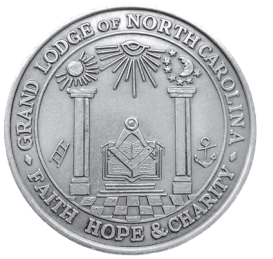




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## Ledford is new grand master



Lewis R. Ledford  
Grand Master

On December 4, Lewis Ray Ledford became the 158<sup>th</sup> man to serve as grand master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. The installation followed his election to the office at our September Annual Communication.

Ledford was born in Marion, North Carolina to Stokes Rube and Norma Street Ledford July 16, 1954. Raised in Mitchell County, his childhood in the shadow of Roan Mountain helped burn a love of our

natural landscape into his imagination. His life has been spent protecting that landscape for others and teaching them the joys of their natural heritage. As part of that journey, he earned a bachelor of science in biology at Appalachian State University in 1976 and a fellows designation from the Natural Resources Leadership Institute at NC State University in 1999.

While a student in Boone, Ledford began seasonal work with North Carolina State Parks. After graduation, he briefly taught school before returning to State Parks. He was a ranger at parks in Wake, Wilkes, Burke, and Yancey counties before taking his first superintendent's job at Mount Mitchell in 1979. In five years, he became West District superintendent, and later superintendent for Park Operations and Construction. In 2003, he was named director of NC State Parks and Recreation, the first person in the state to hold the position after advancing from an entry-level ranger position.

As director, he has presided over significant Parks expansion and improvements including the creation of parks at Hickory Nut Gorge, Haw River, Carvers Creek, and Mayo River. He also developed innovative approaches that brought famous, previously private

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## Hallman joins the line

Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford's September appointment of Charles Speed Hallman as grand steward makes Speed the newest addition to the Grand Lodge line. His December installation makes him the junior man in line to become grand master of North Carolina.



C. Speed Hallman  
Grand Steward

Hallman was born April 18, 1960 to Charles Franklin and Anne Dixon Speed of Marshville, NC in Union County. He is a 1982 graduate of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

After graduation, he worked in the Washington office of Congressman Bill Hefner. He next worked as director of the Appalachian State University News Bureau, earning a master's degree from Appalachian while employed there.

He returned to UNC-Chapel Hill in 1994 to work in development

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Ric Carter photos

## 2011 GL leaders take office

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — While Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina were long held at the same time and location as meetings of the state legislature, so far as is known, December 4 was the first time our officers have been installed in the Capitol building. In a ceremony repeated many times in the history of our state, Lewis Ray Ledford became the 158<sup>th</sup> man in our 223-year history to serve as grand master of Masons in North Carolina. The ceremony was held in the old House Chamber in the southern wing of the Capitol's second floor.

Ledford's path to the day began when he was appointed grand steward by then Grand Master Charles Lewis shortly after he was elected grand master in 2002. Lewis was the installing master, and helped launch his appointee's year in the East. Lewis was assisted by Installing Chaplain Joseph K. Transou and Installing Marshal Thomas W. Gregory (PGM). The Knights of St. Andrews served as ushers.

NC Senate Majority Leader Harry C. Brown welcomed the crowd, and the NC State Parks Color Guard presented the colors. Flutist Erin Munnely played "America the Beautiful" after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Installing Grand Chaplain Joey Transou knelt at the altar and offered a prayer for these officers' term. PGM Lewis administered the oaths and charges to the various officers as PGM Gregory presented their jewels of office. Past Grand Master William H. Simpson (who appointed Lewis to the line) presented the grand master's apron. There were several flute selections by Ms. Munnely.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford, Deputy Grand Master Robert E. Gresham Jr., Senior Grand Warden Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Junior Grand Warden Dalton W. Mayo, Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr. (PGM), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, Senior Grand Deacon Douglas L. Caudle, Junior Grand Deacon Bryant D. Webster, Grand Marshal A. Gene Cobb Jr., Grand Steward Jimmie B. Hicks Jr., Grand Steward C. Speed Hallman, Grand Tyler Larry B. Thompson Jr., and Grand Chaplain Paul F. Kelly. Other appointive officers who are not installed were Grand Historian Michael W. Brantley, Grand Lecturer Dwight MacLaughlin "Mack" Sigmon, Grand Orator A. B. Swindell IV, and Judge Advocate James R. Stevens.

The Grand Lodge was opened earlier in the day by members of Statesville 27 who temporarily took the chairs of office to open and close the formal communication. Those pro tempore officers were: R. Kevin Combs as grand master; Grover R. Lackey, deputy

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Top, the view from the gallery to the House floor below just before the entrance of the new officers. Left, the NC State Parks Color Guard presents the flags in the old House Chamber.



## THE BOTTOM LINE



## Passion and competence in history and future

By Lewis R. Ledford  
Grand Master

In history and future, our success relates to passion and competence!

First, as I begin this Masonic year, let me express my appreciation. I am indeed honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the 158<sup>th</sup> grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

I would also like to express appreciation for all those who participated in the 223<sup>rd</sup> Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers on December 4, 2010. What great attendance as we began our 223<sup>rd</sup> year of Freemasonry in North Carolina in the historic setting of the Old House Chamber in our State Capitol — the first time in this location. Like Washington, DC, our State Capitol in Raleigh has had a close relationship with Freemasonry in its history. Today, it seems that virtually every bust, statue, monument, and exhibit has a specific connection to Freemasonry. From the statues of the first president and the large painting of President Washington that was saved when the preceding capitol building burned, to the statues of the three presidents from North Carolina, to Governor and first Grand Master Samuel Johnston, to the Mason who sculpted the first casualty of the Civil War, a North Carolinian, there are indeed many Masonic connections. Some 44 Freemasons have served as the governor of North Carolina and three of those also served as grand master.

I encourage you to take time when you are in Raleigh to tour and enjoy the history of our state and fraternity that is on display here! As a part of our research for the installation planning, Ric Carter, the assistant to the grand secretary, put together a very in-

formative diagram and Masonic location reference that we will be pleased to share. [It is printed in this issue, page five.] An example includes the two Masonic cornerstones at the northeast corner of the Capitol. The first was placed at the beginning of construction on July 4, 1833. The second one was placed during the centennial celebration. It is time to start planning for another at the bicentennial of our Statehouse in 2033.

Also, when you are in Raleigh, take time to visit your Grand Lodge facility on Glenwood Avenue about three miles west of the Capitol. While there, view a 400-year-old painting of the building of King Solomon's Temple thought to have been painted by Vasari, or see the encased Italian porcelain of the Lord's Supper that was shipped to Raleigh in a taxi from New Orleans. Dan Brown's DaVinci Code and other novels may reference Freemasonry's secrets, but know that this porcelain piece has its own mystics and legends. While at the Grand Lodge, enjoy the large murals that:

- depict Colonel, Governor, and Grand Master William R. Davie laying the cornerstone at UNC Chapel Hill's first building, a building that in conformity to Masonic usage has ever since been known as Old East;
- portray Provincial Grand Master Joseph Montfort, the only grand master of and for (ALL) of America;
- represent the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee by North Carolina;
- illustrate the storied history and service provided by our Homes for the aged and young, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and Oxford Orphanage, now known as WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community, and the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford respectively;
- describe more of our two centuries of history.

Freemasonry in North Carolina has a storied history and much

on which to reflect. Our fraternity has a bright future with some 46,000 AF & AM members in North Carolina. Trends in recent years indicate that we may even see an annual membership increase this year!

Those of you who know me are likely aware that I have spent a career with the park system of North Carolina. Our state is well known for its iconic natural resources and the stunning and diverse beauty of its great outdoors: the highest mountain in eastern America, the highest sand dune on the Atlantic seaboard, the world's second oldest river, and many other superlatives and accolades. North Carolina has also been described as one of the three most botanically diverse states in the country. In recent years, we have had great support for advancing our cause for conservation and environmental education. Examples include the addition of Chimney Rock, Grandfather Mountain, the 3,000 acres of the Stillman Rockefeller summer home, and more to the state park system. When I'm asked about this success and/or talk with our parks staff, I often share that in any endeavor there are two key traits that are vital to success. Those are having passion and being competent. It is vital to believe in what we are doing — that we have that true inner desire — and to be knowledgeable and capable to perform the work. We must always seek to improve ourselves — working to have the full toolbox, to "sharpen the saw" if you will. Being passionate and competent also serves Freemasonry well as evidenced above in our storied history. I am sure that as you read this you can think of leaders of your local lodges who exude these traits. Our Grand Lodge's Wilkerson College and the Wardens Bootcamps are great examples of working to "improve ourselves." As I met with the district officers of our fraternity during November in five meetings across the state, I was

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Do good unto all

We don't allow political discourse in lodge. We all know that, and it's a good rule. While politics may have no place in Masonry, Masonry certainly does have a place in politics. No, we don't need to fulfill that old conspiracy franchise of running the world as part of some secret cabal. What we need is more Masonic philosophy in our political lives. It is those lessons of Masonry that were intertwined with the thinking of the fathers of our country in creating our governance.

We began thinking of this with the exit of several long-time, good Masons from North Carolina political life — some voluntarily, some not. Marc Basnight, Bob Etheridge, and A. B. Swindell come quickly to mind, and there certainly are others.

Each of these Masons was a partisan politician who took stands with which we might agree or disagree. Each of them fought for his viewpoint and his party. They played hard sometimes. But, they appeared never to play dirty or mean or unpleasantly. They remained faithful to their Masonic standards, oaths, and charges.

In a time when political discourse has become increasingly inflammatory and disrespectful, we are happy that there are yet many people in government who hold these truths dear and perform as Masons. In times of intolerance, the tolerance taught by Masonry is more needed than ever. Our efforts to learn and to subdue our passions have never been more valuable to our families and communities. Masonry, long the enemy of fear and intolerance, has never been more important. As immoderation in life and demands of constituencies drive more people hungry for power and profit, Masonry's emphasis on self-control and quiet

calm, has never been more urgent. It is as essential for us as citizens to remember these lessons as it is for our leaders. We, after all, set the tone of the communities in which we live. Live the principles of Freemasonry, not necessarily to present a good picture of Masonry, but because the principles of the Craft are made to build a better community for you and your family and your neighbors. Hold your closing charge close: "Be diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. Remember that, around this altar, you have promised to befriend and relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. You have promised, in the most friendly manner, to remind him of his errors, and aid a reformation. These generous principles are to extend further. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. Do good unto all."

## You're invited

### Table Lodge March 19

FAYETTEVILLE — Phoenix 8 is holding their second Table Lodge Night March 19 at Chris's Open Hearth Steak House. Mark Tabbert, director of collections at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will be guest speaker. His topic is "Early American Freemasonry or why did John, Paul, George, and Ben join the Craft?" Fellowship begins at 6:30 and the table lodge opens at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$55. For information, visit <www.phoenixlodge8.com> or call Enoc Rodriguez at (910) 303-2860.

## Old favorite visits

PLYMOUTH — We've never seen Santa in a Masonic apron, but it's easy to imagine the Old Jolly One connected with the fraternity. On December 1, Santa (or someone who looked a heck of a lot like him) visited Perseverance 59 to have a little time with the local kids and their families. Forty people were on hand. The youngster seen here with him is McKinley Phelps. McKinley has a big apron to fill in Plymouth as his uncle (Keith Phelps), great uncle, and great-great-great uncle were all members of Perseverance 59. — Keith Phelps



Pendergrass and his brothers at his swearing-in.

## Chapel Hill Mason is NC's longest serving sheriff

HILLSBOROUGH — University 408's Past Master Lindy Pendergrass was recently sworn in as sheriff of Orange County for his eighth consecutive term. He was already the oldest (75 years old) and longest serving sheriff in North Carolina. He served on the Chapel Hill Police Department for 25 years before joining the Sheriff's Department, giving him more than 50 years in Orange County law enforcement.

The Bible on which Pendergrass was sworn is the one from University 408, the same one on which he was sworn as master of the lodge. He is seen here, center, with, from left, Rick Smith, University 408 past master; Donnie Pendergrass (his brother), 408 past master; London Ivey, 408 past master; and Ronnie Pendergrass (his brother) of Millbrook 97. — London Ivey

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even more convinced that the passion and the competency still exist today that made our fraternity and its appendant bodies the most charitable of all organizations in history!

An example of an area where we can always improve our competency is in communications. We have produced a new, simple brochure about our fraternity, and we will give more consideration to producing a brief video that tells our story that can be easily shared. In this IT age, there are many other forms of communication. We must continue to work to connect with members and non-members effectively and efficiently. Our Grand Lodge was one of the first jurisdictions with a web presence. It began in 1997, and has a comprehensive amount of information. Look for a new, better organized and accessible web page this summer.

What about social media? Yes, our Grand Lodge has a Facebook presence. Did you see the recent 60 Minutes television program or that Time magazine named the Facebook founder as its person of the year for 2010? Facebook recently added its 550 millionth member. One out of every dozen people on the planet now has an account; nearly half of all Americans are on Facebook. They speak 75 languages and collectively lavish more than 700

## Ledford's district meeting schedule set

Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford plans to visit about half our districts this year. His meetings start in early March and will finish in early June. 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.

Date	District	Lodge	Location
March 2	31	Joppa 530	Charlotte
March 3	10	Wayne 112	Goldsboro
March 14	21	Southern Pines 484	Southern Pines
March 23	3	Orr 104	Washington
April 4	33	Liberty 45	Wilkesboro
April 7	23	P. P. Turner 746	Greensboro
April 12	12	St. John's 1	Wilmington
April 13	17	Bladen 646	Elizabethtown
April 14	15	Cary 198	Cary
April 27	35	Shelby 744	Shelby
April 28	7	Zion 81	Trenton
May 9	8	Widow's Son 519	Roanoke Rapids
May 23	39	Biltmore 446	Asheville
May 24	41	Junaluskee 145	Franklin
May 25	38	Dunn's Rock 267	Brevard
May 26	37	Bakersville 357	Bakersville
June 1	26	Salem 289	Winston-Salem
June 6	1	Eureka 317	Elizabeth City
June 8	30	Statesville 27	Statesville

You may make your lodge's reservation for the meeting with your district deputy grand master or host lodge secretary. Please be considerate of the host lodge. Make your res-

ervations 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.

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 February 2, 2011. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

## You're invited

### Wilkerson College Lodge

Wilkerson College 760 travels around the state and presents usually public educational programs. Details and contacts may be found at <http://www.wcl760.com>.

### April 9

MOORESBORO — Cliffside 460 hosts at 11:00 a.m. Grand Lecturer Mack Sigmon presents "The Baltimore Convention and its Significance to Freemasonry."

### June 11

RALEIGH — Raleigh 500 hosts at 4:00 p.m. Author Michael A. Halleran presents "The Better Angels of Our Nature - Freemasonry in the American Civil War."

### August 13

FAYETTEVILLE — Phoenix 8 hosts at 11:00 a.m. PGM Tom Gregory presents "The Symbolism of the Cross in Freemasonry."

quiring a belief in deity, as well as the development and continuance of fraternal friendship.

As the new Masonic year begins in North Carolina, let me express my most sincere appreciation for the successful leadership of Past Grand Master Billy Dill during the past year, and for his genuine support and friendship. My heartfelt thanks also extend to Past Grand Masters Charles Lewis, Tom Gregory, Cliff Everett, the Grand Lodge officers, Statesville Lodge 27, and Masons of Iredell County, the Winston-Salem Scottish Rite, the Grand Lodge staff, and many others for the opportunities provided, the counsel, and the friendship through the years. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I hope you will find our efforts to be passionate and competent.

Let me conclude these remarks by reminding us of our mission: Freemasonry in North Carolina is to raise the moral, social, intellectual, and spiritual conscience of society by teaching the ancient and enduring philosophical tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, which are expressed outwardly through service to God, family, country, and self under the fatherhood of God within the brotherhood of man.



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There, they used props and scenery of the proscenium arched stage area. Members of almost every lodge in the 39th Masonic District participated in the ritual. Black Mountain 662 Secretary Rick Patton presided in the East in the second section.

The event was one of the most beautiful degrees seen in North Carolina, rivaled by very few locations in the state. Another Third Degree, complete with breakfast, was planned for Saturday morning, November 19. They plan to use the facility often. — Mark-Ellis Bennett





# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



### Bailey

Things got a little complicated when Bailey 411 held their Christmas Parade event. They were planning to give away drinks and candy, hand out information on Freemasonry, and canvass the crowd for donations to our charities. It was freezing cold, and the lodge had to assemble before for a Masonic funeral. Just as everyone was getting frustrated, the snow began. The beautiful snow lightened everyone's mood and lasted throughout the parade. The local Boy Scout Troop did a booming business in the lodge dining hall. The Scouts serve barbecue lunches there every year during the parade as their annual fundraiser.

About 30 people were at Bailey Lodge's Widows' Dinner on December 10. The unseasonably cold weather again held down their attendance.

— Newsletter

### Swansboro

Each year, Seaside 429 holds a big seafood supper for the Onslow Masonic Scholarship Fund. Special guests at the dinner this year included Grand Master William L. Dill and Past Grand Master Leonard Safrin. Dill was presented an honorary membership in the lodge. The fundraiser features seafood, and this year raised \$1,200 for the scholarship.

They were planning their Past Masters' and Awards Night for November and a Christmas party to honor their lodge widows in December.

— Trestle Board

### Bayboro

Jackie Ireland, a member of Bayboro 331, is the new president of the Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina. Ireland has been active in numerous community activities and has been on the Board of Directors of the agents association since 2001. Ireland is a partner in Anders Ireland and Marshal, the firm which handles the Grand Lodge insurance program.

— Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina

### Pilot Mountain

The Pilot Mountain fire marshal recently asked Pilot 493 to correct a few issues. The most significant was making their address match city standards. They are still in the same place, but the address is now 122 Veterans Way.

Late year activities at Pilot Lodge included their November 13 Fall Barbecue, a November 22 blood drive at First Methodist Church, and the Annual Pot Luck Dinner December 13. The November blood drive, the smallest of their six held each year, brought in 46 units this year.

— The Pilot Mountain Traveler

### Thomasville

When a member of Thomasville 214 was victimized by an identity theft which wiped out much of his bank accounts, Master Darrell Wilson challenged members to contribute \$50 each to help him.

— Trestle Board

### Princeton

St. Patrick's 617's long-time secretary, Sidney Wellons, had a stroke recently. Obviously, getting around is more difficult. As Wellons helped the lodge out, so are they returning the favor. The lodge held a fundraiser to buy a golf cart to mobilize him.

— Grover Dees

### Charlotte

Then Senior Warden John Burling was recruiting volunteers at Charles M. Setzer 693 to help at the Dilworth Soup Kitchen one day a week.

Setzer Lodge's fall barbecue fundraiser brought in \$600 for the charities.

Their November stated meeting was officer move up night.

— Trestleboard

Temple 676 is talking about setting up a kitchen committee to take over the work currently done there on meals and refreshments by the junior warden and stewards.

— Temple Lodge

Excelsior 261 raised 17 new Masons in 2010. Many of them have already "stepped forward" and are coaching, learning roles, and participating in the conferral of degrees.

Excelsior collected seven shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox. The program gathers toys, school supplies, and everyday things for needy children. They have set a goal of doubling their participation for next year.

Excelsior Lodge gave service awards this past year to several members. 60-year Diamond Jubilees went to Andy Cooley, Charles Huffstetler, and George Laughrun. They presented 50-year Veteran's Emblems to Flave Edwards, Marshal Hinson, and Pete Milliones.

In December, the lodge took care of their stretch of Adopt-A-Street. It is Sharon Amity Temple from Monroe Road past the York Rite Temple.

— Excelsior 261

### Jacksonville

Looking back at their 2009, Semper Fidelis 680 raised 21 new members this year. They also participated in Jacksonville's Veterans Day Parade, something they plan to make an annual event.

New Master Beau Brown is asking them to increase their reach outside the lodge this year by attending other lodges together. They have completed horseshoe pits at the lodge and will shortly have a full Bocce Ball court at the lodge. This will mean signs of life at the lodge when others drive by. It will also offer a good source of recreation for the membership. A little competition can add fun to camaraderie.

On November 16, Semper Fidelis Lodge member Javier Ortiz Rivera was killed in action in Afghanistan.

— Trestle Board

### Statesville

Statesville 27 held their Homecoming in October. They had an all-star attendance with then Grand Master Billy Dill, Grand Master-elect Lew Ledford (a member of their lodge), and Past Grand Master Tom Gregory (also a member of Lodge 27). Gregory presented a history of the lodge.

On November 6, Statesville Lodge had their Family and Awards Night. The Harmony Hill String Band entertained with their Celtic and old-time music. Many awards were presented. Doug Pond received the Lon Shulenger Award; David Potter, the J. C. Brown Award; Joe Link, a special service award; Gene Shoemaker, Rookie Mason of the Year; Paul Reavis, his 60-year Diamond Jubilee; and John Gregory, his 50-year Veteran's Emblem.

— The Joppa Informer



Eddie Dickerson giving candy to trick-or-treaters.



Trunk or treating outside Oxford Lodge.

## Oxford lodges enjoy the treats

OXFORD — Oxford 122 enjoyed a big Halloween weekend in October participating in two community events. On Friday, October 29, members of the lodge handed out candy during the Trick or Treat event in downtown Oxford.

Then on Saturday, October 30, the lodge

hosted a Trunk or Treat event for the Granville County Girl Scouts. There were more than 200 Girl Scouts and many of their family members participating. Lodge members helped organize the games and events during the celebration as well as furnishing the location. A fun time was held by all.

— Rich Weaver

### Washington

Washington 675 held their Past Masters' and Ladies' Night Banquet November 12. Ray Warren entertained with his singing and guitar. Then Grand Master William L. Dill was the speaker.

Washington Lodge recently did a complete revision to their bylaws. It's a good idea for lodges to do so periodically.

— Mac Mallison

Orr 104 held their Awards Banquet on November 2. They served barbecued chicken.

— Doug Bennett

### Greensboro

Gate City 694 sold more than 400 quarts of Brunswick stew in their annual fundraiser. Proceeds were for WhiteStone (MESH).

Gate City Lodge goes for small parts and more participation in ritual work. In a recent issue of their newsletter, they were offering bits that could be learned by interested members. These included suggestions from the Babnson like the apron and working tool presentations, the G lecture, the charges, and the funeral services. Don't forget that much of the work can be divided to good effect.

— Trestleboard

### Wilson

Grand Historian Michael Brantley was guest speaker at Mount Lebanon 117's November 15 Past Masters' Banquet. His presentation was "Medieval and Gothic Architecture of Our Ancient Brethren."

— Grover Dees

### Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 was holding their Lodge Christmas Dinner at a cafe in Dillard on December 11.

— Trestleboard

### Southport

In December, members of Pythagoras 249 were moved by the stories of suffering among families in the Appalachian area. They decided to help. They sent a truck loaded with food, winter clothing, and sheets of Plexiglas to replace cardboard over windows. They also chipped in \$200 for the cost of fuel in the delivery.

Pythagoras held their annual banquet November 12. It was their night to recognize their widows and the Eastern Star and to hand out lodge awards. Their Mason of the Year Awards went to Chaplain Allen Beville and Secretary John Richards. Jack Terry and Don Kelley were honored with Gene Cowan Awards. Tim Tippet was named Most Promising Mason of the Year.

— Newsletter

### Rocky Mount

Corinthian 230 members visited their in-town Prince Hall brothers at Mount Lebanon Lodge in September. They enjoyed a Third Degree that evening.

Corinthian Lodge recently presented a 50-year award to Marvin G. Poole on behalf of Stewart 92 of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

— The Corinthian Column

### Kernersville

Kernersville 669 held its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner November 19. It is their only charity fundraiser. Members were urged to invite needy families to join them for the supper.

Kernersville Lodge has raised their dues to \$80 for 2011.

— The Kernersville Masonic Lodge

### Trenton

Zion 81 is trying to start a DeMolay chapter in Craven County. They have been "trying to create an awareness of DeMolay and what it is about at some of [their] public events."

— From Mount Zion

### Fayetteville

Creasy Proctor 679 held its Past Masters' and Awards Night November 30.

The lodge raised \$3,000 for Masonic charities in 2009.

— Trestleboard

### Casar

At their Fourth Annual Golf Tournament in August, Casar 579 raised nearly \$4,000.

On June 12, they held their first Masonic Charity Ride. They had 18 motorcycles participate and brought in \$848 for charity.

Seventeen of Casar Lodge's past masters attended Past Masters' Night there June 3. Ten past masters from surrounding lodges also enjoyed the barbecue supper.

— Eric Newton

### Columbus

The members of Horse Creek 719 hold a monthly breakfast for all members and wives at the truck stop in Saluda.

— Horse Creek Lodge

### Cherryville

Cherryville 505 presented service awards at their December 11 officer installation. Howard McGinnis, Ronnie Webb, C. D. Ledford, and Laverne Anderson were presented their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership. Neal Bolick and Buford Sellars got their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years in the lodge.

— News Out of the Blue

### Asheville

2010 was a busy year for Nichols-West Asheville 650. They held monthly collections for the Manna FoodBank. They participated in the Masonic Light Golf Tournament and sponsored a Little League ball team. During the Christmas season, they were bell-ringers for the Salvation Army's Christmas Fund.

— The Cornerstone

John Burchfield had a book signing at the Asheville Masonic Temple November 13. The member of Nichols-West Asheville 650, Black Mountain 663, and Mount Hermon 118 recently published *The Chamber of Truth*, his first book. The signing preceded a concert by Kaleo Wheeler.

— Trestle Board

### Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 got a new roof in November. They are also getting their flag pole repaired.

Old Town held their Fall Pancake Supper October 29. As it brought in more than \$700 for charity, they termed it a "great success."

They did their annual delivery of fruit baskets to lodge widows on December 18. The delivery team started their day with breakfast at the lodge.

Old Town held their Awards Night October 29. Family Night Supper was set for December 21.

— On the Level at Old Town Lodge

### Salisbury

Andrew Jackson 576 had their Awards Dinner November 18. Dan Hogue was the speaker for the evening. The lodge widows received a gift from the lodge. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership went to Paul Edward Fisher, Haywood Maxwell Cope, James Henderson Foyle Jr., and Homer Laverne Kepley.

Andrew Jackson Lodge held their advance night in October, the night when their officers move up one seat to demonstrate their skills for the coming year.

— Master's Journal

### Paw Creek

The October 15 chicken fry at West Gate 738 was a success. Master Bill Moore was singing the praises of Bobby Burchall for stepping up to make it work. The event raises money for Masonic charities twice a year.

— News From the West

### Canton

The Calvin Taylor Toy Ride, organized by eight 40<sup>th</sup> District lodges, was termed "a loss this year because of heavy rains."

Bethel School held its awards day November 21. That's when Sonoma 472 Master Gene Canter presented the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Scotty Canter Sportsmanship Award to sixth grader Houston Rogers. The award is a memorial to Canters late son.

Sonoma Lodge participated in the Haywood County Toys for Tots this year.

— Valley of the Moon

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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.



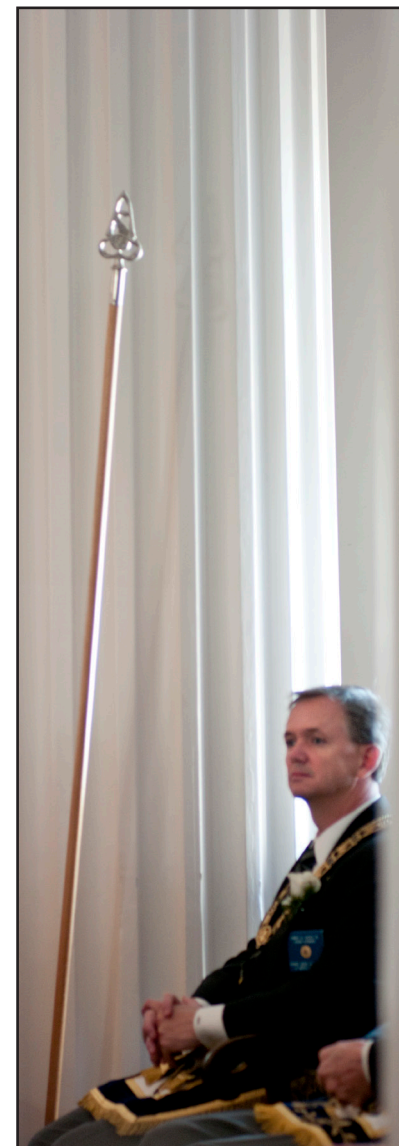
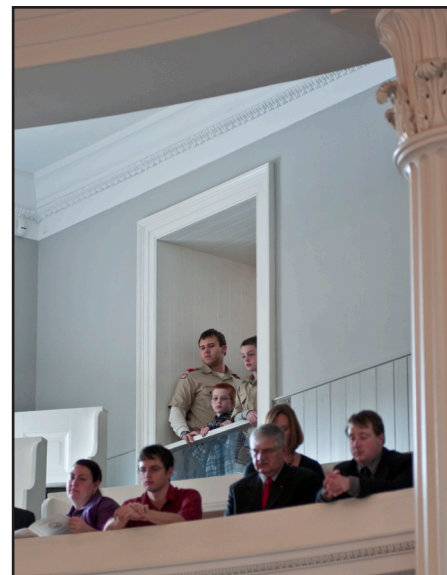
## INSTALL, from page 1

grand master; Ramon T. Thompson, senior grand warden; Larry L. Stroud, junior grand warden; W. Phillip Keller, grand treasurer; Joseph P. Link, grand secretary; Brian S. Nichols, senior grand deacon; Albert E. Gaylord, junior grand deacon; Ronald H. Smith, grand marshal; Mark Alan Carr, grand steward; Doyle E. Shoemake, grand steward; Ralph B. Webster, grand tyler; and Rickey T. Matthews, grand chaplain.

On the day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Billy Dill. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held at the Cardinal Club on Friday night. A reception in the Capitol rotunda followed the installation.



Our Grand Lodge officers for 2011 are, front from left, Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, Senior Grand Warden Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford, Junior Grand Warden Dalton W. Mayo, and Grand Treasurer Clifton W. Everett Jr. Back, Grand Steward Jimmie B. Hicks Jr., Bryant D. Webster, Grand Marshal A. Gene Cobb Jr., Deputy Grand Master Robert E. Gresham Jr., Grand Steward C. Speed Hallman, Senior Grand Deacon Douglas L. Caudle, Grand Tyler Larry B. Thompson Jr., and Grand Chaplain Paul F. Kelly.



Clockwise from far right: Grand Steward Hicks sits at his station; GM Ledford and PGM Everett talk before the installation; officers get instruction from Johnny Surles; Erin Munnely plays the flute; Joey Transou offers the opening prayer at the altar which holds the officer jewels; Ms. Hallman, Cobb, Preslar, and Gresham prepare for the ceremony; viewers in the gallery.

## SONG, from page 8

community efforts to advance music including co-founding Preservation Jazz Company and the Community Music School in Raleigh.

A nerve problem in 2007 resulted in Gibson largely losing use of his left hand, a disaster for anyone, but especially devastating to a pianist. Surgical intervention was necessary. Gibson says, "for over a year and a half after the operation, I struggled to regain my sense of touch and feel, a successful struggle that was blessed by skillful medical care, physical therapy, much effort, and

a healthy dollop of good fortune."

"All the Seasons," a solo piano collection, was Gibson's celebration of his return to health. To combine his joy with his passion for Masonry, Gibson pledged a portion of sales from the CD to a Masonic cause. He recently made his first donation, \$1,000 toward the restoration of the Grand Lodge headquarters.

You can buy a copy of *All the Seasons* by visiting his website <<http://www.elmergibson.com/discography?id=1874>>.

## STATE, from page 3

## Raleigh

Hiram 40 member Macon Woodard is one of North Carolina's oldest Masons. He celebrated his 107<sup>th</sup> birthday July 8. He was raised a Master Mason in 1936. —Mac Barham

Masters 754 has moved their meeting place from the Raleigh Masonic Temple to Millbrook 97. They held their officer move up night in November. —*The Trowel*

## Gastonia

Gastonia 369 sold 64 Boston butts in their October fundraiser. The also sold 13 bottles of barbecue sauce to flavor them up.

Gastonia Lodge member Gene Best was recently given his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. —*Trestleboard*

## Long Beach

Oak Island 758 was selling barbecue lunches and whole Boston butts during the December 4 Oak Island Christmas Parade. —*Newsletter*

## Hookerton

Jerusalem 95's Awards and Ladies' Night was set for January 15. They were holding it in the Methodist Church fellowship hall. —*The Jerusalem Journal*

## Conover

Conover 709 has raised their dues to \$82 and their initiation fees to \$200. They have also dropped first Thursday meetings in November and December. —*Conover Lodge*

## Snow Hill

Radiance 132 was holding their pancake and sausage supper November 5.

—*The Jerusalem Journal*

## Benson

On November 19–20, Relief 431 held their annual turkey shoot fundraiser. — Grover Dees

## Warsaw

The Annual Veterans' Day Parade Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for Warsaw 677 was set for November 7. Money raised with the event was set to go to local charities.

Their Ladies' and Awards Night was scheduled for December 7. —Warsaw Lodge

## Cary

On December 11, O'Charley's Restaurant hosted a fundraiser for Cary 198. The lodge sold breakfast tickets for six dollars, served plates, and bussed tables. All proceeds went to the lodge's charities. —*Trestle Board*

## Murphy

Cherokee 146 held their Christmas dinner on December 16. Families and Eastern Stars were all invited to Main Street USA to enjoy the turkey dinner. —Derek Check

## Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 had ten of their 32 living past masters attend their November 4 Past Master's Night. —*The Beacon*

## LEDFORD, from page 1

natural landmarks Chimney Rock and Grandfather Mountain into the Parks system. He has advanced "green" construction in Parks facilities.

Ledford serves in leadership positions with many national recreational and park professional organizations including the boards of directors for National Recreation and Parks Association, National Association of State Park Directors, and National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers. He has been recipient of major honors from organizations including the NC Audubon Society and Red Cross. In 2007, he received the William Penn Mott Jr. Award for Excellence from the National Association of Park Resources for "outstanding service to the field." The College of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation and Tourism Management Department, at NC State University recently presented him their Lifetime Achievement Award. He was featured in the October 2010 edition of the national *Governing* magazine for his successful management of parks. In 2009 he was named Tarheel of the Week by the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

Ledford joined Masonry at Statesville 27 in 1986 and served that lodge as master in 1992. He was coordinator of the Masonic Community Blood Drive based in Statesville, growing it to the largest one-day blood drive in Red Cross Carolinas Region collecting in Statesville,

Mooresville, Hickory, Catawba, Taylorsville, and Boone. Over the years, he has served in many Grand Lodge positions and was appointed to the Grand Lodge line by Grand Master Charles A. Lewis in 2002.

He is a member and has been recognized for service in a number of affiliated Masonic organizations. Also active in his community and civic organizations, he has received the Governor's Award for Volunteerism, and has served as a deacon and trustee chair of one of Raleigh oldest churches, Tabernacle Baptist Church.

He was elected to be grand master at our September Annual Communication. When he was appointed to the Grand Lodge line, he said in his acceptance speech, "My first memories of this fraternity go back to a very young age in accompanying my father to a Masonic picnic atop Roan Mountain. And indeed my reason for joining this gentle craft was the favorable opinions that I began to form as an 11-year-old as I watched the Freemasons of a small mountain lodge, Bakersville 357, come to visit and sit with my father during his bout with terminal cancer — men that I later came to know to be the respected men of the community, and men that always seemed to have an especially kind word or pat on the shoulder for me as a kid growing up there. Obviously, I later came to better understand why."

## HALLMAN, from page 1

and communications, with positions in the College of Arts and Sciences, the University development office, and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. He directed communications for UNC's \$2.3 billion Carolina First Campaign.

He is currently associate dean for development and alumni affairs for the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. His responsibilities include fundraising for major gifts and overseeing the annual fund and alumni functions.

Hallman was raised in Eagle 19, Hillsborough in 1999. He was master in 2004 and helped create the Historic Eagle Lodge Foundation, a tax-exempt organization chartered to support renovations and restoration of the lodge's 1823 building. He led efforts to preserve Eagle's historic documents and open the lodge for community activities and events. He is also a charter member of Mosaic 762 in Chapel Hill.

Grand Lodge assignments for Hallman have included the Board of General Purposes, as well as the Masonic Ceremonies and Miscellaneous Publications and the Grand Lodge Scholarships

committees, and the Board of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home. He is an instructor in Wilkerson College. He is a member of the Greensboro Valley of the Scottish Rite and received his KCCCH in 2009.

He is currently on UNC's University History Council and chairs the board of nonprofit Eno Publishers. In the past he has served on the boards of the Chapel Hill Historical Society, the State Employees Credit Union Chapel Hill Advisory Board, the Blue Ridge Group of the Sierra Club, and the Watauga County Hunger Coalition. He participated in a Rotary International Group Study Exchange to East Africa.

He has been married 23 years to Susan Walters Hallman, a Wadesboro native and UNC graduate. They live in Hillsborough. Their son Jason is a freshman at UNC, and son Thomas is a junior at Orange High School.

Hallman enjoys exploring our state's parks and historic sites, reading and writing history, following Tar Heel athletics, and eating North Carolina barbecue.

## One single question

One of Peter Gower's craftsmen asked, "Master, you teach us to meditate on the symbols, allegories, and even of Masonry, your own mysterious aphorisms, and myth upon silence itself. Is there one meditation that is truer than all others?"

"Yes," Peter Gower replied.

"Will you give it to us?" asked the craftsman.

Peter Gower said: "It is to make breathing, eating, working, resting and motion and repose, words, thoughts, feelings, good and evil, wealth and poverty, right and wrong, everything, into one single question."

The craftsman asked: "What is that question?"

Peter Gower was silent.

—zenmasonry.wordpress.com



# Sherrill a 50-year secretary

CONOVER — Fifty consecutive years a lodge secretary — that's dedication. At his December 11 installation for yet another term, Fred Sherrill was saluted for doing just that.

In 1960, Sherrill was master of Conover 709. In the later part of 1961, he began work as secretary pro tem. Later that year, he was elected and installed to his first full term on the master's left hand. He's owned the chair since then. Sherrill is a past winner of the Harris Dudley Grand Secretary's Award naming him as a top lodge secretary in North Carolina.

For Sherrill's 51<sup>st</sup> installation, Past Grand Master Tom Gregory was on hand to present a



Sherrill, left, and PGM Gregory

special certificate from the Grand Lodge saluting the accomplishment. Grand Lecturer Mack Sigmon installed Sherrill and the other officers of Conover Lodge.

— Mack Sigmon

# Double brothers

GREENSBORO — Octogenarian blood brothers became Masonic brothers on November 15 at Guilford 656. Don Willoughby was raised a Master Mason by his brother, Ollie, who drove to Greensboro from his Indiana home to participate in the ceremony.

Ollie Willoughby is past master of his home lodge in southern Indiana where he has been a member since 1969. Don turned 83 years old in January; Ollie is only two years his junior. Their long deceased father was also an Indiana Mason.

After the raising, Ollie presented Don a Masonic lapel pin. It was the same pin their father had given Ollie the night he was raised more than 40 years ago.



Ollie Willoughby, left, gives his brother Don a family lapel pin at his raising.

It's never too late to become a Mason or to fulfill a father's dream for his good sons to become even better men. — Skip Yeakel

This guide is reprinted directly from the Grand Lodge installation program. Take an opportunity to tour your Capitol grounds, and cut this out as your guide to Masonic sights there.

**Samuel Johnston** was elected the first grand master of Masons at the creation of the Grand Lodge December 12, 1787. He was governor at the time. The convention to form the Grand Lodge was held in Tarboro. He was also North Carolina's first senator.

Of North Carolina's four colonial governors, two were Freemasons: Richard Caswell & Alexander Martin.

The April 12, 1776 *Halifax Resolves* made North Carolina the first colony to recommend independence. Leaders of the Halifax Congress included powerful Masons Samuel Johnston, Cornelius Harnett, and William Hooper.

At the center of the Capitol rotunda is a 20<sup>th</sup> century reproduction of *George Washington* as a Roman general. The original was destroyed when the original building burned in 1831.

The *Old Hickory Highway* is named for President and Mason Andrew Jackson.

There are two *Masonic cornerstones* at the northeast corner of the Capitol. The first was placed at the beginning of construction July 4, 1833. The second was placed during the centennial celebration of the Statehouse.

*Three United States presidents* were born in North Carolina: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson. All were Freemasons, joining their lodges after moving to Tennessee. Johnson was born just a block south of here.

Raleigh was chosen for the new state capital in 1788. It was formally established in 1792, with three of its first commissioners Masons: William J. Dawson, Frederick Hargett, and Joseph McDowell. Nearby streets still bear their names. Union Square, the site of the Capitol, was designed to be the central square of the town. Constructed of granite quarried in southeastern Wake County and finished in 1840, this building replaced the original Capitol which burned in 1831.

*Charles Duncan McIver* was a member of Winston 167 in Winston-Salem. McIver was a renowned promoter of women's education and the founder of what became UNC-Greensboro in 1892.

*Zeb Vance* was perhaps the most popular politician in Tarheel history. He served three terms as governor (two during the Confederacy) and was serving as US senator at the time of his death in 1894. Vance was a member of Mount Hermon 118 (Asheville) & Phalanx 31 (Charlotte).

In 1912, Col. *Ashley Horne* gave \$10,000 to build a monument to the women of the Confederacy. Plaques on the monument "depict the fertility and destruction of war." Horne was a member of Granite 191 in Clayton.

There are two statues of *George Washington* on the Capitol grounds, this one on the south side and one at the center of the rotunda. This is one of seven cast copies of Houdon's sculpture of our first president. It was the first statue placed outdoors on Union Square. Washington was master of Fredericksburg 4 and Alexandria 22 in Virginia.

*C. B. Aycock* is often called the Education Governor. It is said that a new school was opened nearly every day of his term at the beginning of the 1900s. Aycock was a member of Wayne 112 in Goldsboro.

The statue of Henry Lawson Wyatt, NC's first Civil War casualty is the work of *Gutzon Borglum*, the famed sculptor who produced Mount Rushmore. He also made the Aycock sculpture here. Borglum lived in North Carolina for several years. He was a member of Howard 35 in New York City.

*Matt W. Ransom*, of Johnston-Caswell 10 in Warenton, was a US senator, minister to Mexico, Civil War general, and attorney general of NC.

All Three of NC's *Declaration of Independence* signers were Masons: Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, and John Penn.

Many of the signers of the *Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence* were Masons.

The *Statue of George Washington* at the center of the rotunda is a reproduction of the original, which was destroyed in 1831.

# MASONIC CONNECTIONS around our State Capitol

North Carolina's House of Representatives, met in this room from 1840 to 1961. The table being used as altar today is the same one used when NC became the last state to secede from the Union in 1861. North Carolina Masons used the same table in 2008 to sign our recognition compact with Prince Hall Masonry. The Thomas Sulley portrait of Washington hanging above the podium is one of the few pieces of art rescued when the previous Capitol burned in 1831. The Governor's office is directly below this chamber.



BENEATH THE OAKS



Looking back with an eye to the future

By Allen Hughes
Administrator
Masonic Home for Children at Oxford

Okay, folks; it's time to ante up. We must roll up our sleeves and work harder if we are to preserve our children's home as we have known it throughout our lifetime.

This is the 139th year in which our children's home has provided a home and assistance to boys and girls who could not live safely in their own homes at various periods in their lives.

Today we are facing a major challenge to continue operating the children's home in the same manner in which we have done for so many years. Most of the earlier challenges involved finding the money necessary to provide needed care.

have been for youth who cannot get support in other programs, but would pose a risk to the children currently in our care.

We are asked frequently, and most often it is a Brother Mason asking, why we don't have more children at the Home and why we don't go out and find more children.

We must do all we can to continue to provide help to disadvantaged children. Times and our society have changed drastically, and the need for children's homes like MHCO is not as great as in the past, but the need still exists.

Our Board of Directors has formed a committee to review options of what the Home can do to improve utilization of our

facilities and to support other charitable activities without adverse impact on the current child care program.

If it is your vision that the Masonic Home for Children should continue to provide the same services for which it was established and has done throughout its history, then you must help bring in more children to fill the empty beds.

This is my home, and I attribute the successes in life I have enjoyed to the foundation I received here as a child.

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
City State Zip
Phone My lodge
In memory of (optional)
Address

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

- 4.....Willie Dennis Manning
4.....Eric Sean Rouse
8.....Todd Justin Muench
8.....Kyle James Nelson
17.....Richard Wesley Spradlin
19.....William Johnson Finley
27.....Charles Ray Acosta
27.....James Raymond McKee
31.....Eugene Lowell Poore
32.....Kevin Wayne Clay
32.....Jarrod Mitchell Howell
32.....Brian Keith Sifford
40.....Michael Martin Merriam
40.....Harry Page Skelton
45.....Isaac Lee Phillips Shumate
53.....William Charles Glover
76.....Edison Thomas Brown
81.....Michael Andrew Kirk
83.....Adam Joseph Williams
85.....George Alton Bottoms Jr.
85.....Thomas Paul Wade
85.....Cecil Thomas Williams III
97.....Walter Eugene Kreais
97.....Carl Jason Philyaw
98.....Christopher Michael Avritt
104.....Edward Lee Birdsong
104.....Jason Wilder Johnson
109.....Charles Keith Willis
112.....L B. Jackson III
112.....Phillip Scott Null
112.....Kevin Lynn Turnage
114.....Steve Anderson Kinlaw
114.....Alan Brandon PreVatte
115.....John Wesley Halladay
115.....Benjamin Craig Hyder
115.....Bradford Williamson Wilson
118.....Eric David Winters
122.....Carl Edward Hann
125.....Gary Eugene Britt
125.....Elbert Harold Holland
125.....Eric Brooks Jackson
125.....John Ashley Westbrook
134.....Adam Christopher Ressa
136.....Carl Edward Robertson
137.....Donald R. Abernethy
137.....Jason David Berg
137.....William Lanier Daugherty
137.....Rick Thomas Hensley
137.....John Edward Isaacks
137.....Ronald Tackett
138.....Thomas Hagan Blake
138.....Loranza Page Cottle
143.....Randy Everette Gilliland
143.....Robert Payton Lee
143.....Neil Ashley Wrenn
147.....Andrew Logan White
147.....Charles Gary Whitman
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155.....Adrian Scott Hicks
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261.....Johnny Robert Gregory Jr.
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262.....Perry Lee Hensley
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314.....Charles Michael Herring
314.....Nicholas Steven Overman
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319.....Willard Jackson Blanchard
319.....Glenn Vernon Waters
319.....Jeffrey Eugene Watkins
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339.....Oscar Newell Bowman
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584.....Brandon Moore Gaster
584.....Daniel Robert Rousseau
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598.....Michael Ray Watson
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612.....Donald Ray Hufham
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627.....Matthew Reed Harvey
627.....Ryan Dan Lovelace
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759.....Keith Charles Moynihan
759.....Christopher Gregory Robinson
759.....Charles David Ward
762.....Steven Clinton Foster
762.....Benjamin Keith Morgan
763.....Daniel Lorin Langston
763.....Joshua Wade Parsons
763.....Christopher Mark Smith



SENIOR MOMENTS

Christmas a special time at WhiteStone

By Mark Kolada
Administrator
WhiteStone



You are never too old to embrace the spirit of Christmas. The residents of WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star Community are no exception.

Before the holiday festivities began at WhiteStone, more than a dozen volunteers from staff, residents, Masonic Brothers, and Eastern Star members, worked tirelessly to decorate our beautiful campus and ensure that it sparkled for residents, staff and visitors.



The Christmas season officially kicked off, as it has for so many years, with a program put on by the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star members on Saturday, December 4.

On December 7, another WhiteStone tradition was held in the CWC lobby — the annual memorial tree service.

As a result, WhiteStone staff decorates a tree with angels with the name of those who have departed WhiteStone throughout the year so that they may be remembered.

In addition to the memorial tree, another angel tree is put up with the Christmas requests of each of the 100 residents in the Care and Wellness Center.

Besides making sure the nursing home residents receive a gift, Bert and Lin Radford, Independent Living residents of WhiteStone, ensure that residents living in the residential buildings also receive something special during the holidays.

During mid-December, both the residents and staff held their traditional holiday parties in the main dining room.

After the partying was done, residents and staff got back to work collecting donations for their annual holiday food and toy drive to help WhiteStone families in need.

the third year in a row with this important program.

Finally, perhaps the best gift all of the residents and staff of WhiteStone could have received came on December 23, which was the day the development team received its temporary certifi-



cate of occupancy for the newly renovated Linville building. Since beginning in early July, the goal had always been to get residents moved back to their third floor apartments in time for Christmas.

As you can see WhiteStone enjoyed another memorable holiday season filled with good deeds, great fellowship and warm memories.

Caudle honored

OXFORD — Senior Grand Deacon Doug Caudle, right, recently closed his last meeting as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children.

Home cemetery improved

OXFORD — In October, alumni and friends of the Home for Children assembled at God's Half Acre, the cemetery at the Home.



MILEPOSTS



RALEIGH — Cris Vurnakes, left, of William G. Hill 218, was presented his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years lodge membership November 8.



NEWTON GROVE — Mill Creek 125 recently presented Edward Harris, right, his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years lodge membership.



DURHAM — November 9 was Awards Night at Durham 352. They had a banquet served by the Eastern Star and gave out three Veteran's Emblems recognizing 50 years membership in the lodge.



CLIFFSIDE — On November 22, Homer Howard Wall, seated, received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership in Cliffside 460.



CLEVELAND — Michael Lee Tutherow received the Master Mason Degree at Scotch Ireland 154 on October 12. His father, Paul Tutherow of Jefferson Penn 384 in Reidsville, was there to raise him.



RALEIGH — James B. Green 735's Roger Morgan, right, recently received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership.





Elmer Gibson, left, here makes his first donation toward the restoration of the Grand Lodge headquarters. Grand Secretary Walt Clapp accepts the check in front of the blank wall where it is hoped the glass will be restored.

# A song for our home

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — While Elmer Gibson may be new to Masonry (he joined Raleigh 500 in 2009), the piano is an old friend. As many creative people do, Elmer, as his enthusiasm for Masonry grew, sought to combine his passions. He played background music at Annual Communication in 2010, and performed at the grand master's banquet there. Some of you might have bought one of his recordings while at the meeting.

Gibson left his native Philadelphia in the 1970s, coming to Raleigh to study architecture. He has appeared around the world and collaborated with some of the greats in jazz including Eddie Henderson, Nnenna Freelon, Gary Bartz, Clifford Adams, and the North Carolina Symphony among many. He has often emphasized

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Ric Carter photos

Elmer Gibson played the Grand Master's Banquet at the 2010 Annual Communication as well as background music at the business meeting.

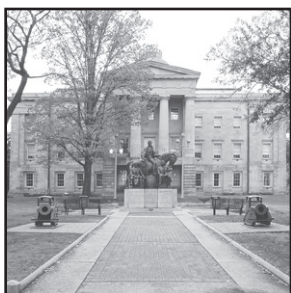
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# Taking the degrees up a few degrees

ASHEVILLE — It was a unique event in living memory here. According to records, November 6 was likely the first time in more than 90 years that a Master Mason Degree was performed in the theater of the Asheville Masonic Temple. That day Mount Hermon 118 raised two men: Eric Winters for their own lodge and Tim Phillips for Hominy 491. It was a suitable celebration of the extensive work done by the lodge in the last two years to restore the grandeur of their building.

The tuxedo-clad officers of Mount Hermon Lodge, led by 118 Master John Yarnall, presided over the first section of the degree in the recently renovated lodge room. For the second section, they donned costumes and assembled in the third floor

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Right, Masons from around the 39<sup>th</sup> Masonic District participated Mount Hermon's new theater degree.



# Brochures available

RALEIGH — Hoorah, hooray, we have a brochure today!

Thanks to the Committee on Public Relations and Committee Chairman Gary Walker's company Walker Marketing, we now have a first-class pamphlet to help you introduce Freemasonry to friends and neighbors. The 8½- by 11-inch trifold color brochure provides an impressive first impression to anyone who asks for information about our fraternity. It's laid out to let you address, stamp, and drop it right in a mailbox.

It is made of a high quality, heavy stock paper to make sure that first impression is a good one. The inscription, "We've Stood the Test of Time," sets up a short synopsis of what we are. It then goes on to answer basic questions about Masonry including how to go about joining a lodge. You will see a new Grand Lodge logo we will be using on some publications.

Too assure the continued availability of the Time pamphlet, the Grand Lodge will be selling them to lodges. The price is to cover the next printing of the brochure. They will be sold in lots of 100 for \$35. They are now ready for delivery from the Grand Lodge office.

Freemasonry Revealed, Reynold Davenport's lengthier introduction to the Craft, was updated and given a more attractive layout last year. They are still available for one dollar each.



The Committee and the experts at Walker Marketing are currently working on a complete overhaul of the Grand Lodge web site.

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The Grand Lodge installed officers in December. Lewis Ledford became grand master in a ceremony held in the old House Chamber at the North Carolina Capitol. You can see more and learn the detail in this issue.