343. Lodge Secretary Kevin Johnson was named the lodge's Mason of the Year. Robert Lee Mitchell Jr. received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years in our fraternity. Almost 100 people enjoyed the dinner and music of the Les Amis String Quartet.

For the third straight Christmas, Hickory 343 took on helping needy local families during the holidays. On this Christmas Toy Drive, they "adopted" five families with 13 children aged newborn to 11 years old in association with the Pregnancy Care Center of Catawba Valley.

The officers of the lodge provided a home-cooked hot meal for the families, the Center's staff, and the volunteering lodge members. Santa was visiting the kids in person on December 19 thanks to arrangements made by Junior Cline. Daniel Guthrie provided a fresh tree and wreath for each family.

— *Hickory Lodge*

Canton

Sonoma 472 held their now Annual Veterans Appreciation Night November 5. They invited family and veterans of our armed services to attend. Warren Dupree, veteran of both Vietnam and Desert Storm/Desert Shield, was the guest speaker for the salute.

— *Valley of the Moon*

South Mills

New Lebanon 314 has replaced the heating and air conditioning system at the lodge. They've also replaced the windows in the dining hall. Maybe they will make back some of their costs on the efficiency improvements.

— *The Plumb Line*

Trenton

Zion 81 had their annual Fall Chicken Plate sale December 4.

— *From Mount Zion*

Forest City

On September 22, Forest City 381 presented Howard George Glawson his Veteran's Emblem celebrating his 50 years in Masonry.

— Dewey Webb

Rose Hill

Rehobeth 279 was having their Annual Past Masters', Ladies', and Awards Night Banquet on December 14. The menu was headlined by spaghetti.

— *Bulletin of Rehobeth Lodge*

Bailey

Bailey 411 reports that their dining room is a much brighter place now thanks to the fresh white of their new tables and chairs. The new furniture was dedicated in December. Their Eastern Star Chapter helped pay for the setting.

As always, Boy Scout Troop 12 used Bailey Lodge for their annual fund raiser. They sold refreshments during the Bailey Christmas Parade.

— *Newsletter*

Charlotte

Excelsior 261 named Jeff Peck and Scott Wilson their 2009 Masons of the Year. According to lodge *Trestle Board*, Peck "spent countless hours at the lodge... cooking, cleaning, repairs, studying, coaching, and numerous other things." Wilson's work schedule prevented his attending lodge, but not from contributing. He is the lodge *Trestle Board* editor, "organizes [the lodge] PhoneTree system, sends out emails, gathers information on the sick, funeral reports, sends information for education, [and] has recently started coaching."

Several members absent for years attended Excelsior's Past Masters' and Veterans' Night October 26.

Excelsior was planning a January 14 Bowling Night.

— *Trestle Board*

Charles M. Setzer 693 enjoyed a prime rib dinner on December 14 and handed out awards to the men who keep their lodge in top form. Kenny Barnett Jr., the lodge's newest member, was unanimously elected their Mason of the Year. Barnette "gave willingly of his many talents and time as well as being a shining light for Masonry."

The Unity Trowel Award went to Allan Mann who facilitated the first joint visitations between our lodges and Prince Hall lodges in the Charlotte area. Mann is chairman of their Outreach Committee.

John Jones, the lodge's oldest member (94 years old), received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years membership.

Setzer Lodge's community outreach last year included donations of food and time to the Dilworth Soup Kitchen. They are considering sponsoring a little league team in 2010.

— *Trestleboard*

Greensboro

P. P. Turner 746 had their Ladies Night Banquet this fall. Seven lodge widows attended. Lodge awards were also handed out at the banquet. Ross Gellar and Dillard Moss were named Turner Lodge's Masons of the Year. They gave their Meritorious Service Award to their honorary member Gene Godsoe. Veteran's Emblems went to William Henry Hervey and Earl Henderson Lanning Jr. for their 50 years membership in the lodge.

The November 21 Pork Shoulder Sale at P. P. Turner Lodge brought in more than \$1,100 for the Home for Children. Together, John Barrett and Ross Gellar sold more than half the shoulders.

— *P. P. Turner Lodge*

Members of Gate City 694 volunteered at WhiteStone on December 18. They helped serve the meal at the Employee and Family Dinner there.

— *Trestleboard*

Raleigh

The four lodges which share the Raleigh Masonic Temple had a joint installation of officers January 4. Those lodges are Masters 754, Raleigh 500, William G. Hill 218, and Hiram 40.

To get ready for those new roles, Masters 754 held a Move Ahead Night in November.

— *The Trowel*

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.

INSTALLATION, from page 1

R. Sheppard. Other appointive officers who are not installed were Grand Historian Michael W. Brantley, Grand Lecturer Howard Kahn, Grand Orator Thomas W. Gregory (PGM), and Judge Advocate James R. Stevens.

The Grand Lodge was opened earlier in the day by members of St. John's 3 who temporarily took the chairs of office to open and close the formal communication in the nearby lodge room. For the most part, they were the officers who served with Dill during his year as master of St. John's 3. Those pro tempore officers were: W. Stanley Kellum as grand master (appointed Dill to the St. John's Lodge line); John M. Walston, deputy grand master; Fredrick H. Whitty III, senior grand warden; Roger C. Mallard, junior grand warden; Oscar A. Kafer, grand treasurer; E. Coy Wetherington, grand secretary; James A. Wiley, senior grand deacon; S. Craig Mallard, junior grand deacon; John T. Pugh Jr., grand marshal; Douglas L. Soltow, grand steward; Michael A. Register, grand steward; Wilton M. Saunders Jr., grand tyler; and Warren G. Taylor, grand chaplain.

On the day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Dan Rice. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held at the New Bern Shrine Club on Friday night. A reception, catered by the new grand master's mother, followed the installation.



Our officers for 2010 are, front from left, Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr., Junior Grand Warden Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Deputy Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford, Grand Master William L. Dill, Senior Grand Warden Robert E. Gresham Jr., and Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III. Back, from left, Junior Grand Deacon Douglas L. Caudle, Grand Steward A. Gene Cobb Jr., Grand Tyler Johnny C. Surlis, Grand Chaplain Dennis R. Sheppard, Senior Grand Deacon Dalton W. Mayo, Grand Steward Jimmie B. Hicks, and Grand Marshal Bryant D. Webster.



Clockwise from above left: The officers take their oaths. Grand Secretary Clapp and Bobby Meadows prepare the officer jewels for the ceremony. Meadows spent the ceremony offstage making sure things ran smoothly. Past Grand Masters Jerry Tillet and Cliff Everett (Dill's Line father and grandfather) talk before the ceremony. Dill talks with PM Stan Kellum during the ceremony. Howard Kahn and Tony Hawkins just outside the auditorium.

Ric Carter photos



BELLS, from page 8

DILL, from page 1

Luckily for Robbins and us, he enjoyed history and had recently become a Mason, joining J. J. Crowder 743 in Raleigh. He found all the paths of the story of the Bell Tower crisscrossed with the footprints of Masons. He set about bringing us the memory of the story and finishing the job begun by our Masonic brothers of the 1920s — to put bells in the tower where they belonged.

He has planted the seeds of a grassroots movement among students at NC State. Several student Masons are working with him: Sam Frink, Excelsior 261 (Charlotte), Austin Wood, Bula 409 (Burlington), Richard Pridgen Jr., Goldsboro 112, and Jeff Horn, and Tyler Stevens of J. J. Crowder 743 (Raleigh). Students, with the help of seed money from North Carolina Masons, have already raised \$35,000.

His dream is to get the financing to place the six largest bells in the tower during rescue renovations of the tower which have already been approved. Those repairs await the end to a projects freeze ordered by state government budget troubles. The smaller bells could be added at a later date. He also hopes to eventually have the tower restored to its original design with steps to the carillon instead of the hollow edifice the tower is now. The total job will come close to one million dollars with phase one, the largest bells, coming in at about \$400,000.

"The nature of the tower is that the sweat, blood, and hard work of our forefathers are encased in the tower, and it's only fitting that the alumni, students, and community contribute in the same way to make this special," Robbins said.

He has spread his message at meetings of both our and Prince Hall Grand Lodge's annual meetings. He has spoken in several lodges and to newspapers and television stations. His plans already include another Grand Lodge cornerstone ceremony, already diagrammed and planned in his scrapbooks.

The plans are afoot with energetic young men carrying the message of sacrifice of our veterans and the tale of Masons bent on memorializing them. Your support will be important. You can contact these men and play a part in finishing a dream of our forebears. They have a website that offers a chance to learn more and to help: <http://bells.ncsu.edu/> or emailing <ncstatebells@gmail.com>.

1996. He is retired.

He currently is secretary/treasurer of his family business, Olde Towne Caterers. He is also general secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies.

Dill is past director of acolytes at Christ Episcopal Church where he is a lifelong member. He has also been a tee ball and baseball coach for Church League teams there.

In Freemasonry, Dill was raised in St. John's 3 September 23, 1981. He served as master of the lodge in 1989. In the Scottish Rite, Dill is also the personal representative of the sovereign grand inspector general and holds the thirty-third degree.

Dill is a member of many Masonic organizations. Among them are Sudan Shrine, New Bern York Rite Bodies, Eastern Star Craven Chapter 129, Nubia Grotto, National Sojourners' Camp Lejeune Chapter, and Royal Order of Scotland.

In the Grand Lodge, he has been a certified lecturer since 1995, serving as grand lecturer in 2001. He served on Lodge Service Commission, Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, and as chairman of the Board of Custodians. He is currently dean of Wilkerson College.

He was appointed to the Grand Lodge line in 2001 by then Grand Master Jerry R. Tillet.

Dill's interests include Freemasonry, cooking, photography, and woodworking.

HICKS, from page 1

Hicks is a former president of the Craven County Bar Association, and the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys. He is a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the North Carolina Municipal Attorneys Association. He has served on the boards of many local organizations including the District United Methodist Church, Friends of the School of Government, Wachovia Bank, and New Bern Chamber of Commerce. He is a lecturer on local government law and nonprofit organizations and in the East Carolina University School of Medicine's Masters in Public Health program.



For all those Masons who are North Carolina State employees, please note that the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is now a designated charity in the State Employees Combined Campaign program (SECC). It is listed under Independent Organizations — number 3724.

— Randy Ogburn, Piedmont-Pioneer 685



Rifle raffle

WASHINGTON — Washington 675 Master Jack E. Smiley Jr., front right, was a bit red-faced when the winner of the lodge's raffle drawing was announced September 19 at the lodge picnic. His son Michael Smiley was the happy recipient. He is seen here, center, getting the rifle from Secretary Fred M. Mallison Jr., left. No one was really suspicious of a fix, but they were happy that someone who was clearly qualified to handle the rifle had won. — Mac Mallison

Submitting digital photos?

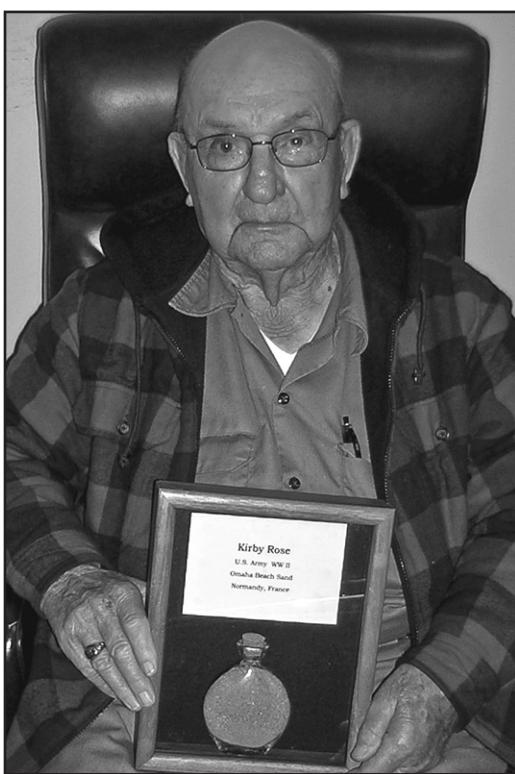
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STONE, from page 8

While inspecting the work, President (and Past Grand Master of Missouri) Truman discovered a large pile of foundation stones with mason's marks on them. He gathered more than 100 such stones and sent one to every United States grand lodge, several Eastern Star grand chapters, and other Masonic organizations.

On November 22, 1952, President Truman sent one of the stones to the Grand Master of North Carolina, with a letter including these remarks: "These evidences of the number of members of the Craft who built the president's official residence so intimately aligns Freemasonry with the formation and the founding of our government that I believe your Grand Lodge will cherish this link between the Fraternity and the government of the nation, of which The White House is a symbol."

In celebration of its 100th anniversary, the



Rose honored

SELMA — On D-Day plus eight, Kirby Rose landed on Omaha Beach. At a recent meeting of Selma 320, Ray Edwards gave Selma member Rose a vial of sand from Omaha Beach as a tribute of appreciation for his service to our country. — Ray Edwards

George Washington Masonic Memorial has requested that the grand lodges temporarily return their stones to the Memorial for a display in 2010. Director of Collections Mark Tabbert says that the Memorial will seek to borrow the Scottish Lodge mark books so that the stones' marks may be matched to the names of the stonemasons. Also, they will ask that the minute books of Federal 1, Washington, DC will be loaned to match as many of the stones as possible with members of that lodge.

North Carolina's foundation stone is now at the Memorial to be part of the showing. If you have the opportunity to visit the District of Columbia in 2010, try to take time to see this display and the other informative and interesting exhibits at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

Adapted from an article in *The Minnesota Mason*.



Spindale repeats historic vote

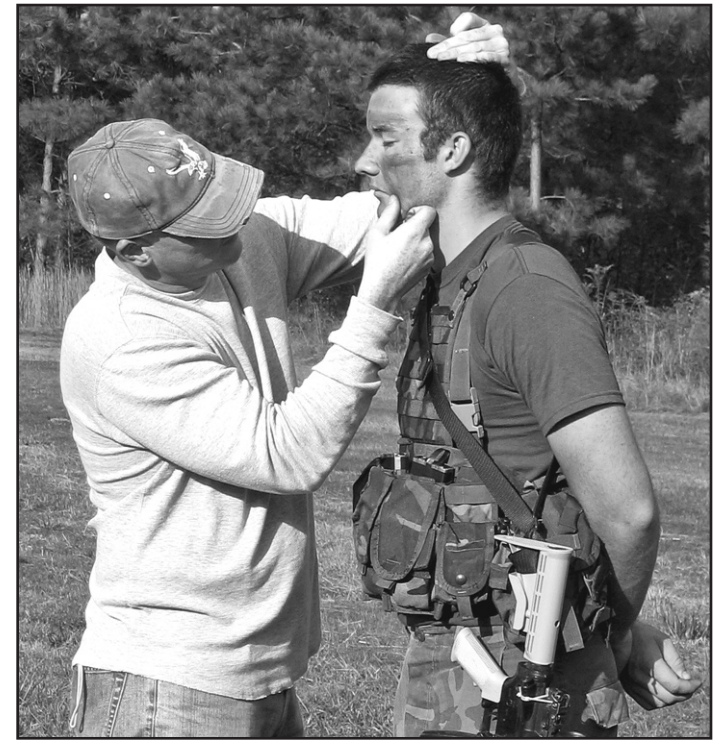
SPINDALE — Eighteen Masons were present in Spindale 673 on August 14, 1945, V-J Day, the day Japan surrendered, ending World War II. They passed a resolution honoring their nine members who served in the conflict.

On December 7, 2009, at another Stated Communication, Spindale Lodge recognized Masonic Armed Services veterans for their service to our country by passing a resolution and presenting each with a lapel pin. There were 14 veterans present hailing from six Lodges: Spindale 673, Cliffside 460, Hollis 535, Casar 579, Saluda 482, and Chesnee 294 (Tennessee).

Echoing the lodge's earlier salute, the resolution paid "tribute and honor to those, our honored brethren, who have offered themselves in the defense of liberty, equality, and freedom for all mankind throughout the world."

Shown here at the gathering are, front from left: Johnny Kinard (Saluda 482) and Howard McKinney (Spindale 673). Second row: Hal Cooke (Casar 579), Bailey Gillespie (673), James H. Smith (673), Clyde Earley (Cliffside 460), Roy McKain (673), and David Ray (Hollis 535). Third row: Tracy Yelton (460), Howard Yelton (673), Wayne Spears (673), Clayton Wright (460), Terry Brown (Chesnee 294), and Roger Darby (294). — Creighton Lovelace

Fourteen veterans of our armed services were on hand at Spindale 673 for a special salute December 7.



Balfour trains Sea Cadets

By Jason D Strucinski

ASHEBORO — Members of Balfour Lodge again participated in SHOOTOUT 2K9-BRAVO, the 4th US Naval Sea Cadet "Shootout" training weekend. Members of the lodge have served as instructors for this event since its inception in the spring of 2008. Shootouts are held in the spring and fall of each year at Tom's Creek Nursery just south of Asheboro.

Over the course of the training event, cadets receive extensive training in firearms safety and marksmanship, hand to hand combat, emergency medical procedures, rappelling, rope bridge construction and river crossing, land navigation, combat patrol tactics, room clearing, vehicle take downs, camouflage and concealment, and various team building exercises. Training begins Friday afternoon and continues nonstop through Sunday afternoon with ca-

dets rotating through the various training exercises. The culmination of the training is the field training exercise held on Saturday night, when cadets are split into teams and given a mock mission which tests the skills they have learned. The exercise often continues into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Instructors from Balfour Lodge include Jason D Strucinski, Frank Hibbs, Lawrence Clark, Thad Farlow, Brian Davis, Jason Gilliland. They were also to be conducting cold weather survival training for them at Tom's Creek Nursery from December 26 through January 2.

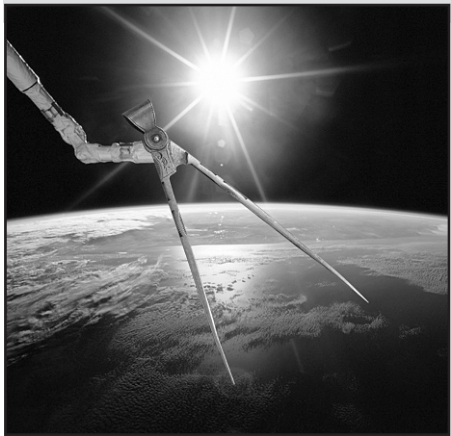
Balfour Lodge is committed to building a stronger community through the support of youth organizations like the USNSCC and is proud to offer its members expertise in the field.

Come home nights set in mid-west

NEBRASKA — At the behest of their grand lodge, all of Nebraska's lodges were holding a Back to Lodge Night in September. The purpose of the evening was to give inactive members a way to "comfortably reconnect" with the lodge. All lodge members were to be sent an invitation to the evening, and a meal was to be served before the meeting. In addition to supper, there was to be a Rusty Nail Degree in which long absent members would be reacquainted with the signs and words necessary to enter and open the lodge.

The heads of appendant organizations also signed proclamations with the grand master "urging their members to visit their home lodges." — *The Nebraska Mason*

ENCOMPASSING THE WORLD



By Ric Carter

MMRL gets stem cell center

Stem cells are cells in the human body that have the ability to change into any other cell type. Stem cells are at the heart of a new field of science termed regenerative medicine. Because stem cells can differentiate into blood cells, muscle, bone, cartilage, and other specialized types of cells, they have the potential to be used to treat a wide variety of diseases, including leukemia, Parkinson's disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's, and heart disease. One day, they may even be used to regenerate organs, bringing organ transplantation medicine to the forefront.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), in order to remain at the cutting edge of discovery and to better meet the ever-changing needs of human healthcare delivery, has inaugurated a stem cell program at its world-renowned facility in Utica, NY. The new Stem Cell Center will be focused on regenerative medicine as well as the novel use of pluripotent stem cell technology to generate human models of disease.

— *MMRL Update*

Notes

Recognitions of NC Prince Hall

Several grand lodges have recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina since out Grand Lodge recognized in 2008. The grand lodges of England, Oregon, and Virginia have specifically granted recognition. Several others automatically share recognition as soon as the body sharing the territory recognizes.

Masonic Olympics

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO — The Fourth Annual Masonic Olympics were scheduled here for July 25, 2009. It was a lodge against lodge match up. The all-day event included bowling, poker, darts, basketball, bocci, dominoes, horseshoes, cribbage, and Masonic Jeopardy. A Shrine unit even offered child care for the day. There were snacks available. Trophies for each event and an overall winner were to be presented. — *The New Mexico Freemason*

Indiana Freemason Week

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — Indiana Governor Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. declared the week of June 6 Indiana Freemason Week. Celebratory activities included laying a wreath at their capital's World War Memorial, recognizing the 100th birthday of Freemason's Hall, and saluting the 125th year of Shrine in the state. A parade and rededication ceremony were set for June 13. — *Indiana Freemason*

NFL Hall takes Mason

CLEVELAND, OHIO — Another Mason entered the National Football Hall of Fame in August. Ralph C. Wilson Jr., the only owner the Buffalo Bills have known, was inducted into the Hall. He is the founder, owner, and president of the Bills and a founding owner of the American Football League.

Wilson is a 60+ year member of Kilwinning 297 in Detroit, Michigan. The 90-year-old is the oldest owner in the NFL. — *Beacon*

Mason day with the Reds

CINCINNATI, OHIO — Ohio Masons will enjoy the 72nd Annual Shrine/Masons Family Day with the Cincinnati Reds on August 1, 2010. The Reds take on the Atlanta Braves. — *Beacon*

Badger Masons meet

MADISON, WISCONSIN — At their most recent communication, the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin kept their current per capita rate of \$31.

They changed their *Masonic Code* to reference observance of the Sabbath without mention of Sunday. Since not all religions recognize the Sabbath as Sunday, they were striving to put various faiths "on the level" and not favor one religious faith over another by recognizing only Sunday as the Sabbath.

— *The Wisconsin Masonic Journal*

State-wide open houses

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — Indiana lodges were hosting a state-wide open house November 21. All branches of Freemasonry were urged to participate in sharing "with our communities who we are, what we believe, and where we are located."

The grand lodge there was placing advertisements in newspapers and radio around the state. Their grand master was even making an address on the Internet via Facebook, YouTube, and similar sites. — *Indiana Freemason*

Lightfoot sings for MMRL

UTICA, NEW YORK — The 50th anniversary benefit concert for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory was set here for July 25. Famed singer/songwriter Gordon Lightfoot was performing at the Stanley Center.

— *MMRL Update*

Ohio Masons raise their mark

OHIO — If you think you've read this before, it's understandable. Ohio's Masons have again broken their record for contributions to the Special Olympics in Ohio. Their contribution of \$205,000 this year made the third straight year they have broken the \$200,000 barrier. The parade of Masons leading the opening ceremonies held at Ohio State University was welcomed with a rousing ovation. Over the years, Ohio Masonry has contributed nearly \$3,000,000 to the cause. — *Beacon*

Minnesota Masons support medicine

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA — On October 24, Masons from the Grand Lodge of Minnesota were to set the cornerstone for the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital. The facility will "unite pediatric and maternal services in one location." Its clinical programs will include pediatric organ transplantation, blood and marrow transplantation, cancer treatment, and heart surgery.

Such ceremonies are only a small part of the relationship Minnesota Masons have with the University. On April 24, the University hosted the annual dinner for the Masonic Cancer Fund. At the dinner, Partners for Life co-chair Roger Ledding announced that they were within two percent of their ten million dollar goal to build the Masonic Cancer Clinic. The audience immediately contributed \$17,000 more. — *The Minnesota Mason*

Freemasons accused of sorcery

FIJI — This is straight scoop as reported by BBC (British Broadcasting Company) on July 17, 2009.

From the *New Zealand Herald* and confirmed by Richard Nun, Adelaide, South Australia.

A group of Freemasons had to spend a night in jail in Fiji, after local villagers complained they were practicing witchcraft.

They were doing a second and were about three-quarters through it when interrupted by a knocking at the door. There were about ten men, some police and some landowners, there insisting on coming in. They collected all paraphernalia from the cupboard including 'Yorick'. They asked to see the permit to hold a meeting which the Masons did not have.

All 14 were then transported to Nadi police station, where they were informed that under the emergency powers they could be detained for 48 hours without reason, and would be kept until each had been interviewed individually. No interviews were conducted, and at about 3:00 A.M., were informed they were being held for sorcery. The penalty for sorcery is five to 14 years.

They were allowed to use their cell phones,

but had to make calls with an officer present. (They were also allowed to order McDonald's as the McDonald's owner was in jail with them.) A call to a higher authority, resulted in the men being released at 8:00 A.M. They were told that, by order of the Prime Minister's office, the matter was still under investigation. Also, the PM was coming to view the evidence later that day.

It would appear that the landowners had previously seen the lodge sign of mortality (Yorick) as it had been left out and the raid was planned two weeks ahead. — *From Fraternal Review, Southern California Research Lodge*

Recruiting rewarded

NEW JERSEY — New Jersey Masons are being offered a premium for helping men find the fraternity. The prize is a lit crystal carrying the grand lodge logo and a letter of recognition from the grand master. To get the award, a Mason must be the top line signer of three petitioners who pass their Master Mason examination before April 1, 2010. The start time for the program was May 1, 2009. — *The New Jersey Freemason*



Teamwork brings in \$15k for Home

BAKERSVILLE — Two lodges from Charlotte ventured up to Bakersville in July to help a smaller lodge run a fundraiser for Masonic charity. Bakersville 357 hosted the food sale. James K. Polk 759 (twice as big) and Steele Creek 737 (three times bigger) enjoyed their trip to the hills and the chance to meet some fresh faces as they all helped support the Masonic Home for Children. They are seen here presenting their check at Grand Lodge Annual Communication in September.



Hominy staying busy in the neighborhood

CANDLER — Hominy 491 hosted its annual Fish Fry September 12. Seventy-eight Brothers and family members attended. It was a suitable reward for a lodge that has been very busy this year. They have been actively involved in working with Habitat For Humanity, helping to build housing for families in their community. For the last two years, they have been involved in a backpack program which provides backpacks of food to school children on weekends, who would not have anything to eat until they returned to school on Monday. They designed and implemented a district web site for the 39th Masonic District, to help keep the district lodges informed on activities in the area. — *Jim Burrows*

BENEATH THE OAKS



We can do more to help the children

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

In recent months the lyrics of an old tune keep coming to mind with a slight change as I wonder, "Where have all the children gone?" Our state and the nation are well into the second year of a major economic recession which has adversely affected the livelihood of many, many families.

What has happened to cause the unexpected reduction in the number of children needing outside support? Are there children living in unsafe conditions because reductions in public funding have limited the support that can be provided?

Having lived my childhood away from my family, I fully agree that a typical family life is desirable for all children. However, I recognize that life is not typical in all families and that not all families provide proper care for their children.

admit that the support, the care, and the opportunities I received in living at our children's home were far better than what I would have received had I lived with my family. I want other children to have the same care and opportunities I received.

There probably are many children across the state whom MHCO can help; I do not know who or where they are, nor can MHCO offer assistance until the parents or guardians contact us. Our Home has cared for children from every county in the state, and I cannot accept that there is not at least one family with children in each county we can help.

Our Home has cared for thousands of children in need and has been able to continue operations through many financial and social challenges because the Masons of North Carolina have believed in the cause of caring for children in need.

families about the Masonic Home for Children and get them to contact us. Our staff will handle the rest of the process. A phone call by the parents or legal guardian to (888) 505-4357 or (919) 603-3948 will start the process.

As I prepare this article, MHCO has space to care for 15 boys of ages 7 to 17, 14 girls of ages 7 to 17, and 4 boys or girls who are 6 or younger without having to increase the budget.

Let me help Masonry's charities

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

My name _____
Address _____
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In memory of (optional) _____
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To assure that your gift is properly credited to the fund of your choice, please make the check payable to that charity.

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

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

- 1..... Richard John Carbone
1..... Richard Alfred Moore
3..... Johnny Mack Godley
3..... Matthew Cramer Grady
3..... Christopher Ryan Muse
8..... William Kirk Bobbitt
8..... Gary M. Hallett
8..... Casey Dallas Jones
8..... Theophilos John Pryor
8..... Mariano Quinata Quinata
10..... Brian Wayne Mazor
13..... Trevor Shea Houston
27..... Mark Alan Carr
27..... William Alexander Walker
32..... Jeffrey Keith Canipe
32..... Darryl Ethan Faust II
53..... Keith Alan Sadler
58..... Jonathan Charles Cobb
58..... John Felton Hale
64..... Eric Forbes
75..... Kevin Jon Jungman
76..... Daniel Adam Boyd
81..... Kevin Thomas Hood
81..... Jeremy Scott Howard
81..... Michael Ray Kennedy
81..... William Gerald MacIntosh
83..... Timothy Brian Abbey
83..... Steven David Antwine
83..... Brandon Lee Blackmore
83..... Paul Anthony Crawford Jr.
83..... James Sean Cudd
83..... Aaron Robert Kinsley
83..... Dustin Edward Kirby
83..... John Russell Petit
83..... Jonathan Christopher Snyder
97..... Eric Gray Crawford
97..... Alvis Gray Speight Jr.
106..... Thomas Welling Barrett
109..... Benjamin Lee Brooks Jr.
109..... Ryan Nathaniel Daw
109..... Gregory Augustin Goolishian Jr.
109..... Barry Dean Lawrence
112..... Troy Gray Lee
114..... Charles Howard Britt
114..... David Ray Cook
114..... Scott Elliott Nims
114..... Bradley Oliver Thompson II
115..... John Francis Dullaghan
118..... Kevan Delany Frazier
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118..... Peter Bohdan Hura
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122..... Jonathan Kelley Whitehead
125..... Joseph Brian Hope
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128..... Darren Vestal Layton
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134..... Arnold Emory White Jr.
137..... Tommy Ray Smith
143..... Anthony Wray Maddox
146..... Rory Justin Byers
146..... Stephen Eugene Lane
146..... Eric Lane Teague
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158..... Ronald Wayne Seeberg
162..... Ralph David Nixon
162..... Jamison Morgan Roe
162..... Jason Douglas Stewart
162..... Benjamin Eric Stinson
172..... Justin Wm Pace
181..... Patrick Ronald Dunning
188..... Thomas Alexander Dixon
188..... Jason Robert Gilliland
188..... Joshua Carliss Parrish
188..... Dennis Micheal Spinks
191..... Alvis Stirling Clack III
198..... Kevin Duane Johnson
202..... Russell Evans Beam
202..... Billy Dean Byers
202..... Wilson Scott Trammell
205..... Brian Sanders Carey
205..... Joseph Carey Wright IV
205..... Byron Eugene Falls
205..... Robert C. Furr
207..... Harry Lee Parker Jr.
218..... Robert Ashley Capps
218..... Jeffery Scott Johnson
229..... Edward Frank Spain
244..... Joseph Dustin Pursler
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249..... John Lewis Weathers Jr.
253..... Brian Matthew Clark
253..... Justin Cody Fortner
259..... Charles Joseph McNally
262..... Ralph Edward Ashburn Jr.
262..... Michael Everett Austin
262..... Jordan Mikeal Clark
262..... Benjamin Ray Sutton
263..... IV Robert Johnston
263..... Timothy Lee Lancaster
263..... Jonathan Chad Propst
263..... Charles David Ross
263..... Kenneth Shane Towery
265..... Chad Martin Boger
265..... Darren Gilbert Boles
265..... Robert John Kassel
265..... Dean Plott Miller
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301..... Jason Leon Chastain
301..... Darrel Lee Parker
302..... Matthew James Noel
304..... Deral Wayne Raynor II
314..... Jonathan Michael Herring
319..... Ricky Lynwood Parrish
319..... Michael Clyde Spradley
319..... Timothy Dale Waters
322..... John Douglas Arnette
339..... Robert Dale Dover
343..... Adam Wesley Beagles
344..... Clifford Longworth Michael
358..... Curtis Mack Queen
363..... Jason Douglas Hatfield
363..... Samuel Gregory Hinnant
363..... David Baxter Searcy
380..... Charles Albert Marshall Jr.
380..... Emmett Stewart Pate
384..... Jerry Allen Hobbs II
384..... Edward Alton Owens
387..... Charles Russell Jones
387..... Timothy Scott Stiwinter
388..... Darrell Wayne Barkley
388..... Michael Todd Moore
395..... Richard Darrell Bodine
395..... Buck Stone Honeycutt
395..... John Cameron Poland
397..... Ernest George Jackson
403..... Kyle Evan Barbee
404..... David Wayne Bass
404..... Gene Wayne McIntyre Jr.
407..... Austin Allen Freeman
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408..... Altin Ilirjani
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Your questions answered

By Mark Kolada
Administrator
WhiteStone

Over the past several years, much has changed at WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community, most would argue for the better, a small minority might argue for the worse. An important part of my job as executive director is to educate our fraternal members of what WhiteStone is and how it is changing. However, despite my best efforts of speaking at the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, attending district meetings, giving presentations at lodges/chapters, writing newsletter articles, and word of mouth, I continue from time to time to get objections, questions, or concerns from fraternal members about WhiteStone. So as we embark on a new year, I thought I would take this opportunity to highlight the areas of concerns and publish my responses, in hopes that readers learn a little more about their community in Greensboro and how it is operated.

Why did the Masonic and Eastern Star Home change its name to WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community?

To keep up with the changing times, the community changed its name in 2008 to modernize its image yet still respect its heritage. The name "WhiteStone" is a combination of two historical names in its past, Mr. White was the first administrator of the community and Mr. and Mrs. Stone were the first residents to move into the community back in 1913. The word "Home" is very rarely used now to describe a retirement community, instead it is more common to use the word "community" that has a more positive connotation of a vibrant place for retirement living rather than a traditional "home" for the aged.

Who owns WhiteStone?

For the past 97 years, WhiteStone has been a separate 501c(3) nonprofit company, with a dedicated 20-member board of directors consisting of 12 Masons and eight Eastern Star members. In 2006, WhiteStone hired a management company named Life Care Services to provide management services to the community, but Life Care Services does not have any ownership in WhiteStone.

Why is a management company needed at WhiteStone?

Running a retirement community is a complex business, and the Board of Directors decided that the retirement industry was changing too quickly for it to keep up with on a day to day basis. Among other things, Life Care Services provides day to day on-site management, training to WhiteStone staff, IT support, regulatory and compliance assistance, health programs, and group purchasing. As a result of having LCS involved in WhiteStone, the community has become more financially stable, resident satisfaction has increased, quality of care has improved and the employees

have access to more training resources. WhiteStone's Board of Directors is still responsible for corporate governance, strategic planning, and oversight of the management company, and are still very much in control of all policy decision relating to the community.

How many fraternal members live at WhiteStone?

Approximately 90% of our independent living and residential residents are fraternally affiliated. In our Care and Wellness Center, the percentage drops to approximately 60%-70% fraternal due short-term patients from outside the community receiving Medicare services.

Now that WhiteStone has opened its doors to those that are non-fraternal, is there still enough available homes for fraternal members?

The mission of WhiteStone continues to be to provide retirement living for its fraternal members first and foremost. In 2006, after years of below normal occupancy rates, the community did open its doors to non-fraternal members because there were simply not enough fraternal members moving to WhiteStone to continue to make it financially viable. Today, WhiteStone has approximately 93% occupancy in its independent living and residential areas and 97% census in its nursing home and Alzheimer unit. As a matter of logistics, WhiteStone can't guarantee every Mason or Eastern Star member a unit as there are over 44,000 Masons in North Carolina and only 225 units at WhiteStone. All admissions are based on a first come first serve basis.

As a Mason or Eastern Star member, what types of benefits are in it for me to move to WhiteStone?

While WhiteStone does not provide a discount based on fraternal associations there are several benefits to being a fraternal member.

1. Fraternal members have direct access to WhiteStone's fraternal financial assistance program. No sister or brother is ever asked to leave due to financial misfortune. This is not always the case if you move to another non-affiliated retirement community in North Carolina.
2. With such a large percentage of fraternal affiliated residents at WhiteStone, many residents feel more comfortable being in a community with other fraternally affiliated residents who share the same Masonic and Eastern star values and ideals they do.
3. WhiteStone currently has an Eastern Star Chapter, as well as weekly and monthly Masonic and Eastern Star functions that help fraternal affiliated residents stay involved in their fraternities. Whether it's having coffee every Friday at the Masonic breakfast, monthly Masonic luncheon on campus, or the Eastern Star special events held throughout the year, many residents love seeing fraternal friends from across the state on a regular basis.
4. One of the most generous contributions a Masonic Brother or Eastern Star sister can make is an investment in WhiteStone. Each resident that pays an entrance fee is helping to support the

fraternal community and ensure its viability for future generations to come. Why retire elsewhere, when your retirement dollars can help support your fellow sisters and brothers here at WhiteStone, while enjoying retirement living, services and amenities that are better than most retirement communities around the state.

Beside the fraternal appeal, how does WhiteStone compare with other retirement communities in North Carolina in terms of care, services and amenities?

Every Mason and Eastern Star member can be very proud of their community in Greensboro. WhiteStone is a completely gated community located on 42 beautiful acres in the heart of Greensboro and has several unique features such as: 24/7 security, state of the art Care and Wellness Center featuring an indoor pool, on-site medical clinic, on-site pharmacy, duet bike program, snoozelin room (for those with severe cognitive impairment), excellent nursing care, flexible dining options, full activity calendar, transportation services, library, computer lab, and parlor areas. With the upcoming renovation, we will soon be adding a fitness center, new resident store, game room, multipurpose room, renovated dining room, and activity area. Some of our residents compare living at a retirement community to vacationing on a cruise ship!

I hear it's too expensive and I can't afford to live there. How much does WhiteStone cost?

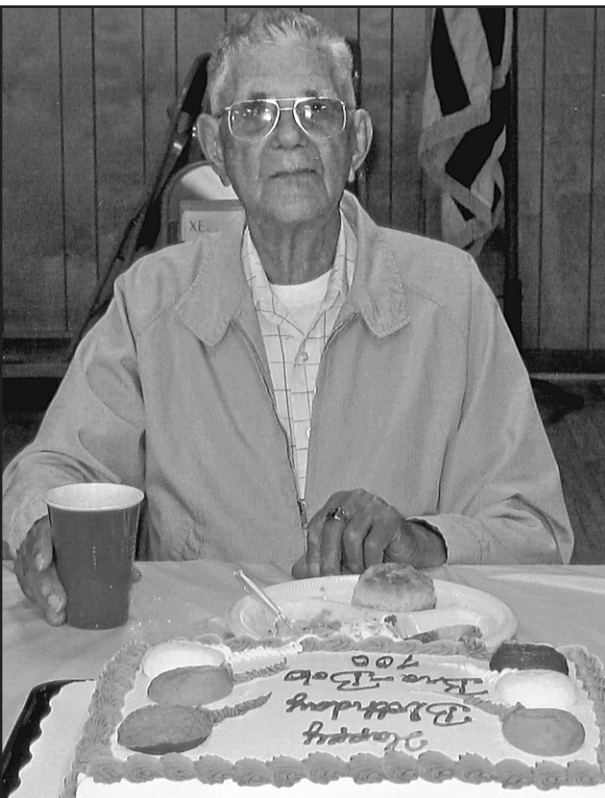
Compared to other retirement communities throughout the state, WhiteStone provides exceptional value and affordable retirement living with a wide variety of entrance fees and contract types to choose from. Currently our entrance fees fall between \$60,000 to over \$225,000, and our monthly fees average approximately \$1,750 a month. We also offer three different types of contracts that allow the residents to get a refund of either 50% or 90% of their entrance fee through the return of equity program. It should be noted that WhiteStone no longer has the assigned asset system whereby perspective residents give a percentage of their overall assets to the community.

Is there anyone available to answer more questions or give me more information on WhiteStone?

The executive director, Brother Mark Kolada is always available to answer any questions or concerns a fraternal member may have and can be reached at (336) 547-2992 or email at mkolada@live-atwhitestone.org. In addition to being a proud Masonic Brother, Mark is an Eastern Star member and member of the Scottish Rite and is available to speak at lodges and chapters when requested. Those members of lodges and chapters who are on the WhiteStone committee can also request at any time a brief update or report on the community to give back to their membership. Simply call Mark, and he will be happy to provide any information you will need.

We will be carrying more questions and answers in the next issue of *The North Carolina Mason*.

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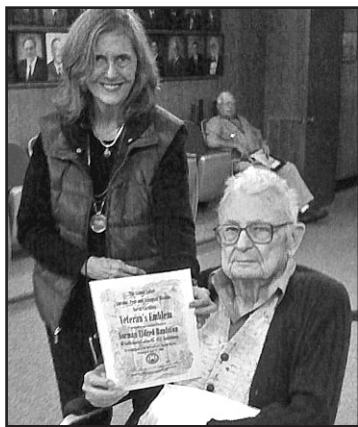
BURNSVILLE — When Burnsville 717 celebrated their 50th birthday in August, they also saluted Bob Boone for his birthday, twice the lodge's — 100 years. He has been a Mason for just over half of his life.

— Jerry K. Laws



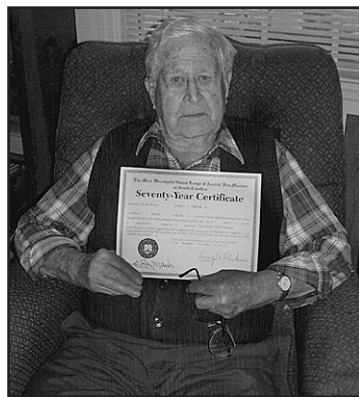
WENDELL — Wendell 565, in December, presented Jessie Satterwhite, third from left, his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years as a Mason. From left are Derrick Satterwhite (grandson), Wendell Master Rodney Brown, the senior Satterwhite, and Jessie Satterwhite Jr. (son). Both son and grandson were presented their aprons by the awardee at their initiations the same night.

— Ray Burch



GOLDSBORO — Norman Raulston, seen here with his daughter, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership from Goldsboro 634.

— Paul Worley Brown



WINNABOW — On December 14, St. John's I presented George R. C. Thompson Jr. his 70-year membership award on behalf of his home lodge, Mariner 2, in Charleston, South Carolina.

— Lignell W. Hood III



BISCOE — On November 7, Biscoe 437 held its awards night. K. A. McLeod, third from left, received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership. Seen here making the presentation are, from left, Senior Warden David Parsons, Junior Warden Jimmy Harris, and Tony Hutto. McLeod will be 90 years old in April.

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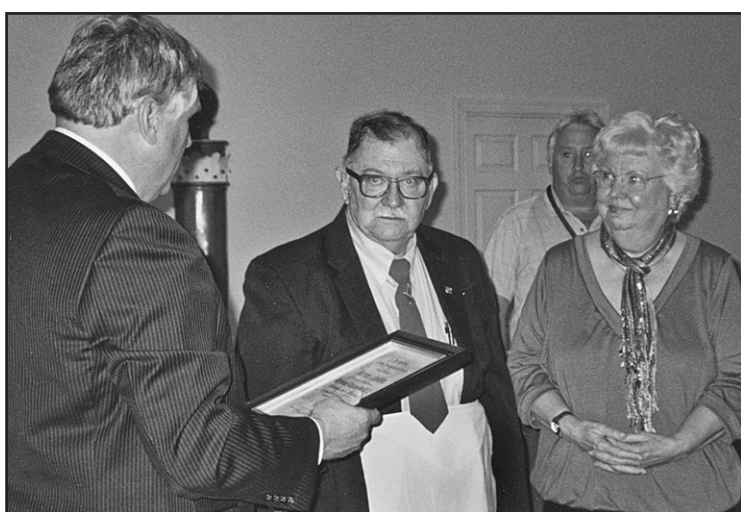
SMITHFIELD — At Fellowship 84's Annual Past Masters' and Ladies' Night in the late fall, then Deputy Grand Master William L. Dill, center, presented Diamond Jubilee Awards to two Fellowship members: John Simon Shallcross and Billie Eugene Combs. Also earning the awards for 60 years membership, but unable to attend the dinner, were Daniel Gray Matthews and Adrian Gordon Howell.

— Harvey Evans



CLEMMONS — Enterprise 752 held its Past Masters' Dinner during the summer. They presented Veteran's Emblems for 50 years as a Mason to Thomas Walker Allen, left, and Ted F. Cook, right.

— Tom Allen Jr.



STEDMAN — This fall, Haywood Bunyan Smith Jr., center, received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. His wife Nancy, right, affixed his pin. Then Grand Master Dan Rice, left, presented the award. Smith was the charter junior warden of Stedman 730.

— Jim Hay



GOLDSBORO — Goldsboro 634 recently presented Roy Renfrow his Veterans' Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. He is pictured, center, with his wife and Tenth District Deputy Grand Master David Crisp who presented the award.

— Paul Worley Brown

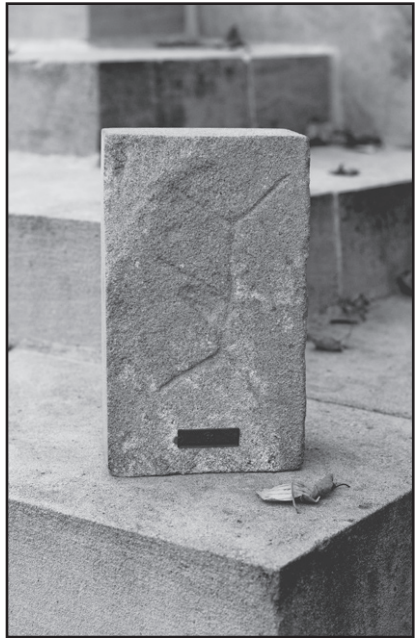
Appeal for relief for Haiti

You've seen the destruction vividly portrayed by television coverage. Much of Haiti is in ruins. All Haitians need assistance. Our Brothers in the Grand Orient D'Haiti desperately need assistance as they work with their communities in trying to rebuild their shattered lives.

Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Ste. 203, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. You may mark them for Haiti and from North Carolina.

NC treasure visiting Memorial

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — Early in 1948, in response to the president's concerns, engineering reports confirmed that the White House was in a serious state. Burned to the exterior walls in 1814, further compromised by the successive additions



NC's foundation stone

— very much the way President James Madison had done in 1814.

The decision was made to move the Trumans across the street into the Blair House for three years while the White House underwent a complete reconstruction within its original exterior walls.

The old interior of the residence was dismantled, leaving the house as a shell with the two modern wings. Some of the existing interior detail was saved, especially fireplace mantels. Some of the scrap was sold as souvenirs.

of indoor plumbing, gas lighting, electric wiring, heating ducts, and major modifications in 1902 and 1927, some said the White House was standing only from the force of habit.

Plans were discussed to demolish the building and rebuild it to the same design, but in the end, President Harry Truman went to Congress and requested the funding to rebuild the White House from the inside out, leaving only the stout brick outer walls and to rebuild the interior largely on the same plan as the existing

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Time for the Masons to ring in again

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — When you have a big job to do and need help. Who you gonna call? Your lodge brothers, of course.

Shortly after World War I, North Carolina Alumnus Vance

Sykes had a dream. He wrote a letter to the NC State Alumni Association proposing a campus memorial to the State alums who had fought in The Great War. Of the 6,000 student registrations during the war, 2,000 had enlisted in our armed services. Thirty-three died.

It fell to Alumni Association President W. F. Pate (a member of Radiance 132) to start things. He called on his brother Mason, C. L. Mann (William G. Hill 218) to head a committee to make plans for designing, financing, and building the memorial.

Many of the men on his committee were Freemasons. Of the 30 people appointed around the state to find donations, 17 were North Carolina Masons. They decided that the memorial's foundation (33 feet by 33 feet) would be built entirely with donations from North Carolina Masonic lodges. In 1921, Grand Master J. Bailey Owens presided over a Masonic cornerstone ceremony marking the beginning of the memorial's rise to the sky.

All too soon, the Great Depression brought an end to financing and thus construction of the tower. For years it sat looking like a mausoleum on Hillsborough Street, at the corner of the college campus. Then, the Roosevelt Administration's efforts to curb the Depression threw a life ring to the project. In 1936-37, the WPA (Works Progress Administration) finished the job. Of course, given the times, they finished it without many of the frills — like no steps to the belfry and none of the 54 bells that were to grace the carillon designed for the bell tower.

Cut to 2004. Matt Robbins, a graduate student in the School of Design, learned that what he had been hearing from the tower was not bells, but sounds pumped over to speakers at the top of the campus landmark. He was a little shaken and set off on a research path that brought him a story of honor and a project that would gain the attention of thousands.

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Matt Robbins at the foot the Bell Tower.



Robbins' plan book already includes success.

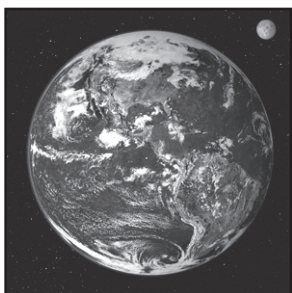
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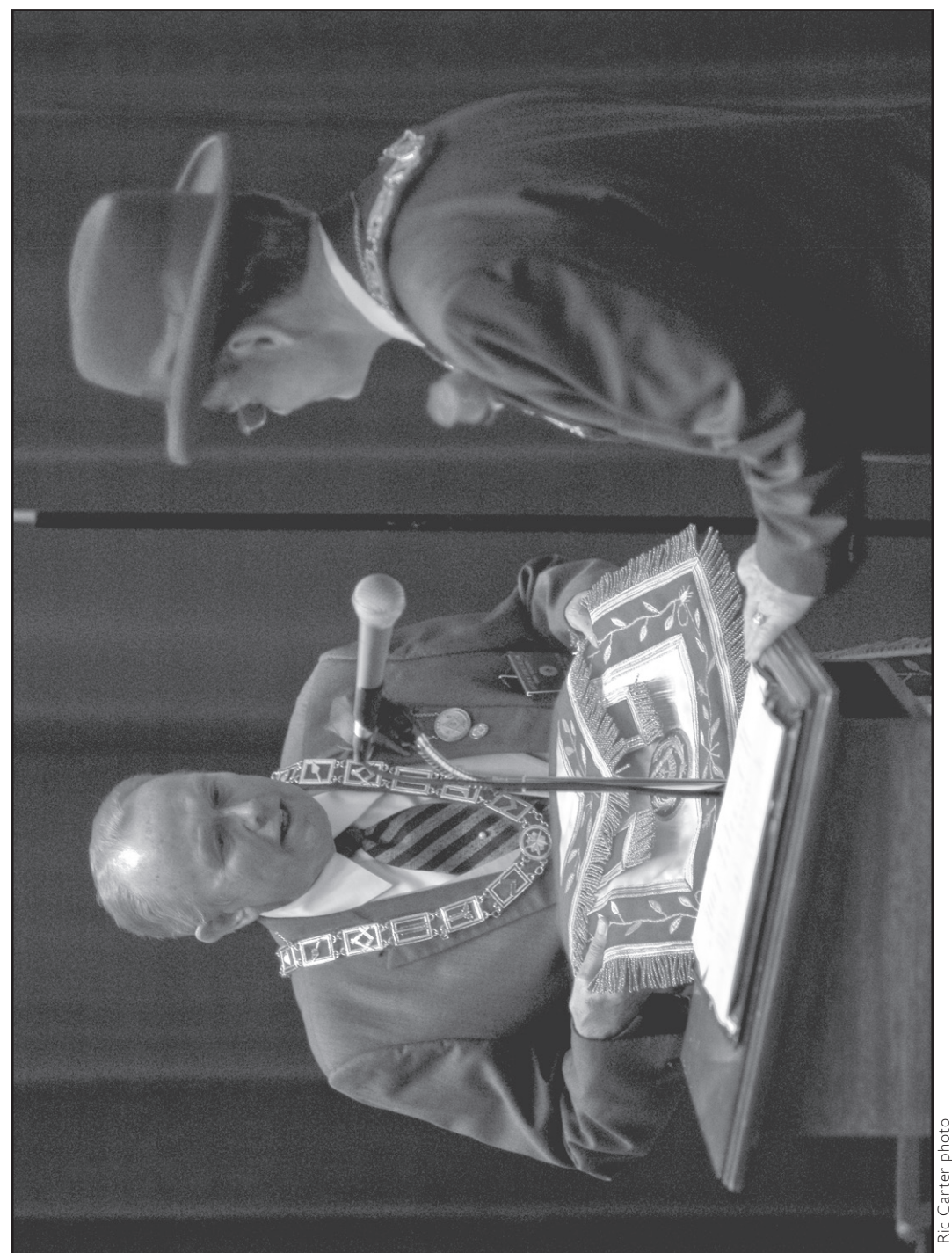
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New year, new officers

Our new Grand Lodge officers for 2010 have taken their places and stations. They were sworn in New Bern on November 21. New Grand Master William L. Dill, right, is seen here taking his GM's apron from Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr. You can read more about the event and see photos starting on page one of this issue of *The North Carolina Mason*.