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John Moore brings back your fun

By Ric Carter

GREENVILLE — “Border to border, coast to coast, and all around the world, we finally made it to Friday night! It’s the “Sock Hop” on WNCT!” booms from your speaker.

If you’re hearing that, it’s Friday evening, 6:00 o’clock (ET), and you’re listening to someone you regard as a friend, John Moore the host of one of North Carolina’s most popular radio shows. Regulars from all over the country tune in by radio and the Internet each week.

It’s comfort food for the ears. In a time when radio dissects its audiences into smaller and smaller constituencies, the Sock Hop aims broad.

Moore says, “[Our music is] all ‘50s and ‘60s with an emphasis on ‘62 plus. We have an amazing mix of listeners. We have one of the biggest concentrations of black audience outside urban music stations.”

If you’re not a child of the 1960s who loves music, you may know John instead from “Carolina Outdoor Journal.” He and Joe Albea co-host North Carolina Public Television’s premier

sportsman’s broadcast. They are now entering their 20th year on the air.

What you may not know is that Moore, born in Hookerton and raised in Farmville, is a Mason. He’s a member of Farmville 517 and Jerusalem 95 (his grandfather’s lodge).

Moore never intended a broadcast career. On his way to a job interview elsewhere more than 40 years ago, he dropped by WNCT’s Greenville offices/studio to see a friend. When the station manager learned Moore had a First Class Radio License, he was invited into the office for a chat. He’s been broadcasting on radio and television ever since.

“I was lucky. I went through AM radio when it was the Boss Format. That was the last great format in radio. I came through the days of pioneering FM radio when you needed a converter [to pick up the stations].”

John also worked local television. While working on Carolina Today, WNCT-TV’s

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Farmville 517’s John Moore is at home in the studio, be it WNCT’s radio studios (above) spinning tunes on “Sock Hop” or talking fishing in WUNC-TV’s sound stages (left) with Joe Albea on “Carolina Sportsman’s Journal.”



Tennessee’s GL marks 200 years

Knoxville — Once upon a time, North Carolina extended all the way to the Mississippi River. Then, after the American Revolution, the part from the mountains to the Mississippi was broken off to form the Tennessee Territory. Our Grand Lodge had already chartered a number of lodges in the territory. From 1803 to 1813, we operated under the name Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee.

By 1813, there were enough lodges operating in Tennessee to sustain a grand lodge of their own. Our Grand Lodge passed a resolution regarding forming such a grand lodge to our west. Some say we chartered them. Others say we gave them our blessing to form their own grand lodge by convention. The effect was the same — the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was formed in 1813.

They are celebrating their bicentennial through 2013. Earlier this year, Grand Master Dewey Preslar and a contingent of representatives from North Carolina visited Knoxville to present a special gift. Raleigh calligrapher Don King did a special commission, hand lettering and decorating a copy of the resolution first delivered to the Volunteer State.

— Ric Carter



Grand Lodge awards grants

RALEIGH — The Grand Lodge awarded eight scholarships this year. The \$1,000 scholarships go to North Carolina high school seniors who are college bound.

This year’s recipients are Brianna N. Russo, David W. Butler High, Matthews; Whitney L. O’Quinn, Lee Christian School, Sanford; Brian P. Rische, Weddington High, Matthews; Diana Perez, Ocracoke High, Ocracoke; Katherine M. Starnes, South Rowan High, China Grove; Jacob M. Simpson, Surry Early College High, Dobson; Sierra N. Garrison, North Buncombe High, Weaverville; and Ronnie L. Tackett, Lincoln High, Lincolnton.

If you know a graduating senior who could use some college help, applications for the scholarship are posted on the Grand Lodge website early each year. They are usually due in mid-March.

DESIGNS UPON OUR TRESTLE BOARD



Own and deliver your Masonry

By Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Grand Master

Brethren, I speak often about the advice which I received from a past grand master about having fun this year. I am having the time of my life, but it is not without a few bumps in the road well-traveled.

We have had a busy month in May. Our first Fun Day at Camp Rainbow was well attended, even though it was a cool and damp day. At Oxford, we celebrated with our seven graduating seniors at a special dinner, and dedicated the last of the seven cottages built some twelve years ago. Our 100-year celebration continued at WhiteStone with a recent Family Day in Greensboro. We completed the twenty-six district meetings on May 15 at my home lodge in Salisbury, Andrew Jackson 576. Also, from my viewpoint, it appears that the Pig Jig in Raleigh was well attended and a huge success.

It has been a wonderful journey across this beautiful state of ours, meeting and making new friends, and celebrating our Masonry. I can’t claim that I have traveled from Murphy to Manteo, as the old saying goes, but I can lay claim from Robbinston to Elizabeth City. I again thank the lodges that hosted the district

meetings and the courtesies extended to me.

During my conversations, I have been talking about the wages that I am being paid as grand master. Let me explain what I mean by that. I recently visited with a Brother who was very ill. There was a concern that he didn’t have much time left, so my visit was to be a surprise. When he heard my voice at his back door, he called out, “Let the grand master in.”

I spent about an hour and a half with our Brother, which was most enjoyable as we talked about our love and passion for our fraternity. I share this with you as I received the best thank you note I have ever received. He couldn’t believe that the grand master could take time out of his busy schedule and spend so much time with him. Brethren, I was reminded how we are taught to divide our time. I just wish that I could have stayed longer. He ended up in a nursing home, and I had the opportunity to visit with him once again. Our Brother has since passed to that House not made by hands, but I will forever cherish his kindness and note. My friends, my wages have been paid in full by this Brother.

Our Brother’s kindness is only one of the many examples of how our wages are being paid. The number of children in our care at Oxford is the highest that it has been in recent years. We continue to provide for our fraternally-related Brothers and

Sisters at WhiteStone, and I understand that our fundraising efforts have increased to support our charities. Thanks to all individuals and lodges who have worked harder this year to cause this to happen. Let’s keep this going to become even bigger and better each year.

At the district meetings, we talked about reversing the trend of loss in membership. We lost some 1,130 members for nonpayment of dues last year. If we could have cut that number in half, we would have had a net gain in 2012. That would have been an example of causing an extraordinary outcome in our work. Another example: twenty percent of our new initiates were not passed to the Fellow Craft degree. Just imagine the outcome that could have been produced with an improvement in these numbers.

Brethren, we also talked at the district meetings about the need to enroll and engage others in our cause to produce an extraordinary outcome in our Masonry. We talked about the need to cause and inspire passion. Yes, here I go again... are we drawing plans upon our trestle boards to produce an extraordinary outcome for our beloved fraternity? How are our fundraising efforts going for our charities in your lodge, and are we doing it for the fellowship? Are we inspiring and causing passion in our work, and are our wages being paid in full? Lastly, are we all “owning and delivering our Masonry?”

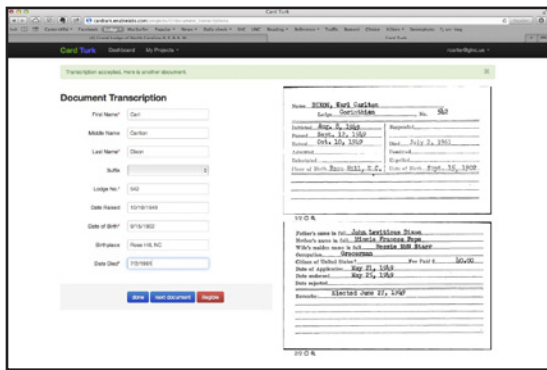
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

You can help make history reachable

RALEIGH — Card Turk is here! If you've wanted to be part of a major Masonic project that is both historic and historical, now's your chance!

Back around the turn of the last century, the Grand Lodge began tracking state-wide membership on three-by-five-inch index cards. About the same time, a passion for our history led to combing all the annual returns of the lodges back to the beginnings of the Grand Lodge in 1787. For each person found in those records, a card was created with as much information as could be culled from the early records. It was only in 1995 that records moved to a digital database format. Only Masons active at the time had their record digitized. The members of more distant history, about 200,000 of them, were left tracked only on the index cards.

Talks of a dream project began with Enable Labs, the same company which builds and maintains MORI, the database web application the Grand Lodge and your lodge secretary use for membership records. The dream was to be



able to search all the members in the history of our Grand Lodge.

Step one was completed more than a year ago with the scanning of the entire card catalog. Two pictures of each card were made, one front, one back.

Step two was the creation of crowd sourcing application that could gather enough information from each card to make them searchable. That application, Card Turk, is now running. Testers are being added weekly, and we expect to be running at full force very soon.

Step three will be a searchable database. You type in a name and a date, and you are returned pictures of all the cards matching that search. The data will also be integrated into MORI allow lodges to have access to every member ever in their lodge.

You can find instructions and tips on the Card Turk Facebook page <<https://www.facebook.com/CardTurk>>. That will be our rally area to discuss ideas, problems, and solutions. You'll find sign up instructions there. Join us, be part of history.



Green Lodge breaks its chicken record

RALEIGH — Eyes may have been a little wide when Chairman Don Steichen challenged the James B. Green 735's barbecue crew to sell 600 plates in their annual chicken fundraiser. It was more than they ever had sold before. The grill was on at 5:00 A.M., and the whole operation was closed down at 7:00 P.M. Grill Master Richard Eddins and his cook crew of three cooked 624 half chickens, a new record for them. According to Lodge Master Joe Teague, "Our reputation for good food keeps pulling folks in. Our mission is to give our membership a chance to excel together and give the community a chance to know James B. Green Lodge just as GM Preslar has challenged us."



NASCAR's tough fans include Crainshaw

KANNAPOLIS — After appearing in a television commercial, Randy Crainshaw may not qualify as a superstar, but clearly he makes superfan. NASCAR likes Randy Crainshaw's garage/man cave. It's Crainshaw's shrine to Dale Earnhardt and his renowned #3.

NASCAR released the ad for their Nationwide Series in February featuring Austin Dillon #3 and the pressure that comes from carrying the legendary number. It begins panning through pictures of superfans of Earnhardt. One is Randy Crainshaw sitting among his dozens of #3 souvenirs.

The voice over says, "It's not just a number, it's history. It's a symbol for a great man who did great things."

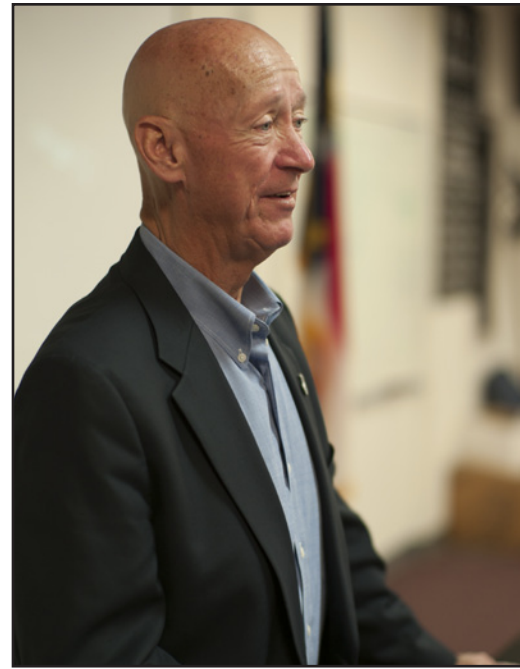
"And Austin Dillon doesn't want to erase that, he wants to add to it."

"The NASCAR Nationwide Series on ESPN. Names Are Made Here."

You can see it here: <http://youtu.be/Faw6Zm_hVv0>.

Randy is secretary of Allen Graham 695 and a member Knights of Solomon 764.

Surles named Montfort Medalist



TRENTON — Grand Master Robert E. Gresham Jr. visited Zion 81 to present Johnny Surles the Joseph Montfort Medal for outstanding service to the Masonic fraternity.

Surles is a past grand tyler and district deputy grand master. He was master of Zion Lodge in 1984 and 2007. He has been one of the organizers of several Grand Lodge officer installations and has been central to organizing the recent expansion of Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children to include Masons, a Shrine parade, and many new activities.

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.

Ric Carter photo

A heritage of religious liberty

By Gene Hutloff

During the course of its history, Freemasonry has gone from explicitly Christian in its operative days to implicitly Christian, during the emergence from its operative to its speculative stages during the formative years of the first grand lodges, then through the era of schism and reconstitution, eventuating in the formation of the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE).

As the Craft spread to the European continent, thence to America and the far flung reaches of the British Empire, the whole question of admitting non-Christians, became increasingly problematic — more so for Hindus, Buddhists, Zoroastrians, and Confucianists, less so for Jews and Muslims, i.e., People of the Book. It was even suggested by some Masonic writers that there be separate lodges for each faith tradition — some Jewish, some Muslim, some Hindu, etc. This was subsequently dealt with, in 1842, by the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of the UGLE, who proclaimed that no man should be denied consideration for candidacy based solely on his religion, it being required that the aspirant simply affirm his belief in a Supreme Being. In diverse places and at some times, a further affirmation of belief in an afterlife or the immortality of the soul was also required, but with considerable variation.

Besides Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims, yet another category of men, separated but not unrelated to the aforementioned religions, had been affiliating with the Craft during the century leading up to the Revival of 1717; these were the free thinkers, philosophers. Deists, and Uni-

tarians who, although many maintained a church affiliation, were able to affirm in good faith that their belief in a Supreme Being proceeded from a rational consideration of the works of the Great Creator, both in nature and in the moral law implanted in the hearts of all men. Classic examples of this category of Mason are Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire, both honored as giants of Freemasonry, and generally considered to be indispensable men in the evolution of the Fraternity, from the 1717 Revival to the present. Many of them considered themselves to be Christian on account of the moral precepts to be found in the Volume of the Sacred Law, without necessarily subscribing to the dogmas instituted by the various sects of Protestant Christendom and enforced by the power of the State. Say what one will about the heterodoxy of these free thinkers, both Masonic and profane, civilization owes its heritage of religious liberty to the likes of Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine.

Gene Hutloff was grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

— Arizona Masonry, March/April 2010



In the 1800s, several grand lodges established Masonic colleges. The most successful of which was in Hannibal, MS in 1847. Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Georgia all tried it but all were eventually closed due to lack of support. North Carolina's St. John's College became the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford.

— Alphonse Cerza

Policeman visited by child he saved

STANLEY — Last year, Stanley Police Chief Derek Summey (a member of Stanley 713) embraced the 7-week-old boy he helped save a week before. Ethan Varner, the infant son of Nicholas Varner and Kayla Scruggs, lay in the arms of Summey at the Stanley Police station as the child's family looked on in amazement at the child's recovery.

In May, Scruggs and her mother were taking Ethan Varner to Charlotte because of the infant's troubled breathing. When the child completely stopped breathing, they spotted Summey in front of the police station and stopped their vehicle, desperately looking for someone to help. Summey was in civilian clothing and headed to lunch, but a dead battery in his vehicle had caused a delay.

Although they did not know Summey was an officer, they placed the infant in his arms. He removed Varner's shirt and gave him four or five rounds of 30 chest compressions. He also used a defibrillator while another person in the department called for help.

Varner was treated and released from a Charlotte hospital. The child is now attached to a device monitoring his heart rate and breathing. Summey refers to helping save the infant as "the best feeling" he's had in his 15-year career in law enforcement.

Scruggs said she will tell her son about his near-death encounter someday and the hero who stepped in during their moment of need.

— Wade Allen, *The Gaston Gazette*



Andrew McNair, a Philadelphia Mason, rang the Liberty bell in Independence Hall of July 8, 1776 to call the people together to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The bell developed a crack when it was rung for the death of Chief Justice Marshall, past grand master of Virginia.

— Alphonse Cerza

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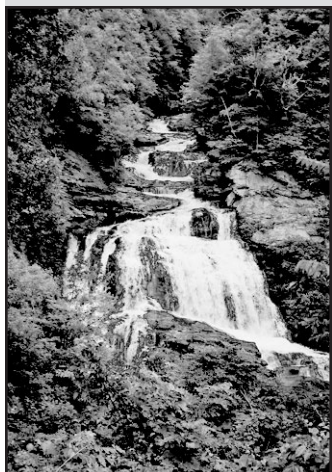


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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Clayton

Granite 191's Chuck Coats spent two years working up a program on finding our Masonic ritual in the *Holy Bible*. And, he's all about sharing it. He spent the month of March touring the 16th Masonic District presenting his experience and findings with most of the lodges there.

DDGM David Ellis was inspired by Coats' example. Ellis asked his lodges to look among their members for similar opportunities. "Each lodge has at least one knowledgeable brother who may be willing to prepare one or two 10-15 minute programs to share at his own lodge and then with at least two other lodges in the district."

— David Ellis

Wilson

The Annual Area Masonic Blood Drive was being held here at the Wilson County Shrine Club on August 8. Area lodges wishing to participate are welcomed. Last year seven lodges took part and collected 44 pints. Bradley Moore is coordinating.

— David Ellis

Selma

Selma 320 held a cookout featuring hot dogs and hamburgers before their April stated communication. They finished the meal off with blueberry dumpcake and ice cream.

At that meeting, Joe Carter from Selma Parks and Recreation talked with them about renting the lodge yard for the town's Endless Yard Sale event in June.

The lodge is holding a raffle to support their scholarship program. The prizes this year are a 42-inch television, a Galaxy tablet, and a \$25 gift card. Chances are five dollars each.

— Virgil Yansome

Kannapolis

Allen-Graham 695 have set their Ladies' Night Banquet for November 17.

— Wallace Sheppard

Cannon Memorial 626 participated in the local Relay for Life again this year. Last year was their first time helping out. They helped raise \$30,000 last year to fight cancer.

— Thomas Van Etten

Gastonia

March 30 was the pickup day for Gastonia 369's Boston butt sale. Butts were \$25 and special sauce was seven bucks. The lodge's charity breakfast was set for April 20. It was to aid our Masonic Homes.

Members of the lodge were being reminded to contact brothers they hadn't seen lately and invite them out to a lodge meeting.

— Rick Clanton

King Solomon 704 was heading up Team Gastonia Freemasons at the April 26 Relay for Life. They were bringing a canopy to shelter team members.

— Chris Hall

A number of service awards have been handed out by King Solomon 704. Charles W. Eggers got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. For their 50 years membership, George R. Gottschall and Robert A. Grant were honored with Veteran's Emblems. Tim Daniels was named Treasurer of Distinction and Frank Smith was named Tyler of Distinction. Chaplain Bill Wiggins was recognized with a Resolution of Appreciation.

June is expected to be hopping for King Solomon Lodge. Their annual lodge cookout is set for June 18 at Riverwood Plantation Clubhouse, and they are having a breakfast and Past Masters Master Mason Degree June 22.

Coming up November 2, the lodge is sponsoring a Private Pheasant Tower Shoot at Poplar Springs Farm in Shelby. Tickets are \$250 and 32 must be sold to hold the event. Two hundred pheasants will be released. Retrieving dogs and pickup men will be furnished, as will a country style buffet lunch. Call Scott Queen for details (704) 860-9443.

— The Plumb Line

Ranger

Montgomery 426 was holding their blood drive March 18.

— 41st Masonic District

On March 23, the children of western Cherokee County were being invited to the Ranger Community Center for an Easter Egg Scramble. Montgomery Lodge sponsors the fun.

— Brian Rau

Spencer

At Spencer 543, they never stop collecting school supplies for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. They are currently pushing zip up binders, whiteout pens, correction tape, index cards, mechanical pencils, and tab dividers. They are also collecting bottle caps and box flaps from Coke products to trade for gifts for the annual pool party at the Home. They've already collected enough sandwich makers and flatware for each of the cottages.

— On the Square

Marble

Marble Springs 439 hosted its 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year. They invite the whole community to this event at the Old Coats American Baseball Field on Easter Sunday.

The lodge's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was set for March 23.

— Brian Rau

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 had two special guests present a program April 18. Former NC Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. and NC Supreme Court Public Information Officer Dick Ellis came to share stories about Masonry and other adventures. Both are Raleigh Masons, Ellis in Hiram 40 and Lake in Raleigh 500.

— Keith Brinson

Carthage

Cathage 181 recently had their best fundraiser in years bringing in \$2,100 for the Masonic Home for Children.

Their Past Masters' and Awards Night was set for June 28. Grand Master Dewey Preslar was to present service awards for them.

Wes McIntyre was elected to honorary membership in Carthage Lodge in January.

— Trestle Board



Grand master gets a Facebook page

You can follow Grand Master Dewey Preslar as he travels this year. He's as close as Facebook. You can "friend" him here: <https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeNC>. You must have a Facebook account of your own to follow this site.

Kernersville

Things are busy, busy, busy at Kernersville 669. They had a lodge cleanup/maintenance day March 30. There was a spaghetti supper fundraiser April 13, and in May, they were doing their roadside pickup. They are already looking forward to their September 29 lunch with the kids at the Masonic Home for Children.

— Masonic Lodge News

Warsaw

Just in time for their annual spaghetti luncheon, Warsaw 677 finished the remodeling of their kitchen. They've replaced the floor covering, added a new wall cabinet, put on a fresh coat of paint, and rearranged the appliances.

— Warsaw Lodge

Charlotte

Mint Hill 742 held their Awards Night May 2. Denny Allen (aka Boogie Walker) entertained. Mint Hill's spring fish fry fundraiser was reportedly their "most successful ever." John Bunting organized and facilitated it.

— Mint Hill Lodge

On April 6, Derita 715 held a cleaning day to prepare for their April 19 Annual Chicken Fry Fundraiser.

— Derita Lodge

Charles M. Setzer 693 Senior Warden Keny Barnette was asking his lodge members to volunteer to become catechism coaches. It's no wonder they need them. By early April, they had 14 candidates doing degree work and a new one waiting for initiation.

Setzer Lodge repeated their beach home vacation raffle this year.

— Trestleboard

East Gate 692 was to hold their barbecue fundraiser April 27.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Steele Creek 737 had May 18 as the set date for their Annual Fish Fry and Car Show Charity Fundraiser. Top notch hot rods and antique cars and fried flounder sound like an excellent way to spend a day.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Mooresville

Richard's Coffee Shop here provides a place for veterans to gather and enjoy camaraderie. It also serves as a museum of memorabilia from all conflicts. On Thursdays, they offer free coffee. It's free music on Saturdays. Mooresville 496 recently donated \$500 to support those programs. There were 75 Masons and veterans on hand for the presentation.

— David Wendt

Raleigh

Don Steichen has been assigned to be membership officer for James B. Green 735. He coordinates a new program in which each officer of the lodge is given eight to ten lodge members to keep up with. They call them regularly and check on how the lodge is suiting their needs. They also make sure that the lodge has current contact information.

Michael Thompson has relit the stained glass over the front door at Green Lodge.

Joel Liptak, from J. J. Crowder 743, took the honors when James B. Green 735 held their fifth annual Chili Cook off in February. The trophy is named in honor of "legendary JBG cook extraordinaire Pumpkin Truelove."

Jimmy and Sheila Lassiter organized the lodge's March Ladies' Night. The Karen Pahl Trio entertained.

— James B. Green Scene

Kinston

St. John's 4 held their Second Annual Cornhole Tournament May 4 during Kinston's Festival on the Neuse. They were holding it beside the CSS Neuse, a great location for being noticed.

They were also raffling a cornhole board set to the serious fans of the game. The set was donated by Gary Green and the tickets by Bobby and Chris Rouse. Proceeds were to go to the Masonic Home for Children.

On a recent visit to Richard Caswell 705, St. John's 4 took the Tenth District traveling gavel.

— Lynn Hill

St. John's 4 celebrated their Ladies' and Awards Night May 10. Herbert G. McCue and Horace W. Taylor got their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years in the lodge.

— The Trestleboard

Southern Pines

The R. C. Yoder Memorial Scholarship is a center of activity for Southern Pines 484. Each year, it goes to a graduating senior from nearby Union Pines or Pinecrest High School. The 2013 award was to be presented on May 4 at Pinewild Country Club in Pinehurst. Pinewild is the same place they will play a golf tournament fundraiser for the scholarship August 10. Other fundraisers for the grant are Southern Pines' Springfest which was held April 27 and their regular first Saturday Fellowship Breakfasts.

On April 6, Southern Pines raised their local fire chief. Getting members in local emergency services departments often leads to growing membership.

— The Trestle Board

Manteo

The Second Masonic District is unique in the state. It has only three lodges, and they are stretched in a long north/south string along the Outer Banks — our longest, narrowest district. Only in that district do you have to schedule School of Instruction according to a ferry channel being reopened. Manteo 521, Cape Hatteras 698, and Ocracoke 747 are in the district.

Manteo 521 has a casual attire rule. It is a very workable policy for a lodge at the beach, frequently visited by tourists.

They're getting ready to replace the columns on the front porch of Manteo Lodge. They're expecting to spend \$9,000.

They were holding their annual charity fundraiser at Applebee's in Nags Head on April 27. Profits were to go to the Masonic Homes.

— More Light

Winston-Salem

Salem 289 had their Family Picnic set for May 18 under the covered pavilion at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. Facilities included several playgrounds, tennis courts, and a kitchen. They were cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and bringing pot luck dishes.

On April 19, they were heading over for some minor league baseball with the Winston-Salem Dash. Happily, it was one of their Thirsty Thursday promotions.

Eleven past masters attended Salem Lodge's March 5 Past Masters' Night. The steak dinner was enjoyed by 40 attendees. Carroll Simmons and James King were presented Diamond Jubilees for their 60 years lodge membership. Wayne Redman got his 50-year Veteran's Emblem.

Salem Lodge got a pleasant surprise when they showed up to do their Adopt-A-Street clean up. Waiting to help them were the Masonic family kids from the local DeMolay and Rainbow groups. Accompanying them was Alan Willard, from Old Town 751 where the kids hold their meetings.

— The Salem Sentinel

Tyler Leinbach, son of Old Town 751 member Todd Leinbach, expects to be in the Guinness World Record listing shortly. He shot 25 clicks in 37.2 seconds. See the feat here: <http://youtu.be/kxUPHmzNYIk>.

After giving the carpets at Old Town a good looking over, the lodge decided that a good cleaning would take care of things for the entry way and social hall.

— On the Level at Old Town Lodge

Thomasville

Softball is big at Thomasville 217 these days. They had a good experience sponsoring a tournament last year and are repeating their efforts. On March 16, they were hosting a co-ed outlaw tournament at Hughes Park. A Masonic State Tournament is set for August with qualifiers in April and June. They are all fundraisers for Masonic charities.

Thomasville's Brunswick Stew brought in \$1,100 this year.

In April, Rick Smith made a presentation to the lodge about the Masonic landmarks.

— Trestle Board

Roseboro

May 25 is the scheduled date for the Ray Hales Bluegrass and Gospel Festival. Roseboro 585 sponsors the fundraiser. G. W. Hall has bought a new banner for advertising the event.

Roseboro Lodge's Widows' Night Supper was attended by about 25 people. Four of their six known widows were on hand.

Watch for their Pancake Breakfast fundraiser October 5.

— Roseboro Lodge

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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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In 1996, he started "Sock Hop," his current Friday night hit.

Moore arrives at the radio station a couple of hours before the show starts. He scurries around the studio arranging his recordings, request faxes, and play lists, at the same time he is on the phone recording some of the show's commercials which will appear that night. His patter with advertisers is the same as that with fans who will be calling in within minutes — laughing and making small talk while they do business.

Then, just before his 6:00 o'clock launch, the phone board lights up. The madness begins. All are vying to get a favorite song or anniversary or birthday mentioned on air. Moore looks like a juggler handling the computers and switches and scraps of paper and CDs needed for the evening's show.

From behind a large smile, Moore says, "My job here when those hands are straight up and down at 6:00 is to make people forget about everything in the world except being 17 years old. For five solid hours, that's my job."

WNCT Sales Manager Lisa McHugh says, "The show brings people back to a time that makes them feel comfortable. They have fun. It becomes a date for them every Friday night." The show has a healthy racial mix in its audience. Many listeners are from the day before radio was carved up into smaller and more targeted audiences. They grew up on AM and top-40 radio which mixed music and hits from black and white, country and rock, instrumental and pop cultures. Sock Hop is one of old

radio's last bastions in a business that now disregards broad audiences.

"I'm lucky that the station lets me do this," smiles Moore.

Computers and the Internet have contributed greatly to "Sock Hop's" widespread popularity. According to Moore, "Computer listening is important now. A lady from Polson, Montana was a truck driver. She heard about us from her brother in Raleigh who found us on the radio. She started telling people about it at truck stops. Now we have passionate listeners from as far away as Seattle WA, Scottsdale AZ, Amarillo TX, Pensacola FL, Virginia, Maryland, just all over, who tune in on Friday nights."

Requests pour in over the phone lines, fax, and email from all over the country.

What brought John Moore to Freemasonry? "In 1996, I became a Mason because the Shriners had been so kind to me and my family when my daughter was born with spina bifida. I sought to find out what I could do to return the favors that the Shriners had done for us. So, when we would go to Shrine Children's Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina, I found that the route to the Shrine was through the Masons."

"As luck would have it, my next door neighbor [the late John Turner Walston] was a Mason and was later my coach." Moore is very active in Sudan Shrine. Both his sons are Masons.

Summer, his late daughter, died on John's 40th birthday, three days after he returned to the States from Operation Desert Storm. John and his family went on to help create the Summer Moore Children's Center in Greenville. The center is a private, nonprofit health and education agency serving children from seven counties in the east in cooperation with Easter Seals.

Moore is in the Shaggers Hall of Fame, has been named Outstanding Pitt Community College Alumnus, received North Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and is serving his second term as a Farmville town commissioner.



The Macon Brothers of Wake Forest

WAKE FOREST — The Macon Brothers were recently honored by Wake Forest 282. Between them they have more than 230 years Masonic experience with three Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership and one Veteran's Emblem for 50 years. Seen here, from left, are Horace (60), John (60), Dan (60), and George (50). It's a truly great record of family service to the Craft.

— David Davis

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Wendell

Wendell 565 was having a defibrillator demonstration March 12. They were doing an officer advance night the same evening to advance their training.

They're celebrating Past Masters' Night April 13. Steak and baked potato head the menu.

— Raymond Burch

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 has been helping with Special Olympics for ten years now. On April 26, they prepared 600 meals for the athletes, coaches, and helpers.

In January, Semper Fi Lodge hosted their Onslow County Masonic Scholarship Visitation to feed the fund. They collected more than \$1,100.

Semper Fidelis continues to hold a pair of monthly events. On third Saturdays, they have a breakfast, and on second Saturdays they have their ladies' night out.

— Trestle Board

Murphy

Cherokee 146 was holding their Sixth Annual Ramp Festival April 20. They host the celebration of the little onion at the L & N Depot here every year. They feature bluegrass music and a menu of "ramps, taters, barbecue, and slaw."

— Brian Rau

West Jefferson

Ashe 594 held their annual Hoedown and Pinto Bean Supper at the Ashe Shrine Club on April 20.

— Richard Edmondson

Asheville

Mount Hermon 118 continues to collect canned goods for Manna Food Bank.

In April, the lodge was planning a fun evening at the Civic Center to see a Roller Derby Girls game.

— Ron Lambe

Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 was holding their Spring Cooking April 12. On April 27, they were having their golf tournament.

— Trestle Board

Plymouth

Perseverance 59 held a raffle in April. Five-dollar tickets got you a chance to win a Mossberg 500 shotgun or a Stevens 320 shotgun or \$100. Proceeds went to the Masonic Home for Children.

— Keith Phelps

Albemarle

On March 9, Albemarle 703 held their 12th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast. From 6:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M., you could stuff yourself with pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, orange juice, milk, and coffee. Proceeds went to the Masonic Homes.

— Joseph Glen Faulkner

Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 154 last year began to help with Spencer 543's Back to School Pool Party at the Home for Children.

Roof repairs seem on the horizon for 154. Plan now for the time your lodge will face that.

— From the East

Greensboro

Guilford 656 hosted past Grand Historian Michael Brantley April 15. He taught the lodge about the history and origins of the Third Degree.

— Guilford Lodge

Gate City 694 was joined by Revolution 552 in cooking barbecue for Family Day at WhiteStone (Masonic and Eastern Star Home) May 11.

Gate City Lodge did their Adopt-A-Street patrol March 23 and helped with the Arthur Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament May 13. The lodge's hot dog, hamburger, and homemade ice cream supper was set for June 15.

— Gary Ballance

Huntersville

Long Creek 205 was hosting the 31st Masonic District's blood drive on April 9.

That was just three days after their Fish Fry.

— Gary Cooke

Paw Creek

West Gate 738 held their Past Masters' Night April 8. They served barbecue before the degree.

— Gary Cooke

Statesville

April 19 and 20 were the dates for Statesville 27's annual Pancake Jamboree. For \$7.50 you get all the pancakes, sausage, and drinks you want for the Friday night supper session or the Saturday morning festivities. Proceeds were for the Masonic Home for Children.

— The Joppa Informer

Pineville

James K. Polk 759 was holding their annual fish fry May 11. They had their Community Breakfast and Blood Drive March 2.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Matthews

Matthews 461's 18th Annual Golf Classic was set for April 19 at Stonebridge County Club.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Newell

April 13 was the time for Newell 739's Breakfast for the Charities.

— Mint Hill Lodge

Kenly

To help their area scholarship and other Masonic charities, Kenly 257 held their annual Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser on April 21.

— Ryan Price

Canton

Sonoma 472 then had the Sterling Melton Traveling Gavel in their possession. They were taunting area lodges to take back.

— Mike Hooper

Fayetteville

Creasy Proctor 679 sent out raffle tickets to all their members in April for their upcoming fundraiser.

— Derek Proctor

Southport

Pythagoras 249 added \$100 to a Southport Elementary School PTA project to honor teachers for their extra efforts.

— Jim Griffith



Rowan scholars named

SALISBURY — The Rowan County Masonic Scholarship Fund awarded three \$1,000 scholarships in 2013. They went to Connor Bost who is headed to Appalachian State University, UNC-Charlotte bound Graham Lyerly, and Katherine Starnes who will be attending Belmont Abbey College.

The Rowan County Masonic Scholarship Fund is an endowment administered by the county's six Masonic lodges: Fulton 99, Andrew Jackson 576, Scotch Ireland 154, Eureka 283, Spencer 543, and Keller Memorial 657. The scholarship is open to any resident of Rowan County pursuing higher education at an accredited institution. Since its inception in 1988, the fund has awarded more than 70 scholarships valued at over \$42,000.

— Dave Potts



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Lodge and America offer refuge

CHARLOTTE — On December 15, 2012, Temple 676 installed Matofam Eric Tamandja as its treasurer for 2013. Brother Tamandja was born in 1971 in Togo, Africa, and was initiated and passed in a regular lodge in that country.

Tamandja was elected to Togo's national legislature and served as alternate speaker of Parliament until 2004. That year, a heated political disagreement ensued followed by a hostile takeover of Togo by its military leader. An attempt was made on Brother Tamandja's life after he spoke publicly in disagreement with the new president over the use of land and the president's plan to forcibly remove people living there in order to create a personal hunting reserve. Fearing for his life and the safety of his family, Tamandja left Togo for the United States by way of Canada, where his native language, French, is spoken.

When Tamandja arrived in North Carolina, he immediately began searching for a lodge in which to complete his degrees. He found his way to Temple 676 in Charlotte. He insisted on receiving his first and second degrees again in his new lodge and was elected to receive the degrees in 2007. He passed proficiency on all his catechisms in English.

Tamandja began his quest for US residency in 2004. After eight years, multiple attempts, and great expense, Tamandja finally became a legal resident of the United States in November. Tamandja, married with two children, is finally in a position to seek gainful employment worthy of his education and credentials, and is now pursuing a master's degree in business administration.

Tamandja is the first African American to be initiated, passed, and raised, and elected to office in Temple Lodge. — Tim Counts III



First District extends a helping hand

By Phil Johnson

SOUTH MILLS — It all started with a simple comment made after the closing charge was given at a stated communication at New Lebanon 314. A Mason was in need of assistance. Within a few days, the First Masonic District had met to develop plans to help.

At 5:30 A.M. on Saturday November 10, 15 Masons from five of the eight lodges in the district gathered to fire up the cookers that would supply chicken plates.

At 10:00 A.M., more members arrived to take up money and park cars for the truck pull set for the day. Soon, a second shift of Masons joined by the Newland Ruritan Club arrived to prepare and distribute 1,500 plates over the next seven hours. More crews of volunteers showed up to staff the truck pull.

The Newland 4-H sold tickets during the day for a raffle of items donated by Dennis Anderson of Grave Digger Fame. The 4-H team as well as the winner of the raffle donated all monies to the fund raiser. More than 70 members from all eight of the district's lodges, including seven of the eight presiding masters, came to help. Seventeen hours after their start, the Masons left the grounds to go home, mission accomplished, Brother aided.



Rolesville makes a super Sunday for our kids

OXFORD — In a fourth consecutive year, members of Rolesville 683 traveled to the Masonic Home for Children on Super Bowl Sunday to provide a super supper for the kids. This year's super feast included chicken wings, French fries, onion rings, cakes, pies, and cookies. Many of the lodge's newest Masons made their first trip and toured the Home prior to cooking and watching the big game. Getting the newest members of the lodge to visit and take part was important to event organizers W. G. Arnold and Jerry Rose. Members of Rolesville Lodge were joined by their families to provide, cook, and serve the meal prior to the Super Bowl for the children of MHCO.



Friends who gave at Christmas

• Gil Caldwell and his friends from Denver 757 came to deliver presents to the Home he grew up in as a child, then known as Oxford Orphanage. This year's gifts included more than \$700 in gift cards, used during the holidays, as well as into the New Year.

• Greg Riffe and Brian Lee of Newell 739 made another trip to the Masonic Home for Children this Christmas, again delivering



gift cards and special funds to the oldest of the Home's residents. For the past several years Newell Lodge has helped the Home's Independent Living residents.

• Inez O'Dell of Eden enlisted the help of Carson Dawson of Leaksville 136 to bring her handmade quilts to the children of MHCO. This special lady is 85+ years young and has provided her special gifts to the Home for more than ten years.

You're invited

Golf Tournament September 18

CLEMMONS — Clemmons 755's Charity Golf Tournament is set for September 18 at Meadowlands Golf Club in Winston-Salem. Registration and lunch are set for 11:00 A.M. with a shotgun start at 1:00 P.M. Snacks and drinks will be served on the course. Entry fee is \$300 per team. Singles and non-Masons are welcome. September 11 is the deadline for signing up. For details, contact Bob Charlier at (336) 970-3959 or <bobcharliers@gmail.com>.

Masonic Bluegrass Festival September 21

CHARLOTTE — Seven of the Carolinas' top bluegrass groups will take the stage at the Scottish Rite auditorium on Randolph Road. Sponsored by Masons Helping Children, Inc., a North Carolina non-profit group, the Masonic Bluegrass Festival will feature Chapel Road from Chester SC, the Hinson Girls from Lancaster, the McFarland Road Band from Laurel Hill NC, Pinetucket from Wesley Chapel, Country Grass from Chester, Gipton Hill Boys from Weaverville, and Slope Valley from Hartsville.

The event kicks off at 11:00 A.M. at the Scottish Rite building, 4740 Randolph Road, Charlotte. Entertainment will continue until 10:00 p.m., food and refreshments will be available and there will be several music-related vendors on hand. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

Contact Max Walker at (704) 843-3721 for additional information.

Golf Tournament October 18

SELMA — Selma 320 is hosting their Annual Golf Tournament for Masonic Charities October 18 at Cardinal Country Club in Pine Level. Men and women are welcome, entry fee \$65. There's pizza before the 1:00 P.M. shotgun start, refreshments during play, and a full meal following. There are many prizes to be awarded and a putting contest before tee-off. Contact Anthony Jones at <gjones64@nc.rr.com> for details on entering.



Read, win, ride

WINSTON-SALEM — Old Town 751 is doing its Bikes for Books program for the fourth consecutive year. It has grown from one school to now four. The lodge donates a boys' bike and girls' bike to each school. The bikes are then awarded to the children whose reading best satisfies the school criteria. The kids are improving their reading, and parents do not have to fight with the kids to pick up a book. Teachers and parents and youngsters alike are excited by the program. — Alan Williard

Watergate exhibit coming to NC History Museum

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Museum of History has just installed an exhibit that will run through August 10, marking the 40th anniversary of the Senate Select Committee's Watergate hearing which culminated in the resignation of President Richard Nixon. Two NC Masons featured prominently in the hearings: Senator Sam Ervin (Catawba Valley 217) chaired the hearings, and Rufus Edmisten (Millbrook 97) was deputy chief counsel to the committee. The Museum is located between the NC Capitol and Legislative Building in downtown Raleigh.

Lawmakers hosted at GL headquarters

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — A number of members of North Carolina's legislature are Masons. Our Grand Lodge and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge hold a reception for them annually. For this year's session, the reception was held April 3. For the first time, the legislators were hosted at the Grand Lodge offices. The newly restored grand hall was a perfect setting for the reception. The guests got refreshments and a tour of the building.

Some other governmental leaders who are Masons were also invited.

The reason for the get-together is twofold and simple. First, we thank them for their service to the citizens of North Carolina. Second, we give them the opportunity to recognize their fellow lawmakers who are Masons.

While they talked a little politics (after all that is what they are doing in town), most of the conversation was much more social. They smiled

and chatted. Officers from both grand lodges were there to personally say, "Thank you."

Our Grand Lodge Annual Communication was linked to meetings of the state legislature from our earliest history. When our Grand Lodge was formed in 1787, it was in Tarboro during the legislative session.

Our members in the North Carolina Senate include Dan Blue, Andrew C. Brock, Harry Brown, Martin L. Nesbitt Jr., and Gene McLaurin. Masons in the House of Representatives include John R. Bell IV, Larry M. Bell, C. Robert Brawley, Darren G. Jackson, Linda P. Johnson (who is an Eastern Star and married to Mason Ronnie Johnson), Garland E. Pierce, Jason Saine, and Mitchell Setzer. Other guests at this year's reception were retired Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr., State Supreme Court Spokesman Dick Ellis, and a number of legislative assistants.



Ric Carter photos



Green Lodge raises five

RALEIGH — James B. Green 735 raised five new members April 13. It was their first Saturday degree in years. Most of the new Masons were in their 20s and all were under 40 years old. Multiple volumes of sacred law were open on the altar to suit the religions of the candidates. Each was presented an appropriate and signed VSL after the degree. The candidates and costumed degree team are shown above.

— Dustin Tarditi

NC Mason Deadlines

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

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| 1.....Agudelo, Andres Julian Duque | 146..... Veroline, Randy | 359..... Avery, Mack Burton | 544..... Tate, Steven Lee | 688..... Simmons, Adrian Charles |
| 10..... Mooring, John Cherry | 147..... Jackson III, Aaron Hugh | 359..... Jones, Quincy Adam | 552..... Pearsall, Gregory Graham | 693..... Dawi, Brian Gavin |
| 27..... Mercereau, Michael Bryan | 149..... McGhee, Glenn Matthew | 369..... Wall, Reiky Dean | 556..... Ennis, Robert Alton | 693..... Wrenn, Jordan Wilson |
| 27..... Rimmer, Eddie Nelson | 154..... Hamby, Paul Wesley | 374..... Irvin, Eric James Stephen Ray | 556..... Kelly, Joel Daniel | 694..... Kelley, Patrick Ryan |
| 27..... Yarbrough III, John Stanley | 162..... Fackrell, Charles Caleb | 374..... Ramey, James Matthew | 558..... Simpson, Jacob Marty | 694..... Kears, Bert Justin |
| 40..... Harrell IV, Howard Vance | 165..... Eatman, Max Otto | 374..... Rumbough Jr., Herman Alvin | 558..... Vogler, Mark Anthony | 694..... Poole, Christopher Lee |
| 40..... Karl, William Grant | 176..... Gillespie, James Steven | 375..... Hodges, Wilbert Charles | 573..... Eller, William Bradley | 694..... Strickland, Jeremy Wayne |
| 45..... Hart, Jason Edward | 188..... Gray, Max Dixon | 375..... Bradshaw, Joshua Shane | 573..... Taylor Jr., Max Gerald | 694..... Whitesell, James Patrick |
| 45..... Hayes, Daniel Ray | 191..... McDermott, Hasten Donnell | 375..... Durham, Austin Lee | 576..... Hammill, Jesse Thomas | 699..... Safrin, Harry Lee |
| 45..... Isley, James William | 198..... King, Theodore Lee Neile | 375..... Owens, Marcas Crayton | 576..... Wallin Jr., William Clark | 701..... Krause, Michael William |
| 45..... Lowe, Roger Keith | 198..... Krist, Timothy Lamont | 386..... Hardin, Chris Michael | 576..... Ashley, Andrew Jacobs | 703..... Chavis, Jared Austin |
| 53..... Laugginger, Chance Dalton | 198..... McDonald Jr., Terrance Joseph | 387..... Brady, Frank Thomas | 578..... Harris, William Matthew | 703..... Davis, John Marshall |
| 53..... Mathis, Scott Evans | 198..... Robinson, Owen | 387..... Frazier, Ronald Allen | 584..... Saraga Jr., Emil Michael | 703..... Jolly, Dustin Nicholas |
| 64..... Eudy, Kyle Vann | 198..... Stewart, David Lloyd | 388..... Greene, Eric Gantt | 584..... Bryant, Franklin Kenner | 704..... Greene, Jonathon Scott |
| 64..... Gallimore, Bobby McLean | 202..... Butterbaugh, Franklin Lee | 391..... Lacy, Michael W. | 602..... Denton, Charles Allen | 708..... Lockamy, Christian Alfred |
| 64..... Lockamy, Jason Andrew | 202..... James, Kenneth Allen | 391..... Richardson, Christopher Shane | 602..... Morris, Tony Marcus | 710..... Hartman, Jacob Eli |
| 75..... Renshaw, Michael Richard | 217..... Fisher, Michael Ray | 391..... Cameron, John Thomas | 602..... Mullen, Joshua Reed | 714..... Yow Jr., Donald Lewis |
| 76..... Kraft, Matthew Thomas | 231..... Ellis, James Gregory | 391..... Warren, Jonathon Alan | 602..... Severini, Billie Joel | 720..... McEachern, Christopher Alexander |
| 84..... Worrells, Joey Ray | 231..... Shew Jr., William Brian | 395..... Freeman, James Lloyd | 602..... Harkins, William Ballard | 720..... O'Dell, Mark Peter |
| 90..... Hardison, Steven Daniel | 237..... Feagan, Ethan Michael | 401..... Mason, Samuel Lee | 602..... Mosley, Matthew Keith | 723..... Sexton, Clifton Wallace |
| 90..... Roberson, Jason Lee | 259..... Wingate, Kaleb Daniel | 404..... Cassar, Aladino Carlo | 609..... Studebaker, Bradley Dean | 724..... York, Adam Tyler |
| 90..... Steward, Jason Paul | 262..... Bolick, Douglas Wayne | 404..... Miles, Daniel Lee | 612..... Pate, Robert Andrew | 725..... Scott, William Matthew |
| 98..... Kosterman, Stephen Frank | 262..... Woodruff, Brent Wayne | 404..... Parker, Jason Lee | 613..... Fuller, Calvin Scott | 727..... Ferguson, Jeremy Paul |
| 98..... Matthis, Stephen Christopher | 262..... Busha, Bradley William | 409..... Brucato, Benjamin Aaron | 613..... Thornton, Joshua Ryan | 727..... Hall, Thomas Lee |
| 98..... Sutton, William Kenneth | 262..... Helton, Rueben Clyde | 409..... Kirkpatrick, James Walter | 616..... Casstevens, Joshua Adam | 727..... Blankenship, David Noah |
| 98..... Thornton, Michael Wayne | 262..... Whisnant, Tony Eugene | 409..... Wilkinson, Jordan Mark | 617..... Bizzell, Jacob Lee | 727..... Britt, Joseph Carson |
| 98..... Wurtz, Mance Leland | 263..... Hyman, James Keith | 428..... Tinch, Duane Thomas | 617..... Bizzell, Joshua Kent | 730..... Lambert, Anthony Elton |
| 99..... Therecka, Arturo | 263..... Ross II, George Elliott | 433..... Register, Charles Joseph | 626..... Teal, Tracy Lynn | 734..... Hewitt, Christopher Alan |
| 102..... Croall, Thomas Benedict | 267..... Hires, Paul Lynwood | 433..... Ross, Beverly Lee | 626..... Secoolish, James Max | 735..... Bauguess, Hayden William |
| 102..... Rohaly, Gregory David | 267..... McCall, Chris Jiles | 434..... Blair, Robert Martin | 646..... Smith II, James Graham | 735..... Harvey, Kevin Junior |
| 106..... Turpin, Joshua Travis | 271..... Blankenship II, Doye Lee | 434..... Hammonds, Eric Joel | 646..... Buchanan, Andrew Franklin | 735..... Newsome, Justin Morgan |
| 109..... McCall, Robert Randall | 271..... McLain, Jessie Ruben | 437..... Waln, David Allen | 656..... Hudson, William Maurice | 735..... Orr, Matthew David |
| 112..... Forsythe, Lewis John | 271..... Wilson, Eddie Albert | 453..... George, Steven Ray | 657..... Graham, Derek Scott | 735..... Patel, Sagar Hitesh Kumar |
| 112..... Neighbors, Matthew Lee | 272..... Shatterly, Gregory Dale | 454..... Kennedy, Christopher Charles | 657..... Pierce, Ronald Michael | 737..... Carp, Grigore |
| 113..... Lieske Jr., James Michael | 272..... Troccoli, Jeffrey James | 459..... Tighe, Brandon Sterling | 657..... Ritchie, Kenneth Brown | 737..... Ledford, Mark Lee |
| 114..... Townsend Jr., William Crawford | 289..... Coffey, James Brian | 471..... Ireland, Eric Mitchell | 657..... Small, Kenneth Lee | 738..... Duke, Michael Todd |
| 114..... Woodard Jr., Lewis Aaron | 289..... Harper, Kenneth Gray | 473..... Fulbright, William Harvey | 658..... Corley, Charles Edward | 738..... West, Jonathan Parker |
| 114..... Rowell, Richard Allen | 289..... Muncy, Matthew Shane | 473..... Breeden, Lucas Brant | 658..... Hatcher, William Keith | 741..... Wade, Braxton Louis |
| 122..... Brown, Jerry Eugene | 289..... Warren, Scott Gregory | 479..... Ballance, Thomas Wesley | 667..... Bucco, Brandon Edward | 745..... Johnson, Joshua Michael |
| 125..... Britt, Andy Wayne | 292..... Webb Jr., Gary Dean | 483..... Holloway, Michael James | 667..... Lund, Garret Kenneth | 749..... London, Ryan Keith |
| 127..... Smith Jr., Robert Lee | 293..... Holcombe, Jody William | 484..... Hill, Edward Terral | 667..... Mobbs Jr., Michael Hall | 749..... McManus, Christopher Dean |
| 127..... King, Christopher Todd | 296..... Pierce, Delano Franklin | 484..... Williams, Hampton Vernon | 669..... Walker, Matthew Steven | 749..... November, James |
| 128..... Brown, William Scott | 301..... Evans, Phillip C. | 489..... Singleton, Thomas Tyler | 669..... Edwards, Brett Ryan | 749..... Beebe, Mark Alan |
| 132..... Harper, Ronald Travis | 301..... Grishaber, Glen Patrick | 491..... Pinkerton, Richard Dewitt | 669..... Greenstreet, Michael Forrest | 749..... Horne, Nicholas Ryan |
| 137..... Barkley, Chance Dale | 301..... McConnell, Joshua Brandon | 491..... Salas, Daniel Gordon | 670..... Auton, Matthew Aaron | 750..... Allen, Dustin Michael |
| 137..... Franklin, Phillip Alexander | 302..... Lau II, Brandon Fook Yuen | 493..... Burnett, Jamie Newly | 670..... Branch Jr., Phillip Allan | 750..... Mathis, Jeremy Daniel |
| 137..... Allen, Daniel Thomas | 302..... Tobler, Michael Edward | 495..... Johnson, Leon | 676..... Orona, Joseph | 755..... Brendle, Josh Lee |
| 137..... Feltman III, Ross Wayman | 304..... Grice Jr., Spillman Wadsworth | 495..... Smith, Joshua Thomas | 676..... Tillman III, Jesse Melvin | 755..... Moore, William Archie |
| 137..... Leatherman, Lonnie Joe | 304..... Sutton, Wilson Mark | 499..... Lounsbury, Ryan Peter | 676..... Wykel, Christopher Stephen | 756..... Brothers, Gray Henley |
| 138..... Dello-Russo, Todd | 305..... Evans, Michael Paul | 500..... Baldwin, Carl Randall | 679..... Land, Michael Anthony | 756..... Newman III, Edwain Carraway |
| 138..... Harris, Mitchell Lane | 306..... Herrera, Cesar | 500..... Miller Jr., David Putnam | 679..... Chestnutt Jr., Amos Johnson | 757..... Renner, David Alan |
| 138..... Peay, James Melvin | 314..... Baker, Aaron Glen | 500..... Prouse, Mark Anthony | 679..... Gonzalez, Vincent | 759..... Miles, Trevor Taylor |
| 145..... Berry, Logan Nathaniel | 317..... Byrum, Mark Anthony | 500..... Thompson, Ethan Hayward | 679..... Lule, Miguel Junior | 759..... Batshon, Maurice G. |
| 145..... Hayles, Robert L. | 331..... Carey, Roy Alan | 500..... Anderson Jr., Philip Michael | 680..... Garoutte, Tyrel Cade | 762..... Capraz, Koray |
| 145..... McLellan, Art | 340..... Decker, Kyle Christopher | 500..... Hancock, Wesley Graham | 680..... Power, Gregory Wayne | 762..... Gansey, Romeo Jacky |
| 145..... Sterrett, Thomas Edgar | 340..... Laseter III, William Thomas | 500..... Hollingsworth, Michael Joseph | 680..... Saenz, Antonio Rafael | 762..... Schmidt Jr., Harvey Edward |
| 146..... Chambers, Bedford Lee | 343..... Jarrell, Ricky A. | 500..... Johnson, Lloyd Carl | 680..... Godfrey Jr., Douglas Allen | 763..... Klingman, Michael Brandon |
| 146..... Doster, Jacob Keith | 343..... Mastrovito, Paul Anthony | 505..... Eaker, Devin Keith | 680..... Hollingsworth, Kyle Dean | 763..... Sandoval, Guillermo G. |
| 146..... Nicholson, Timothy Lynn | 343..... Waters, Brian Michael | 505..... Hutchinson, Jason Bradley | 680..... Sullivan, Clay Wesley Sellers | 763..... Villalobos, Ramiro Atilio |
| 146..... Smith, Steven Tyler | 358..... Chery, Helmut Gene | 543..... Craft, Michael Adam | 683..... Forstner, Eric Arthur | 763..... Whitley, Danny |
| | 358..... Overcash, Colton Reid | 544..... McAndrew Jr., Don Alan | 683..... Johnson II, Ricky Vann | |

MILEPOSTS



SHELBY — During the March 5 Grand Master's district meeting here in Cleveland 202, J. Ralph Harrison of Fairview 339 was honored. Harrison received recognition for his 50 years as a certified lecturer. He is the 14th lecturer to earn the honor. There are currently seven active Class A lecturers with 50 years experience. Seen here, from left, are Grand Lecturer David Potts, Harrison, Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr., and Grand Steward Mack Sigmon. — Mack Sigmon

MOORESVILLE — In February, Mooresville 496 Master Jack Ramey visited Robert A. Graham of Indiana-Franklin 313. Ramey presented the 92-year-old Graham, who now lives in the Mooresville community, an award from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for 70 years membership. Graham received all three degrees in a single day in July 1943. — David N. Wendt



GREENVILLE — Crown Point 708 member Aldine Kieffer Guthrie, seated, was presented his Veteran's Emblem on March 19. Lodge Master Charles Sumerlin and Roy Selby visited the 50-year Mason at Spring Arbor Assisted Living to give him the award. — Charles Ray Sumerlin



REIDSVILLE — Benton Gooch, seated, of Jefferson Penn 384 recently received his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. Brothers John Paul Jones VI, left, and Bobby Drum, right, presented the award.



WILMINGTON — Joe Szakasits, center, was honored for 60 years Masonic membership April 4. Past Grand Master Bill Mathis presented the Orient 395 member his Diamond Jubilee Award on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Seen here are, from left, Freddy Szakasits, Joe, and Frank Szakasits. — Freddy Szakasits



BISCOE — Vance Shuping Caudill, center, of Biscoe 437, recently got the Diamond Jubilee Award for his 60 years membership. A lodge contingent visited his home to give him the honor. Seen here presenting the award are Greg Parsons, left, and Ronald Parsons, right. — Carl W. Brown



GREENVILLE — Crown Point 708's Mayo Etheridge Allen, right, recently received his Veteran's Emblem saluting his 50 years as a Mason. Charles R. Sumerlin made the presentation. — Charles Ray Sumerlin



TABOR CITY — Gene West, left, recently got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Tabor 563 Master Michael Norris, right, made the presentation. — Len Fipps



HAVELOCK — On April 18, Cherry Point 688 gave James A. Muse, left, his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years Masonic membership. Lodge Master Robert Hamm, right, presented the award. — D. K. Lewis



GARLAND — Oliver L. Croom Jr., left, recently received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. Garland 664 Master John V. Matthews Jr., right, made the presentation at the lodge. — Phillip D. Smoak



PENDLETON — On March 26, five members of Pendleton 418 received their Veteran's Emblems honoring their 50 years as Masons. Fifth Masonic District Deputy Grand Master Jim Burch made the presentations to Carroll Futrell, Louis Johnson, Frank Barnes, Marion Davis, and R. J. White. Seen here, from left, are Futrell, Johnson, District Deputy Grand Lecturer Jim Sanderlin, Barnes, Burch, and Davis. — Johnny Reynolds



HIGH POINT — Numa F. Reid 344 presented Paul D. Snipes, center, his 50-year Veteran's Emblem last year. Seen here presenting the award are, from left, Gary Snipes, P. Dan Snipes Jr., Paul Snipes, Murray Skeen, and Larry Forrester. — Kevin P. Wood



TABOR CITY — Herman Stevens, left, was recently presented a plaque thanking him for his 34 years of service as secretary of Tabor 563. Lodge Master Michael Norris, right, made the presentation. — Len Fipps

From the Medical Committee Hernia basics

Hernias are among the most common medical problems. A hernia is a protrusion of abdominal contents through a weakened area in the abdominal wall. They are generally caused by straining, coughing, or anything that causes

increased abdominal pressure. They usually occur in areas that are predisposed to weakness; the umbilicus, the groin, or prior surgical scars.

Every hernia does not have to be repaired. Having said that, it is much easier on the patient

and surgeon to repair a hernia of moderate size than to wait for it to become huge and more complicated to repair. Some reasons to repair them are: pain and discomfort, increasing size, or an unsightly bulge. A strangulated hernia (one that sticks out and is painful) should also be repaired.

Non-surgical treatments of hernias are usual-

ly only partially effective in relieving symptoms. Surgical repair of hernias usually involves the placement of some type of synthetic mesh over the hernia. This is done to decrease the chances that the hernia will recur. These repairs can be done laparoscopically or with more traditional surgical techniques all yielding good results.



Ragan wins Talladega!

TALLADEGA, AL — Williams 176 (Huntersville) member David Ragan gave Front Row Motorsports its first NASCAR victory here May 5 when David Gilliland [38] pushed teammate Ragan [34] to the checker in a dramatic last-lap surge to cap off a wild and rain-interrupted race. Gilliland finished second for the best — and most dramatic — finish in team history in placing the team one-two in the Aaron's 499.

The ending came in a green-white-checked finish, in which Ragan and Gilliland restarted in 10th and 11th respectively. In two laps, the pair freight-trained through the traffic in their Roush Yates-powered Ford Fusions to emerge at the front of the pack — seemingly out of nowhere and to the surprise and delight of the rain-soaked crowd.

The win is the second Sprint Cup victory for Ragan, and the runner-up finish ties Gilliland's best career result. Ragan's first

win was in the 2011 Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway

"This is a true David vs. Goliath moment here," Ragan said. "This is special to get Front Row Motorsports their first win. It feels like I've never been in Victory Lane before, I'm so excited. We're a small team. We build our own chassis, our own bodies, and it's such a special moment for our team and all of our partners. This is big."

For team owner Bob Jenkins, whose passion for racing led him to purchase a small NASCAR team in 2004, the Victory Lane champagne was long, and patiently, awaited.

"I've got guys at the shop that have the heart to win races," Jenkins said. "We just haven't always had the resources. So the challenge for me is, as we build cars, to make them better every week and to put ourselves in a position to win a race and that's really what happened [at Talladega]."

The one-two finish almost didn't get the chance to happen. The 500-mile race was red-flagged at Lap 126 because of rain, and many thought the race would be declared over. Ragan sat in 18th, Gilliland in 24th when racing was halted, and the drivers thought their workday was done.

But, NASCAR saw clearing skies and the chance to finish the race under green. After a three-hour and 36-minute red-flag period, the track was dry and NASCAR called for drivers to return to their cars. The race saw one more lengthy delay after a multi-car accident on Lap 184, which led to the green-white-checked finish. As dusk fell over the track and a light rain began falling once again, the field went green for two more laps of hard racing.

"My crew chief, Frank Kerr, said, 'You've got to have the restart of your life,' and we had a good one," remarked Gilliland. "It's a huge day obviously for any team to get first and second, but for Front Row Motorsports and our little team, and what we do it with, we're really proud of that."

— DavidRagan.com



Excelsior Secretary Randy McNealey holds the stone

Excelsior inherits Masonic artifact

CHARLOTTE — From 1914 until 1982 when it burned a second time, the Charlotte Masonic Temple stood on the corner of Tryon and Second streets, one of Charlotte's busiest intersections. It was demolished by the city in 1987, with only its massive columns saved. They were moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina. At least one souvenir stone from the building was saved, and it was in the Charlotte Museum of History.

The Museum recently closed. They contacted Excelsior 261 to see whether the lodge would offer the stone a home. Lodge members Randy Nealey and Lee Abernathy talked with the museum and brought the remnant of a former Charlotte glory back to their lodge. It will be placed on display there. — Randy Nealey



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John Moore, Farmville 517 member, shouts out to his friends as he spins the hits of the '50s and '60s on the "Sock Hop." Ric Carter photo

