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The parking lot before the lodge consecration had a different look as the chartering members gathered for the ceremony.

## Knights of Solomon 754 will travel

# Motorcycle lodge consecrated

By Ric Carter

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina has a new lodge. Knights of Solomon 764, granted a charter at our September Annual Communication, was consecrated here at Charles M. Setzer 693 on October 21 by Grand Master William L. Dill. Knights of Solomon Lodge is an affinity lodge, that is one which is made up of men who share some special interest; in this case motorcycles.

Grand Master Dill opened the lodge in ample form before proceeding with the ceremonial presentation of the charter and installation of its first officers. About 50 Masons witnessed the historic event.



Ric Carter photos

■ see KNIGHTS, page 4 KoS Lodge officers take their oaths.

### New lodge opportunities

Knights of Solomon lodge is an affinity lodge for people interested in motorcycle. There are numerous other opportunities for creating affinity lodges in the state. Two are currently being talked about by groups of Masons.

#### NC State University lovers

Students at NC State University look to resurrect an old tradition. In 1921, student Masons on campus could join a group called Square and Compass, provided they were Master

■ see NEW LODGES, page 4

## Bikers pull in \$25,000

# The Ride makes it through lucky 13

CHINA GROVE — Eureka 283 held its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Ride to the Masonic Children's Home in Oxford September 11. Each year members of Eureka collect sponsors and donations to raise money for the Masonic Home for Children. But they don't stop there. Charity Ride organizers Jerry Edwards and Doug Earnhardt put together a great day of cruising.

The Ride has become, perhaps North Carolina's most successful Masonic fund-

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Grand Master Dill led the pack out of Raleigh.



Awaiting start time, bikes line a still dark street in China Grove.

## THE BOTTOM LINE



# A contract of character

By William L. Dill  
Grand Master

How often have we heard a non-member remark, "I have never been asked to join the Masonic Fraternity, but I have been asked to join about everything else?"

This leads us to remark that a person desiring to become a member of the Masonic fraternity must not wait in vain for someone to ask him to join, because to be asked would be contrary to the rules, regulations, and all customs of the Craft. It is, however, somewhat different after he has once been identified with the Craft and has become a Master Mason. Masonically it is generally supposed, by some at least, that once he has been admitted to the fraternity, he is proper material for advancement.

But, someone may say that times and conditions change, and this is bound to materially affect institutions. That may be correct to a certain degree, but if the tenets of the Craft are unchangeable and strictly adhered to, there will not be any great difficulty if men are worthy and unusually well qualified on the occasion of their initiation. And if then, why not all through the Masonic journey. Simply because some person who has already been admitted, has either forgotten, or never learned the lesson; that basic principles of the Masonic system are not political, financial, or even numerical; the rock bottom foundation on which the structure is built is CHARACTER, and he who has lost sight of that attribute, has notably failed, not alone for himself, but for his own lodge and the fraternity at-large. Fifty years ago a man had to be a good man before he became even a petitioner for the degrees. No member would take in the petition of a man unless he could vouch for his honesty and integrity, his moral character, and general fitness. Today it is different. Too many are glad to accept the petition and present it to the secretary to be placed before the lodge for action regardless of his habits, character, and standing in the community.

We oftentimes hear of those who say that because the Masonic institution is secret, it is not tolerant. How absurd! How often have we witnessed that those who usually shout the loudest for toleration are, generally speaking, the ones who would give you the least consideration when it is their turn to be tolerant? It is, however, a well defined rule which calls for Masonic obedience,

and this was clearly set forth in an article in the Hebrew Standard and is as follows:

"Masonry asks of its members' obedience to certain defined principles and well-established lines of action that require them to act with honor, justice, and humanity; but it requires neither blind allegiance to itself nor any performance of service contrary to the individual conscience, or in conflict with the duty and responsibility of good citizenship.

"Nothing can be demanded of any member of the Craft that is in violation of those fundamental obligations, indeed, his personal independence is recognized in many ways, and all along the line of his Masonic advancement he is told that his primary duty consists in his being faithful to himself, his country, and his God.

"He finds laws and principles clearly laid down, definite courses of social and moral obligations marked out, and he promises an observance thereto; he promises to obey the common law, to be a loyal citizen and an honest, upright man and Mason. But that is not 'blind,' unreasoning obedience which overthrows personal dependence and threatens the good order and welfare of the state.

"Masonry has no form of government that rules it with an iron rod; it is governed by leaders chosen by the members themselves, to serve for definite periods only, and when that time has expired, these TEMPORARY leaders fall back into the ranks and become workers in the quarries with the others, having only the honor of past services to their credit.

"Masonry demands obedience to those laws, edicts and regulations not only of its own, but also demands honest obedience to the law of the state, excludes no one from its benign influence, nor dictates to its followers to what other orders or societies he may or may not belong.

"Masonry enforces obedience, but it is obedience with a freer conscience, the obedience of a free man. Masonry stands above all for universal truth and universal charity."

It can safely be said: that if men can see no difference in the moral standard of the members of an Institution, and those outside its gates; whether that institution be named a church or a lodge, there is time for reflection on the part of those within, and serious thought for those who would otherwise seek its portals. Their standards in each case, to be worthy of emulation, must embody sterling qualities of mind, and heart, and these rarely pre-

dominate, when character is lacking. Institutions and men never build so effectively as when they build on that basis.

So that when men learn, of their own free will, the principles of the brotherhood of man and the eternal fitness of things and respect the rights of others, they will then be free; will enjoy the fellowship of others and whether or not they have realized their ambition, of having been enrolled somewhere in the Masonic firmament, they will still discover that Freemasonry is a veritable storehouse of information and knowledge, which can only be comprehended by continually searching and even then, there will be something more.

Indeed, there is! The greater the honors conferred, the more the obligation and responsibility increases, but does not most of it find its emphasis in the proud title of a Master Mason?

Consider the degree of Master Mason as a contract. "Did you ever stop to think that in receiving the degree of Master Mason you have entered into a contract?" It is a contract with men to be a man. You have taken upon yourself pledges and obligations which, in the world of business, you would never think of breaking because you know it would spell your financial ruin. No more should you think of breaking this contract, for it spells your moral ruin to do so. Every contract breaker has less regard for contracts thereafter. So, every deliberate breaker of a moral contract has less regard for morality thereafter. It is inevitable; you cannot afford to get into such a habit. To be sure, a contract must be mutual to be binding, and the failure of one party to maintain his part of a contract may legally and morally free the other party from its conditions. But, you cannot work out of this contract because some Brother Mason falls short in his duty. Your contract is not with one Mason, it is with every Mason, and it is individual with each. So even though one Brother may fall by the wayside, yet there are hundreds of others who are living up to the precepts of the institution — the terms of the contract — and to them you are irrevocably bound."

When every member honors to the fullest extent his Masonic obligations, the remark, "I have never been asked to join the Masonic Fraternity," will become even more significant, because, what the Fraternity will be then, will speak so loudly, that its members will have no occasion even for the sign of an urge, much less, a query why not, to those who remark, "I have never been asked."

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



# Happy Holidays!

Temperatures fall this time of year. Days grow shorter and dimmer as night's darkness grows longer and deeper. The sun sinks nearer the horizon, and green plants die. During this season, mankind has, since before history was written, huddled together with loved ones, there to cling to one another and all that was truly important to them. It has always been a time of fear and celebration — fearing that loss and death will overtake us — celebrating that we yet survive and have each other. Today people of all faiths mark the season with stories, and rituals, and beliefs, and creeds that have them cling now to the ones they love. They celebrate that love. They rejoice that they have survived. They hope that the day will once again grow long, that the sun will once more rise to the top of the sky, and the flowers again bloom. Remember that people of all faiths, races, ethnic groups, and nationalities share the same hopes for their families. We wish all these things for you and your loved ones during the highest of holiday seasons.

## Freemasons and the US Supreme Court

By Chad Simpson

Service to country is a laudable virtue in any citizen. However, few are able to provide service on a truly national scale. It is a point of pride for the Masonic fraternity that many of our country's public servants have also been Freemasons.

In the case of the United States Supreme Court, 36 justices have been Masons, five of whom have served as chief justice and three have also served as grand master of their state. Here are some of the more notable.

### Oliver Ellsworth

Oliver Ellsworth, nominated by Brother and President George Washington, served as the Supreme Court's third chief justice from 1796 to 1800. He was a charter member of St. John's Lodge at Princeton, NJ. Ellsworth was succeeded by John Marshall.

### John Marshall

John Marshall served the Grand Lodge of Virginia as grand master from 1793 to 1795. He became a Mason during the Revolutionary War

and was a member of Richmond 10 and later Richmond-Randolph 19. He served as chief justice from 1801 until his death in 1835.

As chief justice, he presided over the trial of Brother Aaron Burr for treason. Marshall has been referred to as the "Father of the Judiciary Branch," for under his leadership, the Supreme Court became the final word on the constitutionality of both state and federal laws.

### William H. Taft

President William H. Taft, nominated by President Warren G. Harding, was chief justice of the Supreme Court from 1921 to 1930. Taft was made a Mason at sight by Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson and later affiliated with Kilwinning 365 in Cincinnati, OH.

### Robert H. Jackson

Robert H. Jackson, appointed to the Supreme Court by Brother and President Franklin Roosevelt, also served as prosecutor at the War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg. He was a member of Mt. Moriah 145, Jamestown, NY.



## Tillett named Montfort Medalist

WINSTON-SALEM — At Annual Communication, Grand Master William L. Dill presented Past Grand Master Jerry R. Tillett, right, the Joseph Montfort Medal for outstanding Masonic service. For the presentation, Dill invited several past grand masters to the stage to witness the honor. The Montfort is the highest honor in North Carolina Freemasonry and is given to Masons who have contributed to the fraternity and its honor.

## Two NC Masons publish books

Two North Carolina Masons have recently published books, and both have Masonic themes. Asheville's John Burchfield (Lodges 663, 650, and 118) has published *The Chamber of Truth* his first novel. Wilson's Dan Weatherington (Lodges 712 and 760) has penned *Recognizing Prince Hall*.

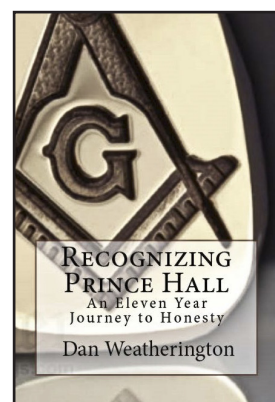
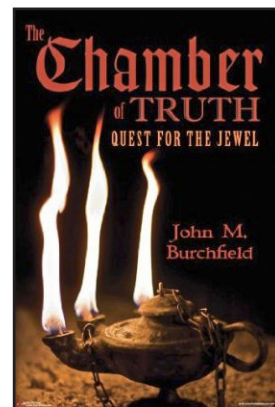
*Recognizing Prince Hall, An Eleven Year Journey to Honesty* is a fictionalized account of our recognition of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of North Carolina. It follows the real progression, but with names changed to protect both the guilty and the innocent. Some characters have been modified to give a more effective feel of the times. It is an honest (sometimes painfully so) account of our upheaval in quest of integrity.

This is Weatherington's fourth novel, with his fifth on the way in early 2011.

Ordering details for this and Weatherington's other books may be obtained from <www.danweatherington.com>.

*The Chamber of Truth, Quest for the Jewel* is a Masonic adventure set in the Holy Land. A mystery of legend and ritual and royalty unfolds even as it forces the reader to reach back in time.

You can learn more about getting *Chamber of Truth* by visiting <www.johnburchfieldbooks.com>.



## Secrecy, the old way

Ever the teacher, Ralph Herbold [late secretary of the Southern California Research Lodge] gives insight into to a cause of the Freemasonry's troubles created by Masonic "secrecy."

"In explaining to a young lady why her grandfather told her he 'couldn't tell [her] anything' about Masonry," I said. "Your grandfather went through certain ceremonies to become a Mason. To cement those lessons in his mind, he learned a catechism. In the process, he was told never to reveal any of the secrets of Freemasonry. But, in most instances, he was never told what the secrets were, so assumed that everything he learned was a secret. He was told about his duties to God, his country, his neighbor, and himself. He was told about the four cardinal virtues: temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, first enumerated by Plato, so how could that be a secret. I could go on and on. Your grandfather was done an injustice by not getting a proper explanation which, sad to say, is rarely given even today."

— Fraternal Review

## 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.



## GM visits VA Med Center

ASHEVILLE — Grand Master William L. Dill visited the Asheville VA Medical Center on August 10. He was accompanied by Past Grand Master Berry Rigdon, Junior Grand Warden Dewey Preslar, 39<sup>th</sup> DDGM Ronnie Reece, 40<sup>th</sup> DDGM Dana Hawkins, Michael Register, MSA Volunteer Ralph Messer, Rick Patton, and several other state and local dignitaries. They are seen here at the Masonic memorial marker at the center. Dill got to visit some military veterans hospitalized there and express his appreciation to the Masons who volunteer there through the Masonic Service Association Hospital Visitation Program. — O'Neal McCall

### Frederick M. Vinson

Frederick M. Vinson served as chief justice from 1946 to 1953, having been nominated by Brother and President Harry Truman. He was a member of Apperson 195 in Louisa, KY. He was succeeded as chief justice by Earl Warren.

### Earl Warren

Earl Warren served as chief justice from 1953 to 1969. During his tenure; the Supreme Court made sweeping changes in both Criminal and Civil Rights Law. Arguably, one of the most influential rulings was made in the case of Brown vs. Board of Education. This unanimous decision by the court ruled that separate was not equal in the case of public education and sounded the end of racial segregation.

Warren was a member of Sequoia 349 in Oakland, CA, and served as grand master of California from 1935 to 1936.

### Thurgood Marshall

Thurgood Marshall, who had argued successfully before the Supreme Court as chief council in the Brown vs. Board of Education case, became the first African American member of the Supreme Court, serving from 1967 to 1991. He was a member of Coal Creek 88 under the Prince Hall Affiliated Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

Though they were diverse in their political and judicial opinions (17 were Democrats, five Federalists, two Democratic Republicans, and 12 Republicans. Twenty-three were appointed by presidents who were Masons.), the service of these brothers to our country reminds us all that the rule of law is an indispensably vital part of our constitutional republic.

— From *The Beacon*, Grand Lodge of Ohio, 2006

## Your articles and NC Mason Deadlines

Got something you want to say? Have an announcement to make or invitation to get out? If your lodge never gets mentioned here, appoint yourself lodge reporter, and keep us posted on what you guys are doing. Got suggestions for features? Requests for information? You can contact us at rcarter@grandlodge-nc.org or (919) 787-2021 or PO Box 6506, Raleigh, NC 27628.

We don't have the space for everything (25-year awards and officer installations for instance) but we'll make every effort to take care of those things with the broadest interest across the state. The dates below will give you an idea of when you need to get timely matters to us.

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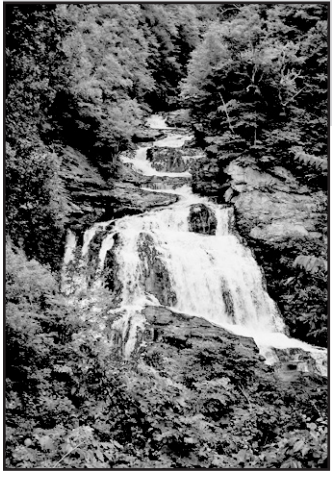
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# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

### Rose Hill

At a September 16 emergent communication of Rehobeth 279, Raymond Turner got to raise two grandsons.

Rehobeth Lodge's Past Master's and Ladies' Night was set of October 11.

They had to delay their fundraiser. They were hoping to raise more than \$4,000 this year in the rescheduled event.

— *Bulletin of Rehobeth Lodge*

### Charlotte

Not only did Joshua Blake set up a Facebook page for Temple 676, but he did a Masonic education program at lodge to teach the members to use the page.

— *Temple Lodge*

Things are hopping at Excelsior 261. The men here are talking about participating in Habitat for Humanity. Lodge Game Night was set for October 11.

They held their third annual Fall Family Fun Day October 9. They hosted the Saturday celebration at the Shrine Club at Lake Wylie for friends and family. The fun was large, but the menu simple — hamburgers and hot dogs, chips and salsa.

They've gotten approved for Adopt-A-Street and will be cleaning a stretch of Sharon Amity Road from Monroe Road to near the York Rite Temple.

Excelsior's Awards and Veterans' Night was set for November 22. The military theme will feature a lecture from Mickey Dorsey, a member of Patton's army in WWII.

Excelsior Lodge was participating in Operation Christmas Child to send toys, school supplies, and hygiene items to children in other countries. Packages were due by their November communication.

— *Trestle Board*

Charles M. Setzer 693 moved their past masters portraits from the dining hall to the lodge room. They report that it brightened things up in the meeting area.

Setzer Lodge's fall barbecue was scheduled for October 15-16. They are running a school tools drive for the Masonic Home for Children and Pinewood Elementary School. The Home's supplies were being held until the first of the year so as to replenish supplies for the second semester.

J. J. Yates was named a life member of Setzer Lodge in August.

Setzer is selling bumper stickers which are inscribed with a square and compasses and an US flag and say "Proud to Be."

— *Charles M. Setzer Lodge*

### Statesville

Mount Moriah 690 and Statesville 27 were to hold their pancake fundraiser October 15-16. Proceeds were bound for WhiteStone (MESH).

Statesville Lodge had their Homecoming scheduled for October 19. The was a word and sign brush up session for members who had not been in lodge for a while.

— *The Joppa Informer*

Statesville 27 member Deputy Grand Master Lew Ledford recently received North Carolina State University's Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management's Lifetime Achievement Award. Ledford gets the award in recognition of his outstanding record as director of State Parks. Under his leadership, the system has added five new parks thanks in several cases to fresh approaches. Expansion includes Grandfather Mountain, Chimney Rock, Gorges, Haw River, Carvers Creek, and Mayo River state parks.

— *NCSU news release*

Statesville 27 and Prince Hall Mount Carmel 37 had their first degree visit August 17 when Statesville Lodge hosted a Third Degree. They had shared dinners in the past.

— *The Joppa Informer*

### Cherryville

October 15 was the date for Cherryville 505's annual Chicken Barbecue. It is their largest charity fundraiser of the year.

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving, they were selling Boston butts.

— *News Out of the Blue.*

### Andrews

On October 10, a Memorial Organ Concert was held here at St. Andrew Lutheran Church to honor Clay 301 member Robert Wolfersteig. "Five local organists celebrated a gifted musician, esteemed teacher, and cherished friend." He died this year at age 81. An internationally acclaimed organ soloist, Wolfersteig was retired chairman of the Music Department at Georgia College and adjunct professor of music at Tri-County Community College in Murphy. You may remember Bob as a goateed keyboardist at our Annual Communications a few years ago.

Clay Lodge held their Widows' Night October 9 at a local restaurant.

— *Derek Cheek*

### Warsaw

Warsaw 667 was to hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on November 6. They use the event to support local charities.

Their Ladies' and Awards Night was set for December 7.

Warsaw Lodge has been getting minor repairs done on the building. It's getting an exterior painting as well.

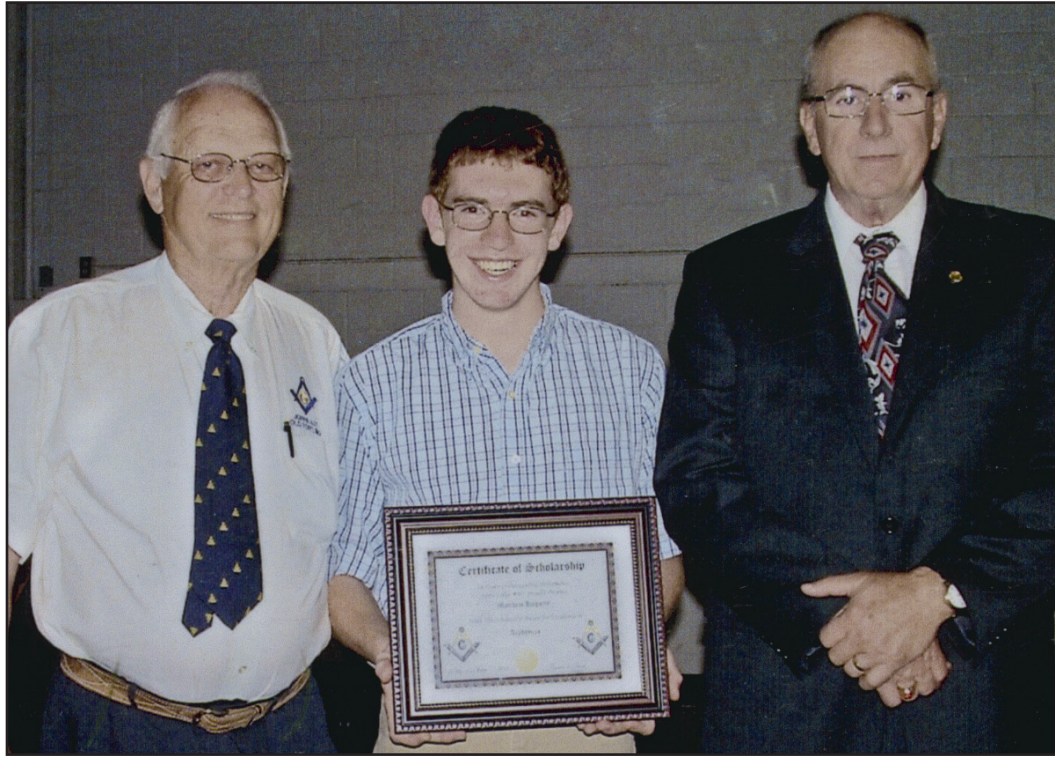
— *Warsaw Lodge*

### Columbus

Horse Creek 719 has changed their meeting time from 8:00 to 7:30 P.M. In another bylaw change, they raised their dues to \$30 plus Grand Lodge per capita.

Horse Creek Lodge was hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> Masonic District Picnic September 11. They were holding it at Harmon Field.

— *Horse Creek Lodge*



Ellis, Haggerty, and Clark



Dale



Shelton

## Joppa starts them young on scholarships

OLD FORT — In 2009, Joppa 401 started a scholarship experiment in local schools. Rather than aiming at only the kids leaving school, they're rewarding achievement at several grade levels. At the end of the 2010 academic year, they gave checks to top students at three local schools.

The 12<sup>th</sup> grade winner was Bridgette Dale

from McDowell High School. The ninth grade honoree was McDowell West Junior High School's Matthew Haggerty. At Old Fort Elementary School, Jordan Micaiah Shelton took sixth grade honors.

The awards were made at the schools by Joppa Master Tom Clark and Treasurer George Ellis.

— *Tom Clark*

### Canton

October was a busy month at Sonoma 472. One of their biggest annual events has become their Veterans' Appreciation Dinner. It was set for October 7 this year. Turkey and ham were headlining the menu. Phillip Williams was to be the speaker.

They were also participating in the Calvin Taylor Toy Ride, a motorcycle ride that raises money for the Masonic Home for Children and gathers toys for use by emergency personnel helping kids. There were three starting points this year with all arriving in Waynesville for a unified procession to Maggie Valley for the finish.

As part of their fundraising for the Masonic Homes this year, Sonoma Lodge was having a spaghetti dinner on October 9. They were also to draw that night to determine the winner of the Marlin 243 rifle there raffling off.

— *Valley of the Moon*

### Salisbury

Andrew Jackson 576 was having its Past Masters' Night on September 16.

— *Master's Journal*

### Kernersville

Dues at Kernersville 669 are going up to \$80 in the new year.

Their June 12 pancake supper was to help raise some money for the new roof the lodge building needs.

— *The Kernersville Masonic News*

### Hookerton

When Jerusalem 95 put a new door on the facility they rent to a local church, Jeff Andrews spruced it up with vinyl trim for them, no charge.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

### Southport

Pythagoras 249 made nearly \$9,000 for charity with their annual golf tournament. They termed it a "real success."

They're also sensitive to other causes. They donated \$300 to Shop With A Cop, a program that helps needy children at Christmas. They have also signed on to helping Calf Creek Hollow, a coal mining community in the Appalachians. They are sending non-perishable foods and money to aid the poor there. They were collecting food at each meeting through Christmas.

Roy Daniel and Jim Griffith, in celebration of their 95-plus years as Masons, recently gave Pythagoras Lodge a sword.

Pythagoras 249 has made Bryan Chadwick and Bill Moore honorary members "for all their visits and work they have done for the lodge."

— *Newsletter*

### Swansboro

Seaside 429 has a big seafood dinner every year to raise money for college scholarships to local students. Grand Master William L. Dill was to be guest of honor when it was held this year on September 27. In July, the lodge presented four \$1,200 scholarships.

**Greensboro**  
P. P. Turner 746 has traditionally run a pork shoulder sale as a fundraiser. This year they've switched to Boston butts which has reduced the size of the cut as well as its cost. The butts are \$35. Profits go to Masonic charities.

Turner Lodge's Ladies' Night was set for October 21.

— *P. P. Turner Lodge*

You may remember Joe Lineberry, the birdman of WhiteStone. We featured him in an issue earlier this year. Joe maintains a bluebird trail at WhiteStone. To update you, his on-campus boxes this year fledged 38 new bluebirds. There were other new additions also, but Joe tracks only the bluebirds.

— *Joe Lineberry*

### Raleigh

An unsettled future at the Raleigh Masonic Temple has forced Masters 754 to move their meeting place to James B. Green 735 in northern Raleigh. Masters Lodge is a renter only, having no ownership in the building.

November stated is move ahead night at Masters Lodge. Officers occupy the next seat for the night to get a taste of next year and give the membership a taste of how they've been practicing.

Masters Lodge was feeding pizza to the kids at the Masonic Home for Children October 3. It's an event they enjoy every year.

— *The Trowel*

To be successful, a raffle needs to appeal to a wide variety of people. William T. Bain 231 achieved that by offering entrants a choice of prizes: a .22 rifle or Apple iPad. Proceeds were going to the Masonic charities.

— *William T. Bain Lodge*

The Masons of the 13<sup>th</sup> Masonic District gathered a team for the 2010 Walk/Run for Autism here. Entrants chipped in \$25, and shirt sponsorships were available.

— *Chris Dement*

### Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 held their annual golf tournament October 2 at Grassy Creek Golf and Country Club. They report that, "Beautiful fall weather contributed to a wonderful day of fun, fellowship, and golf." A team score of 56 won it for Brent Ward, Vince Ward, Roger Pruitt, and Bill Butell. Bill Norris, Jimmy Correll, Jim Norris, and Lawson Norris placed second with a 58.

Vesper's Past Masters' Night was set for November 4.

For their program at August stated meeting, Dan Wilson gave a presentation on his recent visit to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

— *The Beacon*

### Spencer

The tenth annual Pool Party that Spencer 543 has held at the Masonic Home for Children was "very successful" according to reports from the lodge. They have a big cookout at the pool each year when they deliver a truck load of school supplies.

Recent events scheduled by Spencer Lodge included their November 23 Thanksgiving Awards Dinner, their October 16 fundraiser at the Transportation Museum, and a Visit With Santa open house December 4.

Spencer Lodge is reminding their membership to help build the lodge contingency fund which now amounts to just over \$11,000. Contributors are rewarded with titles based on how much they give: Engineer for \$200 a year for ten years, Conductor for \$150 each year for ten years, and Fireman for \$100 a year for ten years.

— *On the Square*

### Chapel Hill

Mosaic 762 has changed its meeting time to 7:00 P.M. on second Mondays. Dinner is still at 6:00 P.M.

### Fayetteville

Phoenix 8 was the first of four stops on Fayetteville's Historic Haunting Hayride in October. The visitors got to tour the lodge room and hear a brief history of Freemasonry in Fayetteville and elsewhere. During each of the six nights of the downtown adventure, 150-200 people visited the lodge.

Phoenix Lodge's Awards and Ladies' Night was set for December 2. They were having it at local seafood restaurant.

Phoenix Lodge continues its first Saturday breakfasts. They've been holding them for several years now.

— *Lodge Newsletter*

### Asheville

Mount Hermon 118 held their annual Alms Day fundraiser August 14. A dinner and concert by the Mike Holstein Jazz Trio preceded the rededication of the lodge room. Grand Master Dill officiated. Robert Blythe Bryson was presented his Diamond Jubilee award for 60 years Masonic membership.

Mount Hermon Lodge is adding a fire escape to the Masonic Temple at the suggestion of the local fire marshal.

— *Trestle Board*

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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, happy, and informed.

## KNIGHTS, from page 1

Dill performed the corn, wine, and oil ceremony of consecration and the resulting proclamation was read by Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III.

The lodge officers installed by the grand master were Master Mike Davis, Senior Warden Dennis Woolery, Junior Warden Kendrick Barnette Jr., Senior Deacon Lee Spach, Junior Deacon Eddie Ellis, Treasurer Bill Clark, Secretary Allan Mann, Senior Steward Dennis Tyndall, and Junior Steward Marc Whitman.

Installing Marshal Bob Braswell was assisted by Jack Throver. Eddie Gaskins was installing chaplain.

Grand Master Dill presented the charter to new Master Mike Davis and relinquished the gavel for Davis to finish the business of the lodge and close its first communication.

As with other affinity lodges, Knights of Solomon will have a reduced meeting schedule and will hold its communications at various locations around the state. They plan to make a motorcycle ride an integral part of each of their meetings. Their stated communications will be on the second Saturday of March, June, September, and November.

If you are interested in joining Knights of Solomon 764 or want to know when and where they are meeting, please contact Secretary Allan Mann at (704) 617-5749 or <amann@comporium.net>.



GM Dill performs the ceremonial portion.



Biker Masons talk chrome before the meeting.



Biker lodges make more efficient use of parking lots.



Master Davis accepts charter from Dill.

## NEW LODGES, from page 1

Masons in good standing. The fraternity commonly held events with local lodges in Raleigh. During its short run on campus the group boasted members such as Col. John William Harrelson, president of NCSU (William G Hill 218); Percy Price, music director of NCSU (218); William Alphonso Withers, professor of chemistry (218); Ross Schumaker, college architect (Hiram 40); Thomas Nelson, professor of textiles (218); Past Grand Master Hubert Poteat; and Past Grand Master E. W. Timberlake. The fraternity survived at State until 1927 at the onset of the Great Depression.

Twelve masons, half alumni and half students, hope to create a similar group on campus by forming State College Lodge. That old moniker for the school was in use during the

1920s on campus. This lodge would be ideal for those alumni who want to be plugged in to their alma mater by becoming dual members. The lodge will also target NCSU students and faculty. If you'd like to be a founding member, please contact Matthew Robbins (J. J. Crowder 743) at (336) 692.1124 or <matthew.c.robbins@gmail.com>.

### Old car fans

Several automobile aficionados are talking about starting a lodge for car fans. They are early in discussions at this point in time, but there's no time like the present to help move things along. If you are interested in starting a lodge for car fans, give Past Grand Master Gerry Smith a call at <gsmith15@ec.rr.com> or (252) 241-2711.

## RIDE, from page 1

raiser. In its first 12 years, the charity ride has raised over \$200,000 for the Home. This year, they added another \$25,000. The Ride also brought together Masons and good friends for a great cause and for the pure pleasure of each others company.

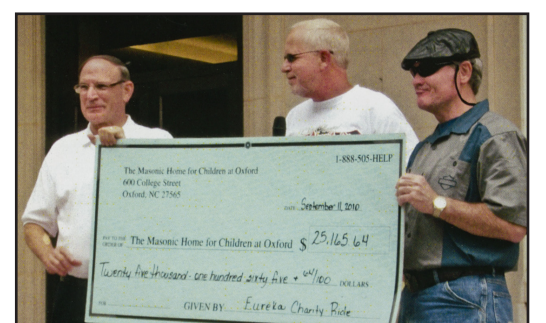
Bikers from all around meet here early at Eureka Lodge, eat breakfast, and head out to Oxford in a rumbling pack of steel and chrome. Other groups and individuals start from other locations around the state with their own routines and plans to reach Raleigh, where The Ride stages for its last leg of the trip to Oxford.

Each rider receives a collectable Charity Ride tee shirt at the Raleigh stop. They also conduct raffles and hand out tons of door prizes to registered riders. Folks hang out for a while and

admire each others machinery during their last breather before lunch.

For the last hour of The Ride, law enforcement officers clear a path for a single long queue up Highway 50. This year's parade was led by Grand Master Billy Dill on his Harley. Once at the Home, riders enjoyed a meal with the children. Tours of the Home were also conducted especially for the riders.

This year's edition coincided with Hot Sauce Festival in Oxford. It was a beautiful day to have North Carolina's beautiful scenery blow across your hands on a handlebar. But, according to many riders, the real pleasure is seeing the smile on the children's faces and presenting the Home with a large check.



## Eno chapel service

GREENSBORO — Sunday religious services at WhiteStone (MESH) are hosted by blue lodges each Sunday. Many have a specific annual date to coordinate the service in the chapel there. Eno 210 has been hosting their service for more than 40 years. This photo is from their September 12 service. The Freedom Travelers are seen supplying the gospel bluegrass music. — Dick Lyon

## STATE, from page 3

### New Bern

St. John's 3 member and Grand Steward Jimmie Hicks Jr. was given the Citizen Lawyer Award earlier this year by the North Carolina Bar Association. The award recognizes "lawyers who provide exemplary public service to their communities." Hicks is attorney for several local government entities in his area including Craven, Pamlico, and Jones counties. — NC Bar Association

### Gastonia

King Solomon 704 Master Robert D. Smith made a major community outreach effort this year. The lodge distributed a wide variety of safety education pamphlets. There were 25 different handouts.

As another part of the program, they distributed child car seat stickers at the day care centers around the community. — Steven Willis

King Solomon 704 has signed onto the Adopt-A-Highway program. They will be cleaning up a stretch of Gaston Day School Road from Union Road to Kendrick Road, near the municipal airport. Their first assault on the litter there was set for October 30.

In September, King Solomon 704's Bobby Morrow had the pleasure of raising his blood brother Larry Dale Morrow as a new Mason. — The Plumb Line

Gastonia 369 was holding its Fall Boston Butt Sale October 23. They were selling for \$25 each.

Gastonia Lodge was planning their Past Masters' Night for their November stated meeting. — Trestleboard

### Wallace

Past Masters' and Ladies' Night at Wallace 595 was set for November 1. — Bulletin of Wallace Lodge

### Columbia

Earlier this year, Providence 678 initiated a third generation member. Alan Phelps Jr. started his road to join his father and grandfather as members of the lodge. The student's father, Alan Phelps, is senior deacon of the lodge. Dalton Phelps, his grandfather, is treasurer of the lodge. — Wesley Spencer

### Paw Creek

West Gate 738 enjoyed a big success with their October 15 chicken fry thanks in large part to Bobby Burchell coming off the bench to make things happen.

In September, West Gate Lodge's James P. Brock got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership.

Another member, Roland Smith and his wife Helen, celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. — News From the West

### Elizabeth City

Eureka 317 planned their awards night for September 21. They were having pancakes and sausage for supper. Sixty-year Diamond Jubilees were being presented to Clifton E. White, Cary T. Williams, and George W. Taylor. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership were going to Robert W. Smith, W. Preston Harris, and William C. Kilpatrick Jr.

Ladies' Night was held August 28. The Sojourners were to entertain. — On the Level

### Bailey

Boy Scout Troop 12 is again using Bailey 411's dining hall for their annual fundraiser this year. They sell chicken and barbecue plates during the town Christmas parade. The members of Bailey Lodge will be setting up a drink and information booth outside the lodge during the parade. The lodge will be accepting donations to the Home for Children. — Newsletter

### Winston-Salem

Bill Moon recently provoked a discussion in Old Town 751 about the problems faced at meetings by hearing impaired Masons. Touched by the concern, they have appointed a committee to look at improving their sound system.

Jack Horn put together the steak dinner Old Town enjoyed at Awards Night October 19. The lodge was planning their Fall Pancake Supper for October 29. — On the Level at Old Town Lodge

### Mount Gilead

Blackmer 127 raised more than \$600 with its October 9 rummage sale. — Blackmer Buzz

### Rocky Mount

Thieves broke into the Rocky Mount Masonic Center during the Memorial Day weekend. They took the lodge swords, aprons, Bible, and other lodge implements. — Rocky Mount Telegram

### Thomasville

The Annual Thanksgiving Banquet at Thomasville 217 was scheduled for November 16. They were having a traditional Thanksgiving meal and a talent show. The money they raised is to go to the Masonic homes and scholarships.

While some of their members were at Annual Communication, others were manning the lodge booth at Everybody Day in Thomasville. — Trestle Board

### Oxford

When Wilkerson College 760 met at Orphans Lodge in September, the program from Cliff Porter was about "The Hidden Psychology of Freemasonry." — Grover Dees

### Kenansville

About 60 attended St. John's 13's Annual Family Picnic at Maxwell's Mill. — Lodge Log

### Graham

Thomas M. Holt 492 has held two recent fundraisers. In July, they had a pinto bean supper to raise money for a local elementary school and the Grand Lodge Scholarship fund.

In August and September, they raffled a shotgun raising \$3,800 for the Masonic Homes. Jimmy Covington of Bingham 272 won the shotgun. — Max Way

### Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 has named Loren Jones their Mason of the Year. — Trestle Board

### Smithfield

Fellowship 84 was planning a pig picking for the whole family at their September 16 meeting. Their Past Masters' and Ladies' Night was set for November 4. — The Trestleboard

### Marble

October 9 was the date for Marble Springs 439's Fish Fry. — Derek Cheek

### Wilmington

The Building and Grounds Committee at St. John's 1 has done a complete examination of their facilities and returned a list of maintenance needs. A new hood in the kitchen has been required by the fire marshal. They are also looking at several major needs including air conditioning units, electrical panels, and new, more efficient urinals. — St. John's Lodge

### Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 served 500 hot dogs on National Police Night Out August 3. — The Pilot Mountain Traveler

### Conover

After a couple of delays, Conover 709 was finally holding its fundraiser at the local Wal-Mart on October 2. — Conover Lodge

WASHINGTON, from page 8

- three life-size figures of Washington based on cutting-edge forensic research, showing him at different stages of his life: as a young surveyor, as commander in chief, and as our first president;
- Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of Washington, ca. 1798;
- the family Bible from Washington's personal library; and
- surveying equipment and maps used by Washington.

Mrs. Washington is represented by original jewelry, pieces of her china, silver, glassware, and reproductions of her gold wedding dress and purple satin slippers.

Discover the Real George Washington is presented in 11 sections, ranging from Washington's youth to his final days. Engaging videos and a large 3D model of Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens enhance the visitor experience, and computer touch screens encourage interactivity. The exhibition features a full-size, functional replica of Washington's pew at Pohick Church and detailed scale models of Fort Mifflin, a gristmill, and an innovative 16-sided treading barn.

There is a section dealing with Freemasonry which includes period officers' jewels, a decanter and firing cannon (shot glass), and a Masonic apron.

An extensive selection of educational programs is offered throughout the exhibition run (details at ncmuseumofhistory.org), and children can enjoy hands-on activities in the museum lobby. A dedicated Web site (DiscoverGeorge-Washington.org) provides additional learning opportunities.

In addition, the NC Museum of History has produced an exhibition section about Washington's ties to the state. This portion focuses on Washington's experiences as a surveyor at the Great Dismal Swamp in 1763 and his 1791 presidential tour through North Carolina.

"We wanted to share with visitors a little-known story about Washington and his ownership of a unique piece of North Carolina land," notes Dr. Jeanne Marie Warzeski, curator of Co-

lonial and Antebellum History at the NC Museum of History. "His venture in the Great Dismal Swamp offers insight into Washington's business acumen, his practical skills as a surveyor, and his understanding of logistics and strategy." Washington's 1791 tour through the South as president brought him again to North Carolina. He spent in many places, some of which are still standing.

The museum has also produced a small lobby exhibit about Washington's lifelong friendship with the Marquis de Lafayette, a French nobleman who came to the United States to support the cause of American independence. Lafayette later visited North Carolina during a much-celebrated tour of the United States. Visitors can view artifacts concerning Lafayette in the American Revolution, as well as memorabilia related to his 1825 visits to Fayetteville and Raleigh.

Admission is free for ages 18 and under. The fee is ten dollars for ages 19 and up; eight dollars for senior citizens, active military personnel, students with an ID, and adult groups of ten or more. More special rates and ticket information are available at ncmuseumofhistory.org or (919) 807-7900. Tickets will be sold in the Museum Shop. The N.C. Museum of History's hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and Sunday, noon to 5:00 P.M. It is located at 5 E. Edenton Street in Raleigh.

Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. To schedule tours for groups of 10 or more, call the Capital Area Visitor Center at 919-807-7950 or toll-free at (866) 724-8687.

Visitors will want to check out the Exhibition Shoppe, featuring items related to Washington and the colonial period. Choose from a selection of books, gifts, jewelry and children's toys.

Discover the Real George Washington was organized by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

Local sponsorship is provided by a number of local businesses and supporters including the Grand Lodge.



Clockwise from top: learning about Washington's farm, the toasting equipment from his lodge, a quiz on Washington's accomplishments.

Washington figures based on forensic research

RALEIGH — Three life-size figures of Washington, developed through a cutting-edge forensic investigation, are among the highlights in Discover the Real George Washington: New Views From Mount Vernon. The figures are based on a two-year forensic study in which computer scientists, art historians, 18<sup>th</sup> century garment experts, and a forensic scientist used technology and research from primary sources to measure and analyze portraits, sculpture, and Washington's dentures and clothing.

The project employed proprietary age-progression and age-regression techniques to create

the depictions of Washington at three stages of his life: at age 19 as a young surveyor, at age 45 as commander in chief, and at age 57 as the first president taking the oath of office. These life-like wax figures, with real human hair that was implanted one strand at a time, are embedded in realistic settings that re-create scenes in the woody Ohio Valley territory, in wintry Valley Forge, and on the balcony of Federal Hall.

The fascinating process of creating the figures is shown in a video by The History Channel, which also produced five other videos in the exhibition.



New costumes at Union

MIDLAND — A September 30 triple Master Mason Degree saw the debut of new degree costumes at Union 618. Union member Bobby Burgess designed and made the costumes for the lodge. The lodge congratulated the man of talent and generosity on a "great job!" — R. Darrell Long

A coin finds its way home

GREENSBORO — Keith Eddins, of Hanks 128, was browsing a flea market here back in 1998 when he stumbled across a Masonic coin. He bought it, and tossed it in a drawer when he got home. About a year ago, he picked it up again and started thinking more and more about it.

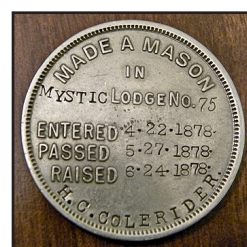
It was clearly a Masonic token and carried the name of Mason H. C. Colerider and the dates of his 1878 degrees and the name and number of his lodge.

With some Internet research, Keith managed to find the original lodge and finally track down Colerider's great great granddaughter, Susan Leach Snyder thanks to her genealogy page on the Internet. She now lives in Ohio.

Snyder guesses at the coin's path to Greensboro. Her great great grandfather moved to Fayetteville, NC around the turn of the century and died in 1933. His youngest daughter, Gertrude, came to possess the coin. She and her husband lived in Greensboro, NC. She died in 1961. The coin surfaced in the flea market there some 35-plus years later.

Last May, Eddins met Snyder at a local restaurant and returned the coin to the protection of Henry Clay Colerider's family.

If you have a Masonic heirloom in your family and want to find it a safe home, the Grand Lodge is glad to offer such protection and a home in the growing museum area of our office building.



The Colerider coin, above, was recently returned, left.

APRONS, from page 8

and his wife worked the business from their garage — a part-time endeavor which slowly got bigger.

"About three years ago, we got to the point we were teetering on the fence of this being too big and thinking about going full time. Then, about a year-and-a-half ago, my employer made that decision for me." Kevin was laid off. "I've been busy as a lark since then."

Kubacki, who is just finishing his year as master of Albemarle 703, is learning more about Masonry than he ever expected. One trick is knowing all the variations from one jurisdiction to another Kevin says. For instance, standard apron size across the country is 13-by-15 inches, except Texas where (not surprisingly) they are 16-by-16 inches. In the York Rite, where aprons are different in each degree, it is possible to gain versatility and save money by making a reversible apron suitable for use on different occasions. Trim colors and decorations on aprons change from one jurisdiction to another. He currently supplies officer aprons in 26 states.

Dean and Associates doesn't keep a stock of all the different aprons; there are simply too many to make that a viable operating plan. Kevin keeps stocks of all the different apron components in his garage. There is a range of primary materials from bleached white cowhide to vinyl to plain white cotton. There is trim of satin and other materials in many colors. Linings and straps are available to suit the need of each instance.

Kevin says, "I can do about anything anybody wants." Kevin personally cuts and assembles each order, laying up the components of each apron. He then drives a few miles out into the country to take them to Cathleen Vanhoy.

At Vanhoy's home, Kevin pets her young, grinning dog on the breezeway as he enters the kitchen. Miss Cathleen is making pickles, and the smell of it permeates the house as she talks about her history with the company.

Miss Cathleen was a supervisor at a local textile plant when Nat Dean, shortly after founding the business, came in search of someone to sew aprons for them. One of the suggestions she made was herself. She became the company's first seamstress and has been sewing aprons for Dean and Associates for the 36 years since.

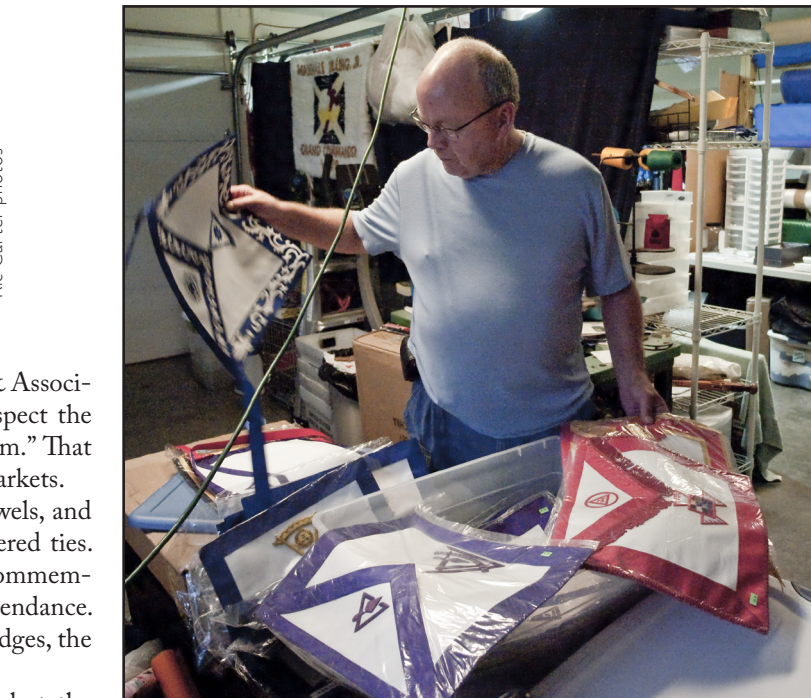
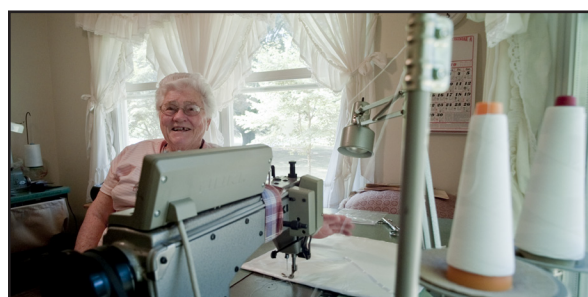
Leaving the bits of cloth and leather with her to become usable aprons, Kevin heads to another corner of Stanly County. His next step is to check on an embroidery job being done by a contractor. Design mapping and color choices must be checked for suitability. A case of baseball caps is approved for making into Masonic emblem carriers.

On his way out the door, the UPS man calls Kevin by name — that's how many packages Kevin handles — and offers a delivery.

On these lengthy drives, Kubacki talks about the history of the business.

The old company sold only aprons, collars, and candidate suits. Kevin still uses the same patterns that Nat Dean had made. But, times and markets change.

Over the nearly 40 years since the company launched, people are bigger. Today's Dean and Associates is making candidate suit patterns in previously only occasionally customized 2X and 3X sizes. The company has also moved on to an expanded product



line as well as expanded products.

Kubacki says, "I've left Dean & Associates as Dean & Associates out of respect for Nat Dean. People know and respect the brand. The web page is set up as BlueLodgeAprons.com." That move onto the Internet has signalled reaching to new markets.

Dean and Associates now sells lapel pins, officers jewels, and fraternal paraphernalia. They've added custom embroidered ties. At Annual Communication this year, they even had a commemorative coin for delegates to get to remember their attendance. Since officer aprons are costly and carry memories for lodges, the company now offers apron refurbishing.

Kevin was not talking about expanding his facility, but the growth is easy to see. After all, when he started, this was only a part time venture to fill a little time.

If you need help finding something for your lodge, you can ask Kevin directly by going to <www.bluelodgeaprons.com> or phoning (704) 983-8723.

Clockwise from top right: Kubacki takes a phone order; going through aprons before a show; checking an embroidery order; grabbing a candidate suit pattern; Miss Cathleen at her machine,

BENEATH THE OAKS



Committed to help the children?

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated another Thanksgiving, and Christmas will be approaching, if not already passed. For what are we thankful; for what can the children around us be thankful? What gifts do we wish to give or receive; what gifts might the children hope to receive? We know those here at the Masonic Home for Children will have a wonderful Christmas because so many caring people, many who are strangers to the children, seek to help create special memories.

As I sat pen in hand to prepare this article, I found myself agonizing and searching for answers. I thought of children who have spent a memorable part of their life at MHCO but now are back with parents or custodians and living in far less desirable situations. I remembered recent calls for help from distressed teenagers and from mothers with whom we have lost contact in homeless situations who for unexplained reasons did not accept our offer to help with their children.

have given up trying to understand why many parents won't put proper care and interests of their children first or why there is such an effort to keep children from being placed in our Home. But, I have not lessened my focus of trying to reach families with children who are struggling and to get them to understand that we offer a safe and nurturing home for their children.

The number of children in our Home has continued to decline for many years, and Masons across the state have expressed concern about the declining numbers. As I write this article more than half our beds are empty. We can admit 11 females and 15 males between the ages of seven and 17 years old and one male or female age six or younger without adding staff and with little additional expense. Now, more than ever, rumors abound that MHCO is closing and will no longer care for children. MHCO is not closing and we're not selling the property. The plan is to continue to provide care for disadvantaged children for as long as the families need our help.

Many of us know of families with children who are living in unsafe or undesirable conditions. There are some who might seek our help if only they knew about our Home, and there are others who will refuse help for fear of being separated from or losing their children. Either way it is the right thing for us to do to offer our help. As I keep telling anyone who will listen, if we fill our empty beds with disadvantaged children, there won't be any reason to look for other programs or uses for the facilities. If we help families in need find their way to MHCO, we can help them care for their children until they can get in a better position to safely care for them.

by people they can trust in their community. There are Masons in every community who can convey that trust and can offer help to those who need it. Every Lodge should have several members who have visited our children's home and can speak from experience about the opportunities we offer. Are we willing to make a commitment to do more to seek the families who need assistance for their children?

Through the years, our children's home has survived many financial and social challenges because the majority of Masons in North Carolina have been committed to caring for children in need. In almost all those challenges, the families were knocking at our door seeking help, and usually, the solution was to find the financial support and caring personnel to provide the support needed. Now the circumstances are different. There still are many children living in unsafe and undesirable conditions but their parents don't know we are available to help them or do not understand that MHCO offers a homelike environment which will allow them to remain involved with their children. We have room for many more children. Will we fulfill our commitment to aid the disadvantaged children? If we will include in our commitment finding those who need help and lead them to our Home, all the available beds once again can be filled and there will be no reason for rumors about closing our Home or for looking for other programs to better utilize our facilities.

Masonic Week declared in Statesville

STATESVILLE — Statesville Mayor Constantine Kutteh proclaimed October Masonic Appreciation Month in his town. The proclamation read: "Whereas, Freemasonry had been established in the City of Statesville and Iredell County for over two hundred years, and

"Whereas for more than two centuries, hundreds of men from every walk of life have nurtured and supported the various lodges in the community and have devoted themselves to the principal Masonic activities of community service and charitable work, and

"Whereas, it is the mission of Freemasonry in North Carolina to raise moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

"... I... do hereby proclaim that October 2010 be declared as Masonic Appreciation Month." — The Joppa Informer

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

- 1..... Michael A. Faulkenbury
1..... Adam Blake Jennings
1..... Ben Sorensen
4..... Virgil Todd Chase
4..... Joseph Christopher Gates
8..... Valle Alfredo Del
8..... Vincent Brent Matthews
8..... Christopher Brian Melendez
8..... Michael Brian Johnson Pruitt
8..... Gustavo Ritschl IV
8..... William Paul Seifert Jr.
8..... Billy Joe Ward
13..... Taylor Wright Best
13..... Johnny Allen Sanderson
13..... Austin Dail Turner
13..... Jeremy Alan Turner
13..... Gerald Bond Wilson
17..... Wayne Keith Hill
19..... James Randy Johnson
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27..... Jeffrey Alvin Young
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31..... Robert Washington John Golibart
32..... Kevin Wayne Clay
32..... Brian Keith Sifford
45..... Mark Robert Thompson
53..... William Charles Glover
53..... Gene Autry Jewell
76..... Justin Mathew Brown
76..... Blake Anthony Collins
76..... Jerry Paul Shropshire II
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76..... David Rash Thomas Jr.
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81..... Dan Eugene King
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81..... Clifton Manley Mills Jr.
81..... Ronnie Alan Odum
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83..... Daniel Corrales
83..... Ronald Leroy Graham
83..... Joseph Emanuel Sharif Polingo
85..... George Alton Bottoms
85..... Thomas Paul Wade
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106..... William Craig Trueblood
109..... Mason Leslie Ellis
109..... Steven Bryan Marsh
109..... Thomas Carl McArthur III
109..... Ryan Arley Pepperman
109..... Eddie Dale Reynolds
112..... L. B. Jackson III
112..... Phillip Scott Null
112..... Kevin Lynn Turnage
113..... Edward Harrell Brandon
113..... John Thomas Davis
113..... Sammy Dwight Davis
117..... Barrett Daniel Ellis
118..... Michael Jason Fizer
118..... Andrew Merwan Meyer
118..... Eric David Winters
122..... John-Caleb Woodlief Sadler
125..... Gary Eugene Britt
125..... Elbert Harold Holland
126..... Timothy Young Earley
126..... Johnny Ray Gunnell
127..... John Riley Beaman
128..... Carlos Manuel Morales
128..... Matthew Thomas Rector
129..... Edgar William Barker Jr.
129..... Darrell Wallace Brumfield
129..... Eric Dean Davis
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129..... Adam Michael Ramey
129..... David Lee Stanley
132..... Joseph Carlton Braxton
134..... Kevin Delano Hendrix
134..... Adam Christopher Ressa
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137..... Rick Thomas Hensley
137..... John Edward Isaacks
138..... Thomas Hagan Blake
138..... Loranza Page Cottle
143..... Jerry Lee Cook
143..... Marvin Bailey Murrow
143..... Martin Wayne Pinnock
145..... John Allison Tice
147..... Andrew Logan White
147..... Charles Gary Whitman
150..... Vincent Dean Carpenter
150..... Joseph Daniel Cox
154..... Michael Lee Tutherford
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158..... Jason Eatman
162..... Marion Shermer Jones
170..... Joey Allen Hammond
170..... Jeffrey Scott Tracz
172..... John Robinson Morton
172..... Crafton Bishop Warren Jr.
176..... Arleigh Joe Carpenter
181..... Billy Ray Freeland Jr.
188..... Jody Michael Ferree
188..... Derrick Philip Hill
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205..... Jacob Lee Earnhardt
205..... Thomas Alan Hilmer
206..... William Thomas Best
207..... Shaun Chadwick Eason
207..... Paul Hamilton Jones
207..... William Pinkney Sellers
210..... John Grover Mallard
214..... Stephen Leonard Grimes
214..... Larry Edward Mathis
217..... Jeremy Lawrence Frank
230..... Michael Lee Baker
230..... Michael Gerald Melvin
230..... William Ashley Woolard
231..... Thomas LaVerne Beckman
231..... Jr. Howard Nelson Brewer
231..... Jeffrey Allen Hall
243..... Jeffrey Thomas Hill
243..... Ashley Lendall Johnson
243..... William Randall Rouse
244..... Michael Ray Flanner
244..... Adam Kendall McCain
253..... Jonathan Clark Coley
259..... Robert Vance Cagle
259..... Steven Lee Hord
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395..... Jonathan Richard Padgett
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409..... David RAYmond Burton
409..... Paul Edgar Cobb III
409..... Shad Emory Cole
409..... Kenneth Wade Hinshaw
409..... Michael Robert Nowak
412..... Marion Shane Farrar
412..... Timothy Dwight Lumpkins
417..... Matthew Randall Blackburn
417..... Richard Seavie Lowry Jr.
418..... George Lee Baker
418..... Perry Edward Harrell
418..... James Walter Nelson
423..... Kenneth Waddell
428..... David Corbett Everidge
428..... Donald Wayne Hill
428..... Jesse Blanton Joyce Jr.
428..... Ronald Benjamin Kuist
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# A mid-year report

By Mark Kolada  
Administrator  
WhiteStone

One of the challenges I have when speaking to lodges and chapters throughout the state is truly conveying what it is like to live at WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community. I am always surprised when I give presentations to find out how many Masonic and Eastern Star members have never been to the retirement community or say how "it has been years" since they set foot on the grounds in Greensboro. As much as I try and describe the services and amenities available, invariably it is difficult to describe the feeling of living at our community. Recently, the Greensboro *News and Record* ran an supplement on WhiteStone that featured a couple, John (member of Gate City 694) and Peggy Griffin, who described their feelings about why they moved to this retirement community and what their experience has been like. Here is a shortened version of the article:

"You'd be hard pressed to find two happier residents. Peggy and John Griffin have called WhiteStone home since moving to the community from Charlotte five years ago. WhiteStone, Peggy Griffin says "had all the things we were looking for." The Griffins like the active retirement community so much that Peggy is often asked to speak with potential residents. While the Griffins primary goal was to be closer to their daughter and her family in nearby High Rock Lake, the couple made a list of pros and cons when deciding whether to move to a senior living community. They found that WhiteStone answered all their concerns. The community offers residents alternatives to fit their lifestyles, with options for independent living, assisted living, home care services, and skilled on-site care.

"WhiteStone will be 100 years old in 2012. But the future, not the past is the focus of a series of improvements, upgrades, and redevelopment that will be completed as the anniversary

approaches. In July, a \$2.5 million renovation began on the administrative building, which is being gutted and rebuilt as the community's clubhouse. In addition, work will soon begin on Phase I expansion project adding 46 one- and two-bedroom independent living apartment homes. Each apartment will have a full kitchen, one or two baths, and a laundry area, plus front door access to all of the new amenities and extra living space in the new clubhouse.

"The Griffins live in a two-bedroom house in the independent living area. 'We're really excited about the things that are going on here,' Peggy Griffin says. 'We have the most fantastic fitness center, beautiful pool, and there are so many things to do. You have so many choices and have all the facilities we could ever ask for here.' The couple is extremely active both on and off campus as they help coordinate residential volunteers at WhiteStone, and are very active in leadership roles with the state AARP association. The couple likes the fact that at WhiteStone they will be taken care of no matter what happens in their lives. 'Age is certainly a state of mind.' Peggy Griffin says. 'We have made so many friends here. It's a great place. We love it here. Our life has been so busy the last five years. We don't know where the time has gone.'" Written by Susan Shinn, October 22 Greensboro *News and Record*.

The Griffins' experience at WhiteStone is very similar to those of so many of our other fraternal residents on campus who are now enjoying the golden years of their retirement alongside other fraternal members. If you would like more information or would like to schedule a tour of WhiteStone, please call at (336) 547-2947 or visit us online at <www.liveatwhitestone.org>.

On behalf of all or residents, families, board, and employees, we wish you and your family many blessings during the holiday season. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to call me at (336) 547-2992 or email me at <mkolada@liveatwhitestone.org>.

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# MILEPOSTS



PINK HILL — Snodie Bond Wilson, left, long-time secretary of St. John's 13, received his Veteran's Emblem September 2 during the lodge's family picnic here at Maxwell's Millpond. Wilson is seen here with his wife Nancy, and sons Steven and Gerald. — Rick Stroud



CASAR — On June 3, J.W. Hunt, left, was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership by Casar 579. Master Justin Ledford, right, and Bob Braswell made the presentation. — Eric Newton



AYDEN — Roy T. "Bud" Forrest of Ayden 498 got his Veteran's Emblem September 21. It honors his 50 years of Masonic membership. Seen here, from left, at the presentation, are the honoree's son Tommy Forrest, Ayden Lodge Master Joey Dash, Bud Forrest, and District Deputy Grand Master Bennie Heath.



MOUNT AIRY — At his lodge's October 6 Annual Family Day, Round Peak 616 member Denny Shelton received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award. This award is presented to Masons who are scouters and whose scouting activity has reflected well upon our fraternity. Shelton, currently assistant scoutmaster with White Plains Boy Scout Troop 553, has been a scouter for 50 years. He is well known for carving mantles for fireplaces at Camp Raven Knob and for his carved and beaded peace pipes. — John Williams



COLUMBIA — At their awards banquet earlier this year, Providence 678 gave Ronnie Barnes his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Barnes is seen here, center, with his sons Ron Jr. (left) and Glenn (right). — Wesley Spencer



CASAR — Casar 579 member Julius Price, left, was recently presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years in the lodge. Lodge Master Justin Ledford made the presentation June 3. — Eric Newton



DALLAS — Earlier this year, Gaston 263 raised five new members the same evening: Max Davis, Mike Agerton, Kevin Lail, Jason Long, and Mickey Sanford. All five are members of the Gaston County Sheriff's Department. It is interesting

enough that all five candidates worked the same place. It is even more startling that for the degree, every officer chair and place was filled by a member of the same department. — Thomas Agerton



Ric Carter photo

One of three forensic recreations of Washington features Valley Forge.

# Discovering the real Washington

RALEIGH — The N.C. Museum of History is hosting the traveling exhibition Discover the Real George Washington: New Views From Mount Vernon during its three-year national tour. Approximately 100 objects associated with Washington are on view in this exhibition through January 21, 2011, in Raleigh. The NC Museum of History is the only venue in the Southeast on the exhibition's tour.

"Although over a million people come to walk in Washington's footsteps at Mount Vernon each year, we know that not everyone will have a chance to visit his home," said Jim Rees, president of Mount Vernon. "We wanted to bring the fascinating story of Washington's life to people around the country by showing a wide variety of compelling personal belongings and

some intriguing elements from our new Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center."

Discover the Real George Washington offers a new and refreshing perspective on our nation's first president, his achievements, and his family and times. The exhibition reveals the real George Washington not only as a general and president, but as a young land surveyor, experimental farmer, and savvy entrepreneur. Washington's views on religion and slavery, and the influence of his wife, Martha, are also explored.

Highlights among the objects associated with Washington include:

- the only surviving complete set of Washington's famous dentures, made of ivory, human teeth, and animal teeth;

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# Masonic supplies with Tarheel roots

By Ric Carter

ALBEMARLE — Kevin Kubacki is working in his garage. The phone rings, and he grabs the cordless receiver. The caller identifies himself. Kevin makes small talk while he thumbs through his cabinet of file folders. He spots his current caller and his order history. Kevin asks him about a 2005 apron order.

"Are they holding up okay for you?"

"Have you been happy with them?"

He gives the caller a quick rundown on new products he's added to his product line. He answers questions about several items.

"Sure, our turnaround on custom aprons is about six weeks."

He makes notes in a small spiral notebook, tears out the page, and posts it on a bulletin board alongside 21 other orders currently in process.

"Nice talking to you, too."

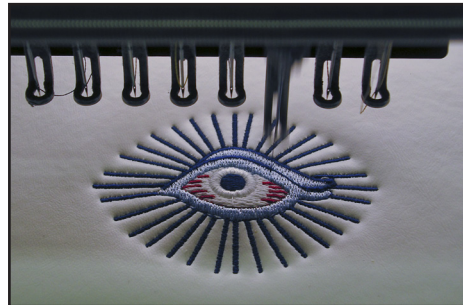
This crowded home garage is the business and manufacturing hub for Dean and Associates, North Carolina's only Tarheel-based Masonic supply company.

Back in 2003, Kevin Kubacki wasn't planning to take a new professional direction in his life. He was only looking at a small business opportunity to supplement things. But, life sometimes thrusts things upon you. Kevin's life is now governed by trailing Masonic aprons from one Masonic event to another.

2003 was the year Kevin heard that James Talbert might be interested in selling Dean and Associates, his North Carolina born Masonic paraphernalia business. Talbert had bought the business from Past Grand Master Nat Dean who had started the company back in 1975.

After deciding to take on the mission, Kevin

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Kevin Kubacki uses patterns to cut a leather apron bound for some lodge officer.

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George Washington comes alive in a new exhibit.

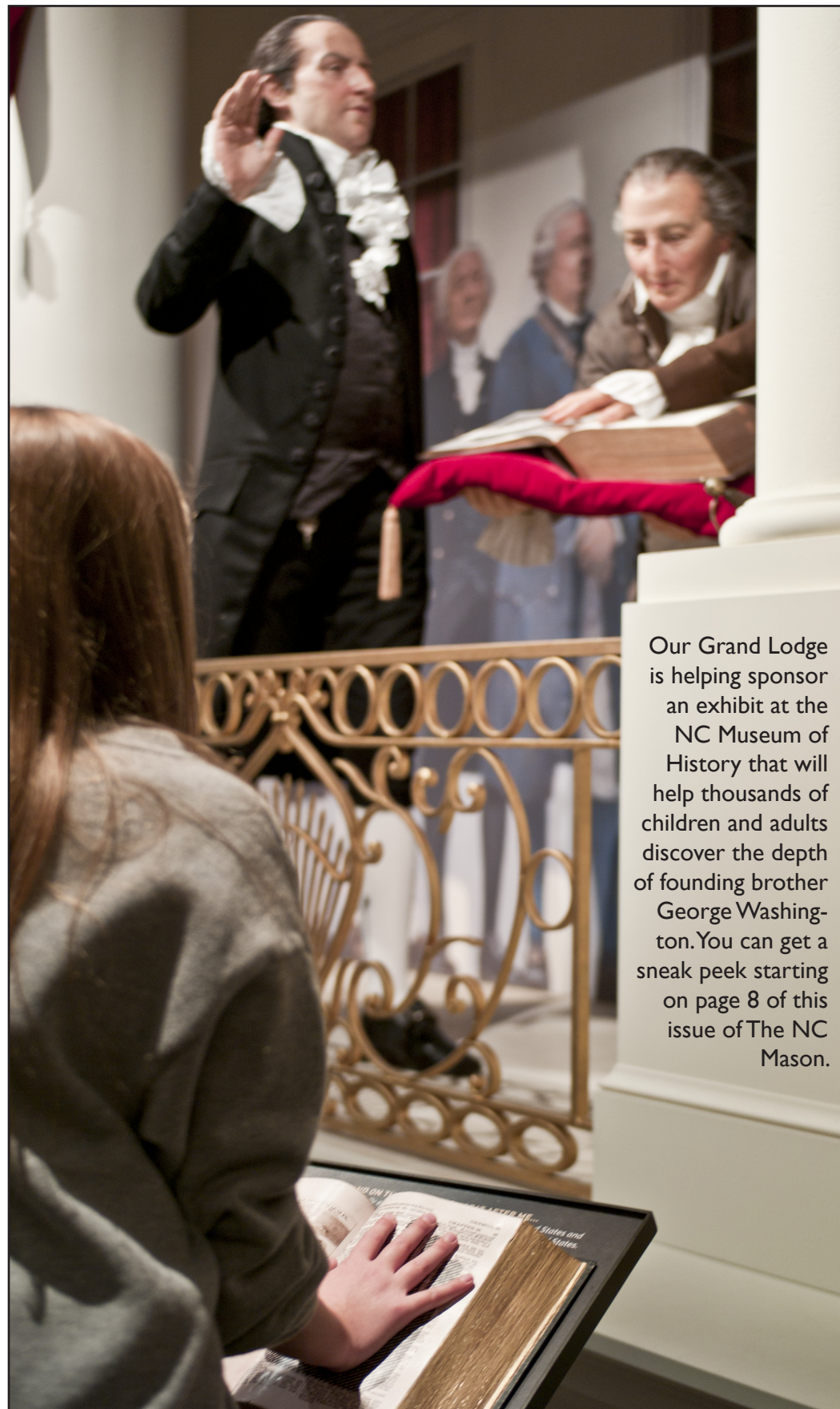
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Our Grand Lodge is helping sponsor an exhibit at the NC Museum of History that will help thousands of children and adults discover the depth of founding brother George Washington. You can get a sneak peek starting on page 8 of this issue of The NC Mason.

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