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They ride on for kids

By Helen Lentz

CHINA GROVE — In 1998, after much research and planning, Jerry Edward and Frank Parnell (members of the Eureka 283) decided a motorcycle ride to visit the kids and benefit the Masonic Home for Children was something they would enjoy. They ran with it.

The first year they raised \$1,800; the second year \$4,600. The amounts raised each year have grown and in 2012 \$23,000 was raised for the children. This brings the total to well over \$190,000 given over the course of 15 years.

The ride begins at the Eureka Lodge on the second Saturday in September each year. The police

department provides an escort for the riders from China Grove to Raleigh where the North Carolina Highway Patrol and Wake County Sheriff's Department continue the escort on into Oxford.

The Ride has encouraged some state troopers participating in the ride to join the fraternity.

Many businesses and individuals have donated money, contributed door prizes, or made monetary donations to aid the cause. Many of the sponsors and donors who started with the fund-raiser are still involved. After having plain T-shirts donated, a local printer, Phil Rogers of Omega Graphics, designs and prints the shirts each year. He became a Mason



Why the new look?

OXFORD — You have very likely noticed that this issue of *The North Carolina Mason* looks and feels different from the paper to which you are accustomed. It's a couple of inches shorter and is printed on lower quality paper. This change is not of our choosing.

The United States Postal Service has changed bulk mailing specifications. The changes you see are dictated by postal regulations. After investigating alternative solutions, the paper you hold was projected to be the best answer for quality of product and cost of delivery. We are guardedly optimistic.

We continually evaluate *The NC Mason* with a view toward changes which may provide a better experience for our readers. We will continue to do so.

Your comments are always welcome.

because of the good work he saw being done.

After the riders have been on the road a couple of hours, they all come together to meet at a shopping center on Creedmoor Road in Raleigh for the door-prize presentation and awards ceremony. Certificates given are for Most Participation from a Masonic Lodge, Most Participation from Non-Masons, Farthest Rider from a Masonic Lodge, and Farthest Rider from Non-Masons. Then it's back on the road for the rest of the ride to the Children's Home and the presentation of the check to the Home. There is always a cookout to feed all the participants and kids before time to start the trip back home.

In the years since the motorcycle ride was created, Jerry Ed-

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Nearly 100 installed in Greensboro

By Ric Carter

GREENSBORO — People arched an eyebrow at 23rd District Deputy Grand Master Tom Dolinger when he started talking about holding an officer installation for all the lodges in the district. But, as work progressed on fixing up the Greensboro Masonic Temple, they started getting excited. On December 19, nine of the lodges in Guilford County participated in a joint installation presided over by Grand Master Dewey Preslar, likely the greatest number of lodge officers ever installed in one ceremony. They shared the occasion with the community by offering tours of the Market Street temple for its grand reopening.

Nearly 100 officers were installed as more than 150 friends and family members looked on. Luckily, Preslar had studied the situation beforehand and had streamlined the ceremony to make it tolerable. Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr. was the evening's

installing officer. Past Grand Master Bill Simpson was the installing marshal, Past Grand Master Dan C. Rice was the installing chaplain, and Grand Secretary Walt Clapp was installing secretary. The lodges installing officers were Greensboro 76, Tabasco 271, Numa F. Reid 344, Stokesdale 428, Corinthian 542, Guilford 656, Acacia 674, P. P. Turner 746, and Wilkerson College 760.

The Greensboro Masonic Temple was built on the verge of the Great Depression. It is one of Greensboro's architectural treasures, built at the site of O. Henry's birthplace. Over the years, it, as all structures, has suffered deterioration. As things fell behind, there was fear that the building might be lost to the fraternity as naysayers sought to flee to an industrial park. A younger generation though recognized the landmark they owned. They began

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DESIGNS UPON OUR TRESTLE BOARD



Own and deliver your Masonry

By Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Grand Master

I hope that the holiday season was a joyous one for you, your family, and friends. As I write this article, we are preparing to celebrate a new year. With a new year, we have an opportunity to start afresh with a new beginning. During this time, I was able to come full circle with my Masonry as related to our charities and community work.

I began celebrating the holiday season by attending a dinner with our children at Oxford. The joy and love that you feel whenever you are on the campus is beyond expression. To watch our children celebrate and open presents is certainly a gift which touches the heart, allowing you to understand the true meaning of giving. There is a feeling of family, not only with the children, but with the staff as well. Though I didn't grow up there, I always feel as if I have come home again when I pass through the gates. It is definitely hallowed ground, a place where you feel the presence of something greater than yourself when you step on the property.

While attending the Shrine Bowl, I again experienced the expression of giving, where Masons unselfishly shared their time, tal-

ents, and gifts to help others in need. Truly, the Shriners live their motto, "No man stands so tall, as when he stoops to help a child."

Following that, I spent part of an evening at WhiteStone renewing friendships and making new acquaintances while having a delicious holiday dinner. I am still amazed at the transformation which has occurred at our Home in Greensboro in such a short period of time.

On December 23, my lodge served breakfast to over fifty people at the local homeless shelter. This is a community project that was started in 2012 which we help with once a month. On this particular morning, three children were at the shelter, and the joy in their eyes when presented three stockings was priceless.

As you can see, quite a bit has occurred in a short period of time in December. I presented my first Montfort Medal to Floyd M. Burton, who has truly been a shining example of all that is good, kind, and charitable during his 63 years of Masonry. By the first week of January, I will have installed almost 20 lodges. In one case, nine lodges were installed at the same time in Greensboro. It was truly something to behold.

In the previous article, we talked about increasing our fundraising efforts in the New Year to benefit our charities. I suggested that if we do it for the fellowship, we will cause a different outcome in our Masonry. Thus, we begin by drawing

designs upon our trestle boards in order to develop our plans so that we can implement, execute, and be accountable for causing a different outcome.

Now I am, on New Year's Day, thinking about resolutions and obligations and how the two are connected in our work. When we make a resolution, we resolve to do something — probably something that we haven't done before. When I think of resolutions, I am reminded of our obligations that we all took at the altar in our lodges. So, my Brethren, what outcome are you planning in 2013? What is your resolution for 2013 concerning your Masonry and our charities?

The district meetings are scheduled, and I understand that they are starting earlier than ever before. This was done purposefully because we have work to do and need to get started. My hope is that when we meet, our plans are drawn and our fundraising projects have been scheduled.

Finally, my Brethren, please join me in my resolution to own and deliver our Masonry. Let's resolve to regularly attend our lodges, enroll others in our cause, and inspire passion for our beloved fraternity. Together we will cause an outcome that will benefit everyone. Our passion will create something in our Masonry that may not exist today. Let's all be of one mind in 2013 and cause something extraordinary to occur.



Ric Carter photos

Bells of NCSU getting closer

You may remember Raleigh Mason Matthew Robbins' drive to put bells in the NC State University Belltower. The University has ordered the last two bells in its first set. The first set includes the largest bell, the bourden, which is 2,100 pounds and sounds the F below middle C, and four other bells which compose the Westminster Chime.

Students, alumni, and staff have donated almost \$200,000 for all five bells. Work also includes the frame for the carillon, and the mechanisms to ring it. The total number of bells is to be 55 to match what was designed in 1920. The Tower was designed in 1920 as a memorial to 34 NC State College alumni who died in WWI. Erecting the tower took nearly 20 years. The tower is yet unfinished, however. It yet lacks a stairway and bells. Plans are under way to complete the 1920 design. The bells are on display in D. H. Hill Library on campus at Hillsborough Street.

Masons were integral to building the monument and set the cornerstone in 1921. Robbins was a grad student at NC State when he learned there were no bells in the tower and decided to do something about it.

Left, Robbins is seen with one of the new bells and right with his model of the completed tower.



Emer Gibson photo

PGM Gresham presented Brantley the Montfort Medal as his lodge brothers looked on.

Brantley named Montfort medalist

RALEIGH — Past Grand Master Robert E. Gresham recently visited Raleigh 500 so that he could present Michael Brantley, past grand historian, the Joseph Montfort Medal for outstanding service to the Masonic fraternity. Brantley's brothers in the lodge greatly enjoyed sharing the occasion with their much respected brother.

Brantley has been important to the preservation of our Grand Lodge historical legacy. He has shared the history and thus helped preserve and restore various artifacts and treasures of the Craft. His appreciation of art and architecture has been of great value to all Masons in our state.

The Joseph Montfort Medal is the highest award in North Carolina Freemasonry and is given to those who have proven the most valuable servants of the Craft here. Each grand master is allowed to present three such awards. The medal is named after North Carolinian Joseph Montfort who was named "provincial grand master of and for America" in 1771.

You're invited

Reenactors meeting

May 6

YADKINVILLE — Yadkin 162 will host War Between the States reenactors in conjunction with North Carolina Confederate Memorial Day. All Masons are invited to attend in uniform for the stated meeting May 6. After lodge is closed, Bill Potts, of Unanimity 7, will give a program on Masonry and the Civil War. Potts is the commanding officer of the First North Carolina Battalion of Infantry and has been a reenactor for over 30 years. Non-Masons are invited to the educational program.

Barbecue dinner will be served before the meeting. Yadkin Lodge Master John H. Baucom, also commanding officer of the 28th North Carolina Infantry Regiment (reenactors), reminds us that, as the real war is over, Federal troop reenactors and their uniforms are welcome for the meeting. RSVP to <jbaucom4@triad.rr.com>.

ALS Walk

May 19

RALEIGH — Hiram 40 invites you to "Walk In Memory Of Past Master Ron Page" who succumbed to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2011. Ron was chairman of Grand Lodge Annual Communication from 1997-2010. The ALS Triangle Walk will be on Saturday, April 13 starting at 10:00 A.M. in Raleigh at the Halifax Mall, Wilmington Street.

Join "Ron's Jamn' Team" by making a donation or coming out to join Hiram 40 in the battle against this disease. Donate/register online: <www.CatfishChapter.org>, click the "Walk to Defeat ALS" logo, click on Donations upper right corner. Give online now and/or participate in an event. Click on Triangle Walk, Find a Team and look for "Ron's Jamn' Team". To learn more contact Sue Page at (919) 801-1263.



Montana's first livestock brand was the Square and Compasses and is still in use. It was registered by Poindexter & Co. of Beaverhead County, MT in 1873.

— From "To Light" by Larry Jacobson, *The Nebraska Mason*, Spring 2012

First District Masons reach out to USO

By Ric Carter

ELIZABETH CITY — Perhaps it is the nature of the region, but whatever the reason, there is likely no more closely knit Masonic district than the First. They frequently conduct charitable projects for Masonic and local purposes. When the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce needed help with their annual Coast Guard Week last August, they sent a USO representative to the District's quarterly meeting. The Masons were moved.

On August 3, launch day, 15 Masons from eight lodges showed up at seven o'clock in the morning. They aided in the setup of tents, tables, chairs, and fencing. At 4:00, another shift of First Masonic District members came on the scene to help with setup for the evening's John Parr concert. Other Masons came to support souvenir and information tents. Still, others helped with crowd management and in the food and beverage concessions. They even passed a donation bucket collecting \$500 for the USO. They joined the USO Directors in tossing souvenirs from the stage to the crowd.

Through the day, 65 Masons helped make the event successful for the servicemen in their community and elsewhere. You could tell the Masons, they wore bright orange t-shirts with a USO emblem on the front and square and compasses on the back.

They had fun together, they helped a good cause, and they even got recognized in the local press as being central in making the event happen.



Lodge 76 records added to Collection

CHAPEL HILL — Greensboro 76 donated its lodge minutes and financial records from 1821 to 1962 to UNC's Southern Historical Collection. Doug Wright, Rick Smith, and Ray Hall delivered the papers to Collection Director Tim West in December. The lodge records capture a broad swath of Greensboro history and contain the names of many prominent citizens. They join a growing collection of Tar Heel Masonic history housed in Wilson Library. The library collection can be searched at <www.lib.unc.edu>. Greensboro's records must be processed and cataloged; so they may not show up in the online catalog for a while.

The Southern Historical Collection, the world's largest cache of original manuscripts on the history of the South, is reorganizing its Masonic holdings. This will make searching easier for researchers, but the papers may be temporarily unavailable while library staff is reorganizing the collection.

Wilson Library has strict security measures to protect its collections from document thieves. Researchers are encouraged to visit and look at papers. They're advised to contact library staff in advance at <wilsonlibrary@unc.edu> to check library hours and learn about the registration procedure.

— Speed Hallman



Seen here, from left, are SHC's Tim West, Doug Wright, Ray Hall, and Rick Smith.

GM meetings coming to a lodge near you

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.

Date	District	Host	Location
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

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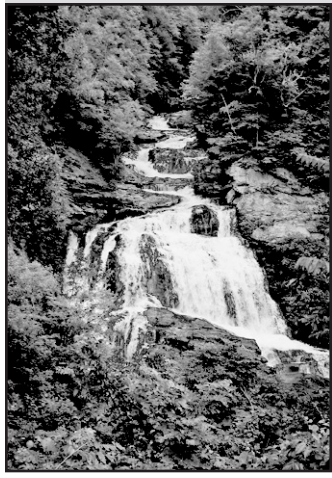
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

Spencer

Santa Claus was pleased with Spencer 543 this holiday season. He even visited the lodge December 8 to let kids give a whisper of their under the Christmas tree wishes. To help the old bearded round one, the lodge participated in Toys for Tots. On December 19, they delivered 200 toys to the program for distribution to needy children.

Spencer Lodge held their Yard Sale and Grandfather Clock Raffle October 27. Their earlier barbecue chicken dinner brought in money for local and Masonic charities.

They held their Thanksgiving and Awards Dinner on November 20.

— *On the Square* and Johnny Hatley

Kinston

St. John's 4's widows got Christmas cookies from the lodge during the holidays. The lodge put the packages on a table at the lodge with labels and addresses. Volunteers grabbed bags and took them to the ladies.

St. John's 4 selected Jefcoat Cottage at the Home for Children to help with their wish list. Each of the lodges in Lenoir County was picking a cottage and doing the same.

The Lenoir County Lodges were holding their Annual Memorial and Anniversary Service December 9 at Richard Caswell 705.

Postal rate increases are making St. John's 4 newsletter editors consider a stop to mailing the newsletter.

— *The Trestleboard*

Winston-Salem

At a pre-holiday pre-meeting supper, Old Town 751 collected food and donations for Sunny Side Ministries assistance to the needy. Members were asked to bring five dollars worth of food or simply donate five dollars to the drive. They managed a nice table of food and \$200 for the charity.

On December 22, the lodge made its traditional delivery of fruit baskets to their widows and infirm. The volunteers enjoyed a breakfast together before starting their labors.

Masonic and lodge charities benefitted to the tune of more than \$3,350 as a result of Old Town's fall raffle. They awarded entrants a shotgun, a television, and an iPad.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*



Semper Fi raises big money with big prize

JACKSONVILLE — On October 20, Semper Fidelis 680 held their raffle drawing for a 2012 Harley Davidson Dyna Super Glide motorcycle. On the day of the drawing, approximately 100 motorcycles and crew from all over the state arrived for the first Semper Fidelis Motorcycle Raffle and Poker Run. It was a great day for our charities and for Masonry. Food

was abundant, a band was playing, and the kids had a great time on the various inflated games. Semper Fidelis was pleased and excited to be able to donate \$7,000 to WhiteStone and \$7,000 to the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. Many of the non-Masons present showed an interest in our craft and learned that Masonry supports charity. — Howard Kahn

Paw Creek

The Fall Chicken Fry at West Gate 738 set a new record, bringing in more than \$11,000. Junior Warden Randy Tamson was garnering much of the credit.

The lodge helps out with the Toy Ride at Easy Eddie's Bike Shop each year. Riders bring toys for the Masonic Home for Children. They enjoy chili and door prizes and live music. They sent toys and more than \$1,000 to the Home this year. November 17 was the big day.

West Gate Lodge held a special fundraiser for a local woman who needed help paying for an organ transplant. She had insufficient health insurance and a disabled husband. They were playing the course at Green Meadows.

— *West Gate Lodge*

Southport

Pythagoras 249 had their Annual Widows Appreciation and Masonic Awards Dinner November 17. Three widows were given red roses. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership went to Ozen Carrier, Roy Daniel, R. P. Robinson, and Ivey Gaskill. The annual Gene Cowan Award went to Jack Terry. A Fin and Oink Award was presented to Marvin McKeithan for work on their fish fries and barbecues which raise so much money for charity each year.

There were more awards shared at the November 20 stated meeting of the lodge. Another Fin and Oink Award went to Charles "Skeeter" Trot. Joe Maggola's work on the lodge golf tournament earned him the lodge's Projects Award. They gave Daniel Fink his 50-year award on behalf of Allen 276, his lodge in Ohio.

Pythagoras Lodge sent \$400 to help with Hurricane Sandy relief in New York and New Jersey. Half was from lodge funds and half from donations that night.

— *Pythagoras Lodge*

Green Level

Members of Green Level 277 have garnered community recognition recently. The Town of Apex selected Horace Johnson as Citizen of the Year. Stan Latta got an NC Governor's Award for Volunteer Service.

— *Green Level Lodge*

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 named Alfred B. Bradshaw their 2012 Mason to the Year.

The lodge is trying a new pre-meeting supper plan this year in lodge. They are gathering at a local cafeteria to eat together before they head to lodge.

— *The Plumb Line*

Thomasville

After its very successful softball tournament last summer, Thomasville 214 has decided to do more in the coming year. As with the previous one, these USSSA sanctioned events will provide funds for the Masonic charities.

— *Trestle Board*

Kenansville

St. John's 13 sent checks for \$1,200 each to the NC Masonic Foundation, WhiteStone, and Masonic Home for Children.

— *Lodge Log*

Asheville

After initiating 20 new members last year, Mount Hermon 118's Education Committee is concentrating on getting coaches trained and activated.

Planning is already underway for Mount Hermon's marking of the 100th anniversary of the Asheville Masonic Temple. The Centennial Celebration Committee is setting a 21-month calendar of events. They will later launch with a cornerstone rededication this year and ending in April 2015 with a large banquet.

Laying mosaic tiles and a blazing star for the lodge room floor is the current top project at the temple.

Membership costs are going up at Mount Hermon. Dues are going to \$115 plus Grand Lodge per capita, initiation fee to \$125, and affiliation fee to \$50.

— *Trestle Board*

Greensboro

Revolution 552 held their Second Annual Boston Butt Charity Drive November 17. That was the pickup butt day and matched with the continuation of their yard sale. Butts were \$35 with sauce included. Plates were also available.

— *Bill Hill*

Wingate

Meadow Branch 578 held their annual Breakfast with Santa December 15. Five dollars got you all the pancakes you could eat. Another five got you two four-by-six-inch photos of you and Santa.

— *Scott Rinehults and Brandon Thomas*

Kannapolis

Three widows were among the attendees when Allen Graham 695 held their Ladies' Night Banquet in November. Brian Heintz, who was active in taking care of lodge meals and refreshments, was named Mason of the Year.

Volunteers were having breakfast together at a local restaurant before the December 15 delivery of fruit baskets to Allen Graham Lodge widows.

— *Wallace Sheppard*

Wilmington

Orient 395 was hosting a ladies' luncheon November 17. Derwin Hinson was to entertain as the lodge showed their appreciation for the ladies in their lives.

— *Freddy Szakasits*

Salisbury

The Rowan County Masonic Blood Drive was held at the Salisbury Masonic Temple January 3.

— *Steve Schenk*

Concord

Cabarrus 720 held a chicken and dumpling fundraiser not long ago, the first such event they've had in "many years." They had great fun and raised \$1,200 for the Masonic Homes. They thought it "went incredibly well."

Ken Cruse was presented his Veteran's Emblem at the Cabarrus stated meeting in October. His family was on hand to see him get the 50-year award.

— *Newsletter*

Warsaw

Warsaw 677 held their Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast November 10. It helped the lodge raise \$500 each for the Masonic Home for Children, WhiteStone, and the NC Masonic Foundation.

Their Ladies' and Awards Night was set for December 4.

— *Warsaw Lodge*

Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 nearly hit the goal of their November 26 blood drive. They brought in 37 of the hoped for 43 units.

Joe Arnder and Junior Morrison were elected to honorary memberships in Pilot Lodge in October.

Money from their fundraiser this fall was sent to the kids at the Masonic Home for Children in the form of gift certificates.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Charlotte

Charles M. Setzer lodge named Donnie Wrenn their Mason of the Year for 2012.

Two lodge members recently gave Setzer Lodge a new staircase lecture carpet.

In December, Setzer Master Allan Mann had to pay the promised \$50 for attendance by 25 of the lodge's members at a meeting. Abner Fortner was so pleased that he sent Mann a birthday card and a matching \$50 donation to Masonic charity.

— *Trestleboard*

There have been improvements around Mint Hill 742. There's a new ice machine, and the officer aprons are out being repaired.

Members are being urged to choose stations and jobs early for the Mint Hill's Spring Fish Fry.

— *Mint Hill Lodge*

James K. Polk 759 held their all-you-can-eat Community Breakfast for charity and their Red Cross Blood Drive on November 11. The lodge awards night was held on November 2.

— *Chris Minor and Marc Whitman*

Derita 715 is planning on building a new home after highway construction takes their old home. They are currently taking the process slowly to make sure they get a location which will well suit them.

Derita is also instituting a degree team which will be open to all interested members.

James Bullock was named 2012 Mason of the Year by Derita Lodge.

— *Derita Lodge*

Raleigh

James B. Green 735 held their Past Masters and Awards Night November 17. Donald Grider was presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. The lodge also got their first look at the new lodge history project.

Ambitious goals in their fall fundraiser got good results for Green Lodge. Their goal of 600 plates translated to more than 500 plates sold, the first time they've been that successful. Each of the Masonic Homes got \$1,000 and the balance of the money raised went to the North Carolina Masonic Foundation which provides permanent funding for both institutions.

Green's new Master Joe Teague has adopted a theme for his year: DARE (Dream, Anticipate, Reach, Execute).

— *The James B. Green Scene*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95's charity contributions to the two Masonic Homes totalled nearly \$1,200 last year.

Leroy Whitfield has just reached his tenth year of putting together *The Jerusalem Journal*, the lodge's monthly newsletter.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Statesville

The 30th Masonic District sponsored the Statesville Christmas Parade again this year. This was the fourth year they have done so.

— *Al Jones*

Members of Statesville 27 reached out to their neighbors during the holidays. They manned the Salvation Army's red kettles, ringing their bells, and asking for donations to brighten Christmas for the needy. They also delivered 35 fruit baskets and poinsettias to the lodge's widows.

Statesville Lodge held their Family Night November 10. Larry Stroud was honored with the J. C. Brown Award. The Lon Shulenberg Award went to Wayne Craddock. Both honors are given for service to the lodge. Fred Clarke, David Gosnell, and Henry Millholland got their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership.

The lodge's Ugly Man Contest is finally concluded. Voting was done with cash. Lodge Master David Potter was the runaway winner getting more votes than all the other candidates combined. All the votes (totaling \$215.50) were donated to the Masonic Home for Children.

— *The Joppa Informer*

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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.

MERLI, from page 8

tion was used by da Vinci and Merli to give rise to twelve different reactions among the disciples and thus to express both artists' intense interest in the variances of human emotion.

The scene is Jerusalem in the upper room during the celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. Two wooden tables covered with white linen cloths have been pulled together and strewn with bowls, plates, cups, wine and water jugs, and round loafs of bread. Christ, in the center, is surrounded by his disciples, six on either side. All are dressed in period robes, girdles, and sandals. Both da Vinci's and Merli's renditions portray the reaction given by each disciple when Jesus makes his announcement. However, except for Judas and Thomas, Merli's disciples react differently from those in da Vinci's painting although they all respond to the news with various degrees of puzzlement, concern, amazement, shock, anger, sorrow, and other emotions.

In Merli's sculpture, the disciples are arranged in groups of three, their names incised on the plinth beneath them. They are, from left to right, Bartholomew, sitting at the end of the table, lost in deep, pensive thought. James Minor holds his hands downward, palms facing outward, in a gesture which seems to say: "How can this be?" while Andrew, wringing his hands together in hopelessness and consternation, turns his eyes towards heaven.

Judas, Peter, and John follow. Judas, like da Vinci's betrayer, recoils violently at his plans being discovered, clutching his right hand around a bag presumably containing the 30 pieces of silver, his face a mask of rage, guilt, and determination. Peter, in age one of the older apostles and perhaps hard of hearing, has asked the youthful John, who is seated next to Christ, to repeat what Jesus has said. Consequently, John leans close to the older man's ear while Peter listens, stroking his beard and looking suspiciously at Judas.

In da Vinci's painting, Christ is seated at the table but in our sculpture, He stands erect amid the disciples, staring straight ahead, holding pieces of broken bread in his hands perhaps to symbolize his body that is about to be betrayed. On his left Thomas, ever the doubter, holds his right index finger up as if to say, "You mean only one of us will betray you?" while James Major is so clearly agitated that he pushes out with both hands in a gesture of rejection of the



very thought of what will happen. Philip, on the other hand, points to his own breast as if to say, "Is it I Lord? Am I the one?"

Finally, Matthew and Thaddeus converse heatedly while Simon the Zealot sits at the end of the table, opposite Bartholomew, in solemn reflection at the prophetic words. Beneath the table, on the plinth, is an escutcheon or coat of arms supported by two putti (cherubs).

Our porcelain sculpture is signed B. Merli and was made in a limited edition of 88. It is currently housed in one of the small offices of the Grand Lodge offices in Raleigh. You are invited to come see the Merli porcelain and the other interesting artifacts of the Grand Lodge whenever you are in Raleigh.

Michael W. Brantley spent several years as grand historian and is a member of Raleigh 500.



Golfing for WhiteStone

CLEMMONS — On September 5, Clemmons 755 held the Tenth Annual Clemmons Charities Golf Tournament at Meadowlands Golf Club in Winston-Salem. Eighty-eight entrants played the tournament. Bruce Ayers, left, is seen here presenting a check to WhiteStone Administrator Mark Kolada. The more than \$4,300 was the Masonic and Eastern Star Community's portion of the proceeds from the big event. — Bruce Ayres



Pirate parking available

GREENVILLE — The Greenville Masonic Center takes in a little extra income by charging for parking during East Carolina University football games. They're only a couple of blocks from the stadium. Greenville 284 Senior Deacon Daniel VanLiere and Manteo 521 member Jeremy Christensen are seen here while parking cars for the Appalachian State game a couple of months ago. They brought in \$1,100 that day. — David Stapleton

The punhappy candidate

A candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the lodge, but before this could happen, the car broke down. The candidate said, as it was no great distance, he would go on his bicycle.

Just when he reached the top of the hill, his chain broke. As the lodge was at the bottom of the other side, all he needed was a backpedal brake, so he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the lodge.

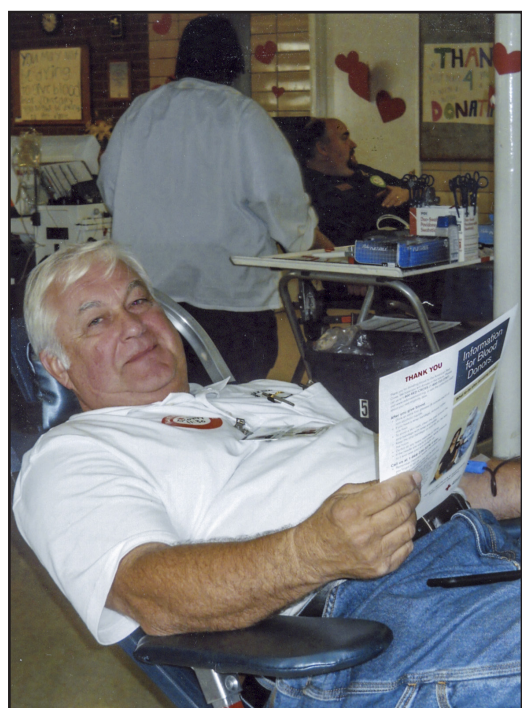
Later that evening, in reply to a toast in his honor, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the master knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord! — <http://www.ca/odges.org>

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wards has endured some ongoing health problems that have prevented his attendance on the day of the ride. He continues to work behind the scenes. The children at the Home always remember to include him in their many thanks. He was presented with a signed thank-you banner one year and this year they gave him a big card that they all signed and assured Jerry that their hearts are always with him.

The project takes a lot of time and effort all year long. Reaching out to sponsors and contributors to maintain their involvement and recruit new ones is just part of the job. Obtaining door prizes for the riders, synchronizing the meet in Raleigh for the awards presentation, working with the Oxford administrators for the cookout at the Home, the interaction with the children in attendance, and assuring the attendance of appropriate officials are among the many duties required to pull The Ride together.

Eureka Lodge is putting out a call for other Masonic lodges to step up and help with the motorcycle ride. Having others involved will potentially draw in additional riders, supporters, and community interest. If you would like to contact the current co-chair and work with this great event please contact Doug Earnhardt at (704) 957-0346.



Durham Masons help with area blood drive

DURHAM — There was plenty of Masonic involvement when the Bethesda community here held a blood drive. Meredith Lee, a senior at North Raleigh Christian Academy, coordinated the drive. Durham 352, Oak Grove 750, Southgate Chapter Eastern Star, and the Bethesda Ruritan Club all participated. They brought in a total of 54 units of blood. Twenty-eight were first time donors. Scott Hodges (Durham 352) is seen here giving with Thomas Simmons (Oak Grove (750) preparing in the background. — Margaret Lee



Spencer Lodge supports local kids

SPENCER — Want to show the community that your lodge cares? One good way is athletic team sponsorships. Spencer 543 helped sponsor the North Rowan High School football season. They got a banner hung to acknowledge their support, a reminder to all the fans, parents, and grandparents who attend games that Masons care and that the lodge is still there and active. Other similar possibilities include recreation teams like tee-ball, little league, and soccer leagues. — Spencer Lodge Facebook page

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Lenoir

Hibriten 262 held a double outdoor third degree last year. Thirty Masons from six lodges were represented on a site owned by Russell Bridges.

Hibriten Lodge is selling lodge coins for ten dollars each. The money goes into a lodge maintenance fund. If you'd like one, contact Clyde Robbins at (828) 726-6053. — Clyde Robbins

Holly Springs

Holly Springs 115 Masons marched together in the Happy Holly Days Parade December 8. They wore dark suits, white aprons, and white gloves. They were joined by members of other lodges. — Ben Oakes

Brevard

Dunn's Rock 267 held a fish fry December 7. Proceeds from the ten-dollar flounder plates went to WhiteStone, A Masonic and Eastern Star Community. — Broward Davis

Highlands

Blue Ridge 435 was having the lodge Christmas Dinner at a cafe in Dillard. — *Trestleboard*

Dillsboro

East LaPorte 358 and Dillsboro 459 were having a joint installation December 13. — Brian Rau

Buxton

Cape Hatteras 698 got new shutters, new sign, and fresh paint this past year. Visit on vacation.

Kernersville

Tom Hurm was named Kernersville 669's Mason of the Year for 2012. — *The Kernersville Masonic Lodge News*

Conover

The charity drive at Conover 709 brought in \$2,600 last year. — *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

Ranger

Montgomery 426 prepared holiday fruit baskets for their widows December 18. — Derek Cheek

Mount Holly

Mount Holly 544 held their Annual Cindy Cloning Memorial Barbecue Fundraiser November 2. — Dewayne Gore



Three charter members attended the party: Harriett, Stewart, and Hearren.

Grantham Lodge celebrates 50th

NEW BERN — Eighty people attended when Grantham 725 celebrated their 50th anniversary October 6. Games were provided for children and adults alike before supper was served.

Lodge Master Val Robinson was master of ceremonies for the evening. Hamburgers, hot

dogs, and potato salad topped the menu.

After supper, Alvia Hearren gave a brief history of the lodge. They also called on and honored their living charter members: Charles Harriett, Charles Stewart, and Alvia Hearren. After the honors, the Kingsmen provided musical entertainment.

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to repair and restore the building. On the night of installation, many members of the community got to look around the newly refreshed historic building during conducted tours.

While the joint installation was Tom Dolinger's dream, it was made possible by a few men who did not listen to the negativity

and drove ahead with their own time and labor to remake Greensboro's Masonic home. Those men were recognized with a plaque to be placed in the Temple. The plaque salutes Gene Godsoe, Arthur Marshal, Greg Woodard, and Dan Rice for the "countless hours of their time in restoring" the Temple.



Ric Carter photos



RAINBOW, from page 8

The camping season commences June 17 and runs through July 31. Each one week segment costs \$280. The kids, sponsored by Masonic lodges or Eastern Star chapters, enjoy swimming, crafts, hiking, the ropes course, and other activities. They may see "The Horn in the West," explore Grandfather Mountain, and enjoy other age appropriate activities as time and weather permit.

The \$280 camping fee covers all meals, crafts, and lodging for the camp week which runs from Sunday afternoon until Saturday morning. Contributions to defer cost of maintaining Camp Rainbow are welcomed.

Reservations for kids should be sent to Camp Rainbow no later than May 1, 2013. This allows planning and suitable staffing of the camp. All checks should be made payable to Camp Rainbow, Inc. Please share Camp Rainbow's story with your lodge.

Camp Rainbow is not just for girls and boys. The facilities are available to all Masons and Eastern Stars for camping, weddings, family reunions, meetings, retreats, and more. Cabins and hookups for campers are available from April through October, except during the kids' camping season.

A craft fair is held each fall to raise funds to defray some of the cost of operating Camp Rainbow. The craft fair has a variety of foods and crafts, an auction, and entertainment. It is open to the public.

You can get details and more information by calling Dean Cheek, chairman of the Camp's Board of Directors at (336)



668-7395 or <dcheek8@triad.rr.com>. If you'd like to visit on Fun Day, let Cheek know by April 15. Cheek and other staffers are also available to do programs in your lodge about the camp.

Operative Lodge No. 150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is unusual in that it is only open to operative stonemasons.

— "From To Light" by Larry Jacobson, *The Nebraska Mason, Spring 2012*



Antique apron gift

HERTFORD — Francis Pugh and Charles Eley visited Perquimans 106 on November 20. They presented the lodge with a framed 100-year-old Masonic apron. The apron had belonged to Luther Wood Parker who was raised by Perquimans Lodge on September 13, 1910. Seen here, from left, are Pugh, then Perquimans Lodge Master Jeff Perry, and Eley. — Paul Gregory

MORE MILEPOSTS



NEW BERN — Grantham 725 presents a scholarship each year. They use it to honor a member, past or present, at the same time they help a student get to college. The 2012 \$1,000 award, this year named for PM William O. Hale, went to East Carolina bound Allison Cuthrell. Cuthrell is the daughter of Robert and Melisa Cuthrell and granddaughter of George Herring. Robert and George are both members of Grantham Lodge. — Jim White



GARNER — Vandora 745's Jarvis Lawrence turned 100 years old on November 22. The lodge celebrated his birthday a few days early, November 3, so they could honor him at the lodge. Master Steven Annis presented Jarvis a plaque for his outstanding service and reaching 100 years. Jarvis is a charter member of Vandora Lodge and served as master in 1998. Annis is seen here giving Lawrence a birthday cake, thankfully without 100 candles. — Nick Harrison



WILMINGTON — On December 8, Eddie Gaskins, long-time secretary of Wilmington 319 was presented the Secretary of Distinction award. The award may be given by lodges to lodge secretaries who have rendered distinguished service for five or more years.



ATKINSON — Alfred Gray Arnett, second from left, of Atkinson 612, was awarded the Secretary of Distinction title on October 22. Past Grand Master William Mathis presented the honor. Seen here, from left, are Senior Deacon Donald R. Hufham, Arnett, Mathis, and Master Allen F. Squires. — Donald R. Hufham



SWANSBORO — On October 8, Seaside 429 held their Past Masters' and Awards Night. Crafton Yancey was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. His wife is seen here affixing his new lapel pin. — Walter Norris



Billing donates new clothes to WhiteStone

GREENSBORO — Recently, WhiteStone's Health Center Administrator Dianne Armstrong got a call from Past Grand Master Dan Rice, saying that he had a friend who wanted to donate some clothes to the retirement community. Never one to turn down any sort of donation, Dianne quickly said, "Yes," and made arrangements for the donation to be dropped off that weekend.

Expecting to receive a few bags of miscellaneous clothes, what arrived on that Sunday afternoon surprised. Three pallets consisting of over 30 boxes of various items of socks, leggings, pajamas, shirts, and skirts were delivered. "It was overwhelming; the volume of clothes donated and generosity," Dianne said. The donation was made by Bula 409's Alvin Billing, who works for Kayser-Roth Corporation in Graham, NC.

WhiteStone staff including Armstrong, Human Resource Director Tracy Armwood, and Community Life Services Director Gina

Prevost, quickly assessed the volume of clothing items, and sorted out the boxes. Numerous WhiteStone staffers pulled together to help sort further. They picked January 10-11 for the giveaway to staff and residents of WhiteStone. They asked for donations to the Triad Alzheimers walk in exchange for the clothes.

During those two days, WhiteStone raised more than \$1,300 for the Alzheimer charity. All but two boxes of miscellaneous items were given away. The unclaimed boxes were passed on to other local charities in need of clothes. Tracy Armwood said, "We had a lot of people make a donation of \$20 or more because they saw the great quality of items donated and the value they were receiving. So many of our staff and residents thanked me for the opportunity to use these clothes for themselves and family members." WhiteStone has since followed up with a thank you letter to Brother Billing for this generous and unique donation along with pictures of the event.

Memorial gifts remember and support

George Zezefellis was 64 years old. He had a life filled with good memories, service to others, and the support of a large and loving family. As a Mason, his membership and affiliations were proudly listed, noting him to be one bound by the tenets of our fraternity — tenets which include charity. He and his family proudly and generously listed their wishes for friends, family, and those who knew and admired him — to remember his life with memorials for the care of the children at The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.

Similar acts of charity come to our Home in letters from spouses, sons, daughters, family, and friends. Masons come with a gift and the words "in memory." We rarely have the chance to speak with those experiencing loss, other than for a letter of acknowledgement or sometimes brief phone call. Those loved ones rarely have a chance to witness the work these memorials accomplish or meet the children whose lives are changed through the charity of those remembered.

With each gift, there is a story and a tribute, honoring a life while supporting a child. The im-

pact of these gifts and the reason behind them are personal and meaningful. The Masonic Home for Children cherishes each memorial gift received. We recognize this final act of charity on the part of our supporting brethren. We honor the families who suffered such loss, who even in a time of sadness and mourning, have chosen to remember our children and their lives and futures. These gifts have contributed to the care of thousands at the Home for Children at Oxford throughout its history. They continue to make a tremendous difference in the care of our children today.

Our Home remembers George Zezefellis and all those memorialized through the hundreds of gifts to our Home each year. We remember those memorials given throughout our entire history and the difference they have made in the course of this Home. We acknowledge the families who through loss have chosen to aid our mission and allow the memory of their loved one to continue to give to our Home and our children. For every memorial and the life story behind it, our Home extends its blessings and its sympathies for this ultimate act of charity.

Let me help Masonry's charities

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

My name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ My lodge _____

In memory of (optional) _____

Address _____

To assure that your gift is properly credited to the fund of your choice, please make the check payable to that charity.

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



University helps band

CHAPEL HILL — The Gravelly Hill Middle School Band in Efland was invited to participate in a December band conference in Chicago, Illinois. University 408 helped them pay for their trip by donating \$350 to the cause. University Lodge Master Jaimie Daniel, center, is seen here giving the check to band member Carver Williams, right, and Band Director Arris Golden. The lodge learned of the need because Williams is the grandson of Orange County Sheriff and University Lodge Past Master Lindy Pendergrass.

— London Ivey

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

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| 1.....Moody, Burt Ernest | 181.....Myers, Robert Wayne | 375.....Lee, Aaron Paxton | 558.....Simmons, James Kevin | 688.....Berdan, Lawrence August |
| 3.....Kidder Richard Dale | 188.....Long, Jonathan Russell | 375.....Morris, Robert Keith | 561.....Davis, Ezekiel Shannon | 688.....Cole IV, Carl Henry |
| 3.....Ranieri, Anthony Jon | 198.....Huerta, Juan Carlos | 377.....Butler Jr., Rodney George | 562.....King, Rangeley Beau | 690.....Parker, Mathew Laws |
| 3.....Ross, James Frederick | 202.....Treadway II, Raymond Woodrow | 377.....Byrd, Aaron Tony | 562.....Perez, Ramon Aaron | 690.....Just, Craig Martin |
| 3.....Edwards, David Brian | 217.....Watkins, John Matthew | 377.....Jordan, Scotty Wade | 564.....Tilus, Michael David | 691.....Simpson, Timothy Nelson |
| 3.....Jackson, Jesse Lewis | 218.....Sanchez, Jaime Ernesto | 377.....Lewis, Daniel Jack | 568.....Collins Jr., Alvis Wayne | 693.....Bat, Ahmet Tufan |
| 3.....Lawhorn, Matthew Dixon | 218.....Wicksel, Jeffrey Ira | 377.....Mooney, Dean Harold | 568.....Lytton, Charles Wayne | 694.....Styles, David Gene |
| 7.....Runkle, Casey Joe | 230.....Vaughan Jr., Dwight Herbert | 379.....Faircloth, Jason Michael | 568.....Manning, Jerry Lee | 695.....Bragg, Darrell Franklin |
| 8.....Koval, Matthew James | 230.....Price, Bradford Allen | 381.....Ballard, Christopher David | 568.....Garrett, Timothy Edward | 699.....Baucom, Matthew Blake |
| 27.....Benfield, John William | 237.....Henline, Harold Dean | 384.....Hux, Kenneth Jefferson | 573.....Church, Brian | 699.....Cain Jr., James Ronald |
| 27.....Winebarger, Jeffrey Scott | 237.....Wyatt, Christian Anderson | 391.....Noack, Michael Steven | 576.....Hoty, Antony Peter | 703.....Smith, Jaman James Thomas |
| 32.....Kirkpatrick, John Edward | 237.....Panou, Antonios K. | 395.....Bowman Larry Wayne | 578.....Bagley, Mark Nelson | 703.....Stephens, Donald Wesley |
| 40.....Roberson, William Ralph | 237.....Stanley, Garrett Cole | 395.....Sykes, William Toby | 578.....Haigler, Hayne Leroy | 705.....Flanagan Jr., Larry Allen |
| 53.....Edmondson, Thomas Albert | 244.....Carver Jr., Joe Burnice | 405.....Everette, Spencer Allen | 579.....Gee John Martin | 705.....Medlin, Grayland Perry |
| 53.....Wood, Robert Brian | 249.....Lewis, John Allan | 405.....Turner, James Michael | 592.....Jones Jr., Claybourne Brooks | 708.....Chiancone Jr., Thomas Sebastian |
| 64.....Bruton, Jason Lee | 249.....Mitchell, Claude Thomas | 413.....May, Jeremy Richard | 593.....Cranford, Christopher Link | 708.....Clark, Brian Jeffrey |
| 64.....Huntley, Joseph Bruce | 253.....Barr II, Chris Allan | 426.....Lazlo II, Stanley Paul | 593.....Goodson, Richard Allen | 708.....Dobbs, Colton Richard |
| 64.....Sellers, Thomas Leroy | 253.....Brown, Daniel Logan | 428.....Bolen, Cory Harlin | 602.....Flowers, Gregory Neil | 708.....Dobbs, Jared Dean |
| 76.....Blair, Stephen Lewis | 253.....Elder, Anthony Joseph | 429.....Boone, Justin Robert | 602.....Matthews, Cameron James | 708.....Pugh, Samuel Colby |
| 81.....Kirk, Richard Bryant | 253.....Mundy, Kevin Lynn | 429.....Partington, William Scott | 602.....Denton, Charles Allen | 708.....Johnson, Ronald Scott |
| 81.....Meadows Jr., James Manley | 259.....Hyde, Samuel Paul | 434.....Benge, Merideth Davis | 602.....Morris, Tony Marcus | 714.....Campbell, Joe Leroy |
| 81.....Pacilli, Brian John | 261.....Molyneaux, Michael Paul | 437.....Faulkner, Michael Brandon | 602.....Mullen, Joshua Reed | 714.....Johnson, Jerry Leon |
| 81.....Pike, Timothy Ray | 261.....Naso, Christopher Joseph | 437.....Furr, George Nelson | 602.....Severini, Billie Joel | 714.....Trull, William Edward |
| 81.....Wineman, Matthew James | 261.....Oliver Jr., Thomas Martin | 437.....Weis, John Michael | 609.....Williams, Jason Wayne | 717.....Thomas, Emery Norman |
| 83.....Hardin, James Austin | 261.....Williamson Jr., Gregory Alan | 446.....Burgess, Alan Eugene | 616.....Cornell, Michael Chad | 722.....Langan, Thomas Byron |
| 83.....McRill Jr., David Matthew | 262.....Mullinax, Michael Scott | 446.....Speciale, Michael Corbin | 617.....Demarest, Thomas Andrew | 727.....Levinski Jr., Joseph Francis |
| 83.....Ponce de Leon, Manuel Jose | 262.....Sawyer II, George Thomas | 454.....Pickett, Donald Glenn | 617.....Evans, Brent Wayne | 727.....Brown, Jered Trey |
| 85.....Adcock II, Milton Charles | 263.....Crosstun, Clinton Birdett | 454.....Pardue, Ryan Lee | 626.....Dixon, David Miller | 727.....Ingram, Jerrod Colby |
| 85.....Knapp, Jason Ashley | 263.....White, Sean Patrick | 460.....Buff, Joe Stephen | 626.....Muller, Joshua Robert | 727.....Hall, Thomas Lee |
| 91.....Walker, James Mitchell | 271.....Warren, Joshua Bradley | 460.....Millwood, Joseph Franklin | 626.....Teal Tracy Lynn | 730.....Hancock, Jonathan Daniel |
| 102.....Cooper, Christopher Lynn | 282.....Horst, Jordan Daniel | 472.....Trull, Terry Lindsey | 629.....Williams, Chad O'Brian | 730.....Stewart, Philip Wayne |
| 102.....Harris III, Prentis | 282.....Kwasnick, Steven John | 479.....Ballance, Thomas Wesley | 629.....Lawson, Douglas Wayne | 734.....Leggett, Adam Keith |
| 102.....Roberson, Michael Cory | 282.....Mannette, Sean Paul | 492.....Layton, Alexander Douglas | 629.....Marshall, Michael Paul | 734.....Rose III, James Robert |
| 114.....Britt, Kenneth Wayne | 282.....Perry, Travis Lee | 496.....Blair, Jason Emmett | 634.....Kimbrell, Charles Michael | 734.....Shultz Jr., Victor Eugene |
| 114.....Grissom Jr., John Lee | 282.....Sandberg, Marc | 499.....Austin, Marcus William | 646.....Wallace, Anthony Shawn | 734.....Townsend Jr., Michael Lee |
| 114.....Kinlaw Jr., Bruce Stephens | 289.....Gordon, Jared Michael | 499.....Brame Jr., Berry Clifton | 646.....Wright, Alfred Raymond | 736.....Losey, Brian Todd |
| 115.....Zelickman, Thomas James | 289.....Snipes, Jayson Alan | 499.....Lounsberry, Ryan Peter | 656.....Fernando, Albert Mark | 737.....Abernethy, Christopher John |
| 117.....Glover, Robert Todd | 301.....Lovingood, Derrick Christopher | 500.....Carter, Bobby Lee | 663.....Craig, Christopher Bradley | 737.....Carp, Grigore |
| 117.....Jackson, Robert Reid | 301.....Morgan, Kerry Mark | 500.....Fardo, Brian Wayne | 667.....Cone, Dion Sewell | 739.....McCall, Nicholas Ray |
| 118.....Shepherd, Jesse Cullom | 314.....Harris, Fletcher Vanderbilt | 500.....Markham, Jared Thomas | 667.....Gore III, Luther Madison | 742.....Kissinger, Michael Jon |
| 125.....Williams, Jonathan Paul | 317.....Marriner, Corey James | 500.....Richards, Matthew Donald | 667.....Gore, Fulton Harvey | 742.....Dalton, Delmas Bruce |
| 132.....Harper, Ronald Travis | 319.....Delia, Christopher Anthony | 500.....Scott, Robert Justice | 667.....Guevara, Joseph A. | 742.....Faires, Jacob Charles |
| 138.....White, Jeffrey Dean | 319.....Habas, Michael Bruce | 501.....Read, Mark Andrew | 667.....Lund, Garret Kenneth | 744.....Allen, Austin Lee |
| 143.....Ryan III, Bernard Allen | 319.....Hooker, Brian Allen | 502.....Heavner, Jerry Boyce | 669.....Ward, Andrew Stephen | 744.....Browne, Stephen Douglas |
| 143.....Cheek, Charles Lee | 319.....Savage, Robert Delano | 502.....Scronce III, Fred Thomas | 669.....Mason, Ryan Matthew | 744.....Devine, David Christopher |
| 145.....Kinsland, Seth Sanders | 319.....Seegers Jr., Joseph Welch | 502.....Walker, Bobby Shane | 670.....Branch, Michael Weston | 749.....Aldridge, Dustin Wayne |
| 151.....McGuire, Stacey Wayne | 322.....Collins Jr., James Wilson | 502.....Reep, Kevin Ray | 670.....Brown, Nathan Todd | 749.....Aldridge, Michael Wayne |
| 151.....McDowell Jr., John Douglas | 331.....Carey, Roy Alan | 505.....Yount, Peter Edward | 670.....Treadway, Craig Nathan | 751.....Moody, William Edward |
| 151.....Shytle, Douglas Todd | 340.....Carcirieri, Michael Patrick | 528.....Blount, Jerry Vance | 674.....Johnson, Douglas | 752.....Strange, Shane Alan |
| 154.....Kepley, Jason Melton | 340.....Powers, Michael Jareth | 528.....Page, Jamie Wayne | 674.....Kiser, James Boyd | 755.....Cashion, Archie Thomas |
| 154.....Lingle, Cory Nelson | 343.....Spach, Alan Kent | 532.....Hayes, Mark Christopher | 680.....Burgess, Keith David | 755.....Brendle, Josh Lee |
| 155.....Wise Jr., Gary Miller | 343.....Stringfield, Jason Marshall | 532.....Smart, James Thomas | 680.....Hadley, Hampton Davis | 755.....Moore, William Archie |
| 172.....Taylor, Mitchell Johnson | 343.....Stringfield, Michael Ray | 532.....Smart, Jeffrey Wilson | 680.....Caldwell, Junior Jason | 757.....Trent, Jimmy Lee |
| 172.....Brafford, Travis Cameron | 352.....Bryant, Kevin Nathaniel | 532.....McCall, David Edgar | 680.....Petrillo, Randall Severino | 757.....Williams Jr., Billy Lee |
| 176.....Gonzalez, George | 356.....Fox, Dalton Keith | 532.....Hall, Matthew Jonathon | 683.....Meador, James Andrew | 757.....Gabriel, Michael Neil |
| 176.....McIntosh, Robert Samuel | 363.....Gasperson II, Jerry Marshall | 542.....Lawrence, Jeffrey Allen | 686.....Duff, Christopher Michael | 759.....Gustafson, Cody Jay |
| 176.....McLean, Edward Walker | 369.....Barbour, Billy Ray | 552.....Whitley, Michael Roy | 686.....Tudor, Velton Wainwright | 759.....Haas, Hans Conan |
| 181.....Lester, Taylor Ray | 374.....Anderson, Dan Scott | 556.....Ennis, Robert Alton | 686.....Thomas, Cole Gray | 765.....Rock III, David Andrew |
| | 374.....Nicholson Jr., Tommy Lynn | 556.....Kelly, Joel Daniel | | |

MILEPOSTS



CLINTON — Hiram 98's Frank Moore, third from left, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership in Masonry. Seen here, from left, are 11th District Deputy Grand Lecturer Earl Wells, Moore's wife Dorothy, Moore, and 11th District Deputy Grand Master Raymond Turner. — Bryan Smith



MOCKSVILLE — Robert Lee Hendricks was recently awarded the Diamond Jubilee for 60-years Masonic membership by Mocksville 134. Clyde Hendricks and Mocksville Lodge Chaplain Henry Bruce visited him to make the presentation. Hendricks served as chairman of the Mocksville Masonic Picnic for 25 years. — Henry M. Bruce



SWANSBORO — Seaside 429's Matthew Hamilton is seen here with his daughter pinning him with the Diamond Jubilee award lapel pin recognizing his 60 years as a Mason. Lodge Master Alex Gardner and PDDGM David Holland conducted the ceremony at Hamilton's home. — Walter Norris



WAXHAW — John Orion Steele, of Waxhaw 562, recently earned his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. Steele was among the early to land at Normandy on D-Day. Seen here are, from left, Waxhaw Master John Godfrey and Steele. — Richard Shields



VANCEBORO — Three members of Vanceboro 433 recently received their Veterans' Emblems in recognition of their 50 years as members of the lodge. Seen here, top left, is Arvis Gene Barrow. Top right is Ledrew Mills. Bottom are Harry Elbert Smith, left, and Vanceboro Lodge Master John Ivey Gray Jr. — Clement Morris



GRIFTON — Preston Heath, of Grifton 243, recently got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. He is seen here, left, getting the award from Grifton Lodge Master Bruce Cannon. — Truman Webber



KANNAPOLIS — On November 6, James Shelton Brooks, right, received his Diamond Jubilee celebrating his 60 years as a Mason. The Cannon Memorial 626 member accepted the award from Secretary Ken Davis. — Ken Davis



WAXHAW — Jeff Blythe, left, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. He is seen here with his wife Joyce and 2012 Waxhaw 562 Master John Godfrey. Blythe served four times as master and has been tyler for about 15 years. — Richard Shields



Laurinburg — Harold C. Gibson, of Laurinburg 305, got his Diamond Jubilee award honoring his 60 years as a Mason November 6. Gibson is a Joseph Montfort Award winner in addition to serving as master of the lodge, as secretary for 24 years, as treasurer for nine, and as DDGM of the old 30th Masonic District. Laurinburg Lodge Master Jason Butler is seen here making the presentation. — Rick Best



GRIFTON — Service awards were recently presented at Grifton 243. William E. Rasberry got his Diamond Jubilee saluting his 60 years as a Mason. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership went to Robert Taylor and Calvin Cameron. Seen here, from left, are Sixth District Deputy Grand Master Charles Smithwick Jr., PDDGM Bennie Heath, Taylor, Rasberry, Cameron, and Grifton Lodge Master Bruce Cannon. — Truman Webber



WILLIAMSTON — Skewarkee 90 presented service awards November 27. Thomas B. Brandon Jr., center, received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. First District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson, right, made the presentation. Also recognized, but not present, were Benjamin U. Bunting (for 60 years) and Charles L. Atkinson Jr. (for 50 years). Seen here, from left, are Fifth District Deputy Grand Lecturer Jim Sanderlin, Skewarkee Master Robbie Whitaker, Brandon, Brandon's wife Lib, and Johnson. — Jim Sanderlin

Larry Staley photo

Randy Hill photo

Camp Rainbow invites Masons to visit



FOSCOE — Nestled here in the Smokey Mountains, in the shadow of Grandfather Mountain, is found Camp Rainbow for Girls and Boys. The 59 acres of fun was bought by the Eastern Star in 1953. The campus has a pool, tennis courts, a ropes course, miniature golf, and its own chapel. They have recently completed modernizing facilities.

A special day has been set for you to get to know the camp. May 4 will be Masonic Fun Day at Camp Rainbow. There'll be a barbecue

lunch at 1:00 p.m. For those wishing to stay overnight, local motels are available. Rooms are reserved under Camp Rainbow at Super 8 Motel (828) 264-4133, just call and give your name and credit card.

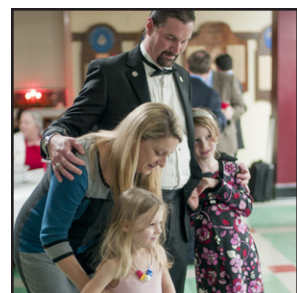
This camp is operated to give girls and boys age 9-17 exposure to a variety of supervised activities while allowing them the chance to enjoy each other and establish lasting relationships.

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All three North Carolina born presidents were Masons. They are memorialized here on the State Capitol Square in Raleigh.
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Merli porcelain is a Masonic treasure

By Michael Brantley

North Carolina's Grand Lodge is the proud possessor of two works of art thanks to a gift from Past Grand Master Harvey Wade Smith. The Beaufort resident passed away in 1976 and served as North Carolina's grand master 1960-1961.

One is the late Renaissance painting "The Building of King Solomon's Temple" by the Flemish artist Stradanus. In 1972, Smith gave the Grand Lodge a capo-di-monte porcelain grouping "The Last Supper" by the 20th century artist, Bruno Merli of Milan, Italy. There is a story, perhaps apocryphal, that Smith found the porcelain piece in New Orleans, Louisiana and, because of its extremely delicate condition, had it shipped to North Carolina in a taxi.

This magnificent porcelain sculpture in the capo-di-monte (mountain top) 18th century rococo style originally made in the Kingdom of Naples, measures 36 inches in length, 18 inches in width, and 17 1/2 inches in height. It is based loosely on Leonardo da Vinci's famed "Last Supper," painted 1495-1498, on the refectory wall of the Monastery of Santa Maria delle Grazie in what was then the Duchy of Milan. Like da Vinci's, Merli's concept of the event, contrary to most other de-

pictions of the last supper, is not concerned with the institution of the Eucharist, that relatively calm scene surrounding the giving of the bread and wine. Rather it is based on the passage that occurs in the Gospel of John, chapter 13, verse 21, in which Christ says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me." This situa-

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