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Grand Lodge holds 224th Annual Communication



WINSTON-SALEM — The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina held their 224th Annual Communication here September 23–24. Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford presided before nearly 1,100 voting delegates from 320 lodges. Deputy Grand Master Robert E. Gresham Jr. was elected to become our next grand master.

The biggest surprise of the communication was the announcement by Past Grand Master Clifton W. Everett Jr. that he would not serve again as grand treasurer. Current Grand Master Ledford was elected to become grand treasurer at the conclusion of his term. There were no other startling developments or votes.

Some Grand Lodge officials arrived at the headquarters hotels on Wednesday, September

Left, Grand Master Ledford is received at the opening of Annual Communication. Below, the Grass Cats entertain at Friday night's charity barbecue.

By Ric Carter

21 to be present and ready for the board and committee meetings that were to begin early Thursday morning when even more officials were on hand. The Committee on Finance and Board of General Purposes had their final meetings prior to bringing business before the membership. The Board of General Purposes voted on various nominations and appointments of Deputy Grand Master Robert Gresham pending his election. It was BGP's next to last meeting with Grand Master Ledford, the last being just before Grand Lodge officer installation in December. Jurisprudence had their last conference before bringing amendments to the delegates. The Committee on Appeals met to review all actions and trials by the judge advocate in the last year and held hearings for men asking for permission to return to the fraternity after losing their membership. The Board of Custodians and Committee on Miscellaneous Publications, Board of Publications, and other committees met before the general session. There were two continuing education courses for lodge secretaries on Thursday.

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

The formal opening began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday morning when Kevin Combs, past master of Statesville 27 called the hall to order. The opening procession was led by the United States and North Carolina flags and the banner of the Grand Lodge carried to their places by members of the National Sojourners Spirit of '76ers. The officers of the Grand Lodge entered, and in a return to tradition years ago, the officers opened Grand Lodge with Deputy Grand Master Gresham presiding. They then received Grand Master Ledford.

District deputy grand masters and grand lecturers were seated on either side of the ceremonial lodge floor. Grand Lodge officers from the grand lodges of Prince Hall North Carolina, District of Columbia, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia, and sitting officers from state appendant bodies were

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Ric Carter photo

Masons dedicate Smithfield church cornerstone

SMITHFIELD — Any good hymn deserves another verse. On July 10, 2011, Masons repeated a tune they first played at First Presbyterian Church here in 1893. That's the year they set the original cornerstone for the church here on Third Street. They sang the refrain in 1950 when the church's new sanctuary was begun. Another growth period for the congregation is now progressing with the acknowledgement of Masons of the local lodges as well as the Grand Lodge.

In keeping with tradition, the Grand Lodge is called to emergent communication for cornerstone ceremonies. Frequently, as was the case here, they empower local Masons to serve as pro tempore officers of the Grand Lodge to conduct the ceremony of dedication of the cornerstone. Most of the Masons participating in the ceremony were members of Fellowship 84 in Smithfield. First Presbyterian minister Joe Hester is a 15-year member of Neill S. Stewart 556 in Erwin.

At the July ceremony, there were about 30 Masons among the 180 in attendance. According to a local report, "The event was very well received, and after the ceremony, many of those in attendance commented on how impressive the Masonic ritual was and how

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THE BOTTOM LINE



Sharing thoughts and appreciations

By Lewis R. Ledford
Grand Master

The management of large Masonic temple boards

In recent years, the Grand Lodge has been pulled into situations at several temple associations.

One temple board, which was not responsive to the members of their lodge, caused a lengthy and costly legal action when the Grand Lodge acted to force the board to answer to its lodge membership.

More recently, several of our larger temple associations have found themselves at loggerheads over their operations. In certain cases, action by the Grand Lodge and grand master have been necessary to get these associations back on track.

The scenario seems to repeat itself. Several Masonic organizations decide to cast their lot together and build a shared home. Over time, personality conflicts develop. These conflicts are politicized and wedged into member organizations. The conflicts become entrenched. Unable to reach accord, building use becomes directionless, and routine maintenance is left undone. As the facilities deteriorate, the conflicting sides argue over leaving a home they are not maintaining. They become paralyzed by the conflict — unwilling to reach accord on either maintaining or leaving their property. This is a death spiral in which they decimate the value of the property at the same time they destroy its usability by

shirking maintenance.

At these temples, younger Masons seem to be interested in keeping the buildings that they see as their heritage. Entrenched pessimistic temple boards that cling to their old arguments instead of seeking solutions undercut these optimistic Masons.

One such association seems to have broken out of the doldrums by having each side go its own way. Those uninterested in the property have divested themselves of the responsibility and moved on. Those who wanted to save their building seem to have developed a plan that is working and increasing the value and use of their facility. The building is now becoming a showplace.

In another, a declaration from leaders that the several bodies would make every effort to stay in their location and make it work seems to be moving member institutions toward compromise and success. While all questions are yet to be answered, the member organizations are now moving in the same direction with great promise of success, and restoring a beautiful landmark.

A third association is just now, at the direction of the Grand Master, replacing its board with members who can better work and better agree. We have hope that they will find a path that suits all those bodies.

Since this is clearly a long-term and common difficulty, we are hoping to help alleviate future problems. The Grand Lodge has long prescribed the form and content of lodge bylaws. It has been an effective way of sharing long-term wisdom of what works in the governance of successful lodges.

We asked the Lodge Service Commission to design similar prescriptions for Masonic temple associations. It is a set of good practices in governance that we hope will alleviate most of the potential problems in the future. The Commission has done an admirable job of blending Masonic fraternalism with legal safeguards. I want to salute the members of the Lodge Service Commission, Chris Burti, David Stapleton, Robert Peeler, Kirby Matthews, and Herbert Mullen, for the outstanding work they have done for us all.

Our Masonic forefathers have provided this generation some resplendent and majestic edifices. With these gifts come the challenge to properly care and maintain them for use by the Craft and even the community — and conceivably expand their usability. Conversations with the Masonic leadership from other states verify the challenges are not unique to North Carolina. It is my hope that these bylaws and more careful encouragement and direction by state and local Masonic leadership will allow us to save these jewels of Masonry. To be effective and efficient will require harmonious local relationships and working together cooperatively for a common goal — remember that age-old Masonic admonition of who can best work and best agree.

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

I want to send special thanks to those who attended the 224th Annual Communication in Winston-Salem. The Committee on

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Grand Lodge officer installation set

ALBEMARLE — Grand Lodge officers will be installed Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. at the Stanly County Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle. A reception will follow. Grand Master-Elect Robert E. Gresham invites you and your family.

Third annual Boot Camps to be held in November

RALEIGH — Officers' Boot Camps will be held in November at three different locations in the state. These sessions are designed to train blue lodge line officers in essential leadership skills for their travels to the East. The forums provide up-to-date and informative material on effective lodge management and planning.

The Boot Camps are one day seminars held the first three Saturdays in November. The November 5 session will be held at the York Rite Temple in New Bern; the November 12 session at Kedron 387 in Hendersonville; and the November 19 session at the Winston-Salem Masonic Temple. Each session contains the same material, you need only attend on date.

The Boot Camps are provided free of charge and are co-sponsored by Wilkerson College and the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee. Participants receive a workbook and other material — also at no charge. Lunch is on your own.

The conferences will be most helpful to

blue lodge line officers. They are open to any member of our Grand Lodge in good standing, however. Most Masons will find much value at the Boot Camps.

The Boot Camps were conceived as a way of providing leadership training for officers who could not attend Wilkerson College, or who would like a refresher of the Wilkerson College program. Topics include "Masonic Education in the Blue Lodge," "Motivation," "Fundraising," "The Master's Toolbox," and "The Proven Path." Brothers scheduled to present at the boot camps include Past Grand Master Tom Gregory, Jim Medlin, Rick Smith, Shaun Bradshaw, Larry Thompson, and Kevin Combs.

This is the third year for the Boot Camps. Participants in previous years have remarked how valuable the program has been in their development as leaders. For more information on the Boot Camps, contact Kevin Combs at 704-929-9707 or secretarync27@gmail.com.

A king and his speech therapist

"The King's Speech" recently swept the Academy Awards, but the rest of the story is that, although not mentioned in the film, both King George VI (1895-1952) and his speech therapist Lionel Logue (1880-1953) were Freemasons. Lionel Logue, the character played by Geoffrey Rush, was the speech therapist who helped King George VI cure his stammer.

Lionel Logue was a member of St. George's Lodge (now J. D. Stevenson St. George's Lodge 6, Western Australian Constitution). He was born in Adelaide on February 26, 1880, and educated at Prince Alfred College in Adelaide. He studied elocution and worked as a teacher.

His Masonic records show that he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on November 20, 1908. His rise through the officer's chairs continued to master in 1919. Logue seems to have had a busy professional life in Perth. He taught elocution, public speaking, and acting, as well as producing stage plays. He worked to help soldiers returning from World War I who were afflicted with speech impediments caused by shell-shock.

In 1924, he set up consulting rooms in London where he treated rich and poor alike; apparently the exorbitant fees he charged the rich subsidized the treatment of his poorer clients. In 1926, he was consulted by the Duke of York (later King George VI) for help to overcome his stammer. Brother Logue was appointed to the Royal Victorian Order (MVO) the night before the coronation of King George VI on May 12, 1937.

Logue was a founder of the British Society of Speech Therapists and a founding fellow of the College of Speech Therapists. He was speech therapist to the Royal Masonic School.

In 1944, his MVO was elevated to Commander of the Victorian Order (CVO). He retained his friendship with King George VI until the king's death in 1952. Brother Logue died April 12, 1953.

George VI — Albert Frederick Arthur George — was king of the United Kingdom and the Dominions of the British Commonwealth from December 11, 1936 until his death. As the second son of King George V, he was not expected to inherit the throne and spent his early life in the shadow of his elder brother, Edward. He served in the Royal Navy during World War I, and after the war, took on the usual round of public engagements. He had two daughters, Elizabeth (who succeeded him as Queen Elizabeth II) and Margaret.

George's elder brother ascended the throne as Edward VIII on the death of their father in 1936. However, less than a year later, Edward revealed his desire to marry American socialite Wallis Simpson. Edward abdicated in order to marry, and George VI ascended the throne as the third monarch of the House of Windsor. King George VI was a very keen Freemason and a multi-page article in *Masonic Quarterly Magazine*, 2007 states that "his stammer rarely surfaced when he was involved in ritual."

From The Indiana Freemason, April 2011 by way of EMESSAY Notes



Grand Master Ledford presents Transou his medal.



Grand Master Ledford presents Rice his medal.

Two Montforts presented at Annual Communication

WINSTON-SALEM — Each grand master gets to present three Joseph Montfort Medals. The Montfort is the highest award which can be given by our Grand Lodge. It is to given for "distinguished Masonic service or achievement." Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford presented two Montforts at Annual Communication.

Joseph K. Transou, of West Bend 434 and Hiram 40, was Ledford's first recipient. Transou has long helped the Grand Lodge, especially in the early stages of digitizing membership data in the Grand Lodge. He has spent years sitting on the left hand of the grand secretary during annual communication to help track votes and the order of business. He spent a stint as chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

Ledford's second award went to Past Grand Master Dan C. Rice (Bula 409). A year as grand master may be sufficient grounds for receiving a Montfort, but Rice has done much more. In less than two years since he served as grand master, he stepped in to help find solutions as president of the Greensboro Masonic Temple, become chairman of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children, and ramrodded the resuscitation of our old St. John's Day celebration as the new Masonic Homecoming.

As has become tradition in presenting Montforts at Annual Communication, all Montfort recipients present were summoned to the altar to encircle the presentation.



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Credentials reported the delegates included 947 members from 320 chartered lodges; 17 Grand Lodge Officers, elected and appointed; 18 Past Grand Masters, not including the Grand Treasurer, a past grand master; 29 from other boards, commissions and committees; 30 district deputy grand masters and 31 district deputy grand lecturers for a total of 1,072 present. Thus with the out-of-state visitors, guests, and other members, it's very likely over 1,300 attended.

For those lodges which failed to have representatives in attendance, I want to remind you of the effort that others made to be present. In particular, Saturday morning while on the hotel elevator, I was fortunate to meet Brothers Christopher Tenpenny and Robert Gaskins, two members from Cape Hatteras 698. As many of you will recall, in late August the Hatteras Island roadway was sliced apart when Hurricane Irene chewed up portions on NC Highway 12, creating a new inlet and several new breaches across the barrier island. The main road between the island and the mainland has been closed since. Interim bridges are still weeks away. Though they were fortunate to get a ferry, our Cape Hatteras brothers still reported it took eleven hours for them to get to Winston-Salem for the meeting. Thank you brothers for your commitment to our fraternity!

It was my honor to bestow the Montfort Medals on Past Grand Master Dan Charles Rice and Joseph Kirkman Transou.

I have received many other positive comments and email from those in attendance at the Annual Communication. While the reports on the business activities are described elsewhere in this newsletter, over 400 especially enjoyed the Brothers, Bluegrass & Barbecue on Friday evening at the Millennium Center. Special thanks are extended to Joey Transou and Cliff Pranke of Big Boy BBQ, and the featured entertainment, the Grass Cats. We gratefully acknowledge the beautiful hammered dulcimer and jazz piano music performed during the annual session by John Mason of Shelby 744 and Stateline 375 and Elmer Gibson of Raleigh 500, respectively. We also express appreciation to Larry Thompson, Shaun Bradshaw, Ben Wallace, Gary Handy, and others of the Conference Committee; to Mike Cashion and Stephen Meserve providing support for the video projection; as well as Cornelia Doherty, Vicki Lam and Lisa Mondeau from the Grand Lodge office for the considerable behind the scenes efforts that made the communication run so smoothly.

Grand Treasurer

It caused many to reflect on his lengthy and creditable Masonic career when Past Grand Master Cliff Everett requested that

the delegates not consider him for re-election as grand treasurer. Brother Everett, who shared that he believed it time for him to retire from this office, has served the fraternity in a most exemplary manner for 15 years as Grand Treasurer, after serving as Grand Master in 1995. Since his appointment to the Grand Officer line in 1988 by then Grand Master L. R. "Pete" Thomas, he has served with great distinction and commitment to the tenets of Freemasonry. A valued and trusted source for counsel ranging from legal to financial and more, Judge Everett is also an avid historian, particularly of North Carolina and the United States, their political figures, as well as our Grand Lodge. Also known to share good humor and laughter, he and his wife Mary have been great hosts for many of the Grand Lodge officer annual retreats at their "river house" on the Pamlico River. On behalf of all Freemasons, we offer our most genuine and heartfelt gratitude for his service.

It was with humility and honor that I accepted your vote to serve as grand treasurer. After serving in the Grand Lodge line for nine years including this very busy year as grand master, it was certainly not my expectation to continue as an officer. I commit to you that I will endeavor to uphold and perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability. Thank you for your consideration and trust.

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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Hickory

The Pancake Fundraiser at Hickory 343 brought in \$700 for the charities. Hickory Lodge helps several local charities in addition to the Masonic Homes.

Family Day at Hickory Lodge was set for August 13. Aimed at fun for the kids, the event featured a balloon artist and face painter, t-shirts to decorate and games, hamburgers, and hot dogs. There was also a hands-on exhibit at the Science Center. As they said on the invitation, "Bring your kids, bring your grandkids, or borrow some kids and come out for Family Day."

— *Hickory Lodge*

Jacksonville

It should not surprise that Semper Fidelis 680 has a number of members serving in Afghanistan. The lodge regularly sends them Hickory Farms gift baskets to show our appreciation.

Semper Fi Lodge has a number of outings planned this fall. Ladies Night Out was set for September. They were dining at a local steak house and being entertained by a barbershop quartet from Richlands 560.

Their barbecue fundraiser was to be held September 9. Roadside cleanup was set for October 1. Past Masters' and Awards Night is coming October 29. — *Trestle Board*

Greensboro

It's the busy season at P. P. Turner 746. Their Annual Picnic was held August 28 at Eagle Point Clubhouse. Their Ladies' Night and Awards Banquet is set for October 20. Past Grand Master Tom Gregory is the featured speaker.

Richard Ward has developed a new web site for Turner Lodge.

The 23rd Masonic District will be in the December 3 Greensboro Holiday Parade. Turner Lodge Senior Deacon Kevin Antonson is helping get repairs done on the district's float to make it parade ready. — *P. P. Turner Lodge*



Stateline Lodge (photo left) gathered school supplies for needy local kids. In photo right, standing, from left, are Lodge Master Max Brooks, School Counselor Wendy Lemons, J. T. Thrift, and Charlie Grigg. Seated, from left, are Abigail Paulson, Brandon Paulson, Peyton Lemons, and Alley Paulson.

Stateline reaches out to local kids

GROVER — Stateline 375's August 9 stated meeting began with a pile of pencils, pens, book bags, crayons, paper, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, scissors, folders, and notebooks covering the floor in the area between the altar and the East.

At their July stated, members were asked to pick up back-to-school items to make the return to school a little easier for children in need. This is the second year Stateline 375 has collected school supplies for the Grover Elementary School. 2011's collection nearly doubled last year's. They are among the many lodges which extended their community outreach projects.

Camp Call 534 member Frank Curtis was visiting that night. He took the idea back to Camp Call, and they held their own back to school drive. Their collection was donated to Union Elementary School in Polkville.

Lodge Master Max Brooks, J. T. Thrift, and Charlie Grigg delivered the items just before the children where to come for orientation. School Counselor Wendy Lemons called it was one of the largest donations the school had received for the school year. She repeated over and over that Stateline Lodge was a blessing to the children at Grover Elementary School. — *Rod Paulson*

Asheville

Nichols-West Asheville 650 is helping Manna Food Bank this year. They keep a food barrel at the lodge to collect non-perishable food to share with those who are hungry.

July 9 was Music Night at 650. Amanda Anne Platt and Pete James of the Honeycutters were featured; tickets required. — *Jack Barnett*

The Asheville Masonic Temple suffered some storm damage in June. A few tiles were blown off the north side of the building, allowing water into the interior. The damage was covered by insurance, and repairs are now largely complete.

Like gold? Mount Hermon 118 was selling a limited number of \$20 raffle tickets for a one ounce gold Krugerrand.

Belle Chere is Asheville's big downtown festival held the last weekend in July. Mount Hermon Lodge was participating for the first time this year. They were opening the Masonic Temple and selling barbecue platters.

September 17 was the date for the Theater Degree at the Temple. They were encouraging Fellow Craft from around the 39th District. They hold the degree on the big upstairs stage with the drops. Most lodges in the district participated last year.

— *Ron Lambe, Tycer Lewis, Carey Harnash, and Trestle Board*

Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 celebrated National Police Night Out again this year. They served 400 hot dogs during their gathering here at Dickie's Squeezebox Sandwich Shop. Many law enforcement officers and emergency personnel participated.

The National Night Out is an event that promotes crime prevention awareness. Pilot Lodge likes to show their support for local law enforcement during the event.

Pilot Lodge held their Widows' Night August 9 at Mountain View Restaurant.

They presented Elmer Holst his Diamond Jubilee award for 60 years Masonic membership this summer. He passed away just a few days later.

Pilot Lodge has a blood drive set for November 28. Members are being urged to bring homemade refreshments for the donors.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Warsaw

After seven years of paying dues of \$100, Warsaw 677 is considering raising their dues to \$125.

— *Warsaw Lodge*

Statesville

Statesville Master Larry Stroud is trying to get things moving on installing a chair lift in the lodge. The total cost is \$5,000. He hopes to get things finished by the end of the year.

WhiteStone will benefit from the October 14-15 Pancake Jamboree at Statesville 27.

Statesville Lodge has their Saturday Night set for October 22. The program honors their ladies, past masters, invites family and friends, and presents lodge awards.

During a recent visit to his home lodge, Grand Master Lewis Ledford was presented his Service Award for 25 years membership by Past Grand Master Tom Gregory. So far as is known, he is the first man to receive the Service Award he signed himself. — *The Joppa Informer*

Hillsborough

Eagle 19 continues the long job of restoring their historic lodge building, one of the oldest in North Carolina. They have recently recovered the officer podiums and the altar. The kneeling bench at the altar is next. Upcoming projects being planned and bid now are new gutters, picture moldings in the lodge room, repointing brickwork, and repair and paint for the roof.

Master Doug Stevenson recently did a program on significant historic events affecting the Craft.

— *The Trestle Board*

Kenansville

At their July stated, St. John's 13 celebrated Independence Day with hamburgers and hot dogs. Families were invited for supper.

Their annual lodge picnic was set for September 1 in their regular location at Maxwell's Mill. Also as usual, the lodge furnished the chicken and pastry, and members brought a favorite dish and drinks.

Willard Ray Westbrook got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership at the picnic. — *Lodge Log*

Concord

Cabarrus 720 and Union 618 are raising money to add a new sound and video system to their lodge. Computer projection is moving into more lodges all the time; their versatility is putting the old Kodak Carousels out of business.

Cabarrus 720 has sent more than \$1,100 to the Masonic Homes so far this year, but they are hoping to double that figure with their October raffle.

Cabarrus Lodge is voting on fee increases: petition to \$150 and affiliation to \$25.

— *Cabarrus Lodge*

Washington

During Hurricane Irene, Orr 104 notified their members that the lodge building would be available as a storm shelter for members who lived in threatened areas. While there were few amenities, it was a sturdy building on relatively high ground. — *Doug Bennett*

Murphy

Masons from the 41st District were planning to visit the annual quarry degree on September 27 near Morganton, Georgia. After all, they are closer to Georgia there than to the vast majority of North Carolina. — *Derek Cheek*

Pittsboro

Columbus 102 is trying a new celebration this year — Columbus Day. They are going to open the lodge for tours October 10. To attract visitors, they will set up children's entertainment like bounce houses. They will have live music, a magician, food, and beverages. They will be doing a little fundraising, too. There'll be a silent auction and car show. They crank up at 10:00 A.M. — *Brian Glover*

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 has a reading improvement program at local elementary schools. They gave away eight bicycles this year to kids who showed great improvement.

Old Town Lodge is planning a raffle to raise money for charity in November. When last we heard, the prize was not yet chosen. They were thinking about a flatscreen television or riding mower or shotgun. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Stantonsburg

Joseph Warren 92 is raffling a handmade, Chippendale style, walnut mirror and console table valued at \$1,000. Second place gets choice of a mirror or table. Proceeds are for the Masonic Homes. Tickets for the September 1 drawing were five dollars. — *Grover Dees*

Cherryville

This year, the scholarship from Cherryville 505 was presented in honor of C. V. Thornburg. The lodge gave him a certificate proclaiming the honor. Better yet, it went to his grandson Clay Thornburg.

Cherryville Lodge had a couple of fundraisers scheduled. Their Variety Show was set for September and their chicken barbecue for October.

— *News Out of the Blue*

Kenly

At their quarterly meeting here, the officers of the lodges of the 16th Masonic District decided to put their SAMON visiting gavel program on hold for a while. They hope it will give it a chance to rebuild interest.

They also announced that the district raised more than \$4,000 for two area brothers who lost their homes in tornadoes earlier this year.

— *Grover Dees*

Olin

Olin 226 is working with Statesville 27 on Operation Oxford 47 to deliver gifts for 47 kids at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford before Christmas. — *The Joppa Informer*

Charlotte

Excelsior Master John Maybury has been driving toward rejuvenating Excelsior 261's lodge building. They started very basically with a commercial facility inspection and formation of a committee to do a total building assessment. They set up a list rank ordering needs and wants. Included were increasing storage with an addition to the rear of the building, renovating the kitchen, restroom, and appearance improvements, among other details.

This, of course, means that they are also attending to increasing a financial fund to pay for the improvements. Junior Warden John Gregory is selling lapel pins for five dollars. All proceeds go to the fund. Donations are also being accepted and solicited.

Though Excelsior Lodge had no meetings in July, they still got together for Lodge Golf Night July 25. They gathered at Birkdale Golf Course's driving range. — *Trestle Board*

Temple 676 announced their charity totals through the summer in their September newsletter. Totals: Home for Children, \$1,822; WhiteStone, \$854; Carolina Patriot Rovers, \$1,000; Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, \$600; SMA Research and Cure, \$450. — *Trestle Board*

Derita 715 is facing a move due to the Department of Transportation taking their property for construction. Details of how that will all take place are not yet complete. They will be building a new facility, but interim plans are not set. — *Derita Lodge*

A good lodge creates a good mix of fraternal fun and community service. Charles M. Setzer 693 was visiting the Masonic Home for Children in August to deliver the back-to-school supplies they collected. They were enjoying breakfast at a local restaurant before leaving Charlotte.

On August 22, they were having their first Fellowship Challenge at the George Papas Park Lanes. They reserved six lanes and invited family to join them bowling. They also issued an open challenge to other lodges to find the best bowlers.

Their July 9 workday was to give a special prize to the man who got the dirtiest. Their Fall Yard Sale was to be held September 17.

Setzer Lodge has raised their dues. They will go up in steps: to \$70 plus per capita in 2012 and \$83 plus per capita in 2013. — *Trestleboard*

Hookerton

Teenagers broke into Jerusalem 95 in July. They stole very little, but made quite a mess with vandalism. They were apprehended doing the same business in the Hookerton town hall.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Mount Gilead

Blackmer 127 had their Ladies' Night planned for September 9. — *Blackmer Buzz*

Newport

Apparently, the Master of Reliance degree survives in some places. The strictly unofficial, fun education program has been around for many years. We understand that the degree was conducted back in August at Newport 706.

— *Trestle Board*

Cary

Four scholarships (two for \$1,000 and two for \$500) were awarded by Cary 198 this year. Hannah Wetmore, Cameron Bunch, Zakiya Toney, and Erin Beasley were the deserving recipients. — *Trestle Board*

Liberty

In June, Liberty 714 teamed up with the North Carolina Baptist Men Dental Bus to host a clinic for needy families. Twenty-four patients received cleanings and minor procedures. Local dentists Chip Butler, Maggie Wright, and Miranda Price volunteered their services. — *Jack Lawver*

Conover

The Home for Children was helped when Masons ate at the Texas Steakhouse here August 4. With the coupon distributed by Conover 709, ten percent of their check total went to the Home. — *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

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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.

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escorted to the stage which held the podium and the symbolic East. Finally, our past grand masters were brought to the stage. Each group was welcomed and accorded private grand honors.

Grand Orator A. B. Swindell IV delivered the keynote reminding Masons of the part Masonry plays in their lives and how they extend and share that effect with their communities and the rest of the world.

Through the rest of the morning, recognitions were presented, and a number of reports were introduced before breaking for lunch. Immediate Past Grand Master William L. Dill presented a supplement to his preliminary report of last year, finishing the business of his term.

Immediately after lunch, and before resealing the lodge, representatives of North Carolina's Masonic youth groups, Rainbow for Girls (Bobbi Dupuis) and DeMolay, (Travis Glidewell) spoke to the gathering.

After the non-Masons were escorted from the lodge hall, labor was resumed. A ceremony was conducted to honor our members who died this past year.

At the conclusion of the Necrology, Grand Master Ledford presented his preliminary report on his year thus far. Throughout the day, slide-shows were presented featuring photographs of Masonic events around the state during the last year. There was business requiring voting on Friday afternoon including the Report of the Committee on Appeals.

Grand Master Ledford called the membership from labor to refreshment around 4:00 p.m. Several hundred Masons and their ladies attended a barbecue and bluegrass evening at the Millennium Center just a block from the headquarters hotels. Proceeds from the event, catered by Big Boy BBQ, went to the NC Masonic Foundation. On Friday evening, Masons were seen in groups all over downtown Winston-Salem. They enjoyed the entertainment and many restaurants around the center of the city.

On Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., the final business session of the Annual Communication began. The first business before us on the second day was, as always, the budget for 2012. Finance Committee Chairman Sam Lee presented the budget in sections, calling for discussion before asking for approval of the delegates for that section. Interspersed between those parts, delegates marked ballots to elect Grand Lodge officers for next year. The budget, with a small surplus projected, was approved as presented.

Before balloting began for grand treasurer, PGM Cliff Everett, who has held the office since 1996, took to the podium and announced that he would not again serve. Everett said that he was still capable of carrying out the duties of



the office and still enjoyed the office, but thought that the time had come for him to step aside for fresh financial leadership. After Everett shared a history of grand treasurers for the last 50 years, delegates elected current Grand Master Lewis R. Ledford as grand treasurer. He will take his new office at the Grand Lodge officer installation which replaces him as grand master December 3.

Elections proceeded without any other surprises. Robert E. Gresham Jr. of Albemarle 703 was elected to become our next grand master. Gresham is a retired certified public accountant.

The Grand Lodge voted to grant a charter to Ashlar 765, a new lodge in Hampstead on North Carolina's southeast coast. The area has had a growing population without a convenient lodge.

Code changes were considered on Saturday

morning. Amendment Group 1, regarding the clarification of marriage extending until divorces are final, was referred back to committee for its wording to be polished. Groups 2, 3, and 4, clarifications of language in *The Code*, were all passed.

Group 5 was a wholesale change in the way we conduct funerals. It will give much greater flexibility to lodge masters in when and how they may conduct Masonic funeral services. A new manual for various ceremonies and suggestions for customizing funeral services is forthcoming. The changes have been widely welcomed as bringing modern and proper practice to this important final respect we pay to Masons.

Group 6 would have allowed alcohol in lodge facilities, except the lodge room. Once again, it failed. The vote was taken by written ballot and

won a simple majority 434-414, but short of the 2/3 majority necessary to change *The Code*. All changes to *The Code* take effect January 1, 2012.

Five grand lodges were recognized. Foreign jurisdictions recognized were in Azerbaijan, Monaco, Moldova, and Malta. Prince Hall of Oklahoma, which manages most of the military lodges around the world was also recognized. This was the second Prince Hall jurisdiction we have recognized; fewer than a dozen voters dissented. This should simplify military affiliations for our lodges

Amendment Scorecard

Group 1	Marriage defined	returned
Group 2	Secrecy	passed
Group 3	Renunciation	passed
Group 4	Felony pleas	passed
Group 5	Funeral changes.....	passed
Group 6	Alcohol use.....	failed

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Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 had Movie Night at the Lodge July 21. They watched *The Man Who Would Be King*, featuring Masonic characters.

Baked ziti and ciabatta highlighted the menu at Grassy Knob's September 1 dinner. — Tom Gregory

Benson

Relief 431 is holding a raffle. First prize is a 52-inch high definition television, second is a \$100 gift certificate, and third is a \$50 gift certificate. Tickets are five dollars or five for \$20. — Grover Dees

Wallace

They are getting to the bottom of their roof problems at Wallace 595. Seems that gutters were blocked, and some brickwork needed repair. — *Bulletin of Wallace Lodge*

Kinston

Richard Caswell 705 was having their Family Night on July 14. — Lynn Hill

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 was to hold their Annual Homecoming on September 17. It was to be an old fashioned pig-picking. — *Fellowship Lodge*

Selma

Selma 320 was holding both a blood drive and their annual golf tournament this fall. — Grover Dees

Wilkesboro

Liberty 45 was horribly shocked in August by the very premature death of their Master Ricky Allen Brewer. He was only 42. He is remembered for his "likeable personality and diligent example." — Steve Brown

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vitality of the Craft to community.

The lodge set up tents and cookers in the big parking lot outside the historic Greensboro Masonic Temple. Hot dogs, hamburgers, French fries, chips, drinks, and cookies were served. All the food was free to emergency services workers. More than 200 folks showed up — it was a huge success. — Tom Saitta



Ben Wallace talks of Masonic honors.

Blackmer Lodge honors long dead brother

RICHMOND — On April 28, a delegation of 21 from Blackmer 127 in Mount Gilead met in Richmond, Virginia to pay tribute to a brother who had fallen nearly 150 years earlier.

Major Edmund Christian was the master of Blackmer Lodge in 1859. With the eruption of the Civil War in 1861, he enlisted in the army. Two years into the war, he was a major with the 23rd North Carolina Infantry, when at the battle of Seven Pines, he was wounded. He was taken to a private residence in Richmond. Two days later, he died of his wounds and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, now a peaceful resting place overlooking the James River in downtown Richmond.

Given the nature of the battle, and the time lines involved, it is most unlikely that Brother Christian was afforded a Masonic Burial service. Blackmer Lodge members thought it proper to honor their past master and decided to do so. A visit to the grave and a memorial service was planned.

On a beautiful spring morning 16 mourners gathered to "pay the last sad offices of pious duty to our departed brother." Lodge Historian Steve Campbell began the program with a briefing on the peninsula campaign of 1862, of which the Battle of Seven Pines was part.

Jennifer Nash is a historian who discovered the final resting place of Maj. Christian. She contacted the lodge with that information several years ago. She continued the ceremony with

the story of what was known about Edmund Christian, the man.

The ceremony was concluded by Ben Wallace, master of Blackmer Lodge, who performed the Masonic portion of the service. — Ben Wallace





Ric Carter photos



Ledford and Everett



and furnish more possibilities for our servicemen overseas to enjoy fraternal support and visitation.

The most awaited appointment each year is the new grand steward, the man who will join the line of men advancing toward the office of grand master. The new steward is Dwight M. "Mack" Sigmon of Catawba 248. Sigmon is outgoing grand lecturer, and has been widely known for some years for his work as secretary of the Board of Custodians.

Elected to Grand Lodge offices were Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (Andrew Jackson 576), deputy grand master; Dalton W. Mayo (Hiram 98), senior grand warden; Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27), junior grand warden; and T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), grand secretary.

This year's appointed officers include Bry-

ant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), senior grand deacon; A. Gene Cobb (Royal White Hart 2), junior grand deacon; Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), grand marshal; C. Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), grand steward; Scott B. Gresham (Albemarle 703), grand tyler; Joseph L. Hester Jr. (226), grand chaplain; Michael W. Brantley (Raleigh 500), grand historian; J. Luigi Ammons (Millbrook 97), grand lecturer; James G. Martin (Phalanx 31), grand orator; and James R. Stevens (Garner 701), judge advocate.

Annual Communication was adjourned shortly after noon on Saturday.

Installation of Grand Lodge officers is set for Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 A.M. in Stanly County Agri-Civic Center in Albemarle. You are all invited.



Swindell



Sigmon



Gresham

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much they appreciated the Masons taking time to share in this event."

As Grand Master Lewis Ledford was out of the state on business during the dedication, he asked Past Grand Master Gene Jernigan to take his part in conducting the ceremony. He was a popular choice.

Pastor Hester addressed the traditions of Masonry and churches in a First Presbyterian Church newsletter before the event:

"With each new building it was our custom and tradition to include the community in a traditional ground breaking and cornerstone laying ceremony. That tradition was normally performed for churches as well as other public edifices such as schools and government buildings by the organization we know as the Masons. Despite misconceptions about the group in popular culture conveyed through such books as *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown and the film series, *National Treasure*, the people who are actually Masons are very likely to be community leaders and your neighbors and fellow church members who are actively engaged in acts of philanthropy and service to others. The public tradition of the laying of cornerstones for new community structures has been, and is a desire, to convey publicly the symbol and allegory derived from a very Biblical understanding that no structure or human undertaking can stand without acknowledging the Great Architect of the Universe, our God, who placed his Son Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone of the Church.

"So important was this public ritual for the founders and citizens of our infant nation that the Masons led by George Washington laid the cornerstone for the Capitol Building in 1793. I believe our current society has sometimes too easily dismissed this public affirmation of faith as archaic and out of step with the world around us. On two occasions in 1893 and 1950, our congregation invited the gracious participation and help of the Masons to lay in public view a new cornerstone to symbolize the physical and spiritual reality of God at work in the world. I am thankful our Session at my request has considered and accepted the willingness of local and state Masonic leadership to once again join us in the laying of a new cornerstone engraved with the words "To God Be The Glory" in an ancient and public ritual to proclaim that the Church of Jesus Christ is alive and active in the heart of Smithfield."

Masons here marked the long tradition of showing their support for various churches and denominations and community institutions. They look forward to the next verse.

— Jimmy Hooks

Wayne Dockery photos





Holly Springs hosts area Prince Hall lodges for dinner

HOLLY SPRINGS — Holly Springs 115 entertained brothers from several Prince Hall lodges August 9. Members of Elijah 821, A. S. Hunter 825, Golden Star 150, and Wisdom 361 attended. Peter and Sarah Hewitt prepared an exquisite dinner. Visitations between our jurisdictions are becoming more and more common and have been universally well received where they have been tried. Formal invitations for a specific night or occasion are often a good icebreaker. — Vinnie DeBenedetto



Onslow Masons help college dreams

JACKSONVILLE — On July 19, the Onslow County Masonic Scholarship presented five \$1,200 scholarships to the following outstanding members of our community. Thanks to the generosity of the Masons in Onslow County, these scholarships have been in existence for twenty-seven years. Seen here, front from left, are the recipients: Emily Rosage, Courtney Houston, and Megan Young. Behind them are Scholarship Chairman Howard Kahn and Secretary/Treasurer Denny Norris. Recipients Grady Brown and Melissa Ferling were unable to attend the photo session due to college freshman orientation. — Howard Kahn

Ashe Lodge keeps kids in trees

WEST JEFFERSON — For over two decades, the Masons of Ashe 594 have delivered Christmas cheer in the form of the best Christmas trees in the world — beautiful, live North Carolina firs. They donate one for each cottage on the campus of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. For many of the kids there, this is the first live Christmas tree they have ever enjoyed at the holidays.

Over the past several years, Mike Sawyer, his wife, and a host of members from Ashe Lodge have made the long trip from West Jefferson on Thanksgiving weekend to bring Christmas to Oxford. The lodge has been doing so for more than 25 years. The lodge kicks off the holiday season at the Home in partnership with Dale Hudler, of Hudler Tree Farms (<http://hudlercarolinatreefarm.com>). — Chris Richardson



NC Mason Deadlines

Issue	Deadline
January/February.....	January 1
March/April.....	March 1
May/June.....	May 1
July/August.....	July 1
September/October.....	September 1
November/December.....	November 1



There are few more satisfying sights than joining hands for the closing charge and finding that there is not room for everyone. The occasion occurred several times this year during Grand Master Ledford's district meetings. The one seen here was his meeting in Elizabeth City for the First Masonic District.

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

- 1.....Richard Lynn Paxton
- 1.....Michael Lawrence Rich
- 1.....James Joseph Scrimo
- 4.....Christopher Edward Rouse
- 4.....Robert Edward Rouse
- 7.....Edward E. Williams
- 8.....Donald Lee Wiggins
- 19.....John Byron Roberts
- 32.....Herson Antonio Hernandez
- 53.....Philip Michael McLain
- 64.....Jeffrey Allan Boothby
- 64.....Stephen Mark Lear
- 75.....Scott Dean Weaver
- 76.....Phillip Roy Bialek
- 76.....Elmon Fowler Dale Jr.
- 76.....Jason McCray Trakas
- 83.....Thor Tilmann Lucas
- 83.....Joshua Lindsey Parker
- 83.....Hector Luis Saavedra
- 83.....Wayne Scott Yates
- 98.....John Marcus Strickland
- 99.....Jon Eric Clenney
- 102.....Michael Mitchell Brooks
- 104.....Edward Scott Sheppard
- 104.....Willis Cohoon Watts Jr.
- 106.....Marc Edward Harchar
- 112.....Aaron Michael Carver
- 113.....Robert Haskell Allen
- 114.....Cornelius Stewart Chance
- 114.....Jeffrey Curtis Halliburton
- 114.....David Lane Wade
- 117.....James Carlton Green
- 117.....Benjamin Michael Thomas
- 118.....Donald Keith Clayton
- 118.....William C. Coin
- 118.....John Fletcher Comer
- 118.....Christopher Prescott Johns
- 118.....Mark E. Jordan
- 118.....James Ronald McNatt
- 118.....Benjamin McLeod Sims
- 118.....Joshua Paul Warren
- 125.....Bartley Kyle Warren
- 126.....William Terry Craddock
- 129.....Dickie Dean Brannock
- 134.....Christopher Aaron Pitts
- 138.....Ronald Dean Horton
- 146.....Joseph William Lovingood
- 146.....Ira Hayden Alexander Rogers
- 146.....John Joyner Snow III
- 147.....Jesse Bradley Barefoot
- 147.....James Robert Jackson
- 147.....Albert John Lenowicz
- 151.....Tommy Ezra Holder
- 151.....Alexander Daniel Holder Jr.
- 170.....Jonathan Paul Norton
- 170.....Kevin Daniel Sluder
- 176.....William Thomas Wentzner
- 188.....David Clarence Cottrell
- 190.....William Brian Ezzell
- 190.....Bruce Sumrell Hart
- 191.....Jason Glen Jones
- 191.....Adam Aaron Provenzano
- 198.....Jose Miguel Patricio Guerreiro
- 198.....James Matthew Kohut
- 198.....Chintan Upendra Patel
- 205.....Jonathan Keith Boggs
- 205.....Brodie Shane Butler
- 205.....Justin Blake McClure
- 205.....Matthew N. Stroup
- 207.....James Frederick Hinson
- 208.....Ashley Earl Carter
- 208.....Jordan Dean Hansen
- 208.....Graham Eugene Price
- 208.....Hunter Clark Sasser
- 208.....Gregory Matthew Wiggins
- 217.....Lonnie Julian Glover
- 217.....James Hinsen Halliburton
- 218.....Daniel Leroy Hopping
- 218.....Scott Woolard Kennedy
- 231.....Robert Gordon Eaton Jr.
- 231.....Charles Houston Milligan
- 237.....Ricky Todd Buchanan
- 237.....Darrin Abraham Helton
- 237.....James Earl Hoskins
- 237.....Christopher Wayne Marsh
- 237.....Richard Wayne Monosso
- 248.....Daniel Scott Calloway
- 248.....Christopher VanDorn Wilhoit
- 249.....Samuel Aaron Puschaver
- 249.....Brandon Reed Raleigh
- 259.....Edward Andrew Dodd
- 261.....Gregory M. Holman
- 261.....Honore Jean Missihoun
- 262.....Brock Lewis Bumgarner
- 262.....Randy Marvin Bumgarner
- 263.....Michael David Lookadoo
- 263.....David Rhett Timmerman
- 265.....Jeffery Wade Weatherman
- 271.....Albert Lee Freeman
- 271.....Dennis Earl Gregory
- 271.....Eric Keith Isley
- 277.....Richard Martin Morrison
- 299.....Ronald John Gority
- 301.....Christopher Michael Jones
- 304.....Clayton Thomas Quinn
- 306.....Cole Tanner Spillman
- 306.....Michael Richard Swinehart
- 306.....Marshall Gerard Patt Weidner
- 317.....Jacob Ian Johnson
- 317.....Ernest James Rennie
- 319.....Henry Lyman Carter
- 319.....Edward Earl Croom
- 319.....Andrew Douglas Glass
- 319.....Joseph Edwin Mintz
- 319.....Leland Ray Pearson
- 319.....Larry Hubert Thomas
- 320.....Edward Milton Davis III
- 340.....David Thomas Grimes
- 369.....Cody Daniel Huffstetler
- 369.....William Grier Kiser
- 369.....Travis Wayne Stowe
- 380.....Michael Delano Montjoy
- 384.....Eddie Bruce Needham
- 384.....Wesley Damon Wade
- 388.....Richard Chance Witherspoon
- 391.....Jerry McNeill Fowler
- 391.....Robert John Schulte
- 391.....Jeffrey Scott Staples
- 395.....Stephen Len Gasque
- 395.....Christopher George Hughes
- 395.....Harry Ford Steele Jr.
- 397.....Jacob Franklin Grigg
- 404.....Thomas Mark Crowell
- 404.....Tony William Harrison
- 404.....Mark Hodgins Smith
- 405.....Jimmie William Cox
- 405.....Michael Ray Luther Jr.
- 407.....William Dwayne Youhouse
- 408.....Wendell Craig Burch
- 408.....Walter Thomas Hamilton III
- 408.....Jeremy Stuart Harn
- 408.....Jonathan Martin Sparrow
- 408.....Theodore Hasen Talisman
- 409.....Lee Franklin Booth
- 409.....Joshua Allen Chappell
- 409.....James Quinlon Curtis
- 420.....Darrin Garland Clark
- 427.....Dennis Wade Anthony
- 427.....Zachary Leon McDonald
- 428.....Ronnie Lee Amos
- 428.....Nicholas Darian Southern
- 428.....Michael Bradley Stewart
- 429.....James Robert Gentry
- 429.....Michael Thomas Koger
- 432.....Jon Eric Brewer
- 432.....William Wayne Caudill
- 433.....Christopher Paul Teasdale
- 434.....Keith William Herbs
- 434.....Aaron L Pope
- 435.....Jamie Douglas Barnes
- 435.....William Larry Holt
- 437.....Jonathan Russell Hancock
- 444.....Raymond Leslie James
- 446.....Dustin Paul Baker
- 446.....Paul Myron Creson
- 454.....Larry Samuel Couch
- 459.....Christopher Joseph Laden
- 460.....Mark Aaron Cobb
- 460.....Kevin Dennis Johnson
- 460.....Matthew Lanier Waugh
- 461.....Martin Keith Shelton
- 473.....Frisco William Blackburn
- 491.....Jason E. Evans
- 491.....Ronnie Harrison Ford
- 492.....Clinton O'Brian Howard
- 492.....Phillip Byron Neal
- 492.....Jason Bernard Simons
- 495.....Braxton Thomas Greene
- 499.....Kevin Thomas Keith
- 500.....Alton Paul Brown
- 502.....Trevor Britt Livert
- 502.....Ronald Lindsey Navey
- 502.....Timothy Allen Parker
- 502.....David Allen Workman Jr.
- 509.....Jason Albert Keech
- 509.....Joshua Kyle Legan
- 515.....Tony Grier Cooper
- 515.....James Chester McCloskey
- 515.....Adam Lewis Parker
- 521.....Dennis Lee Franklin
- 527.....Jeffrey Wayne Watson
- 543.....Samuel Benjamin Krohn
- 544.....Calvin Perry Johnston
- 552.....Jeffrey Stuart Allen
- 552.....William Aaron Benton
- 552.....Darrell Wayne Bush
- 552.....Gary James Grant
- 552.....Alan M. Mullis
- 552.....Raymond Cary Spillers
- 554.....Dale Allen Parsley
- 554.....Charles Eugene Vines
- 556.....Tracy Hamilton
- 563.....Edward Thomas Britt
- 563.....David Thomas Norris
- 564.....Jeremy Shawn Bright
- 573.....Jerry Shea Davis
- 573.....Chris Lee Shew
- 576.....Christopher Todd Earnhardt
- 583.....Galen Thomas Wethington
- 584.....Jeffrey Wayne Sawyer
- 585.....Gordon Maxton Tew
- 594.....Jimmy Lee Church
- 594.....Shane Mitchell Scott
- 606.....Kyle Edward Sigmon
- 606.....Zachary Clark Sigmon
- 618.....Brian Keith Knox
- 618.....Thomas Lathan Nash Jr.
- 618.....Arnold Joel Price
- 626.....Walter Kenneth Gaylor
- 629.....Durwood Wayne Bennett
- 629.....Salvador Souto IV
- 637.....Randy Lynn Huneycutt
- 656.....Bradley Paul Cardille
- 656.....Kevin Dillon
- 656.....Samuel Chester Holder
- 656.....Lyle Sutton Smith
- 656.....Scott R. Spencer
- 657.....Jeffrey Scott Gardner
- 657.....Justin Matthew Jones
- 657.....Phillip Michael York
- 663.....James Craig Laney
- 668.....Vincent John Haney
- 668.....Jeffrey Scott Shumate
- 669.....Miguel Antonia Fernandez
- 670.....Frank Lynn Lail
- 675.....James Franklin Evans
- 675.....John Scott Lane
- 675.....Walter Aaron Warner
- 676.....Ryan Douglas Hagen
- 676.....Stephen Thomas Ludwig
- 676.....Brett Michael Rees
- 676.....Joseph Scott Zwemer
- 680.....Quinton Deshaun Harris
- 680.....Jeremy Wayne McElrath
- 691.....Justin Dale Jones
- 692.....Jason Wesley Bryan
- 692.....Dennis Lee McLendon
- 694.....Zachary Filmor Gavin
- 694.....Ralph Lyndon Wall
- 695.....Matthew William Reier
- 701.....Robert Shawn Godwin
- 702.....David Cecil Crump
- 703.....Brian Eugene Clay
- 703.....Eric Alexander Furr
- 703.....Aaron Carl Kepley
- 704.....Christopher Lawrence Euchner
- 704.....Lloyd A. Leatherwood III
- 704.....Travis Wayne Stuart
- 705.....Joseph William Likar
- 705.....Jason Floyd Posey
- 705.....Stanley Glenn Smith
- 705.....Paul Johnson Welch
- 706.....Joseph Joshua Byrd
- 707.....Samuel Patrick Stuart Jr.
- 708.....Walter Lynn Gaylor
- 708.....Ted Douglas Sauls
- 708.....John Anderson Whichard
- 708.....Bobby Ray Woodard
- 715.....Paul Andrew Phillips
- 715.....Ryan Spurlock
- 717.....Benjamin Heath Bryant
- 717.....Mack Delanor Evans
- 717.....Darren Tracie Fender
- 717.....Tory Wilson Stephen
- 718.....Chris William Wood
- 719.....Richard George Krebs
- 722.....Nicholas Scott Hartgrove
- 723.....Edward Lee Pope
- 723.....John Mark Wall
- 725.....David Watson Hamill
- 730.....Joshua James Cain
- 733.....Jarrod Eugene Norris
- 735.....Kristopher Elliott Benson
- 735.....Matthew Trey Korff
- 737.....Thil Deaton Hurley
- 737.....Gallamore C. Brooks Osborne
- 737.....Michael Craig Pilecki
- 737.....Daniel Scott Scherr
- 737.....William Haywood Smith
- 737.....Brian Scott Spaulding
- 738.....David Kenneth Sluis
- 741.....Cory Adam Noe
- 743.....Anthony Lmore Broadway
- 743.....Joel Christopher Liptak
- 743.....Charles Franklin McDowell
- 745.....John Warner Brown III
- 745.....Philip Nathan Buttgen
- 752.....Joseph Michael Gibson
- 757.....Brian Martin Bishop
- 757.....Tyler David Guess
- 757.....Harry C. Johnson
- 757.....Robert Casey Noles
- 757.....Christopher Carroll Sawyer
- 757.....Timothy Allen Sawyer
- 757.....Timothy Lynn Tench
- 757.....Clifton Edward Tuck
- 758.....Aaron Craig Rice
- 759.....Jacob Speight Hughes
- 759.....John Kenneth Winecoff
- 762.....Geary Deward Blackwood
- 763.....Charles Roy Biggs Jr.
- 763.....Joseph Bruce DeBose
- 763.....John Thomas Eatmon
- 763.....John Marcus Eldridge III



Facebook launch for WhiteStone

By Katie Glodowski

GREENSBORO — Facebook: It seems that everyone you know is now part of it, from 10 years old to 90 years old. What's so great about it, you may ask. Well, for starters, it's a great way to stay connected to friends and family that live far away. My favorite use of Facebook is being able to log on and view my friends' and family's photo albums. I can see what my cousins are up to in Ohio or see photos from my niece's birthday party in California. It's also great if you're a grandparent with grandkids in another state. You can log onto Facebook and instantly see photos and updates about them.

Millstone Creek Orchards, and you can now view pictures from our trip to the apple orchard and see the hay ride we took!

Facebook is a great tool for people with family members here at WhiteStone. They can log on to our page and read updates about our daily activities and keep up with our happenings. It's also a great way to get an inside look at our community. The photos and updates that we post on Facebook allow you to view our day to day lives and activities here at WhiteStone. You really get a good feel of what we're all about. We hope that you will take a moment to find us on Facebook and get to know us a little better.

Here at WhiteStone, we are very excited to have our very own Facebook page! Let me tell you why we think this is so great. If you check out our Facebook page, you will find all kinds of information. We post weekly photos of construction updates so you can follow along with the building progress. Watch as our new buildings go up one wall at a time! We also post photos of community events. We recently visited

Log onto www.Facebook.com and find us by searching: WhiteStone-A-Masonic-and-Eastern-Star-Community or entering the following address: <<https://www.facebook.com/pages/WhiteStone-A-Masonic-and-Eastern-Star-Community/169700879763166>>.

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Prince Hall and AF & AM Lodges visit

WASHINGTON — On July 28, Orr 104 hosted one of this area's first visitation nights between Prince Hall and AF & AM lodges. Our Third District lodges represented were Orr 104, Washington 675, Belhaven 509, and Perseverance 59. Prince Hall lodges attending were Hiram 11, Carthage 38, and Golden Trowel 97. The lodges are all located in Washington, Plymouth, and Belhaven. About 50 Masons were there to see Scott Sheppard raised and to enjoy this long-awaited fellowship.

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- WhiteStone, a Masonic & Eastern Star Community (MESH)
- The Masonic Home for Children
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Auction for Home for Children

The Fourth Annual MHCO Board of Directors Charity Auction started August 26, 2011 and runs through November 4, 2011. New items will be listed every three to five days. Visit EBay at www.ebay.com and look up seller name MHCO2008. Proceeds from the auction, held courtesy of Mission Fish Charitable Auctions site, will benefit the Masonic Home for Children, caring for disadvantaged children in need of a safe, secure, and stable home. The money raised will be used for the daily operational costs, as well as special needs of the children, residing there, ages five to eighteen. For more information visit EBay.com or the Home's website at www.mhc-oxford.org or our Facebook or Twitter pages..



MILEPOSTS



Ramseur — Joe Needham, of Marietta 444, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Past Grand Master William L. Dill presented the award. Seen here, from left, are Dill, Needham, and Marietta Master Carey Graham.



HERTFORD — On July 19, Perquimans 106 presented John Horace Webb his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership in the lodge. Seen here are, from left, Perquimans Master Joe Elliott, Webb, and District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson. — Paul Gregory



OXFORD — On August 11, the North Carolina Federation National Active and Retired Federal Employees presented Sharon Autrey, of the School of Graphic Arts at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford a Citation for Distinguished Service to recognize all that she had done for their group. For many years, the Print Shop has been the printer of choice for several of their state chapters. They looked to the School of Graphic Arts to print and mail their newsletters. Ms. Autrey worked closely on the design, typesetting, and concept of the overall appearance of their newsletter. She is seen here, center, with School of Graphic Arts Manager Eddie Dickerson, left, and North Carolina Federation of NARFE President Paul Sams.



WILSON — Wilson 712 presented four T. Bruce Boyette Scholarship Awards of \$1,000 each at their June 28 meeting. The recipients are Cody Boykin who will be attending East Carolina University, Jesse Williamson bound for Appalachian State University, and Spencer Boykin headed to North Carolina State University. They also presented Wilson Community College with a check for a student to be selected later this summer. Pictured here with Cody Boykin and his parents is Wilson Senior Warden Logan Liles at a recent dinner in the lodge. — Bill Nicholls



ELLENBORO — On July 14, Hollis 535's Marvin Melton received his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years as a Mason. His son Steven Melton (Hollis 535) presented the award. His son-in-law Michael Hoover of West Gate 738 presented him a gold Masonic watch to mark the occasion. — Karen Hoover



LUMBERTON — St. Albans 114 held its Awards Night June 21. Leon Barnes and Horace Baker got Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership. Paul Stone and Robert Lemon got their Veteran's Emblems for their 50 years. Past Grand Master Bunn Phillips made the presentations. — W. Dayton Wilson



LEXINGTON — Lexington Memorial 473 had a lodge family cookout, June 25. As many as 60 attended. The food was great, and the fellowship was priceless. They thanked Master Jonathan Hedrick, who came up with the idea; Junior Warden John McCutcheon and his wife Beth, who did the grilling. — Tommy Joly



The parking lot looked like a disaster when Greensboro 76 saluted local emergency personnel.

Greensboro Lodge salutes emergency personnel

GREENSBORO — It must have been quite the sight for passing motorists and pedestrians in downtown Greensboro. A parking lot filled with emergency vehicles — fire trucks, police cruisers, ambulances — was an excellent billboard for Greensboro 76's annual Masonic cookout on June 11.

The big event is a community service outreach which shows lodge appreciation and support for law enforcement, military, emergency medical technicians, firemen, and other community protective services. It also demonstrated the

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Picnic in the parking lot.



Here are the volunteers who made the thank you possible.

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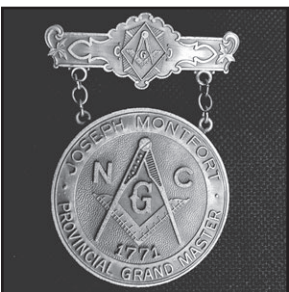
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Masons dedicate Smithfield church cornerstone.



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King Lodge sets cornerstone for new home.

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King 722's cornerstone is muscled into its proper position.

New building for King 722

KING — July 14 was a big step day for King 722. Grand Master Lewis Ledford came to King and led the ceremony laying the cornerstone of King Lodge's new building.

The bridge over US 52 is being updated to Interstate standards. Because of the bridge construction, King Lodge lost access to its old home, a facility they built in mid-1960s. For the past two-and-a-half years, they have been meeting in Pilot Mountain with Pilot 493. It's been like the old days, King Lodge having been created by members of Pilot lodge back in 1961. They were King residents who had been driving to Pilot Lodge for fellowship. Their first meeting place after leaving home was the King Fire Department.

Following the opening and closing of an emergent communication at Pilot Lodge, the proceedings moved on to the site of the new lodge building. The age-old ceremony was

attended by approximately one hundred brothers, sisters, and citizens of our town. After the ceremony, many thanks were exchanged among the brethren and guests. The stone was promptly laid by members of the construction crew into its proper place.

The new building is located at 240 Jefferson Church Road in King. They hope to be in the new building in November. — Larry Oakley



Grand Master Ledford joined members of King Lodge in celebrating their new start.

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Our Annual Communication was held in Winston-Salem September 23-24. We had lots of fellowship as well as some fun and got plenty of business done. We elected officers for 2012 and addressed changes to our rules and regulations. For those of you who did not get there, we have a full report of the goings on in this issue of *The North Carolina Mason*.