



September 27–28 in Winston-Salem

Annual Communication is approaching

By Ric Carter

WINSTON-SALEM — Grand Master Dewey R. Jr. will preside as 2013 Annual Communication opens in Winston-Salem. The 226th annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina is scheduled for September 27–28. The communication will be at the Twin City Quarter here, the same hotel we have used the last few years. It will be the headquarters hotel, the site of all committee meetings, and Grand Lodge business sessions.

While every Mason in the state is invited, only the master and wardens of your lodge, or their official proxies, may vote during business sessions. They'll join the same officers of the other lodges around the state. Other voters are committeemen and officers of the Grand Lodge and its districts.

Workshops and committee meetings held before the official sessions will be at the Twin City Quarter on Thursday, September 26. The Lodge Secretary's Workshop will be held there that at 2:00 P.M. Thursday afternoon.

All voting sessions will be held in the Twin City Quarter's Grand Pavilion Friday and Saturday, September 27–28. Lodge officers are asked to bring and wear their aprons for all business sessions. All Masons must present their dues card and give the pass to enter business sessions.

Please do not mail your credentials to the Grand Lodge office. You must present them at the registration desk to receive ballots and other essential information and materials. You may register in the main lobby on Thursday and outside the Grand Pavilion on Friday and Saturday mornings. In order to vote, you must have your credentials, and you must register. Again, do not return your credentials to the Grand Lodge office.

Grand Master Preslar will open the first session at 10:00 A.M. on Friday morning. That's when you'll see the formal opening and welcoming of special guests. Grand Orator Andrew C. Brock will make the keynote address. The rest of the morning, a number of reports will be read and others submitted for the record without reading.

Downtown Winston-Salem has lots of restaurants, so you can find a place you like for the lunch break within easy walking distance of the hall.

A memorial service for those Masons who died in the past year will follow the call from refreshment to labor. The Grand

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Ric Carter photo

Amendment roundup

By Ric Carter

Here we go with our annual recap of the year's proposed amendments to *The Code*. This is an effort to put the proposals in plain language and share some of the arguments commonly expressed on the amendments. The discussion is far from exhaustive, but intends to give you a better understanding of the changes offered and their possible repercussions.

A lodge cannot and should not attempt to bind its delegates to a particular vote on a particular question. Very often, the amendments are changed on the floor before voting. More often still, arguments not thought of in analysis or lodge debate arise at the meeting, bringing a different outlook to the proposal. Discuss the votes and suggest the thinking of the lodge. Your delegates should vote in the best interests of all Masonry after hearing all discussion.

Group 1 fixes a loophole in the endowed membership program that had lodges losing significant potential income on many en-

dowed memberships. Many, if not most, endowed memberships are sold the year before a lodge's newly raised dues go into effect. Since many dues increases occur only after a lodge is already seeing income shortfalls, their problems are exacerbated by the lower rates those endowed memberships will pay forever. The rate for the memberships would remain at 21 times a lodge's annual dues, but stipulates that it shall be the dues for the following year that is used in the calculation. It was introduced by the grand secretary.

Group 2 would raise member per capita from \$17 to \$20. Lodges pay per capita on Master Masons who have not earned their Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. While costs of operation have changed very little, income has gone down because of declining membership. Per capita, the Grand Lodge's sole source of income, was last addressed in 2008. This proposal comes

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Winston-Salem Masons building a new home

WINSTON-SALEM — Don't go to the Winston-Salem Masonic Temple expecting to attend a meeting. The building is being sold. As of July 1, the lodges have moved out and are meeting in neighboring facilities awaiting the construction of their new home. Completion is expected in late 2014 or early 2015.

In the meantime, you may find them and other related bodies at various locations: Piedmont Pioneer 685 will be meeting at West Bend 434, 6305 Shallowford Road, Lewisville. Salem 289 will move to Kernersville 669, 701 South Main Street, Kernersville. Winston 167 and Forsyth 707 (along with Scottish Rite) will be at Clemmons 755, 6210 Stadium Drive, Clemmons. The York Rite organizations will be visiting High Point Masonic Temple, 3202 N. Main Street, High Point. Eastern Star and Amaranth

will be at Old Town 751, 5112 N. Causeway Road, Winston-Salem.

The new Winston-Salem Masonic Center will be 4537 Country Club Road in Winston-Salem. The address for mailing is PO Box 25623, Winston-Salem, NC 27114-5623.

Officials at the Temple said, "We are most grateful for the host lodges in stepping up and providing their lodges for the next 12–18 months. We truly see this will further increase masonic fellowship through the 26th Masonic District."

Once they close on the Miller Street property, they will hold an auction of surplus property including scenery. The board had professionals photograph all the scenery for some pioneering digital work in the new Masonic Center. You can follow the progress of their new home at <<http://www.mcwinston.org/>>. — Joey Transou



DESIGNS UPON OUR TRESTLE BOARD



Own and deliver your Masonry

By Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Grand Master

"There ain't no cure for the summertime blues"...oh, how one of my English teachers would be disappointed in such a statement! But, if you recognize this song line, you probably grew up around the time

of my generation with the song now stuck in your head. By the time you read this, we will probably be well into August, and so many things have happened that there was no time to sing the blues.

Quite a bit has transpired, and a number of firsts for me, at least, have occurred. A number of service awards were presented with one being to a 75-year Mason. Thanks to the members of Charity 5 who allowed me to present this to Jack Goldstein. Our Brother could write a book of his life experiences, plus it was such a joy to meet and be a small part of his story.

We constituted a new lodge in Jacksonville and enjoyed the enthusiasm that the Brothers of this lodge exhibited. These Brothers know how to express their passion and love for our Fraternity.

In Franklinton, we conducted the cornerstone ceremony for a lodge under construction. The roof and exterior walls were complete, but the interior was not. We opened the Grand Lodge using a carpenter's hammer as the gavel. The feeling of honoring our past and tradition was present in the emotions of the morning. The event was very well-attended with harmony prevailing.

As I am a member of the Eastern Star, it was certainly an

honor to speak at the Grand Chapter to my Sisters and Brothers who were in attendance. In addition, the Rainbow Girls exhibited beautiful work at their Assembly where I appreciated their theme of teamwork and leadership.

At the Imperial Shrine in Indianapolis, I shared with the delegates our relationship in North Carolina with our Shrine Brethren. I was called on a second time to speak, which was a surprise, but somehow (with help from Above) was able to deliver a message of tradition.

In July, I attended the York Rite Summer Assembly in Maggie Valley, and as always, enjoyed a wonderful time in our beautiful North Carolina mountains. It was my honor to present my second Montfort Medal to J. David Cashion while all were assembled.

By the time this is printed, I will have participated in a Scottish Rite event, so at this point, it seems that my Masonry with the appendant bodies have come full circle this summer.

At these events, I shared my thoughts that if we operate today and tomorrow as we did yesterday, we will get the same outcome. I appreciated the opportunity to speak at each, and hopefully provided some value in what I said.

I have been encouraging actions in our work this year which cause an increase in fellowship. Therefore, the reason that I wanted to share the activities in this article was to help us become better related. When we cause and inspire passion in our work, beautiful things happen for our Masonry. This causes a different outcome which benefits not only ourselves, but also others whom we support in our charities.

Now, we turn our attention to upcoming events this fall, beginning with Grand Lodge on September 27 and 28 in Winston-Salem. We are looking for 100% representation of all 371 Lodges which will be a breakthrough for us. The masters, wardens, and others should make their reservations now as your attendance is required and appreciated in going about the business of Grand Lodge.

What has become one of my favorite events, even though this is only the third year, is the Homecoming Festival at the Masonic Home for Children. This is scheduled for October 11 through 13. Beginning on Friday, we will be cooking Brunswick Stew, setting up for the cook off, and listening to a couple of bands perform. On Saturday morning, we will kick off with what should be one of the biggest Shrine parades that you will see, followed by more good food and music. I have been pushing doing work which causes an increase in fellowship, and this weekend at Oxford will provide exactly that. Please place this on your calendars, plan to come, bring a group with you, especially Lodge members that haven't been to our Home, and bring your family, children, and grandchildren. You will be rewarded by seeing Masonry at its best and what we provide for children in North Carolina.

Now, my Brethren I will end with the blues. As I complete this article, I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear friend and Brother, Past Grand Master Clifton W. Everett Jr. I will miss his wit, friendship, good humor, words of good counsel, and wisdom. More especially, I will miss his kindness and Brotherly love as well as the affection he showed me. "Well done, good and faithful servant." So mote it be.

PGM Everett dead at 70

GREENVILLE — On July 16, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Treasurer Clifton White Everett Jr. died here at Vidant Inpatient Hospice after a period of declining health. He was 70 years old.

Many will remember him for his stories which stimulated many a smile and laugh, and more than a few rolled eyes and raised eyebrows. The many characters and historic figures of whom he told first and second hand stories lived through his words and facial expressions.

The 142nd Grand Master of North Carolina, he was born to Clifton White and Marjorie Whitehurst Everett of Bethel, North Carolina on October 4, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Mary Harris Everett of Greenville; his son, William Lawrence Everett of Anchorage, Alaska; his daughter, Alice Everett Gryder and husband, Chad, of Boone; his grandchildren, Everett and Mary Eccles Gryder; his sisters, Janet Everett Davis and husband, Stuart, of Bethel, and Amy Everett Constantino and husband, Costa, of Richmond, Virginia; and brother-in-law, Clyde P. Harris, Jr. of Wilson. His seven nieces and nephews, along with his many cousins, always enjoyed his stories and deep knowledge of family history. He loved to share his understanding of family ties and connections with relatives and his many friends throughout the state. The family will always be grateful for the compassionate care and attention given him by Christopher English of Bethel these last five years in times of need.

Everett was educated in Bethel before heading to Wake Forest University where he got his

undergraduate and law degrees. He passed the North Carolina Bar and was admitted to the practice of law in 1967. In 1967-68, he served as research assistant to Naomi E. Morris, Chief Judge North Carolina Court of Appeals. In 1968, he returned to Greenville, where he and his father formed a partnership for the general practice of law with offices in Greenville and Bethel.

Everett was initiated in Crown Point 708 in Greenville December 29, 1970, passed January 28, 1971, and raised February 11 of the same year. He served as master of Crown Point in 1977. He is a member of New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, Greenville York Rite Bodies, and Sudan Shrine. He was an honorary member of several lodges across North Carolina. He was appointed to the Grand Lodge line by then Grand Master L. R. Thomas and was elected grand master in 1995. In 1996, he was elected grand treasurer, a post he held until stepping down in 2011.

Judge Everett has been active both locally and around the state in civic, political, and legal circles as well as his church. After practicing general law for 26 years with the firm of Everett, Everett, Warren and Harper, now Everett and Hite, he took office in 1994 as Resident Superior Court Judge of the 3A Judicial District. In his 18 years as judge, he presided over both the criminal and civil courts from as far east as Dare County to Watauga and Caldwell Counties in the west. He retired in December 2012. After five days of retirement, he was appointed by Governor Beverley Perdue as an Emergency Superior Court Judge.



New way to give

In 2013, the charitable IRA rollover provision or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) continues through the end of the year allowing certain donors to exclude from taxable income, and count toward their required minimum distribution, certain amounts of transfer for Individual Retirement Account (IRA) assets made directly to public charities, including your Masonic Charities at Whitestone and the Masonic Home for Children. Congress recently extended the IRA rollover for 2013. This provision allows a QCD of up to \$100,000 from your tax qualified IRA. The amount of the QCD is excluded from your adjusted gross income and counts toward your required minimum distributions for 2013, but it does not count as a deductible charitable contribution.

We are asking our Masons who are eligible to consider taking advantage of a charitable IRA rollover to help a child or an elderly brother or sister at one of our Homes, utilizing this very tax-wise and generous giving method. And we are asking our eligible Masons to consider this before December 31, 2013. So who is eligible in our craft? If you are at least 70½ years old you may be able to aid and assist our Masonic charities far beyond the level you thought possible through a charitable IRA rollover in 2013. Not only will you provide a tremendous and essential gift for our Homes, you will provide a beneficial giving and financial opportunity for you and your family. The advantages to you are significant and include:

- A gift that is not taxable income. A portion of your normally heavily taxed retirement fund distribution, when directed to one of our charities, can now be tax free.
- With the rollover, the donation can count toward the required minimum distribution you are otherwise required to take.
- The fact that you are not subject to percentage limitations on charitable deductions and may be able to avoid penalties that come with a higher adjusted gross income, such as higher Medicare premiums.

It is important to note that you must tell your IRA custodian to send the distribution directly to one of our charities. Do not have it sent to you.

Even more important to our fraternity, the advantages to the people we care for at our Homes would be significant as well. You can change the life of a child and add to the quality of life for a brother or sister in need. You can help our Homes continue the work entrusted to them by our fraternity for more than 100 years and ensure that their doors are open to those who need them today and for many tomorrows.

We are asking you to consider consulting with your financial advisor to ensure that the rollover is appropriate for you and before the advantage to you and our charities expires on December 31, 2013. The IRS website has additional information at www.irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Charitable-Donations-from-IRAs-for-2012-and-2013. Contact the Homes if you have any questions.

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Know the 2013 players

By Ric Carter

Most Masons don't think too much about Grand Lodge officers until Annual Communication rolls around. Can't tell the players without a program?

Now you'll be able to identify those guys opening and closing the meeting. Here's your program.

Starting just inside the door is Grand Tyler Steven Schenk (Fulton 99) from Salisbury. He'll be helped out by assistant tylers who will be posted outside the several entrances to the meeting room to check your dues card and listen to a whispered password.

At the front of the auditorium, a lodge room will be set on and before a riser. It has of much the same form as your blue lodge, but with a station or two added. Four officers will be on the stage facing the crowd. Front and center on the stage will be Grand Master (GM) Dewey R. Preslar Jr. (Andrew Jackson 576). Preslar and his wife Terrie live in Salisbury. He retired as a vice-president of a large regional supermarket chain and is now president of Preslar Risk Services, Inc., a risk management consulting firm and executive director for the North Carolina Self-Insurance Security Association.

On his right will be Deputy Grand Master (DGM) Dalton W. Mayo (Hiram 98). Mayo is retired from the faculty of Sampson Community College. He lives in Clinton.

On the left side of the stage is Grand Treasurer (GT) Lewis R. Ledford (Statesville 27). Ledford is director of NC State Parks and Recreation. He is the only head of State Parks to rise to that position from the job as park ranger. He and his wife Susan live in Raleigh. Ledford was grand master in 2011.

At the right on the stage is Grand Secretary (GS) T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237) who has served in the office since 1997. Clapp resides in Raleigh with his wife Betty (a Presbyterian minister) and daughter Anh.

Seated at the back of the stage in neat rows



Preslar presents Cashion, center, his Montfort as previous awardees look on.

Cashion honored with Montfort

MAGGIE VALLEY — David Cashion, of Blue Ridge 435 in Highlands, is the newest recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal, the highest award given by the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar presented the award at the 76th Anniversary Great Smokies Summer Assembly.

Cashion is a member of Glenville 551 as well as Blue Ridge Lodge, both of which he

has served as master. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. He is currently chairman of the Committee on Subordinate Lodge Special Activities.

The Montfort Medal is presented at the discretion of the grand master for "distinguished Masonic service or achievement." He is allowed to give only three Montforts during his tenure.

Pope makes Hall of Fame

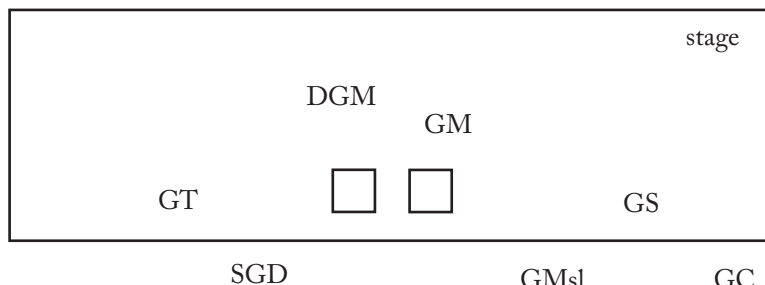
FAYETTEVILLE — Stedman 730 member Arnold Pope was recently inducted into the Fayetteville Sports Club Hall of Fame. The 80-year-old Pope is a Methodist minister and former dean of students at Methodist University. He is a charter inductee in the North Carolina Weightlifting Hall of Fame. He won 27 state and six Southern titles in the Open Division. In the Masters Division he won



11 consecutive National Championships and was inducted into the National Masters Weightlifting

Hall of Fame in 1998. He still competes in the Masters Division and won additional national titles

in 2011 and 2012. He was a high school football official for 43 seasons and officiated in the ACC for 11. He presently serves as supervisor of officials for the Southeast Football Officials Association. Seen left in his younger days, he also competed as a pro athlete for 20 years in the Scottish Games and was the North American Caber Tossing Champion in 1976. In 1971, he was the first American to win a caber competition in Scotland.



Officer positions at Grand Lodge Annual Communication

are special guests and past grand masters. The special guests include officers from state appendant bodies and officers from other grand lodges and Masonic organizations.

The rest of the officers are on the auditorium floor before the stage. Facing the stage, with his back to the delegates, you'll find Senior Grand Warden (SGW) Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27). Caudle lives in Taylorsville. He is president of Piedmont Fiberglass.

Junior Grand Deacon (JGD) Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3) sits on Caudle's right. Hicks is a lawyer in New Bern. He has a 18-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter.

On the south side of the floor, to the delegates' right, is Junior Grand Warden (JGW) Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650). Webster is a lawyer and lives in Black Mountain with his wife (Janet) and daughter.

At the meeting, Webster is flanked by the grand stewards. Senior Grand Steward Dwight M. Sigmon (Catawba 248) is nearest the stage, and Junior Grand Steward P. Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428) is nearest the delegates. Sig-

mon and his wife Linda live in Newton and have a grown son and two grand children. Bradshaw and his wife Sharon live in Greensboro. They have a teenaged son and daughter.

Senior Grand Deacon (SGD) A. Gene Cobb (Royal White Hart 2) sits before the stage in front of the grand treasurer, to the grand master's right. Cobb is minister at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Sanford where he lives with his wife Brenda. Their children are grown.

Another officer in the Grand Lodge line we don't have in the blue lodge progression to master is grand marshal (GMsl). Grand Marshal Speed Hallman (Eagle 19) holds that chair beside Grand Chaplain (GC) Paul F. Kelly (Sanford 151). Hallman and his wife Susan live in Hillsborough and have two teenaged sons.

There, you have it — the starting line up for the 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Don't get cocky, though. We'll elect new officers at this meeting. They'll be installed in December and take us all, once again, into a new year.

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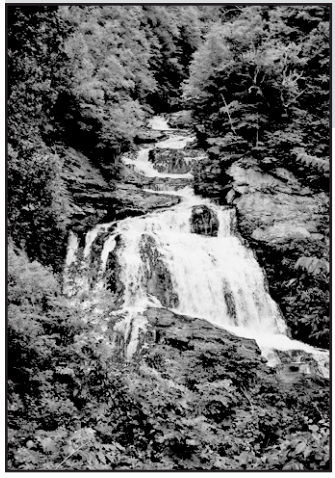
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Gastonia

King Solomon 704 participated in Relay for Life here April 26. They have participated for several years now.

At their April stated communication, King Solomon Lodge handed out several recognitions. Among them was a Resolution of Appreciation for their long-time chaplain, Billy Wiggins. At the same meeting, Robert Grant was given his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years lodge membership.

King Solomon 704 was having their annual lodge cookout at Riverwood Plantation Clubhouse June 18. Their Past Masters Master Mason Degree was set for June 25.

— *The Plumb Line*

Winston-Salem

Salem 289 has been reaching out to Masonic youth groups. When they heard that Rainbow Girls were having a big meeting in town at the same time the lodge was having Family Day, they extended an invitation for the girls to join them. The lodge also sponsored five DeMolays to Conclave.

— Alan Williard

Old Town 751 is recarpeting most of their building. They made the decision to start the project at their May meeting, immediately raising \$1,000 of the needed \$2,500. The rest was secured by June, and work was proceeding.

Old Town's fall raffle is underway. Tickets are \$25 each, and appropriate prizes were being selected.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Pineville

James K. Polk 759 is helping their brother Dave Ward with a project that furnishes coffee to troops overseas. Ward gets the coffee from S&D Coffee for free, then solicits donations to pay for shipping the coffee to our troops. So far, they've shipped 7.5 tons of coffee. If you'd like to help, contact lodge Secretary Randy Richardson at (704) 574-0624 or <randolphsrichardson@gmail.com>.

Polk Lodge served more than 300 people at their May 11 fish fry. The local DeMolay helped them.

In May, Polk Lodge presented Wallace Hall his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason.

— Randy Richardson

Statesville

Steve Hill, curator of the Statesville Historical Collection, visited Statesville 27 April 2. He brought a presentation of historic photographs of Masonic involvement in the local community. Past Grand Master Tom Gregory helped with the research.

— *The Joppa Informer*

Robbinsville

Remember the little red piggy banks distributed by the Masonic Home for Children? The guys at Robbinsville 672 have been doing some heavy "hog swapping," trading full banks for empty ones. They've collected 25 or so banks so far in what they term "the easiest fund raiser we've ever done."

Robbinsville Lodge is selling family portrait certificates to raise money for their building fund. So far, they've sold more than 60 toward their goal of 100.

— Brian Rau

Wilson

The annual Masonic Blood Drive for Wilson County is being held August 8. Any lodges in the area who wish are welcome to join in the effort. The drive will be held at the Wilson County Shrine Club.

— David Ellis

Charlotte

Steele Creek had their Annual Fish Fry/Car Show set for May 18. It's a combination that has been working for the lodge for quite a while. They use it to raise money for their Community Charity Fund.

Steele Creek Lodge continues to have their Thursday night training sessions.

— *Trestleboard*

Derita 715 enjoyed a successful fish fry again this year. They held their Annual Widows' Dinner June 18.

Lodge members were planning to participate in Carwinds Non-Profit Work Weekend May 25. During the event lodge volunteers work at the amusement park which gives the lodge \$7.25 per hour per volunteer.

— *Derita Lodge*

Charles M. Setzer 693 hosted Walter Klein in June to hear his program about the Hezekiah Alexander House. When they got to lodge, they had the rude surprise of not having any electricity. Instead of calling everything off, they sprang into action.

Kenny Barnette ran and grabbed a generator, lights, and fans. Bob Passaro and Brian Dawi hit a local takeout and brought supper (broiled chicken and sides) back to the lodge. They even had a cake to celebrate Walter and Elizabeth Klein's 68th wedding anniversary.

— *Trestleboard*

The Service Committee at Temple 676 is taking on a number of community projects this year. Their first was the street cleanup along their adopted area. They did that May 11. They were set to help with the 24 Hours of Booty Charity Bicycle Ride in July. The event benefits local and national cancer charities.

More than 50 people attended Temple 676's stated meeting in May. They were presenting service awards that night. Robert Merithew got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. Veteran's Emblems honoring 50 years as a Mason went to Charles Stubbs, Bud Davidson, and Sam Davidson.

Service awardees who were unable to attend that night included Charles Vess, William McKinney, and William Price who will get 60-year awards and Howard Moore who gets a 50-year award.

On May 26, lodge Master Josh Rimany hosted a party for the lodge at his home.

The lodge attended the Charlotte Knights last game in their old stadium in May. The team was moving to a new facility uptown.

Between emergent and stated communications as well as special study and training evenings, there is some thing to do every Thursday evening at Temple Lodge.

— *Temple Lodge*

Ranger

Montgomery 426 had a busy March. They held their blood drive March 18. On March 23, they sponsored their third Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Ranger Community Center. It was open to all neighborhood kids 12 or under.

In June, they were giving Bob Hawkins a Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years membership.

— Brian Rau

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The Great Potato Drop

By Phil Johnson

ELIZABETH CITY — On March 20, the First Masonic District joined its first Volunteer Day at the Food Bank of the Albemarle here. The Food Bank covers more than 130 agencies (food pantries) across 15 counties in northeastern North Carolina. They are always in need of help — both money or volunteer labor.

Seven of the eight lodges in the First District sent members to help that day. There were five or more from Eureka, Hall, and Widow's Son, and representation from Gatesville, Perquimans, New Lebanon, and Currituck for a total of 30 Masons. Some even brought their wives and kids. Twenty

of them joined volunteers from the US Coast Guard and Boy Scouts in sorting, packing, and shipping more than 17,000 pounds of sweet potatoes. The rest helped sort product in the warehouse for future agency deliveries. The Eure brothers came from Gatesville to provide knowledge, smiles, and HUGS for all those in need.

One of the tenets of our fraternity is to extend our help to all those in need. Masonry was well served on this day, and it is hoped that it helped the world at large better see our good effects.

Phil Johnson is First District DDGM and a member of Perquimans 106.

Kannapolis

Cannon Memorial 626 was planning to fill a five-gallon jug with change to present to Grand Master Preslar during his May 15 visit. The cash is for the Masonic Home for Children. As an incentive, the person who brought in the most change by weight to their May 7 meeting was getting a cord of split firewood.

Asheville

On July 9, Mount Hermon 118 kicked off the centennial year of their building, the Asheville Masonic Temple. The Grand Lodge rededicated their cornerstone. We will have extended coverage of the event in our next issue. For the next 20 months, there will be programs held in the Temple each second Saturday to celebrate different aspects of our fraternity.

In a less highbrow event, the lodge enjoyed a Roller Derby event in April.

Mount Hermon 118 is developing a new mentoring program. Coaching classes are being taught to increase coaches' skills. Mentors will be available to candidates and new members for no less than one year. Their goal will be to "answer questions, develop rapport, and engage [the] new member." It is hoped that this implementation of the Lodge System combined with the Program for Progress will increase member participation and retention.

— *Trestle Board* and Ron Lamb

Kinston

St. John's 4 held its Annual Ladies' Night May 10. Herbert G. McCue received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years in the lodge. Later, Horace West Taylor, due to health limitations, got his in his home.

The lodge's second Annual Corn Hole Tournament was held May 4. Teams paid \$40 each to enter.

— *The Trestleboard*

Spencer

Member Appreciation Breakfast at Spencer 543 was set for Saturday, June 29. Members were encouraged to bring interested friends. Eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, and biscuits were on the tables.

— Johnny Hatley

Greensboro

The 23rd Masonic District (Guilford County) had a float in Greensboro's Independence Day Parade.

— Greg Woodard

Gate City 694 was having their annual Hot Dog and Hamburger Supper June 8. Masons, family members, widows, and friends interested in Masonry were all invited.

The lodge was busy May 18 with the Arthur Johnson Memorial Golf Tournament at Holly Ridge Golf Links in Archdale. The district sponsored tournament, named for one of Gate City's past masters, raises money for college for Masonic Home for Children residents.

Gate City is a busy lodge. They had their street trash pickup April 6. Their June 6 baseball night with the Grasshopper luckily timed out to coincide with the Thirsty Thursday promotion sponsored by Natty Greene Brewing. Lodge Ladies' Night is set of November 2.

Gate City congratulations recently went to Gerald Potter as he was named Treasurer of Distinction and to Ben Crissman on his graduation from Elon University Law School.

— *Trestleboard*

The Rainbow Girls were holding their Boot Camp June 19 at Revolution 552. Greensboro Masons were invited to come see the ritual as the kids studied with state Rainbow officers.

— Gary Ballance

Guilford 656 set July 15 for their Past Masters' Degree. All stations were being filled by past masters.

— *Guilford Lodge*

Clinton

Hiram 98 was holding its Second Annual Corn Hole Tournament May 11. The entry fee was \$40 per team of two. First place won \$400. Proceeds were earmarked for the Masonic Home for Children.

— Cary Masonic Lodge

Southern Pines

Southern Pines 484 held a luncheon May 4 to give out their college scholarships. The awards went to Shentaria Clegg of Union Pines High School, Annastazia Hoffman of Pinecrest High, and Keyandra Cotton of Pinehurst High. The scholarship, in its tenth year, is funded by First Saturday Breakfasts, an annual golf tournament, and individual donations. To date, more than \$40,000 has been invested in area students.

The lodge's past masters photo project has been completed. Gene Maples took all the old small photos and blew them up to 8X10s for lodge display. He also digitized them for long-term preservation. Thom Dunning furnished black walnut from his West Virginia farm to make the picture rack. Mark Miller milled the wood for the project.

Service awards were recently given to several lodge members in Southern Pine 484. Ralph Gaeta and Wyatt Coley got their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership. Vern Pike got his 50-year Veteran's Emblem.

The lodge is joining in the First Friday celebrations in downtown Southern Pines. The summer family fun closes off the lodge's block for the block party. The lodge will be selling popcorn, hot dogs, balloons, and more at the celebration.

— *The Trestle Board*

Kernersville

Kernersville 669 had their best ever spaghetti dinner fundraiser. They made more than \$2,000 for charities.

— *The Kernersville Masonic Lodge News*

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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gave way to a beautiful orange and baby blue sunset. I saw many ways to cut, slice, saw, and beat a hog carcass. I even saw a guy whip out a reciprocating saw to get through a pig's rib cage.

As the evening passed and the noise of flying pork and chicken died down, the work lights went off and the low flames of the smokers gave us an almost medieval feeling.

The rest of the night can be summed up with the words, "We acted like Shriners." Brotherhood and friendship flowed freely until the sun climbed out of a manhole in Raleigh and started to light our side of the world again. As the sun rose, activity picked up around camp. The radios started to come alive, and the camp slowly pulled itself from darkness to light. The heat of the day started to pick up, taking the moisture out of dew dampened camps. The sound of dozens of woodpeckers started pounding, not beak on wood, but steel on cutting board. For, as you know gentle reader, the Western Carolina barbecue has as one of its prerequisites, the chopping of some or all of the meat.

With only a couple of hours until judging was to begin, the smell of sweet vinegar and spice rose, shyly at first, and then overtook the olfactory sense. The smoke lay thick over the camp as the chopping became more intense with the sound coming from all sides.

Then it was over, so I thought, as this was the first time that this Mason had been to the Pig Jig. The judges had the product, and the rest was in the hands of the Almighty. Then, the general public crashed against our little stall — all shapes and sizes, and all types of personalities. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, as well as extended families, all discussing the barbecue hotly as to taste, texture, and sauce. The groups were moving as one hungry beast. I don't mind saying that I was scared for the amount of food we had and the fingers that might be lost by the slowed reflexes of the sleep-deprived brothers who were serving.

I am glad to say that everyone had all their digits still attached when the day was over. In the end, I don't know how much money we made or who actually won as I was passed out at 11:30. It reminded me that I'm not in college any more, and that youth is truly wasted on the young. As of the writing of this piece two days



later, I am still sore and have the butt-dragging blues, but I would not trade it for the world. It was a great event and a great experience. It is said that you don't really know someone until you spend a sleepless night with them. I guess that is true whether you are on the battlefield or next to them on a lawn chair. I would like to thank Doug Moore. If it were not for his enthusiasm and will, I don't think I would have attended. He was the backbone of Hickory Lodge's operation.

J. J. Kuba is a member of Hickory 343.

STATE, from page 3

Thomasville

Local churches once sold hot dogs during the Memorial Day Parade in Thomasville. When they lost interest, Thomasville 214 picked up the opportunity offered by the Parade Committee.

Thomasville member Bobby Golding recently lost his son Paul in a tragic trucking accident. When he went to Salem, Virginia for the Mason's funeral, he was accompanied by crew from Thomasville 214 who performed Masonic Rites for the young man.

Service awards were handed out by Thomasville Lodge recently. James Mortimer Donoghue and Don Long Walser got their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years went to Royal Jarvis, Stan Moore, Bill Hedrick, George Davis, and Frank Walker Jr. — *Trestle Board*

Liberty

Honors were bestowed when Liberty 714 held its Awards Night June 22. Jim Allred was named a life member. Howard Coltrane received his Diamond Jubilee recognizing his 60 years in the fraternity.

Ray Hall, Brad Morton, and Larry Chilton were made honorary members. — *Paul Bruchon*

Black Mountain

Visual histories for most of us are something new to our possibilities. Technology is a wonderful thing for our ability to track our past. You can now record the memories of our forefathers. Black Mountain 663 is scheduling short video recording sessions for each of their past masters. Each is being offered a chance to recall the events of their year as master. They are also asked to share their reasons for beginning their journey as Masons. — *The Traveling Trowel*

Wilmington

In June, Orient 395 honored two of their long-time officers. Scott Kennedy was named Secretary of Distinction, and Joe Apke was named Treasurer of Distinction.

— *Orient Lodge*

Hickory

The lodge room is getting a reworking at Hickory 343. The carpet is gone, replaced by black and white mosaic tile. Fresh paint for the walls and ceiling is also in the plan. A workday was scheduled for May 11 to get the project squared away.

Hickory Lodge held their annual Plez Teague Pancake Breakfast May 4. They raised \$1,200 for the Masonic Home for Children. The event is named for the lodge's late, long-time champion of the Homes. — *Hickory Lodge*

China Grove

Eureka 283 held their annual Past Masters' Night June 24. Steaks were being served before the raising began. — *Jason Whitley*

Southport

Live in a place like Southport, and you get a vivid perspective on the threat and unpredictability of Mother Nature. Maybe that has something to do with the action by the members of Pythagoras 249 in reaching out to victims of natural disasters. They recently contributed to relief of victims of Hurricane Sandy as well as the Oklahoma tornados.

They also gave the Masonic Home for Children more than \$2,300. They raised that money at their annual Fish Fry.

The lodge recently honored two Masons. They voted to make their long-time secretary John Richards a Secretary of Distinction. They also made Dale B. Kelley an honorary member of the lodge. — *Newsletter*

Fayetteville

Phoenix 8 held Lodge Appreciation Day June 15. The lodge furnished the meats for the afternoon's meal. Members brought side dishes. Family and friends were invited to join them and to see their lodge award presentations.

— *Michael Dodson*

Phoenix Lodge raises money for building maintenance by accepting donations for event parking on lodge grounds. They are located near a city park which is the site for many public events. — *Newsletter*

Cresy Proctor 679 doubled the number of tickets for their raffle this year. Lots of prizes were awarded June 2. Among them were a 60-inch television, a 32-inch television, a laptop computer, and a Kindle Fire. There were autographed souvenirs from Darrell Waltrip, David Ragan, Brad Paisley, Craig Morgan, and Scotty McCreery. They brought in more than \$3,200 for the Masonic Home for Children.

— *Cresy Proctor 679 and Derec Mercer*

Fort Bragg 667 was planning to host a Poker Run Motorcycle Ride June 22. Proceeds were to go to the Masonic Home for Children.

— *Phoenix Lodge*

Carthage

Their "best fundraiser in years" at Carthage 181 brought in more than \$2,100 for the Masonic Home for Children.

At Carthage's May 28 Past Masters' and Awards Night, Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. was expected to present awards.

— *Quarterly Trestle Board*



Ric Carter photos

**Mint Hill**

On May 2, Mint Hill 742 members Robert Paul Wilcox and Robert Black Long were honored with their Diamond Jubilees acknowledging their 60 years as Masons.

August 1 was to be Annual Luau Dinner at Mint Hill Lodge.

The lodge is planning to hold a blood drive in October. — *Trestle Board*

Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 543 had a workday at the lodge in May. On the menu of chores were finishing and sealing the deck, repairing the signs, and general house cleaning. — *Newsletter*

Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 held an outdoor degree at the McLeansville Wildlife Club on June 1.

Their lodge picnic was set for July 27.

— *Trestle Board*

Gatesville

It was busy at the beginning of the year for Gatesville 126. On January 9, they held their annual blood drive. The goal was 40 units. Forty-eight people offered and 44 were able to donate blood.

On February 7, Cecil Taylor got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership.

The lodge held their Social Evening February 24 at Nixon's. — *The Compasses*

Raleigh

On April 14, William T. Bain 231 presented Jim Crowson his Veteran's Emblem celebrating his 50 years of Masonic membership. Several generations of his family were on hand to see him get his service award. Crowson was an All-American football player at Mississippi State.

— *Rod Grindle*

James B. Green 735 was hosting community emergency personnel June 29. They held their Everyday Heroes Pancake Breakfast at the lodge to say thank you to their neighbors (firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical techs) who answer calls of need around the clock.

Green Lodge is well known for its ice cream socials. They were set for homemade ice cream and other taste treats on nights in June, July, and August. — *The James B. Green Scene*

The 14th Masonic District had a blood drive set of August. — *The Trowel*

Selma

Gary Anthony Jones has been named Secretary of Distinction by Selma 320.

Selma Lodge has installed a safe.

— *Selma Lodge*

Mount Gilead

Blackmer 127 has been setting aside funds to pull together a lodge library. Lodge Librarian Steven Campbell is asking members to donate Masonic books and papers to the collection.

— *Blackmer Buzz*

Washington

Orr 104 presented its 2013 scholarship to Caroline Riffert. The \$1,000 award is presented directly to the college in two semester installments.

— *Ty Carter*

Asheboro

In June, Asheboro 699 gave the Randolph County Honor Guard \$500. The Honor Guard was fundraising to buy a new van.

— *Ray Williams*

Youngsville

Youngsville 377 and Youngsville Emergency Medical Services were cosponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive June 9. — *Dean Mooney*

Jacksonville

On April 26, Semper Fidelis 680 prepared more than 600 meals for the Special Olympics. They have participated in the event for more than ten years now. — *Trestle Board*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 has subscribed to a call tree service called Call-Em-All.com. The service calls all lodge members with the same message in minutes. — *The Jerusalem Journal*

Warsaw

On May 14, Warsaw 677 members Hugh Carlton and B. J. Blackburn were presented their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years Masonic membership.

The lodge's Annual Spaghetti Lunch was set for May 27. — *Warsaw Lodge*

Pilot Mountain

This year's recipient of Pilot 493's scholarship to Surry Community College was Ashley Nicole Smith from East Surry High School.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

Roseboro

This year's Ray Hales Bluegrass and Gospel Festival made \$1,600 for charity. They were thankful for the "wonderful weather and talented entertainers." — *Roseboro #585*

Dunn

Mingo 206 held their Fourteenth Annual Golf Tournament June 15. It was at Coharie Country Club. — *Chris McLamb*

You're invited

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 to help raise money for three Masonic charities. The groups will headline the first Masonic Bluegrass Festival, to be held September 21 in the auditorium many have called "one of the most acoustically perfect facilities anywhere."

Sponsored by Masons Helping Children, the Masonic Bluegrass Festival will feature Chapel Road from Chester, SC; the Hinson Girls from Lancaster, SC; the McFarland Road Band from Laurel Hill, NC; Pinetucket from Wesley Chapel, NC; Country Grass from Chester, SC; Gipton Hill Boys from Weaverville, NC; and Slope

Valley from Hartsville, SC.

All profits from the event will go to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and the Scottish Rite's RiteCare program.

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

Tickets are on sale now. For ticket information, call (704) 365-0735 between 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. weekdays.



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Golf tournaments

September 18

CLEMMONS — This is one of the largest Masonic fundraisers held each year in North Carolina. It will be played September 18 this year at Meadowlands Golf Club in Winston-Salem. Money raised this year goes to the two Masonic Homes and the Clemmons Food Pantry.

The entry fee is \$300 per team and includes lunch and snacks on the course. For details and entry forms, contact Bob Charlier, <bobcharliers@gmail.com> or (336) 970-3959.

October 18

SELMA — Selma 320's Annual Golf Tournament for Masonic Charities is coming up in the fall. Entry fee is \$65 per player. They'll be playing at Cardinal Country Club in Pine Level. Pizza and a putting contest precede the 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Contact <gjones64@nc.rr.com> to get details from Anthony Jones.



At one time, Golden Lodge 5, Stanstead, Canada occupied a lodge room, which straddled the boundary between Canada and the United States. There were entrances on both sides of the border.

—Alphonse Cerza

Masonic Homecoming October 11-13

OXFORD — The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford will again bring together two of the most recognizable days on its calendar when they celebrate the third annual Masonic Homecoming Festival October 11-13. The festivities include the Home's Alumni Homecoming.

The state's largest Shrine Parade and entertainment from beach music favorites the Craig Woolard Band will headline the weekend.

Festivities begin on Friday with the alumni charity golf tournament (open to all golfers) at Kerr Lake Country Club. Friday evening the barbecue teams start their weekend of cooking for the public and the glory with a yard party on campus. Grand Master Dewey Preslar and his Music Room Band, as well as the E. G. Peters

Band will perform.

Saturday features judging for the Barbecue Cook-Off, a stated communication of Orphans Lodge on campus, the Shrine parade, campus tours, and other alumni activities. The Craig Woolard Band performs on the main stage at noon. Campus will be open for tours all weekend.

Visit <http://www.mhc-oxford.org/john.html> for barbecue entry rules and application, parade information, entertainment announcements, golf tournament sign-up, and a complete schedule of events. Check the site for updates frequently as preparations for the Second Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival continue. Hope to see you there!

Card Turk

RALEIGH — Want to do some volunteer work for North Carolina Freemasonry? Enjoy history? Card Turk can let you combine them.

Card Turk is a crowd sourcing project to commit membership records of early Tar Heel Masons to a searchable database. Card Turk

can let you spend as much or as little time as you like anywhere you have Internet access and a computer.

To learn more about how it works and to sign up go to <https://www.facebook.com/Card-Turk>. Prizes are coming soon.



Ric Carter photo

The Ride September 8

OXFORD — For 16 years now, motorcycles have converged on the Masonic Home for Children on the second Saturday of September. They return this year on September 14 as The Ride makes its way once again from all over North Carolina to enjoy lunch and a day at the Home and gather gifts for expenses at the Home.

Last year, 96 bikes made the trip, raising nearly \$23,000 for the kids. That put the total over the Ride's history at more than \$300,000. They'll be registering at 10:30 A.M. for lots of drawings in the Wal-Mart parking lot at 1015 Lewis Street in Oxford before heading out on the short drive to the Home at 11:45. Get details on participating or sponsoring by calling: Jerry Edwards at (704) 857-8162, Bill Greene at (704) 279-4799, or Doug Earnhardt at (704) 957-0346.



University 408 is 125

CHAPEL HILL — University 408 celebrated its 125th birthday May 31-June 1. They kicked off with a hot dog and hamburger dinner on Friday evening May 31. On Saturday evening June 1, they had a steak dinner. Past Grand Historian Michael Brantley was the speaker and gave them a short history of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. At their Past Masters' Evening, the past masters were given certificates and travel mugs.

— Steve Sparrow

Masons and the University

An exhibit opening October 1 at UNC-Chapel Hill traces the involvement of Masons in the university's founding and early years. "Look Well to the East: North Carolina's Freemasons and the Cornerstones of UNC" will be on display in Wilson Library through December 31.

Items on exhibit include the brass plate sealed into the cornerstone of Old East by GM William Davie in 1793; an apron worn at the ceremony; Davie's sword; first UNC President Joseph Caldwell's petition to for the degrees; and information about Masonic symbolism on the campus.

The exhibit will be in the Southern Historical Collection on the fourth floor of Wilson Library. Consult their website (<http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/hours.html>) for hours and directions.



Flowers gives gift

LOUISBURG — On May 14, Annette F. Flowers brought a gift to James A. Johnson 413. She gave the lodge an apron and past master's jewel which belonged to her late father, Austin G. Fuller. Fuller served the lodge as master in 1953. Seen here at the presentation are Ms. Flowers, Master Howard Moore, and Treasurer Stan Joyner.

— Howard Moore



Reenactors gather

YADKINVILLE — Yadkin 162 remembered Confederate Memorial Day in North Carolina on May 6. At their stated meeting, officers dressed in period correct uniforms were in attendance. More than 100, among them 45 masters and past masters, enjoyed the meal and program. A special invitation was extended to Masons who are War Between the States reenactors. They were asked to attend in uniform.

Colonel Bill Potts of Unanimity 7 delivered a Masonic education program on Masonry during 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-Mason reenactors were permitted to attend the educational portion of the meeting. Yadkin Lodge's 2013 Master John H. Baucom is the commanding officer of the reenactors' 28th North Carolina Infantry Regiment.

— John Baucom

Temple's Davidsons

Bud and Sam Davidson got their 50-year awards in May. Since the turn of this century, every Mason raised in Temple 676 has been coached by and/or received a lecture from at least one of them.

— Temple Lodge

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from the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance.

Group 3 revisits alcoholic beverages in lodge facilities. This change would allow lodges to rent facilities to groups in compliance with Grand Lodge regulations. No alcohol would be allowed in the lodge room at any time. This was presented this year by Raleigh 500, a partner in the Raleigh Masonic Temple.

An alternative resolution is also expected. It would allow the grand master to grant dispensations to a limited number of lodges to experiment with such rentals.

Group 4 and 5 would allow district deputy grand masters and district deputy grand lecturers to purchase their official aprons when they conclude their service. Some have expressed concerns about the confusion that may arise from proliferation of officials' aprons being worn at meetings and the resulting distraction from the authority of the current district officers. This change was presented by Robbinsville 672 and Montgomery 426.

Group 6, presented by Steele Creek 737, would change the vote requirement for electing life members in a lodge. Life membership honors long-time service of the member by permanently forgiving their dues. This proposal would change the vote needed to "no more than three black cubes" from the previously required unanimous ballot.

Group 7 is presented by Balfour 188. It would make the minimum dues for all lodges \$200. Supporters say that it takes that much for a lodge to properly support itself and our charities. Raising our dues to that level, they contend, will increase our pride in the fraternity and raise the standards of our members.

Group 8 is something different for us — a straw vote. There has been talk about allowing lodges to have business meetings in the First or Second Degree. Many think this would encourage better retention of Fellows Craft and Entered Apprentices. Currently, just more than 20 percent of Entered Apprentices never finish their degrees. Business in Third Degree only is a relatively recent innovation in Freemasonry. The problem with consideration has been that charting and reworking the necessary changes would be an enormous undertaking. The change would touch on huge portions of *The Code*. Also, the import of those changes will likely have a big effect on the vote.

Grand Lodge committees are reluctant to take on such a large job unless there is at least a strong interest in the effort. A straw vote will be taken to gauge the interest of the membership in allowing business meetings to be held the First or Second Degree. If interest is demonstrated, the necessary committees will endeavor to define

the necessary changes to our law. Those changes would then be brought to Annual Communication at a later date for consideration by members of Grand Lodge.

Group 9 tackles the disposal of property owned by Masonic associations should they go defunct. If a lodge goes under, its property is sold, and the proceeds of the sale are given to the NC Masonic Foundation. This amendment would do the same with properties held by Masonic associations or groups of lodges holding joint ownership of property, should the association cease to exist. The amendment was offered by then Grand Master Robert E. Gresham.

Group 10 deals with the naming of the directors of the North Carolina Masonic Foundation. This action is designed to better protect the various institutions from potential damage in case of lawsuits. It is part of an ongoing effort over the last several years to put our charities on a safer footing. Board members would be nominated by the Grand Lodge and elected by the Foundation Board.

The exact wording and changes on the amendments is in the hands of your lodge secretary. If you have questions about any of the proposed changes to *The Code*, contact the grand secretary's office at <grandsecretary@grandlodge-nc.org> or (919) 787-2021.

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Master's Report is next. Other reports will also be received. Some voting will take place on Friday afternoon.

For you late-night types, there are several restaurants and night spots along the streets around the hotel for you to spend your evening.

Business resumes on Saturday morning at 9:00 A.M. when the last day of the session opens. That's when more proposed amendments and resolutions will be considered. An analysis of those proposals starts on page one of this issue of *The North Carolina Mason*. We will also adopt a budget for the year. We will elect Grand Lodge officers. Business is generally concluded around lunch time.

To reach the Twin City Quarter, take the Cherry Street exit off I-40 Business and go four blocks north. The hotel is taking reservations now. Their toll-free reservation number is (800) 320-0934. Be sure to specify that you are with the Masonic Grand Lodge so you may get our special rate.

Come to Annual Communication this year for the fun of it. Bring a Masonic buddy with you. We hope to see you there!



Things are happening at WhiteStone

GREENSBORO — It has been a successful year so far for WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star retirement community. The community recently announced selling out its 46-unit expansion project, several months ahead of its original projections.

“The Board of Directors, management, residents, and staff, are very pleased with the success of the recent expansion. It’s been a long process, having started in 2007, involving a lot of hard work of our staff, cooperation among our residents, and commitment of the Board of Directors, but it’s been definitely worth it in the end,” said Executive Director Mark Kolada.

In addition to the recently completed expansion, WhiteStone also renovated its main dining room/kitchen. The Linville clubhouse now features a new library, resident store, game room, and lounge. They’ve also added a fellowship hall, bistro, and arts and crafts area.

WhiteStone has also been busy kicking off its centennial anniversary in which it held an employee reunion in February where it acknowledged four special employees for over 30 years of tenure at the community. In May, the campus

hosted its annual Family Fun Day with more than 400 visitors for a day of festivities. The fun included a barbecue lunch, bands, a petting zoo, carriage rides, and jump fun for the children.

Next on the centennial calendar is a party for both fraternities. The residents and staff of WhiteStone would like the opportunity to say thank you for 100 years of fraternal support by inviting all Masons and Eastern Star members to attend a fraternal picnic/open house between 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Music will fill the air as attendees enjoy a picnic lunch, spend time with residents, and participate with tours of the campus to get an up close look to all the recent renovations and expansion.

WhiteStone plans to end its centennial year with a special birthday party dinner for its residents in November to celebrate the centennial of moving in its first residents, Mr. and Mrs. Stone in November 1913.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information about the community, feel free to contact Mark Kolada at (336) 547-2992 or <mkolada@liveatwhitestone.org>.

From the Medical Committee FAST for STroke

Stroke occurs when a blood vessel clots (80% of strokes) or hemorrhages (bleeds) (20%). Both destroy brain cells. Strokes are the leading cause of disability in the United States. They are the third leading cause of death. Memorizing two mnemonics for quick detection will help you get timely, life saving treatment.

FAST

- F — Face, an uneven smile
- A — Arms, unequal raising
- S — Speech, slurred or mute
- T — Time, to act FAST (call 911) within 3 hours for clot dissolution

STRoke

- S — Smile, uneven, tongue deviation
- T — Talk, slurred speech
- R — Raise arms, unequal level

Control your risk factors for stroke which are high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, excess alcohol, excess salt, too little exercise, excess calories, and atrial fibrillation.

J. Ralph Linn, M.D. is a member of Phalanx 31 in Charlotte and the Medical Committee.

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- The North Carolina Masonic Foundation
- WhiteStone, a Masonic & Eastern Star Community (MESH)
- The Masonic Home for Children
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To assure that your gift is properly credited to the fund of your choice, please make the check payable to that charity.

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| 4.....Dunn, Donald Clay | 202.....James, Kenneth Allen | 397.....Letterman, Ralph Lee | 564.....Hamilton, Micheal Andrew | 694.....Poole, Christopher Lee |
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INDIAN BEACH — A contingent of Masons from Charity 5 recently visited here to present their Brother Jack Goldstein, right, a special award to celebrate his 75 years as a member of their lodge. Grand Master Dewey Preslar made the presentation. The 96-year-old Goldstein is a town commissioner of Indian Beach. — Miles Davis



BUXTON — In April, Cape Hatteras 698 member Manson E. Meekins looked out his front door to see Senior Deacon Dallas Miller and Steward Bruce Anderson awaiting him with a stretch limousine. They delivered him to the lodge where he was dined with a ham dinner and gave him a special plaque honoring his 75 years as a Mason. Meekins was raised in Ocean City 171, New Jersey, in 1937 and moved his membership to Cape Hatteras in 1981. He retired from the Coast Guard as a commander with 37 years service. He lives in Avon with Vera, his wife of 70 years. — Mahlon Williams

MILEPOSTS



CHARLOTTE — On November 1, Excelsior 261's Bill Sewing received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a member of the lodge. He is pictured here at the presentation with his wife Florence Sewing and daughter Louise Ferrell.



WARSAW — Two members of Warsaw 677 recently received their Diamond Jubilees honoring their 60 years in the lodge. The honorees were B.J. Blackburn Jr. and D. Hugh Carlton. The presentations were made by Deputy Grand Master Dalton Mayo and 11th District Deputy Grand Master Raymond Turner. Seen here, from left, are Mayo, Blackburn, Carlton, and Turner. — L. C. Jones



LIBERTY — In June Howard Coltrane, of Liberty 714, was presented the Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic service. Coltrane is seen here with his wife Christine and Paul Bruchon who presented the award. — Paul Bruchon



MINT HILL — Robert Paul Wilcox, Mint Hill 742, was given his 60-year Diamond Jubilee on May 2. He is seen here with his wife Bernadine. — Pete Larsen



CHARLOTTE — Angelo John Forlidas, left, of Excelsior 261 received his Diamond Jubilee Award in November to recognize his 60 years as a Mason. He is seen here with William Sewing, who brought him the pin and certificate.



PLYMOUTH — At their Past Master's Banquet, Perseverance 59 presented Cecil James Belch, right, his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years of membership in the fraternity. Belch was accompanied by his son-in-law Beau A. Brown, left, a member of Semper Fidelis 680 in Jacksonville. —Howard Kahn



ADVANCE — Advance 710's Gene Vogler, left, recently received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. Acting Master Gary Livengood is seen here presenting the award. — Mark Howell



CHARLOTTE — Hubert H. Cranford, right, of Excelsior 261 received his Diamond Jubilee Award in November to recognize his 60 years as a Mason. He is seen here with William Sewing, who brought him the pin and certificate.



PINEVILLE — James K. Polk 759 recently presented Jack Crump, one of their charter members, his Veteran's Emblem celebrating his fifty years in the lodge. As Crump's health prevented him from attending the lodge's Awards Night, Master John Keiter, Brent Wilson, and Randy Richardson went to his home to present the honor. Crump was surrounded by his family and was reportedly all smiles. — Randy Richardson



GRIMESLAND — In the spring, Grimesland 475 looked back through time and decided they had been graced with several excellent secretaries over the years. They decided to honor them by electing Skipper McLawhorn, Mickey Bullock, and Benjie Forrest Secretary of Distinction honors. Current Secretary Kendall Paramore made the award presentations. Seen here are, from left, McLawhorn, Bullock, Forrest, and Paramore.



BISCOE — Paul Monroe was recently honored with his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years in Masonry. The Biscoe 437 member is seen here getting his 50-year lapel pin from his wife Joan. — Carl Brown

Pig Jig continues to satisfy



Ric Carter photos

Delivery of the pig is probably the most exciting moment for Pig Jig teams.

A novice's first jig with the pig

By J.J. Kuba Jr.

The annual North Carolina Pig Jig took place May 17-18 and was attended by our lodge [Hickory 343] for the second time in as many years. The Annual North Carolina Masonic Pig Jig is a fund raising event for several of our charities. The way it works is that we sell tickets to the general public and cook our best dishes. Tickets holders come into the Pig Jig area and sample the wares of the different lodges. They then vote for their favorite. Professional barbecue judges also pick their favorites. All the proceeds go directly to charity. There were 31 teams this year.

The troop and I got in a little early and had the advantage of setting up before it got crowded. We also got to see some of the fair that was going on at the same time. The Pig Jig was just a part of AgFest, and off season state fair.

The raw product was given out at around 9:00 p.m. Friday night. This consisted of one pig (no head, we were disappointed also), four Boston butts, and seven chickens. A meeting was called

before the food was distributed, and the teams were told what time their particular product was to be at the judges' area. The samples going to the judges were to be placed in two clam shell, to-go containers, while the sauce was to be put in a four-ounce sealable bowl. All of it was not to add up to ten ounces of product. If that is what they want, then that is what they get.

The smoke started to rise that evening about 8:00 coming out of chimneys, or off grills. One team was actually making charcoal and then placing it into their cooker. Traveling around the camp you could hear all types of music, from outlaw country to modern pop to hip hop. Music and its many forms were present, just as man and his many forms were also present.

The meat arrived, and the blades appeared. Flashes of silver came from under the work lights which appeared as the daylight

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — Raleigh 500 held the Eighth Annual Carolina Masonic Pig Jig here on May 18 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. It was celebrated in conjunction with the Got to Be NC AgFest, our state's off-season state fair. The Pig Jig has thousands of visitors each year and crowns the best Masonic team in several divisions of grilled and smoked delight.

At the Pig Jig, thousands ate and voted for their favorites. A team of appointed judges picked the best results in several divisions. More than 30 teams entered the competition. While final figures are not yet available, it is estimated that \$8,000 will go to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford and to Central Children's Home. The two institutions have been supported by the Masons of North Carolina for many years.

The Grand Champion title went to the joint team of Rolesville 683 and James B. Green 735. Spurmont 98, last year's Grand Champion, took the People's Choice Award.

Other division winners were:

Pork Division

- First Rolesville 683/James B. Green 735 (Rolesville)
- Second Widow's Son 4 PHA (Raleigh)
- Third Wilmington 319 (Wilmington)

Chicken Division

- First Rhamkette 827 PHA (Raleigh)
- Second Spurmont 98 (Strasburg, Virginia)
- Third William G. Hill 218 (Raleigh)

Sauce Division

- First Widow's Son 4 PHA (Raleigh)
- Second Rolesville 683/James B. Green 735 (Rolesville)
- Third William G. Hill 218 (Raleigh)

Team Spirit

- Doric 30 (Millville, Delaware)

The Masonic Pig Jig returns to Got to Be NC AgFest next year. We'll bring you details right here. Don't miss the fun or the opportunity to make a little money for your lodge.



A bit of rain didn't spoil the fun.

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