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Preslar installed as grand master

By Ric Carter

SALISBURY — On Saturday, December 1, in a ceremony repeated many times in the history of our state, Dewey Ralph Preslar Jr. became the 160th man in our 225-year history to serve as grand master of Masons in North Carolina. He and his officers were installed at a 11:00 A.M. gathering here in the Norvell Theater.

Preslar's line journey began when he was appointed grand steward by Graham W. Pervier shortly after he was elected grand master in 2004. Past Grand Master Pervier, now as installing officer, was again there to assist his appointee in beginning the final steps in his path along the Grand Lodge line.

Pervier and Salisbury Mayor Paul Woodson welcomed more than 300 guests to the ceremony. The color guard of the Heroes of '76, Camp Lejeune Chapter 329 of the National Sojourners presented the colors. Preslar's granddaughter Berkley Koontz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Music for the occasion was played by Joe Gminder on guitar and Greg Pannell on violin.

As Preslar knelt at the altar, Installing Chaplain Cash offered a prayer for the beginning of his endeavor. The ceremony was very similar to the one you have likely seen in your own lodge. All the officers took an oath to serve his office and the Grand Lodge well. Each was then charged and presented the apron and jewel of his office. Past Grand Master Lester Martin presented the grand master's apron.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (Andrew Jackson 576), Deputy Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo (Hiram 98), Senior Grand Warden Douglas L. Caudle (States-

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Ric Carter photo

Our new grand master

On December 1, 2012, Dewey R. Preslar Jr. was installed as grand master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. He is the 160th man to hold the office. His installation followed his election to the office at our Annual Communication in September.

Preslar was born January 21, 1955 in Wadesboro, North Carolina to Dewey R. and Geraldine Carter Preslar. He lives in Salisbury with his wife Terrie where they are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They have two children and two grandchildren.

The Wingate College graduate and former vice president of a southeastern grocery chain is currently owner and president of Preslar Risk Services, Inc., a risk management consulting firm and executive director for the North Carolina Self-Insurance Security Association.

In his community, Preslar has served in many capacities including as a member of the vestry and convention delegate of his church, as officer of Little League and Pee Wee coach, account manager for United Way campaign, and president and area governor for Toastmasters. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Toastmaster recognition.

Preslar is a member of Andrew Jackson 576, and Orphans 761. He received his degrees in Andrew Jackson Lodge in 1988 and served as



master there in 1993. He is chairman of the Board of Directors for the Rowan County Masonic Scholarship Fund and past district deputy grand master of the old 44th Masonic District.

He is a York Rite and Scottish Rite (33rd) Mason and a member of many of their honors organizations. He is a member of Oasis Shrine. He has served in many offices and capacities for the organizations.

Preslar has served the Grand Lodge in many capacities both before and after his appointment to line by then Grand Master Graham W. Pervier in 2005. He has, among other duties, been a member of the Board of General Purposes, Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, Committee on Finance, and our Grand Lodge representative to both the George Washington National Masonic Memorial and the Masonic Service Association. He was on the

Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home (WhiteStone) and was president of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

Bradshaw new steward

Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr. appointed Paul Shaun Bradshaw as grand steward shortly after his election in September. Bradshaw becomes the junior man in the progressive line to become grand master of North Carolina.

Bradshaw was born on February 26, 1971 in Fayetteville, North Carolina to Deborah E.

Bradshaw and Ronald W. Davis and was raised in Clinton by his grandmother, Lois S. Bradshaw. Shaun attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he received a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems in 1993. Shaun studied martial arts from the time he was 14 and achieved a third degree black belt in 1996. Shaun now makes Greensboro his home with his wife, Sharon, and two children — 16-year-old Graham and 14-year-old Brantleigh. Shaun and family are members of Guilford College United Methodist Church.

In 2009, Shaun left his position as director of consulting services at Questcon Technologies and, with the help of two business



Ric Carter photo

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Grand Lodge celebrates 225th



Ric Carter photo

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — Happy birthday, Brothers!

On December 12, your Grand Lodge turned 225 years old. Our first chartered lodge dates from 1755, and by the time the Revolution was over, we had about a dozen lodges operating in the state. They originated from a number of grand lodges. Those lodges held a convention in Tarboro (where the North Carolina legislature was meeting) in December 1787. On December 12, they agreed to form the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. We've been a beacon of Freemasonry in NC since.

Our celebration of that birthday was held at the Grand Lodge headquarters here November 3. About 300 people attended during the day-long event. The party began at 10:00 in the morning and went on to 4:00 that afternoon.

Historical presentations featured the history of our three headquarters homes, and a presentation on the Belltower at NC State University. Many of the treasures from our archive were on

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DESIGNS UPON OUR TRESTLE BOARD



A breakthrough in thinking

By Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Grand Master

Brethren, first of all, I am truly honored and humbled by the whole experience of being appointed to the Grand Line eight years ago. And, then, on September 22, I was elected by the delegates at the Annual

Communication as your grand master. During Annual Communication, I reflected upon my journey... I am a third generation Mason and quite proud of my father joining me on the stage that day.

I want to thank you for the privilege of serving you, the Masons of North Carolina.

There are so many other people that I would like to thank and recognize, as well as those who have whispered good counsel in my ear. I can't thank them all, as we would have to print a book instead of this article. Please grant me this indulgence to recognize a few.

First, to my father and grandfather whom, as Masons, are and were a tremendous influence in my life; to the members of my home lodge, Andrew Jackson 576, particularly the three other Ds; to my Masonic father, Graham Pervier, who appointed me to the grand line; to Tommy Eller, who had the faith in a poor country

boy from Stanly County that he some day might make something of himself; to past and current grand officers, whom I truly consider great friends, Brothers, and family; and last of all, to my family, especially my bride of almost 35 years, Terrie, who has put up with me these many years. Truly, without her, I couldn't be where I find myself standing today.

My Brethren, we have been taught to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. However, I am going to ask you not to subdue your passion for our beloved fraternity. Our passion for all that is good, kind, and charitable will serve our fraternity, and, in my opinion, can cause a different outcome for our future — a positive turn in membership and an increase in our fundraising activities to benefit our charities.

We know that together we can best work and best agree. It is my belief that through an increase in our fundraising efforts, we will produce an outcome that not only supports our charities, but also causes an increase in fellowship. As I have often told others, if you do this for the fellowship, the charity will take care of itself. Our passion for Masonry will cause something for us that might not exist today. I submit for your consideration that through your passion, the fellowship and participation will increase, and a new reality will be an outcome of our actions.

We will need to cause a breakthrough in our thinking. We will

need to create a desire to enroll, engage, and enlist others in support of our cause. Business as usual will not produce the desired outcome for us.

So, my Brethren, we will need to draw designs upon our trestle boards. I have shared information related to our fundraisers with our DDGMs and DDGLs and have asked that they share it with the lodges in their districts. By now you should have heard something about my passion and thoughts for producing a different outcome in our Masonry.

I want to thank you if your lodge is already doing a fundraiser. To all of you, ask yourself if your lodge could do more. If your lodge isn't doing a fundraiser, please ask yourself, isn't it about time to do so?

So, Brethren, dust off your trestle boards and start drawing your plans. Create a plan that you can implement, execute, and be accountable. Create a passion for the success of Masonry in your lodge, district, state, and the world. Together, we will cause a breakthrough that will continue to bring us from darkness to light.

I ask that we all own and deliver our Masonry. This the perfect season to get started. Again, I thank you my Brethren for your confidence, trust, and support in me.

Finally, I wish for you and yours a joyous and a happy holiday season, and a very prosperous 2013.

Regulations change charity handling at WhiteStone

GREENSBORO — A new limited liability corporation, the North Carolina Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation, has been created by the North Carolina Masonic Foundation to protect charity for our fraternal residents at WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community. Federal Fair Housing regulations forbid the Home's management from distributing charity based solely on fraternal membership, opening up all residents of the Home to receiving aid from Masonic charity. All Masonic charitable donations are now being routed to the new LLC which will allocate resources to needful fraternal residents.

Five managers, all members of the Masonic family, will make the decisions on disbursing the money according to applications received and resident need. Those "scholarships" will help pay for room and board, medications, medical services, equipment, and related care at WhiteStone

which the resident could not otherwise afford.

A few years ago, our Home began accepting non-Masonic residents. The change brought in profits to help pay the way for fraternal residents. The number of current residents who are Masons and Eastern Stars and require financial assistance is limited only by the amount of charity that is available. The amount of charitable funds available is limited only by donations to the Home from fraternal sources. As we bring in more donations for the cause, the number of Masons receiving subsidized care at the Home will increase.

All donations are now being sent to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation LLC. Address your gifts to NC MESH Foundation, LLC, 700 South Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27407. Your support of WhiteStone is more important than ever. Your donations to the new LLC go only to the support of fraternal residents.



Ben Wallace and Steve Campbell are seen here delivering archives for preservation in the Southern Historical Collection.

Saving our past for our future

By Steven Campbell

For well over two centuries, the flame of Freemasonry has been kept aglow by men dedicated to our tenets. There have been countless changes in the world, our nation, and the way we live however, the solid foundation of our fraternity has prevailed. The records of our actions have been dutifully recorded throughout the decades. In many lodges, fortunately, conscientious members have preserved their lodge records. Those archives are the record of local, regional, and state history. One day, we will all be part of history, and it is our duty to ensure that those men who follow us into the ranks of Freemasonry know from whence they came.

To properly maintain ancient lodge minutes, histories, letters, and other related records call for special preservation facilities which most lodges do not possess. Fortunately, in conjunction with the Grand Lodge, a program has been established with the University of North Carolina's Southern Historical Collection to archive

and preserve North Carolina lodge records. It is an ideal arrangement in that this facility has the proper environment to securely preserve our records for generations to come. Many of those records are already available there to Masons and historians.

In realizing the value of saving our history, Blackmer Lodge members voted to convey our original records from 1850-1876 into the care of this program. Upon the digitizing and printing of additional Blackmer records it is planned to place all our 19th and 20th century records into the care of this program.

As a lodge historian, I encourage lodge officers and members throughout the Tar Heel State to consider taking advantage of this program and saving your records of the past for the future. Contact the Grand Lodge office to take advantage of this program.

Steven Campbell is lodge historian in Blackmer 127.



Path of the fellow craft

ELIZABETH CITY — Many of the lodges in the northeastern part of the state have enjoyed a gift from some of the boys at Gatesville 126. Ben Stallings and friends make stairs for the Fellow Craft lecture. Their set of three, five, and seven steps resemble a ships' rope ladder, with ropes binding together steps lettered as the better known floor cloths used in the lecture. The makers are seen here during Grand Master Bob Gresham's visit to the First Masonic District earlier this year. They are, from left, Elmer Butts, Gresham, Ben Stallings, and Lilton Umphlett.

Great Landscape for 2013

OXFORD — The second Great Landscape at the Masonic Home for Children is set for March 16, 2013. With a successful inaugural event in 2012, the Home is looking for an even bigger turnout this year. More than 40 helpers from lodges, family, friends, groups such as the Girl Scouts, and businesses such as Direct Insurance loaned a hand last year. You should be part of the fun and satisfaction this year.

They'll be mulching, weeding, planting, and pruning. They plan to help ready the campus for spring with some painting and cleaning. Volunteers are encouraged to visit the campus on this

date equipped with shovels, rakes, and plants ready to help spruce up the grounds. The goal is to provide a more beautiful and personal home and neighborhood for our kids.

They'll be serving volunteers breakfast from 8:00-9:00 A. M., and lunch will be on at 12:30.

Call or email to register yourself or your group to give the Home a half-day of your time and work. You can contact the Home at (888) 505-4357, or (919) 693-5111, or by visiting the Home's website <www.mhc-oxford.org>, or emailing Chris Richardson at <crichards@mhc-oxford.org>. You'll be glad you did.

A Ghost's Displeasure

By Steve Campbell

For more than two years of the Civil War, the Gray Ghost (Col. John Singleton Mosby) led an independent command known as Mosby's Rangers. Though never numbering more than a few hundred, this partisan unit controlled an area in Northern Virginia known as Mosby's Confederacy. So harried were Federal commanders with his exploits, thousands of US troops were required in the region — troops needed in Grant's push on Richmond.

In September 1864, while operating near the small town of Front Royal, Virginia, six of Mosby's Rangers were captured by Federal cavalry. In retaliation of a recent Federal officer's death, four of the Rangers were shot and two were hung, one with a placard pinned to his body: "Such is the fate of Mosby's men."

In November at the village of Rectortown, a lottery was held amongst Federal prisoners that had been captured by Mosby's command. Those selected in the lottery would be executed in retaliation of Mosby's men who had been killed in Front Royal. A hat was passed with slips of paper. When a drummer boy drew a "winning slip" Colonel Mosby excused him, and another Federal prisoner was selected. The prisoners were marched through Ashby's Gap (present day US Route 50) closer to Federal Headquarters. Whilst on this march, another unit of Mosby's command under Capt. Richard Montjoy passed. Seeing Capt. Montjoy's Masonic pin, two of the prisoners offered the Masonic distress sign. Their Masonic Brother excused these two prisoners and replaced them with two prisoners his unit had captured. When the "Gray Ghost" learned of this substitution he

admonished his popular Captain, "Remember, Captain, in the future that this Command is not a Masonic Lodge." In the rain soaked night, four of the seven prisoners escaped the fate of the lottery. The retaliations ceased, and in six months the war would be over.

As for Capt. Montjoy's fate, he would be killed in action later that month, fondly remembered by both Masons and non-Masons. The "Gray Ghost" lived until 1916, after an illustrious career as a barrister, US Counsel to Hong Kong, and Department of Justice attorney prosecuting ruthless land barons of the Old West.

Steve Campbell, a member of Blackmer 127, first published this story in Blackmer Buzz.

Prepare a legacy

By Jim Hyde

ROBBINSVILLE — My oldest grandson Drake (age six) just came to me with a not-yet dated "MADE A MASON" token he found on my dresser. He wanted to know what it was for. When I tried to explain (how do you explain Masonry to a six-year-old?) he asked if he could have the token.

When I told him I would give it to him when he was 18, he smiled real big and said, "OK, can I show it to my daddy?" taking off back down the hallway.

I guess I need to put that particular token in the safe along with the two rings already there for him and his brother.

Does this qualify as asking for a petition — LOL? Hopefully, in 12 years I can remind him of this incident in a tyled setting.

Jim Hyde is a member of Robbinsville 672.

GM's district meetings

Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr. plans to visit about half our districts this year. His meetings start in early February and will finish at the end of May. His meetings will be similar to the area meetings of the past few years. Pre-meeting meals are scheduled for 6:15 P.M. with the tyled meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. District officers and the grand master will be received with usual honors.

You may make your lodge's reservation for the meeting with your district deputy grand master or host lodge secretary. Please be considerate of the host lodge. Make your reservations for dinner at least seven days before your scheduled meeting. It is very frustrating to try to plan for

a meal when reservations have not been made. Your lodge will be responsible to pay for all meals reserved. Those who have not made reservations should not expect to eat.

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 December 7, 2012. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

January 30.....26	Winston 167	34 Miller St, Winston Salem
February 6.....15	Hiram 40	1520 Caswell St, Raleigh
February 7.....13	Henderson 229	401 Brodie Rd, Henderson
February 11.....29	Kilwinning 64	S. Greene St, Wadesboro
February 12.....21	Carthage 181	302 Saunders St, Carthage
February 27.....17	Phoenix 8	221 Mason St, Fayetteville
February 28.....19	Mosaic 762	1211 Franklin St, Chapel Hill
March 5.....35	Cleveland 202	1456 E. Marion St, Shelby
March 6.....31	East Gate 692	500 N. Sharon Amity Rd, Charlotte
March 7.....34	Catawba 248	200 N. College St, Newton
March 19.....6	Grifton 243	108 Gordon St, Grifton
March 20.....9	Corinthan 230	1700 S. Winstead Ave, Rocky Mount
March 21.....11	Mill Creek 125	513 Raleigh St, Newton Grove
April 8.....41	Robbinsville 672	Church St, Robbinsville
April 9.....37	Vesper 554	637 Oak Ave, Spruce Pine
April 10.....39	Mt. Hermon 118	80 Broadway, Asheville
April 11.....33	Snow 363	240 Temple Dr, Boone
April 15.....5	American George 17	205 College St, Murfreesboro
April 16.....1	Eureka 317	218 S. Hughes Blvd, Elizabeth City
April 17.....3	Atlantic 294	Court House Sq, Swanquarter
April 22.....4	Newport 706	235 Howard Blvd, Newport
April 23.....12	Federal Point 753	5th and Harper, Carolina Beach
April 24.....18	Chadbourn 190	417 E Strawberry Blvd, Chadbourn
May 13.....23	Greensboro 76	426 W. Market St, Greensboro
May 14.....25	Elkin 454	114 Market St, Elkin
May 15.....28	Andrew Jackson 576	401 N. Fulton St, Salisbury

Your articles and NC Mason Deadlines

Got something you want to say? Have an announcement to make or invitation to get out? If your lodge never gets mentioned here, appoint yourself lodge reporter, and keep us posted on what you guys are doing. Got suggestions for features? Requests for information? We don't have the space for everything, but we'll make every effort to take care of those things with the broadest interest across the state. The dates below will give you an idea of when you need to get timely matters to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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November/December.....	November 1.....	December 1

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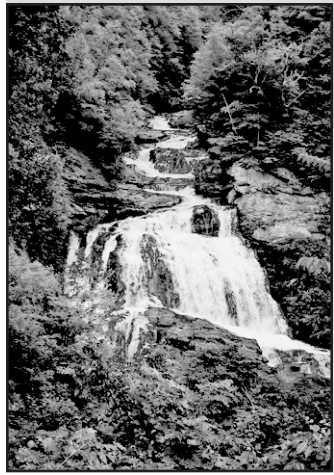
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680's motorcycle raffle was a much bigger success than expected. They had a goal selling 2,400 tickets, but ended up selling more than 2,700. Their net profit, to be divided among Masonic charities, was \$14,000.

— *Trestle Board*

Raleigh

William T. Bain 231 held their Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser October 26.

— Kevin Walton

Across town, James B. Green 735 did the same on November 2. Their goal was selling 600 plates. Proceeds were going to the Masonic Homes.

A squirrel found its way into James B. Green Lodge's building. The tree rat caused damage to several windows in unsuccessful attempts to gain egress. The intruder was trapped and removed. The chimney, the likely entrance point, was capped.

— *The James B. Green Scene*

Masters 754 was to hold their annual Pizza Day at the Masonic Home for Children on Sunday October 28.

— *The Trowel*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 has for some time rented their downstairs. They are currently without a tenant. That's the bad news. The good news is that it's a lot more convenient to eat dinner in their downstairs area than in the lodge room and then clean up before the meeting.

Charlie Hall was updating the lodge history, and Tommy Forest was taking some photos to contribute to the historical area at the Grand Lodge headquarters.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Bailey

Horace Meacomes says that "time, age, and infirmities have a tendency to slow things down." That's why he, after failing to get a volunteer to take it over, ceased publication of Bailey 411's *Newsletter*. Meacomes has produced a complete collection of issues of the newsletter, both printed and stored on CD.

In a second volume, he collected excerpts from the lodge minutes going back to 1916. He put the books in the lodge library and another copy in the Grand Lodge Library.

Bailey 411 joined the number of area lodges participating in an October 4 blood drive at the Wilson Shrine Club. Forty-two pints were collected. Other lodges participating were Mt. Lebanon 117, Wilson 712, Lucama 527, and Kenly 257.

— *Newsletter*

Pilot Mountain

The inevitable happened at Pilot 493 in August — the air conditioner went out. They survived the "tropical conditions" and are replacing the heat pump. After finding the air conditioner running unnecessarily, they've also installed a locked thermostat cover to save energy. Six keys were issued to access it.

During repairs to their roof, the sheeting was found to be in poor shape. Fixing it cost them an extra \$5,700. Now they are having trouble with the plumbing. Moral of the story: make sure a building savings account is built into your lodge budget.

Pilot Lodge held its annual Dinner for Masonic Widows on August 21 at a local restaurant. The six ladies who were able to attend were given corsages.

The lodge took responsibility for the chapel service at WhiteStone on September 30.

Their fall barbecue fundraiser was held October 13. It was dine-in or take-out.

— *The Pilot Traveler* and Homer Dearmin

Winston-Salem

The Winston-Salem Masonic Temple held a pork barbecue October 5. It featured Big Boy BBQ, two-time Grand Champion and five-time People's Choice winner at the Carolina Masonic Pig Jig. They cooked more than 1,400 pounds of pork butts in less than 12 hours, and served more than 525 plates. Only 85 pounds were left over. That sits in their freezer awaiting sale.

While this year's figures were not available at press time, the event has raised more than \$63,000 since it was launched in 2008. The sponsoring lodges this year were Winston 167, Salem 289, West Bend 434, Piedmont-Pioneer 685, and Forsyth 707.

— *The Salem Sentinel*

November 3 was the date for Old Town 751's big raffle night. A single \$25 ticket got chances at several big prizes and dinner at the drawing. Proceeds were destined for Masonic charities.

Their pancake fundraiser was held September 28. It did less well than usual this year. They think conflicting events such as the Dixie Classic Fair may have hurt them.

December 22 is the day Old Town Lodge will deliver goody baskets to their widows.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Kannapolis

Kannapolis lodges held an October Blood Drive with the American Red Cross. They timed it so as not to interfere with the district blood drive coming up in January.

Cannon Memorial 626's Ladies' Night Banquet and Awards Ceremony was set for November 3.

— Thomas Van Etten

Allen Graham 695 held a charity breakfast October 20 at the lodge. They report that the turnout was "great."

— Steve Jordan and Wallace Sheppard

Gastonia

The Women's Shelter of Gaston County is a more attractive place thanks to volunteers from Gastonia 369. They fix up the garden there with the help of donations from Fords Seed and AJ's Landscaping.

Their fall Boston butt cooking was November 2, with a November 3 delivery day.

Gastonia Lodge's Past Masters' Night was set for their November 8 stated meeting.

— *Trestleboard*



Gatesville

It was fun at Colerain Beach July 14 when Gatesville 126 had their Ladies Appreciation Day. Hamburgers and hot dogs were featured on the menu.

They've replaced the lodge room fans at Gatesville Lodge. With the new lights on the fans, it's a brighter and quieter place these days.

— *The Compasses*

Warsaw

The recent Duplin County Blood Drive sponsored by the county Masonic lodges collected 22 pints. It was held at the Duplin Events Center, and the county communications network helped spread the word. The sponsoring lodges were Wallace 595, Rehoboth 279, St. John's 13, and Warsaw 677.

Each year, Warsaw Lodge holds a pancake and sausage breakfast during the Veterans Day parade there. They are hunting a new chef for the event. He had to hang up his apron and spatula because of health problems in his family.

— *Warsaw Lodge*



Bikers descend on Holly Springs

HOLLY SPRINGS — The members of Knights of Solomon 764 rumbled into the quiet little town of Holly Springs on June 9 for the traveling lodge's stated communication. This was held at Holly Springs 115's great historic building. Built in 1847, the white frame lodge is on the National Register of Historical Buildings.

Knights of Solomon officers were quoted as saying, "It truly is a great experience to attend this lodge. I would urge any brother who can attend a meeting there to do so. It truly takes you back in time."

Fellowship and camaraderie continued at the Niche Lounge in Holly Springs with good old fashioned southern barbecue after the meeting.

Knights of Solomon 764's next meeting will be at Sonoma 472 in Canton, August 11 at high noon. All Masons in western North Carolina are

invited, especially those with motorcycles.

— Allan Mann and Vinnie DeBenedetto



Charlotte

Excelsior 261 held their Veterans' and Awards Night November 1. Diamond Jubilee Awards for 60 years service went to Hubert Himelius Cranford, William Thurston Sewing, and Angelo John Forlidas. Veteran's Awards for 50 years membership went to Harold Abe Goldwasser and Jerry Lynn Funderburk.

On the fundraiser front, they held a silent auction for an adamantine mantel clock, bringing in \$160.

They are also trying to raise money for lawn equipment. They're hoping buying equipment and finding volunteers will reduce their \$6,000 annual property care cost.

— *Trestle Board*

Derita 715's annual Fish Fry was held October 12.

Mack Sigmon presented a Masonic education program there in September. He told them about Charles Bahnsen and his role in North Carolina's ritual history.

— *Derita Lodge*

Charles M. Setzer 693 hit two milestones this year. They have raised three African American Masons this year and two Muslim Brothers. They currently have ten candidates going through the degrees and have admitted two more through affiliation. One of their candidates returned his proficiency after only three coaching sessions.

Setzer Lodge is also looking out for kids. They raised more than \$2,000 for the Masonic Home for Children. They also revived Charlotte's DeMolay Chapter, the oldest in the state.

— *Trestleboard*

Wendell

Wendell 565 reached out for the second year to their local Scout of the Year from Troop 515. This year's recipient of their \$100 award was Nolan Clayton. They also sponsored a ball team in Wendell's Parks and Recreation leagues.

Wendell Lodge was having their first spaghetti dinner. Earnings from the pasta party will go to their charity fund for distribution later in the year.

— *Let There Be Light*

Kinston

The Lenoir County lodges (St. John's 4, Pleasant Hill 305, and Richard Caswell 705) held their first blood drive October 3. Held at Richard Caswell Lodge, it brought in 18 units of blood.

— Lynn Hill and Tony Gordon

St. John's 4 was holding their Past Masters' and Service Awards Night October 8. Richard Caswell Lodge was having their Past Masters' and Ladies Night October 27 and their Pancake Supper Fundraiser October 18.

— *The Trestleboard*

Wilmington

St. John's 1 had two big fundraisers scheduled recently. They were having Winter Festival November 10 at the lodge. There were demonstrations planned from the Boy Scouts and the fire department and martial artists. They were selling baked goods and crafts. Santa was also to visit.

On November 17, they were holding the Masonic Ball. They were enjoying a live band, dancing, a steak dinner, and womanless beauty pageant.

— Parker Stevens

Fayetteville

On August 28, Phoenix 8 hosted Masons from ten lodges for a triple Third Degree conferral. Five sitting masters from the 17th District were there as were their DDGM and DDGL. Members of several area Prince Hall lodges were there to witness the degree and enjoy the fellowship. The visit came shortly after officers of Phoenix Lodge visited Silver Square 79 (PHA) in early August. Senior Warden Michael Dodson said, "The brotherhood was strong that night, it was well alive in the lodge."

Phoenix Lodge is developing a committee to plan their 250th anniversary, coming up in 2014. They have also developed a 24-month planning calendar which is posted in the lodge. Over the summer, they painted the lodge room and put shelves in the archive room.

Members of Phoenix held an impromptu Friday night cookout late in the summer. They enjoyed burgers and cigars and opened the building to visitors. Mike Hawks conducted tours.

Lodge Secretary Emmett Starnes is holding regular office hours on Thursday evenings.

— *Trestleboard*

Greensboro

Improvements to the Greensboro Masonic Temple continue. The historic landmark has a new roof now. The facade of the building has also been pressure washed and recaulked.

— Greg Woodard

Fred Myers was fish master for Gate City 694's September 8 Fish Fry.

Gate City's Annual Brunswick Stew was held on October 26. They do their cooking at Caraway United Methodist Church, but then serve at two different locations: Revolution 552 and the American Legion building.

P. P. Turner 746 held their Ladies' Night and Awards Banquet October 18. Senior Deacon Richard Ward was named Mason of the Year. Past Grand Master Dan Rice was the speaker.

Tom and Becky Dolinger again hosted Turner Lodge's summer picnic at their community clubhouse.

— *P. P. Turner Lodge*

Guilford 656 held their Awards Banquet and Ladies' Night November 17. Diamond Jubilee Awards went to Jacob Burton Kriegsmann and Harold Raymond Moag Jr. for 60 years membership. Fifty-year Veteran's Emblems went to Roger Paul Coleman, William Webster Craven, Gerald Allen Pell, and Gordon Neil Zane. They held the event at WhiteStone where they enjoyed a buffet dinner.

Corinthian 542 held the Arvil Evans Memorial Skeet Shoot on October 13. The clay shoot featured seven stations for a total of 50 rounds. They limited the entrants to 56 shooters. The \$50 entry fee included refreshments, lunch, and door prizes. The earnings went to the Masonic Home for Children, WhiteStone, and the NC Masonic Foundation.

— *Corinthian Lodge*

Cary

Two entertainment nights were held at Cary 198 in October. There was Past Masters' Night on October 15 and Family Night Dinner on October 29.

Their Fall Barbecue Fundraiser was held November 2.

— *Cary Masonic Lodge*

Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 had a "very large turnout" for their recent Family Day Breakfast. They got to admire the newly stripped and waxed floors in the lodge.

Their Lodge Christmas Dinner was set for December 7 at a nearby cafeteria. Widows were to be guests of the lodge.

— *Trestle Board*

South Mills

Fifty-seven Masons from ten different lodges (three from Virginia) enjoyed New Lebanon 314's fish fry during the summer. They cooked 250 white perch and served them with cole slaw and boiled potatoes.

— *The Plumb Line*

When a member of New Lebanon Lodge developed serious health problems, Masons of the First Masonic District stepped up to hold a Family Fun Day fundraiser. Several local tractor pullers volunteered to come stage an event. They are also holding a barbecued chicken dinner.

— *The Compasses*

Swansboro

Seaside 429 held their Annual Seafood Scholarship Dinner September 24. They had their annual Past Masters' and Awards Night October 8.

— Walter Norris and Greg Padgett

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 was holding their Past Masters' and Ladies' Evening November 1. A musical program was planned with the dinner.

Their Homes Fall Drive is going on. At last report they were more than halfway to their \$4,000 goal. They solicit donations from their members.

— Harvey Evans

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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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ville 27), Junior Grand Warden Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), Grand Treasurer Lewis R. Ledford, PGM (Statesville 27), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), Senior Grand Deacon A. Gene Cobb Jr. (Royal White Hart 2), Junior Grand Deacon Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), Grand Marshal Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), Grand Stewards Dwight McLauchlin "Mack" Sigmon (Catawba 248) and P. Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428), Grand Tyler Steven D. Schenk (Fulton 99), and Grand Chaplain Paul F. Kelly (Sanford 151). Other appointive officers who are not installed were Grand Historian F. Grady Hall III (Scotch Ireland 154), Grand Lecturer L. David Potts (Andrew Jackson 576), Grand Orator Andrew C. Brock (Farmington 265), and Judge Advocate James R. Stevens (Garner 701).

Scheduled pro tempore officers who took care of opening Grand Lodge and held chairs until each officer was installed were: Dewey R. Preslar as grand master; David Carmichael, deputy grand master; R. Dennis Sims, senior grand warden; L. David Potts, junior grand warden; Danial M. Hogue, grand treasurer; Mark L. Schuping, grand secretary; Mitchell M. Goodman, senior grand deacon; Bob J. Mazzoni, junior grand deacon; Floyd M. Burton, grand marshal; Donald J. Wood and Harold W. Morefield, grand stewards; John W. Jones, grand tyler; and John T. Hudson, grand chaplain. All are members of Andrew Jackson 576 except the senior Preslar who is a member of Albemarle 703.

The day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Bob Gresham. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held on Friday night at the Rowan County Shrine Club. Refreshments followed the installation. The event was directed by Dennis Sims, Johnny Surles, and Bobby Meadows. The Knights of St. Andrew served as ushers.



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partners, formed Zenergy Technologies, a software quality assurance consulting firm. At Zenergy, Shaun serves as chief financial officer and vice-president. He is an in-demand speaker at QA and software testing conferences throughout the United States and Canada. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Greensboro Center for Inclusion, a local nonprofit that promotes inclusive early education programs.

Shaun's journey in Masonry began with his initiation into Stokesdale 428 where he was raised on August 5, 1997. He served as master of the lodge in 2003 and as 23rd Masonic District deputy grand master in 2005-2007. He is a 33rd Degree member of Greensboro Scottish Rite, an active member and officer of Greensboro York Rite Bodies, and a member of numerous appendant Masonic bodies. Shaun is a member of the Wilkerson College faculty where he leads "The Master's Toolbox" workshop.



Deep Run

Pleasant Hill 304 set October 13 as the date for their Past Masters' and Ladies Night.

— The Trestleboard

Kenansville

About 40 attended St. John's 13's Annual Picnic at Maxwell's Mill. They featured the usual chicken and pastry.

— Lodge Log

Spencer

The town of Spencer is the home of the North Carolina Transportation Museum. Spencer 543 held their annual fundraiser there in September during the Museum's Day Out With Thomas event.

On other fundraising fronts, they held their barbecued chicken dinner October 27. Their grandfather clock raffle was won by Todd Jones. It netted \$2,000 for charity.

They were planning a very short meeting for their October 9 stated to have fun with their families on Past Masters' Night. No big program was plotted out, they were just going to have fun visiting and picking guitar.

Planning and collecting school supplies has already begun on their 12th Annual Back to School Pool Party for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. August 25 is the big day.

— On the Square and Johnny Hatley

Conover

Ray Abernathy Jr., Kyle Watts, and John Issaks Jr. were made honorary members of Conover 709 in the spring.

The upstairs bathroom project in Conover is complete, and the past masters picture frame project is nearly so.

— Newsletter

China Grove

Eureka 283 was holding their Annual Awards Banquet November 3.

— Jason Whitely

West Jefferson

Ashe 594 had a hoedown and pinto bean supper on October 20. They were raffling a pistol, a Steven Shoemaker print, and giving away door prizes.

— Richard Edmondson

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Wingate

Meadow Branch 578 held its annual barbecue on October 19. A work day at the lodge was set for a couple days earlier to trim the hedges and move the past masters portraits.

They had fried fish at their Past Masters' Night.

— Brandon Thomas

Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 was holding a Turkey Shoot and Rifle Competition October 20. Lodges in the 30th Masonic District were challenged to bring a three-man team to compete for a trophy. Profits are for the benefit of the Masonic Homes.

Grassy Knob's Family Night was set for November 17.

— Tom Gregory

Thomasville

It's Thanksgiving Banquet time at Thomasville. They held their annual event November 15 at Memorial United Methodist Church. They were honoring Masonic widows and urged their members to bring family and guests. District Court Judge Jimmy Myers was the speaker at the dinner.

— Trestle Board

Morganton

Catawba Valley 217 held its 36th Annual Barbecue October 4. They were having a Blood Drive at the same time. Suppose that blood will be carrying a heavier than usual cholesterol load?

— Catawba Valley Lodge

Kernersville

The guys from Kernersville 669 were having Sunday lunch with the kids at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford on September 30.

On November 16, they were having Thanksgiving dinner at the lodge. Family and friends were invited.

— Lodge News

Concord

Cabarrus 720 held a chicken and dumpling fundraiser October 20. Proceeds are to be split between the charities.

Their Past Masters' Night was set for October 4.

— Newsletter

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 Master Luke Osteen promised to bring treats and wear his Winky the Human Fanbelt costume to their meeting closest to Halloween. (Sorry I missed that one.)

On October 20, they were having their Fall Hot Dog Sale.

— Trestleboard

Mount Gilead

A committee at Blackmer 127 is looking into installing a chair lift in the lodge.

— Blackmer Buzz

Salisbury

Fulton 99 held its annual Masonic Charities Barbecue October 25. They cooked more than a ton of pork. Proceeds were for our Homes as well as the lodge's local charities.

— Steve Schenk

Selma

Selma 320 marched and rode a float in the town's October 6 Railroad Days Parade. They held an open house at the lodge that afternoon so members of the public could have a look around.

Selma Lodge's golf tournament was played October 19 at Cardinal Country Club in Pine Level.

— David Ellis

Wallace

Wallace 595 held a special night in October to honor past masters, widows, Eastern Stars, and service awardees.

— Wallace Lodge

Paw Creek

West Gate 738 gets busy with fundraising in the fall. They held their traditional Chicken Fry on October 19. "All you can eat or carry-out, we give you all you can eat." That's a motto for a hungry man! The fall feed is for benefit of the Masonic Home for Children.

On November 10, they sponsored a golf tournament to help pay for a liver transplant for a local lady. They were playing at Green Meadows in Mount Holly.

— West Gate Lodge

Harmony

A Family Night was scheduled for November 3 at Harmony 299.

— Al Jones

Pineville

James K. Polk 759 had their annual Chicken and Pig Pickin' September 15. That's when they mark the end of summer by throwing a big party for the Masonic family. They had a moon bounce for the kids, corn hole games, piped in music, and door prizes galore.

— Chris Minor

Southport

Pythagoras 249 recently donated \$500 to Shop with a Cop, a Christmas program for needy children. They also sent cash gifts to a couple of brothers who needed help with medical expenses.

Pythagoras Lodge had a Past Masters Third Degree on October 9. They were having Widows Appreciation and Awards Night November 17.

— Newsletter

Denton

Denton 404 held their Second Annual Golf Tournament in October. They played at Uwharrie Golf Club.

— Trestle Board

Hickory

Hickory 343 held their Past Masters' Night September 24. They performed a Third Degree after the dinner.

— Lee Spach

Mint Hill

Mint Hill was serving a free steak dinner on Past Masters' Night November 1.

They have installed wi-fi in the lodge. They also held a cleanup day October 13 in which they concentrated on sprucing up the yard.

Mint Hill Lodge's Fall Fish Fry was held October 20.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Ranger

Montgomery 429 has moved its meeting time up to 7:00 p.m. for winter months only.

— Derek Cheek

Carthage

The 21st Masonic District Colonial Degree Team helped Carthage 181 initiate a candidate this summer. The team works in colonial costume.

Carthage Lodge was to hold a fundraiser October 26.

— Gary Bosworth

A newcomer's perspective on Homecoming

By Kevin Otis

I truly don't know where to begin to express my fascination and appreciation for the Oxford Orphanage Homecoming and St. Johns Day Celebration. To begin, Homecoming was an incredible weekend of events. From the Chip Shots for Children golf tournament to the mingling groups catching up after the Sunday Luncheon, the weekend was filled with fun, food, fellowship, and so many stories. The Home I worked at in Illinois did not have an annual Homecoming event, nor did they develop an Alumni Association. Sadly 100 years of connections, stories, and history are fading away. I am very pleased this is not the case at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

Not only is Homecoming a rare event in child welfare, but the Home's celebration is impressive in its own right. The combination between the Oxford Orphanage Homecoming and St. Johns Day Celebration brings together two groups who have a keen interest and stake in the Home. The passion for the Home relating to the Alumni Association and Masonic Brotherhood is evident and productive in generating ideas, support and resources.

I have not seen a Shriner's parade since my childhood. I quickly reverted back to my youthful enthusiasm as I laughed and took pictures of the ongoing parade of miniature cars, trucks, boats, as well as, pirates, clowns, and a cast of characters, all amusing and evoking and all courtesy of our beloved Shrine Temples from Amran, Sudan, and Oasis. Please refer to our "After Event Page" for a complete list of volunteers, barbecue results, and other items associated with this year's event at <http://www.mhc-oxford.org/stjohn/Website_pdf_afterevent_2012.pdf>. Thank you to all.

I would like to thank the children, staff, volunteers, Alumni and Oxford community for their support and hard work throughout the weekend. The children worked to offer shirts, snacks, drinks, and fun activities to scores of visitors. These activities are extremely important to the children as they learn how to interact with guests, provide customer service, and develop an appreciation for giving back and helping others.

In addition, the children are led by an incredible staff. The staff not only prepared expertly, but implemented a very smooth weekend while catering to thousands. The staff role model to the children the

importance of hard work, responsibility, and interaction. In addition, our volunteers were simply fantastic. We could not offer this event without our volunteer support. Not only did they give of their time, their presence made everyone feel welcome and at Home.

The Alumni Association is another rare gem in child welfare. Their dedication, commitment, diligent work, and desire to maintain contact with each other and the Home are a driving force to not only the Homecoming weekend, but to programming ideas and resources. I enjoyed learning about the history of the Home from the Alumni's perspectives and from different periods in time. The overall message was how important the Home was and is in the lives of the Alumni.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Masons, staff, and alumni who worked so hard to make this weekend so successful. My hope is we will work together to make your Oxford Orphanage Homecoming experience better each year.

Kevin Otis is Administrator of the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

Dobson degrees get interesting

DOBSON — There were several interesting relations and peculiarities in the degree work of Copeland 390 earlier this year. Will Darden, Rob Darden, Clay Chilton, and Tim Brewer were all elected to the degrees in February. They were all initiated in March and passed in April. The lodge held a Third Degree on each Friday night in May, raising the four.

Will Darden raised his brother Rob. He also taught and examined him on his Third Degree catechism.

Clay Shelton is a third generation Mason. He was raised by his father and assisted by his grandfather.

Tim Brewer is the brother of Copeland Master Dempsey Brewer. Dempsey sat in the East for his brother's degree. He raised him and coached him on all his catechisms.

All four were proficient in their Third Degree catechisms by June. Darden learned his in four hours and Chilton in five. — Charles Haney



Dan Hopping photo

Brother Hodapp, center, posed with some of the audience after the lecture.

Hodapp lectures in Raleigh

RALEIGH — Christopher Hodapp, one of the best-known authors on topics Masonic of our generation, spoke at Hiram 40 here at the Raleigh Masonic Temple on September 8. Hodapp is perhaps best known for Freemasons for Dummies (one of the best introductions to Freemasonry) and Deciphering the Lost Symbol (a guide to Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol).

Masons and non-Masons alike were invited to the lecture. The lodge goal was to, "learn more about the fraternal organization as it exists in the modern world, its mysterious history and origins, and other very interesting myths and facts

about Masonry."

A good crowd was on hand to see the real face they have seen a number of times on cable television asking and answering questions about Freemasonry and its history.

The \$15 ticket got the audience a seat in the Temple's theater, refreshments before the lecture, and a book signing afterward. Organizers were happy with the results which they termed, "a fun, successful, and inspiring evening."

Proceeds went to the building fund at the Raleigh Masonic Temple which is currently in the midst of an extensive fix-it program.



Independence Day in Garner

GARNER — Garner 701 held its annual fundraisers recently, one in May and the other in July. The annual Mark Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Riverwood Golf Course in Clayton on May 9. It was a success even though the weather did not cooperate. Barbecued chicken was served to the players when the tournament ended. The annual July 4th fundraiser was held on July 3 at Lake Benson Park in Garner during the town's annual Independence Day celebration. Hamburgers, drinks, and funnel cakes were sold to benefit our charities. — Richard Lynch

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to Doric 30 from Delaware. Both these teams qualify as honorary Tarheel lodges due to their long-time participation in the NC Masonic Pig Jig held each spring and also cooking at last year's inaugural Masonic Homecoming.

Other cook-off winners were Chicken: Spurmont 98 (first), Stokesdale 428 (second), Doric 30 (third); Ribs: Spurmont 98 (first), Raleigh 500 (second), Stokesdale 428 (third); and Pork: Nubia Grotto, New Bern (first), Orphans 761 (second), Doric 30 (third).

Saturday was the big visitor day. Various entertainments were on the Home's campus for everyone's enjoyment. The first big event of the day was the Shrine parade. Units from all three of North Carolina's Shrines participated in the lengthy, and efficiently run, parade. A good crowd gathered along the route, most of them on the roads at the Home. Besides the usual miniature vehicles, costumed characters, and other entertainments for which the Shrine is famous, the parade featured officials from the local community as well as a broad range of Masonic organizations.

As the parade ended, the crowd got serious about visiting the Pit to enjoy the pig and chicken. While they were feasting, the music began. The Mark Roberts Band led things off, with T. Graham Brown joining them after a set. Early in his career, you could hear Brown doing advertising jingles for McDonalds, Disneyland, and Budweiser as well as being the "Run for the Border" voice for Taco Bell. Now, he's better known for hits "Hell & High Water," "Don't Go to Strangers," and "Darlene." His broad audience appeal made him a popular act with the crowd.

During the day, both Wilkerson College 760 and Orphans 761 met on campus. Tours of the campus and the Cobb Center were conducted throughout the day. More than \$8,000 was raised with several fundraising efforts over the weekend. Special thanks are due to Johnny Surles for another great job as festival chairman.



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display, some for the first time. You could see antique grand master jewels, a unique Revolutionary War flag replica (the Bullock flag), early pictures of the Masonic Homes, fragments of our 1907 building's cornerstone and its deposit box, projection systems from the last 150 years of Masonic lectures, various Masonic paintings (including Vasare's Building of King Solomon's Temple from the mid-1500s), and dozens of artifacts from historic lodges. Grand Historian Michael Brantley served as host for the day.

From the 1787 founding of our Grand Lodge were displayed the original hand-written minutes of the occasion and the Bible used on the altar there. The one-of-a-kind master's chair from Royal White Hart 2 in Halifax was seen by the public for the first time since its restoration. Also on display was Royal White Hart's minutes of appointing a committee to welcome the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to their town in 1824. Docent volunteers were stationed around the building to explain the exhibits to visitors.

Another big part of the occasion was the official unveiling of the recent restoration of our headquarters. Built in 1955, the building originally featured an open feeling with lots of glass. In the late 1960s, a settling foundation of the deck at the rear of the building started to stress the structure. Rather than repair, they elected to simply remove the deck and all the glass on that side. What was a brilliantly lit great room with a mosaic terrazzo floor became a dank cave with a floor of blue shag carpet. Over the last 18 months, the glass and deck have been replaced returning our landmark building to its former glory. Accommodations for time capsules

are built into the deck. Grand Master Robert Gresham's keynote address preceded the rededication of the building performed by the Grand Lodge officers. Past Grand Master Lewis Ledford, who presided over the restoration, gave a history of the project.

Another treat of the day was University of North Carolina faculty member Christopher Armitage's portrayal of William R. Davie, our third grand master and the "Father of the University." The first public procession of our Grand Lodge was to set the cornerstone of Old East at UNC. It was the first building on the first state university campus in our country. It is one of the events illustrated on the Cox murals.

The McFarland Road Band played bluegrass tunes throughout the day. Grill-Zilla, parked on the grounds, served barbecued chicken and pork under the mammoth tent erected in the parking lot.

For those of you unable to attend the celebration, the newly restored headquarters will continue to be open for tours. Many of the artifacts will remain on view until early January in their current positions by the famous historical murals of Allyn Cox. Over time, some of those will be again stored for safety while others will take a place in the newly refined museum/library area at the Grand Lodge headquarters.



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WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

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| 1.....Moody, Burt Ernest | 188.....Long, Jonathan Russell | 363.....Munday, Jared Claymon | 529.....Rogers, Johnny Darrell | 680.....Wood, Dustin Matthew |
| 3.....Kidder, Richard Dale | 191.....DeHerrera, Christopher C-R | 363.....Tarbutton, Kenton Lyle | 532.....Hayes, Mark Christopher | 680.....Burgess, Keith David |
| 3.....Ranieri, Anthony Jon | 198.....Huerta, Juan Carlos | 369.....Barbour, Billy Ray | 532.....Smart, James Thomas | 680.....Hadley, Hampton Davis |
| 3.....Ross, James Frederick | 202.....Morrison, Darrell Eugene | 377.....Butler Jr., Rodney George | 532.....Smart, Jeffrey Wilson | 680.....Caldwell, Junior Jason |
| 3.....Edwards, David Brian | 208.....Bell IV, John Richard | 377.....Byrd, Aaron Tony | 532.....McCall, David Edgar | 680.....Petrillo, Randall Severino |
| 4.....Hill, Michael Justin | 208.....Caudill Jr., Howard Davis | 381.....Ballard, Christopher David | 542.....Lawrence, Jeffrey Allen | 683.....Blackwood, Stephen Forrest |
| 19.....King, Charles Dowtin | 208.....French, Jeffrey Allen | 384.....Coleman, Craig Thomas | 550.....Allen, Jeffery Willis | 683.....Walter, Tracy Alan |
| 27.....Miethe, Nicholas Alexander | 208.....Moose, David Eric | 384.....Hux, Kenneth Jefferson | 552.....Whitley, Michael Roy | 683.....Meador, James Andrew |
| 27.....Benfield, John William | 214.....Thomas, Jonathan Cayne | 390.....Brinkley, Jeffery Kent | 554.....Duncan, Nathan Corey | 686.....Duff, Christopher Michael |
| 27.....Winebarger, Jeffrey Scott | 217.....Watkins, John Matthew | 391.....Faires Jr., Allen Wayne | 558.....Simmons, James Kevin | 686.....Tudor, Velton Wainwright |
| 31.....Latif, Hasan Yousif | 218.....Sanchez, Jaime Ernesto | 391.....Frazier, Sean Christopher | 562.....King, Rangeley Beau | 690.....Parker, Mathew Laws |
| 31.....Mangum, Charles Michael | 218.....Wickel, Jeffrey Ira | 391.....Hughes, Daniel Raymond | 562.....Perez, Ramon Aaron | 691.....Simpson, Timothy Nelson |
| 32.....Kirkpatrick, John Edward | 230.....Vaughan Jr., Dwight Herbert | 391.....Mayer, James Dean | 565.....Pippin, Eric Matthew | 693.....Bat, Ahmet Tufan |
| 40.....Roberson, William Ralph | 230.....Price, Bradford Allen | 391.....Morgan, Michael Alan | 568.....Collins Jr., Alvis Wayne | 695.....Bragg, Darrell Franklin |
| 53.....Irving, Thomas Lee | 237.....Henline, Harold Dean | 391.....Norris, Matthew Edward | 568.....Lytton, Charles Wayne | 699.....Baucom, Matthew Blake |
| 58.....DuVall, Jason Donald | 237.....Wyatt, Christian Anderson | 391.....Shatley, Christopher Michael | 568.....Manning, Jerry Lee | 699.....Cain Jr., James Ronald |
| 64.....Bruton, Jason Lee | 244.....Carver Jr., Joe Burnice | 391.....Zolman, Zachary Scott | 573.....Scott, David Glenn | 701.....Clagett, Eric Todd |
| 64.....Huntley, Joseph Bruce | 249.....Lewis, John Allan | 395.....Bowman, Larry Wayne | 573.....Church, Brian | 703.....Smith, Jaman James Thomas |
| 64.....Sellers, Thomas Leroy | 249.....Mitchell, Claude Thomas | 395.....Sykes, William Toby | 576.....Plummer, Timothy Scott | 703.....Stephens, Donald Wesley |
| 76.....Wesler, Richard Evan | 253.....Barr II, Chris Allan | 401.....Terrell III, Albert Johnson | 576.....Hoty, Antony Peter | 705.....Ward, Brandon Scott |
| 76.....Blair, Stephen Lewis | 253.....Brown, Daniel Logan | 405.....Napier, Carl Lee | 579.....Gee, John Martin | 706.....Cannon, Jeremy Eric |
| 83.....McNeal, Lorenzo Cartell | 253.....Elder, Anthony Joseph | 409.....Doucette, Geoffrey Paul | 593.....Sherrill, Thomas Lee | 708.....Chiancone Jr., Thomas Sebastian |
| 83.....Hardin, James Austin | 253.....Mundy, Kevin Lynn | 426.....Lazlo II, Stanley Paul | 593.....Cranford, Christopher Link | 708.....Clark, Brian Jeffrey |
| 83.....McRill Jr., David Matthew | 259.....Hyde, Samuel Paul | 428.....Bolen, Cory Harlin | 594.....Drake, James Dennis | 708.....Dobbs, Colton Richard |
| 85.....Barnes Jr., Kenneth Carl | 261.....Molyneaux, Michael Paul | 429.....Boone, Justin Robert | 602.....Brown, Matthew Kent | 708.....Dobbs, Jared Dean |
| 85.....Adcock II, Milton Charles | 261.....Naso, Christopher Joseph | 429.....Partington, William Scott | 602.....Griffin, Jamie Michael | 708.....Pugh, Samuel Colby |
| 85.....Knapp, James Ashley | 261.....Oliver Jr., Thomas Martin | 437.....Faulkner, Michael Brandon | 602.....Layton III, Frank Kenneth | 708.....Johnson, Ronald Scott |
| 91.....Walker, James Mitchell | 261.....Williamson Jr., Gregory Alan | 437.....Furr, George Nelson | 602.....Rackley, Daniel Allen | 715.....Callahan, Michael Jason |
| 92.....Harrell, Gregory Joshua | 262.....Mullinax, Michael Scott | 437.....Weis, John Michael | 602.....Williams, Gregory Tolston | 715.....Doran, Randall Joseph |
| 98.....Smith, Timothy Ted | 262.....Sawyer II, George Thomas | 446.....Harrell, Justin Michael | 602.....Workman, Travis Andrew | 715.....Stillwell, Douglas Jeremy |
| 98.....Vann, Jason Kern | 263.....Brown, Chad Roger | 446.....Burgess, Alan Eugene | 602.....Flowers, Gregory Neil | 722.....Langan, Thomas Byron |
| 102.....Cooper, Christopher Lynn | 263.....Edwards, Shannon Lamar | 446.....Speciale, Michael Corbin | 602.....Matthews, Cameron James | 727.....Gregory, John David |
| 102.....Harris III, Prentis | 263.....Hall, Steve Randal | 447.....Wirtz, Andrew Bruce Hawkins | 609.....Williams, Jason Wayne | 727.....Levinski Jr., Joseph Francis |
| 102.....Roberson, Michael Cory | 263.....Crosston, Clinton Birdett | 454.....Pickett, Donald Glenn | 616.....Johnson, David William | 727.....Brown, Jered Trey |
| 115.....Zelickman, Thomas James | 263.....White, Sean Patrick | 459.....Duncan, John Edgar | 616.....Lowe, David Adam | 727.....Ingram, Jerrod Colby |
| 117.....Glover, Robert Todd | 265.....Hoover, Michael Heath | 460.....Buff, Joe Stephen | 618.....Kiker, Dennis Ray | 730.....Dickerson, Eric Lee |
| 117.....Jackson, Robert Teid | 271.....Warren, Joshua Bradley | 460.....Millwood, Joseph Franklin | 629.....Jarrell, Gray Anthony | 730.....Dockery, Steven Barrett |
| 118.....Cooper, Blake Andrew | 282.....Horst, Jordan Daniel | 472.....Martin, Ryan Allen | 629.....Williams, Chad O'Brian | 730.....Perez, Herman Antonio |
| 118.....Lopez de Jesus, Damian | 282.....Kwasnick, Steven John | 472.....McEntire, John B. | 629.....Lawson, Douglas Wayne | 730.....Hancock, Jonathan Daniel |
| 118.....Shepherd, Jesse Cullom | 282.....Mannette, Sean Paul | 472.....Trull, Terry Lindsey | 629.....Marshall, Michael Paul | 730.....Stewart, Philip Wayne |
| 125.....Williams, Jonathan Paul | 282.....Perry, Travis Lee | 473.....Hunsucker, Leonard Mark | 634.....Morris, Christopher Edward | 734.....Leggett, Adam Keith |
| 134.....Reavis, Jacob Ezekiel | 282.....Sandberg, Marc | 473.....Turner, Christopher Andrew | 634.....Kimbrell, Charles Michael | 734.....Rose III, James Robert |
| 137.....Jenks, Jason Lee | 289.....Gordon, Jared Michael | 483.....Joines, Gregory Keith | 643.....Britt, William Troy | 734.....Shults Jr., Victor Eugene |
| 137.....Norwood, Douglas Brian | 289.....Snipes, Jayson Alan | 484.....Kumi, Gent | 643.....Floyd, Brian Chadwick | 734.....Townsend Jr., Michael Lee |
| 145.....Maddox, Nathan | 301.....Lovingood, Derrick Christopher | 492.....Layton, Alexander Douglas | 643.....Hardee, Nicky Heath | 737.....Feil, F. Scott |
| 145.....Kinsland, Seth Sanders | 301.....Morgan, Kery Mark | 499.....Austin, Marcus William | 656.....Fernando, Albert Mark | 737.....Abernethy, Christopher John |
| 147.....Hickman, Ronnie | 304.....Cash, Jason Leon | 499.....Brame Jr., Berry Clifton | 657.....Cruse, Christopher Alan | 739.....McCall, Nicholas Ray |
| 151.....McGuire, Stacey Wayne | 304.....Smith, Robert Dean | 500.....Carter, Bobby Lee | 663.....Pullium, Christopher Scott | 742.....Kissing, Michael Jon |
| 151.....McDowell Jr., John Douglas | 314.....Harris, Fletcher Vanderbilt | 500.....Fardo, Brian Wayne | 667.....Cone, Dion Sewell | 743.....Riedel, David Robert |
| 151.....Shytle, Douglas Todd | 317.....Marriner, Corey James | 500.....Markham, Jared Thomas | 667.....Gore III, Luther Madison | 744.....Allen, Austin Lee |
| 155.....Wise Jr., Gary Miller | 319.....Delia, Christopher Anthony | 500.....Richards, Matthew Donald | 667.....Gore, Fulton Harvey | 744.....Browne, Stephen Douglas |
| 158.....Clements, Travis Blake | 319.....Habas, Michael Bruce | 500.....Scott, Robert Justice | 667.....Guevara, Joseph A. | 744.....Devine, David Christopher |
| 158.....Morgan, Stephen Ray | 319.....Hooker, Brian Allen | 501.....Read, Mark Andrew | 667.....Lund, Garret Kenneth | 751.....Leinbach, Tyler Jackson |
| 162.....Crouse, Brock David | 319.....Savage, Robert Delano | 502.....Heavner, Jerry Boyce | 669.....Ward, Andrew Stephen | 752.....Strange, Shane Alan |
| 172.....Taylor, Mitchell Johnson | 319.....Seegers Jr., Joseph Welch | 502.....Scronce III, Fred Thomas | 669.....Mason, Ryan Matthew | 755.....Cashion, Archie Thomas |
| 172.....Braftord, Travis Cameron | 322.....Collins Jr., James Wilson | 502.....Walker, Bobby Shane | 670.....Branch, Michael Weston | 757.....Trent, Jimmy Lee |
| 176.....Gonzalez, George | 343.....Spach, Alan Kent | 502.....Reep, Kevin Ray | 670.....Brown, Nathan Todd | 757.....Williams Jr., Billy Lee |
| 176.....McIntosh, Robert Samuel | 343.....Stringfield, Jason Marshall | 505.....Yount, Peter Edward | 670.....Treadway, Craig Douglas | 759.....Gustafson, Cody Jay |
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| 181.....Romine, Oscar Carl | 357.....Porter, Daniel Jeffrey | 515.....Cole, Bobby Gene | 680.....Kraemer, Anthony Morris | 765.....Tyer IV, James Franklin |
| 181.....Lester, Taylor Ray | 363.....Lucas, Joey Stanley | 528.....Graham, Jake Warren | 680.....Stafford, David Glenn | 765.....Rock III, David Andrew |



Liberty scores big for Homes

LIBERTY — In November 2011, Liberty 714 Master Richard Clapp had the idea of holding a gun raffle to raise money for charities. Clapp and B & B Arms came up with 34 guns to raffle. Tickets were \$100 each, and a maximum of 600 were to be sold. Average value of each gun was \$600.

One gun was awarded each day in April. To encourage early sales, an earlybird drawing awarding a total four guns was held at February and March stated meetings.

To make things better for the charities, other area lodges were enlisted to sell tickets also. Lodge Master Jeff Lawver says, "We could not have done it without the help of these lodges." Together, they were able to sell 426 of the 600



tickets. After paying for the guns, the net for the Masonic Home for Children and WhiteStone totaled nearly \$21,000.

They plan to repeat the raffle in 2013. They expect to sell even more tickets, approaching the 600 ticket limit. Last year's buyers will be reminded about the 2013 raffle. If you would like to be notified about the drawing next year, contact Liberty Lodge Master Jeff Lawver at <lawverj@nationwide.com>. — Jeff Lawver



Fleming gets award on birthday

SALISBURY — Ed Fleming got lots of special attention when St. Paul's Episcopal Church celebrated its homecoming September 16. The full house celebrated Brother Fleming's 95th birthday. As his health prevents his getting out a lot these days, church Vicar Rick Williams encouraged Andrew Jackson 576 to present Fleming's recently earned Veteran's Emblem during the homecoming. The Veteran's Emblem is given for 50 years Masonic membership.

Andrew Jackson Lodge Master John Hud-

son presented the award. Then Deputy Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr., a member of the same church and lodge, was there for the awarding as was 28th DDGM Bill Safrit.

Seen here from left are Hudson, Williams, Fleming, and Fleming's daughter Jewel Kaye Troxler.

Vicar Williams was initiated in Andrew Jackson Lodge in early October. Williams is a US Navy retired Captain/Chaplain.

— Dewey Preslar Jr.

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MURPHY — When Clinton Lonnie Payne's Veteran's Emblem came due in September, he was not well enough to travel to lodge. So, the lodge went to him. After presenting the 50-year member his award, his daughter cried. According to DDGM Derek Cheek said, "She told us how proud her dad was of his lodge and how proud he was to be a Mason. It was an emotional afternoon to say the least." —Derek Cheek

ZEBULON — Jimmy Wilson Spivey, left, and Narvil Ruic Gill, right, received their Diamond Jubilee Awards recently. The award celebrates 60 years of membership for these Zebulon 609 Masons. Lodge Master Robert Barron, center, made the presentations. — Barna Wilder

WARSAW — Earl Davis, right, recently received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. The Warsaw 677 member is seen here getting the award from his grandson, Owen Davis, master of the lodge. Ten years ago, Davis' son, Bizzell was master and presented his Veteran's Award. — L. C. Jones



CHERRY POINT — October 20 was the date for Cherry Point 688's Annual Past Masters' and Widows' Night. They presented the first Stacy Lupton Award for dedication and service to the lodge to James A. Muse, left. Master Glen Carpenter made the presentation. The award is named for Cherry Point Lodge's first master. — D. K. Lewis

COLUMBUS — Marty Fischer, center, past master of Horse Creek 719, had a distinct pleasure September 29. That's when he got to raise his grandson Drew Ward, left. Marty's son, Michael Fischer, right, is Drew's coach. Michael is currently senior warden of Kernersville 669. — Marty Fischer



SWANSBORO — In August, David C. Holland, right, was honored with Seaside 429's Master's Award. Master Alex Gardner, left, recognized Holland for "contributing greatly to the welfare of the lodge and happiness of the brethren." — Paul T. Mull Jr.



ASHEBORO — At their October 20 banquet, Balfour 188 recognized their past masters and honored their widows. John Randolph Ingram, left, received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. Grand Master Robert Gresham made the presentation. Ingram, raised in 1952, served as Balfour Lodge's master in 1965 and was North Carolina's insurance commissioner from 1973 to 1985. — Jason Strucinski



WILSON — Wilson 712 held its annual T. Bruce Boyette Scholarship Banquet on June 26 to honor the 2012 award recipients. The four recipients of a \$1,000 scholarships were: ECU bound Ashley Elizabeth Warren from Beddingfield High, Shelby Lynne Koenig from Fike High headed to UNC-Wilmington, Ethan Thomas Page of Hunt High will attend Barton College, and Rachel Cameron Brown of Fike High attending ECU. Seen, from left, are Senior Warden Davis Wheeler, Koenig, Warren, Page, and Master Logan Liles. — Bill Fardy



WEAVERVILLE — Vance 293 held Past Masters Appreciation Night on September 17. All chairs for the meeting were filled by past masters. Past masters present were Earl Kuykendall, Craig Wilde, Bill Shook, Bill Gillis, Boyd Black, Russ Matheson, D. L. Whitt, Keith Kuykendall, Edward Hamlin, Jeter Cantrell, and Jeff Austin. — Edward L Hamlin



RAMSEUR — Marietta 444 recognized four members for their service to Masonry on October 20. Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership went to Victor Wilson Reid and Horace Clenon Coleman. William Joseph Allred and David Mack Webb got their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years. Past Grand Master William L. Dill was made an honorary member. Seen here, from left, are Marietta Master Alan Gatewood, Reid, Coleman, Allred, Webb, and Dill. — Alan Gatewood

Masons enjoy Homecoming

By Ric Carter

OXFORD — In the second year of the revival of Masonry's gathering at the Masonic Home for Children, crowds here were modest but spirited. More than 2,000 people attended Masonic Homecoming October 13 to enjoy the parade and music and great fellowship. The weather was perfect.

Last year, our historic St. John's Day Masonic gathering was revived by then Grand Master Lewis Ledford and the Masonic Home for Children. We moved the celebration's weekend to October to combine it with the Home's Alumni Homecoming. While there were numerous attractions during the weekend-long occasion, there were three major events: the Barbecue Cook-Off, the Shrine Parade, and the musical entertainment.

On Friday night, the barbecue teams gathered and began their slow-cook preparations for Saturday's lunch and judging. While their work proceeded, the Brunswick Stew Crew from Andrew Jackson 576 brought a couple of their monster-pot cookers to feed the barbecue contestants the lodge's famous stew. The chefs and their crews were entertained by David Quick of Columbus 102 and his Hot Mess Band.

The contest fed more than 1,500 in the Pit on Saturday. The pit is a large circle of cookers under the oaks of the Home campus. A ten-dollar wrist band got you in the circle to sample all the chicken and pork you could hold. David Sawyer chaired the cook-off.

First and second place overall winners this year were out-of-state teams: First went to Virginia's Spurmont 98, and Second

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