



Mayo elected next grand master

Annual Communication 226 concludes



GM Preslar opens the session.

WINSTON-SALEM — The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina held their 226th Annual Communication here September 27–28. Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr. presided over a quick, efficient communication attended by 1,192 registered voting delegates. Deputy Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo, of Hiram 98, was elected to become our next grand master. He appointed to the Grand Lodge line R. David Wicker Jr., a member of Oak Grove 750, Orphans 761, and Mosaic 762, as steward for the coming year.

Some Grand Lodge officials arrived at the headquarters hotels on Wednesday, September 25 to be present and ready for the board and committee meetings that began early Thursday morning when even more officials were on hand. The Committee on Finance and Board of General Purposes had their final meetings prior to bringing business before the membership. The Board of General Purposes voted on various nominations and appointments of Deputy Grand Master Mayo pending his election as grand master for 2014. It was BGP's next to last meeting with Grand Master Preslar, the last being just before Grand Lodge officer installation December 7.

Jurisprudence had their last conference before bringing amendments to the delegates. The Committee on Appeals met to review all trials and actions by the judge advocate in the last year and held hearings for several men asking to

return to the fraternity after losing their membership. The Board of Custodians, Board of Publications, and other committees met before the general session. There were two training sessions for lodge secretaries on Thursday teaching them more about MORI, our computer database for tracking membership information and lodge finances. They also learned more about phone tree services and conducting applicant investigations.

Thursday night, Grand Master Preslar hosted a banquet for his special guests and out-of-state visitors to the Annual Communication.

The formal opening began at 10:00 A.M. on Friday morning. With the Grand Lodge officers at their stations, the opening procession was led by the United States and North Carolina flags and the banner of the Grand Lodge delivered by members of the National Sojourners Spirit of '76ers.

By Ric Carter



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Asheville Masonic Temple begins celebrating 100



By Mark-Ellis Bennett

The Asheville Masonic Temple began celebrating its centennial Tuesday, July 9 with a rededication of the cornerstone laid July 1, 1913. Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. presided. The celebration is scheduled to last for more than a year.

The event was held in the temple's meeting room and open to the public. Officers of Mt. Hermon Lodge dressed in tuxedos greeted guests. Preslar announced the purpose of the occasion was to reenact the laying of the temple's foundation stone in accordance with Masonic custom and usage. "It represents the ambitious desires of those who wanted to provide for themselves a more suitable temple," he said.

A centennial cornerstone, created for installation above the original cornerstone on the exterior of the temple building's northeast corner, was placed on a table beside the altar in the center of the lodgeroom for the ceremony. The vari-

ous officers of the lodge, per the ancient ritual, inspected the stone with the symbolic tools of an operative mason — the square, level, and plumb.

In Masonic tradition the officers, in turn, poured corn, wine, and oil over the new stone. In his invocation Preslar said, "May the all-bounteous Author of Nature continue to bless the inhabitants of this place with an abundance of the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life. May His spirit in the next century of this building long preserve the structure from decay and grant to us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy."

Distinguished guests who spoke included Asheville city councilman Chris Pelly and Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Chairman David Gantt, Gwen Jones representing the

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DESIGNS UPON OUR TRESTLE BOARD



Own and deliver your Masonry

By Dewey R. Preslar Jr.
Grand Master

As the old saying goes, time flies when you are having fun, and here I am writing my final article for The North Carolina Mason with both pride and humility.

It certainly has been my pleasure and honor to have served as your grand master this year. We have talked about causing something to happen in our Masonry that might not exist today — a different outcome; something extraordinary; passion; and a breakthrough in our Masonry. Together we have worked hard for our charities, have seen an increase in our fundraising efforts, have increased the number of certified lecturers (one of whom is 19 years old), and have contacted and re-engaged entered apprentices. We have drawn designs upon our trestle boards and have made our plans. Our hope was that this would increase our connectivity to each other and cause a different outcome in our Masonry. I am happy to say that I am seeing breakthroughs all around. Thank you, my Brothers!

I have been privileged to witness all that is good, kind, and charitable about our fraternity. Freemasonry teaches us that unselfishness is a duty, and that it is not only more blessed than to receive, but also to be rewarding at the same time. I often speak about my travels across this beautiful state of ours. The people and the Craft are what make it so beautiful.

Along this splendid journey, I have kept a journal of my travels

and experiences this year. Every day would always feel like "the best" and I would often ask myself, how can it get any better than this? And, yet I would experience another "best". Words cannot express enough the beauty of this!

One recent example was the Eureka 283 charity motorcycle ride to Oxford. This was the 16th year for this event, and our Brothers raised more than \$24,000 for our charities. As I followed the riders during this trip, it was a sight to behold! I was asked to lead them through the gates of the Home, which was an honor and most humbling experience. As we entered these hallowed grounds and knowing the outcome that it was producing for our children, I was extremely overwhelmed and touched.

When I petitioned the lodge some 25 years ago, my wife was quite distressed over this with two young children at home. She was afraid that it would take too much time away from family. But, over the years Terrie has recognized the balance and how we are taught to divide our time. She now says, truly taking a good man and making him better was a huge outcome in my life. She speaks often of the wonderful and beautiful people that we have met and whom we wouldn't have met if we hadn't had this opportunity and journey.

We just concluded the 226th Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge which was very well attended. I felt that we accomplished much with breakthroughs happening all around. But, for me, it was another one of those "best days" in Masonry, especially mingling with and enjoying time spent with all who were present. I don't believe that I can express the emotion better than

one Brother who commented on how staunch and wonderful the Pledge of Allegiance sounded when close to 1,000 Brothers said it together. Then, to hear one of our very special children from the Home at Oxford speaking in a trembling voice while relating how well she has been taken care of and the impact Masons have had in her life, she spoke while tears flowed freely. Many of the strong voices that had previously spoken the Pledge both sternly and loudly were joining her in those tears. I don't think there was a dry eye in the audience. Brother Marc Sessoms, thank you for your comments from which I paraphrased as you summed the mood very well, my Brother.

On another sad note, we recently lost Past Grand Master William Simpson to that House not made with hands. As it was stated during his eulogy, we have lost a prince of a man in North Carolina and a perfect knight. Please keep his wife Marian in your prayers.

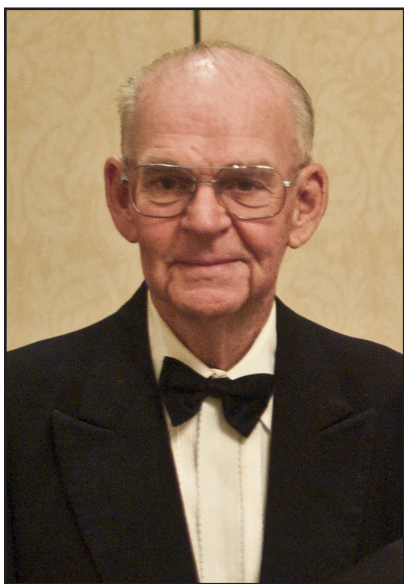
In closing, thank you, my Brethren, for all the great memories. It has been a wonderful journey, and as we close this chapter, we look forward to the future of our Grand Lodge. I see only positives happening — growth, an increase in support of our charities, and breakthroughs that will cause only beautiful things to happen for our fraternity — the greatest fraternity ever known to man. It is with pride and closeness that I congratulate our newly elected and appointed grand line officers and wish them a wonderful journey as well.

Together, my Brothers, we have certainly owned and delivered our Masonry in 2013. Thank you again for your friendship, support, and an outstanding year!

PGM Simpson dead at 85

GREENSBORO — William Henry Simpson, 143rd grand master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina died here September 8. Marian, his wife of 61 years was by his side. He was 85 years old.

Our mild voiced Bill was born to Pearl and Addie Simpson in Stokesdale, NC on May 14, 1928. He is survived by his wife, Marian Vaughn Simpson; sister Peggy Harper of Greensboro; sister Betty Shelton and husband Powell of Stokesdale; and brother Bob Simpson and wife Janice of Stokesdale. Bill was preceded in death by his sister Frances Best.



He graduated from Stokesdale High School in 1945 where he was a lover of sports and a star basketball player. In 1950 Bill graduated from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in science and the following year returned to Chapel Hill to enroll in graduate school. Having been an advocate of basketball all of his life and

his admiration for the Tar Heels combined to add much pleasure to his life. His huge love for UNC caused him to be affectionately known to many as "Mr. Tar Heel."

Bill and Marian were married in 1952, he joined the Air Force in 1953. He and Marian came to Greensboro in 1956 and joined West Market Street United Methodist Church where Bill was active in many capacities the rest of his life.

Simpson was initiated in Stokesdale 428 June 21, 1949; passed July 19, 1949; and raised August 2, 1949. He was a member of Wilkerson College 760 and honorary member of many lodges across the state.

He was a past grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of North Carolina, past worthy grand patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of North Carolina, and a member of Greensboro Scottish Rite. Grand Master Jerry G. Tart appointed him to the Grand Lodge line in 1989, and he was elected grand master in 1996.



GM Preslar gives PGM Pervier his Montfort Medal.

Pervier named newest Montfort Medalist

WINSTON-SALEM — At Annual Communication here, Past Grand Master Graham W. Pervier was named the latest recipient of the Joseph Montfort Medal, the highest honor given by the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar presented the award before the 1,000 assembled members of the Grand Lodge and a circle of previous Montfort Medalists.

Pervier, a member of Forsyth 707, was grand master in 2005 and has served on many Grand Lodge committees and boards both before and

after being grand master. Before his retirement, he was county manager of Forsyth County for more than 20 years. His professionalism has proved an asset to the fraternity on many occasions.

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. The medal is named for Royal White Hart 2 member Joseph Montfort who was made "provincial grand master of and for America" in 1771, the only man ever to hold that honor.

Wilkerson College registration opens

RALEIGH — Registration for Wilkerson College opened October 1. Wilkerson College, was founded in 2002 by the Grand Lodge and NC Scottish Rite "to provide Freemasonry with the best trained leaders possible. Today there are more than 200 graduates of Wilkerson College who are making a positive difference in North Carolina Freemasonry and the communities that they live in."

The class is limited to 36 students. Admission preference is given to lodge deacons. The

school includes three weekend sessions held in the spring.

The 2014 sessions will be held at White-Stone in Greensboro February 28–March 1, the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford March 28–29, and at the Grand Lodge headquarters in Raleigh May 2–3. Wives are invited to the final weekend's events.

For additional information and registration, visit Wilkerson College's website <www.wilkersoncollege.com>.

Boot Camps expand to four locations

By Kevin Combs

The popular Officers' Boot Camps, designed to train Blue Lodge line officers in essential leadership skills as they move to the master's chair, will expand to four sessions this fall. The forums provide up-to-date and informative material on effective lodge management and planning. The Boot Camps are one-day programs, repeated across the state.

Date	Location	Address
Oct. 19	Hiram 98	213 Fisher Drive, Clinton
Nov. 9	Masonic Temple	427 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro
Nov. 16	Masonic Temple	80 Broadway, Asheville
Nov. 23	Skewarkee 90	610 N. Smithwick St., Williamston

These sessions offer lodges unparalleled opportunities for development. Each session stands on its own — a brother only needs to attend one session to get the full Boot Camp experience. The Boot Camps, now in their fifth year, are free and are co-sponsored by Wilkerson College and the Grand Lodge Masonic Education Committee. Participants receive a workbook and other material. You are on your own for lunch.

While open to all Masons, Boot Camp sessions will be most helpful to blue lodge line officers.

The Boot Camps were conceived as a way of providing leadership training for officers who could not attend Wilkerson Col-

lege and those who would like a refresher of the Wilkerson College program. Topics include "Masonic Education in the Blue Lodge," "Motivation," "Fundraising," "The Master's Toolbox," and "Steps to Dynamic Lodge Leadership." Brothers scheduled to present at the boot camps include JGW Doug Caudle, Jim Medlin, Rick Smith, JGS Shaun Bradshaw, Larry Thompson, Ben Wallace, and Kevin Combs.

Kevin Combs is a member of Statesville 27 and the Masonic Education Committee.



Master Brown and GM Preslar

New Knights of Solomon instituted

JACKSONVILLE — Perhaps the fastest growing lodge in our history was Knights of Solomon 764 based in Charlotte. As expected, the lodge has already inspired another motorcycle affinity lodge. The new edition was granted a dispensation to operate as a lodge May 30. They have chosen to continue the franchise by also taking the name Knights of Solomon Lodge.

Forty-four Masons attended the institution of Knights of Solomon Lodge here at Semper Fidelis 680. Its beginning primary officers are Beau Anthony Brown, master; Denny Norris, senior warden; and Joseph Lynn Houle, junior warden.

Grand Lodge voted at Annual Communication to grant them a charter, creating Knights of Solomon 766. The lodge will be constituted in October. For more information on the lodge, contact lodge secretary Howard Kahn <hkahn@ec.rr.com>.



Members and guests at the institution.



The first officers are sworn.

Pope's really big year

FAYETTEVILLE — Thomas Pope, of Stedman 730, is having a big year. Pope has long covered motorsports for the *Fayetteville Observer* where he currently serves as sports editor. In May, he received the Henry T. McLemore Motorsports Press Award. It "is given in recognition of continued outstanding motorsports journalism in the field of writing, broadcasting, and photography as carried on in the tradition of Henry McLemore, a renowned journalist who helped put motorsports in the national spotlight. There are currently 22 living winners of the award, and those winners nominate and vote for each new winner. The award is given only in years when there is a majority of the votes cast for one individual."

Pope received the honor in Talladega May 2 at the International Motorsports Hall of Fame inductions. During the same ceremonies, Dale Inman, Rusty Wallace, Rick Hendrick, and Don Schumacher were inducted in the Hall.

Earlier this year, Pope won the Russ Catlin Motorsports Journalism Award of Excellence for writing in daily publications. The award recognizes the best racing story to appear nationally in a newspaper in 2012. The story garnering the accolade was "Rock of Ages" "which chronicles the passion with which fans follow racing at Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem." According to judges at Indiana University, "The reporter brings Bowman Gray Stadium to life, revealing the culture of grassroots racing with plenty of local color. Whether readers are racing fans or not, they will recognize the passion and connection to place as universal human experiences."

Pope joined the *Observer* sports staff in 1978. He has won more



Thomas Pope, left, receives the McLemore Award from Kenny Bruce of NASCAR.com as Miss Motorsports Hall of Fame looks on.

than two dozen writing awards, National Motorsports Press Association contests, and the NMPA's George Cunningham Award as its writer of the year in 1994. He is also a three-time recipient of the media award given by the International Hot Rod Association. He is a co-author of three NASCAR related books, and he also helped select the top 50 drivers in NASCAR and NHRA history. He is 17th District deputy grand lecturer, assistant secretary of Stedman 730, and chairman of the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason*.

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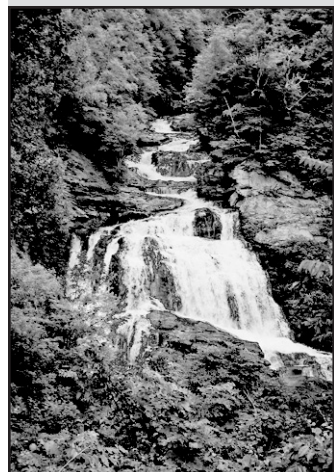
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Spencer

It takes work to get things done. Spencer 543 helps out lots of community programs. Among them are the North Rowan High School Band, the Spencer Little League, the Boy Scouts, and other local charities and services as well as the Masonic charities. To make these things happen, they've sold Krispy Kreme doughnut cards (July), held a barbecued chicken dinner fundraiser (September), and worked the community service day at the NC Transportation Museum (July). These are among the many programs they conduct each year to keep their community involvement at a high level.

They also host a pool party at the Masonic Home for Children each August. They bring gifts, school supplies, and music for the party. Albemarle Assembly 32 Rainbow Girls, Denton 404, Scotch Ireland 154 helped out this year with the cookout and with collecting school supplies. Grand Tyler Steve Schenk furnished the music.

Spencer Lodge held their Past Masters' Night August 27. The past masters raised a candidate after dinner. — John Hatley

Wadesboro

Kilwinning 64 Master Colson Dunlap performed both sections of a lodge Third Degree on March 14. He also delivered the lecture. Many lodge masters don't pull that off during their tenure. It was especially striking that Dunlap is only 21 years old. He learned his catechisms and other degree work while a graduate student. Don't say you don't have time. — Chesley Greene

Carthage

May 28 was the date for Carthage 181's Emergent Past Masters' and Awards Communication. Grand Master Dewey Preslar was there to dispense awards. A Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership went to Homer Fry. Jessie E. Jackson and Leon Lineberry received Veteran's Emblems marking their 50 years in the Craft. A corned beef and cabbage meal preceded the meeting. — Carthage Lodge

Burnsville

Service awards were recently distributed at Burnsville 717. Diamond Jubilees for 60 years membership went to Charlie Gibbs, Earl Young, and Edwin Horhorouny. Jess Hampton, and Claude McIntosh received their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years in the lodge. Jerry Lawson was named a Secretary of Distinction. — Jerry Laws

Mint Hill

Health topics are important in Mint Hill 742 these days. Back in June, John Phillips conducted a class in using the new automated external defibrillator now installed in the hallway of the lodge. They are also offering CPR training in the fall. A Red Cross blood drive was set for October.

On the health of the building front, they are focusing on the exterior right now. They are considering shrubs and flower beds around the parking lot. They were seeking advice and landscaping ideas. — Trestle Board

Asheville

Mount Hermon 118 is busy with their 100-year-old temple in downtown Asheville. Their rentals to the public are rising, and they are redoubling their efforts to restore the building. They held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser August 10. A string quartet played during the event. Drawings were held throughout the evening to award prizes donated by local businesses. — Ron Lambe

Mount Hermon Lodge has raised their dues. In 2014 they will be paying \$120 plus per capita. — Trestle Board

Hickory

Renovations at Hickory 343 are now complete. The main work included fresh colors for the walls and ceilings. The carpet was removed from the lodge room and replaced by black and white tile. Don Rolon was the project manager.

Hickory Lodge's Family Day was set for August 10. There were activities for all ages. Members were encouraged to invite friends and neighbors. — Hickory Lodge

Black Mountain

Black Mountain 663 held its "A Canopy of Stars" fundraiser August 24. The evening of variety entertainment raised money for local scholarships and charities as well as state Masonic charities. There was a dance show, a magician, and several musical acts. Barbecue was available during the show. They held it at White Horse Black Mountain.

Black Mountain Lodge is now reminding members of upcoming events with a new phone tree service. — The Traveling Trowel

Wendell

Wendell 595 sponsored a ball team in their town's children's recreation league. The two hundred dollars spent on the kids in their community is an investment in the future.

At their April Past Masters' and Widows' Dinner, they served steak and gave a special plaque to John McClellan Jr. for his years of service to the lodge. Among his contributions were several years as the lodge secretary. Berry Wilder got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership. — Let There Be Light



High Point Masons chat on the front steps of First United Methodist Church.

High Point Masons celebrate St. John's Day

HIGH POINT — For several years, Chris Fitzgerald, senior minister of First United Methodist Church here and a past grand chaplain, had wanted to hold a St. John's Day Celebration. Fitzgerald first experienced St. John's Day growing up in Maiden where his father was a Methodist minister and a Mason.

Fitzgerald's dream came true August 4 when he invited members of local lodges, both AF & AM and Prince Hall, to join the worship service. His sermon, on a theme recognizable to Free-

masons, was "Building a Temple for the Heart," a topic from First Kings 8:12-19. At the beginning of the worship service, after the recognition of the groups, Darren Layton from Hanks 128 in Franklinville gave the Trestleboard Lecture. Acacia 674 furnished the Masonic Bible. Approximately 100 Masons from both Prince Hall and AF & AM lodges and their families attended. Some have called the fellowship here one of the most important Masonic events in years in High Point. — Michael Rinhardt

Charlotte

Lodges in the Charlotte area have taken on helping a lodge in Moore, Oklahoma, site of the devastating tornado earlier this year. — Trestleboard

Phalanx 31 had an interesting visit this summer from actor Ben Cross. The British Mason is best known for his starring role in Chariots of Fire (1981), Star Trek (2009), and Ben Hur (2010). His visit to the lodge meeting was a surprise to the officers and members of the lodge. — Trestleboard

Steele Creek 737 held their Awards Night June 17. Bob Braswell made the presentations. — Don Hendershot

Over at Charles M. Setzer 693, they are raffling a shotgun and selling gourmet popcorn in their second fundraiser of the year.

Their open house/homecoming was set for August 17. — Trestle Board

Pilot Mountain

Always look on the bright side of life. Pilot 493 may have had to spend some money on replacing their HVAC system, but it is saving them noticeable money on their power bills. — The Pilot Mountain Traveler

New Bern

Grantham 725's scholarships this year were presented in honor of Past Master Alvia Herren. This year's went to Allison Cuthrell and Michael Gonzales. Both have family members in the lodge. — James E. White III

Berne 724 held their annual golf tournament September 28. — Jason Watters

Princeton

St. Patrick's 617 holds a barbecue chicken and pork supper each year on the first Saturday of March. The supper benefits the Masonic Home for Children. Each August, they also participate in satisfying the needs list from the Home with goods, cash, and gift cards. — David Ellis

Pineville

Sam and Ben Hobbs are brothers, optometrists, and members of James K. Polk 759. For the last four years, they have carried a troupe from their lodge to help with free eye exams and glasses for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. — Sam Hobbs

Polk Lodge recently hosted a fish fry at The Cottages, a senior community near them. The community said the 73 residents on hand for the event was their "best turnout ever." Jack Thrower and his friends entertained. They were invited to come back in the fall. — Randy Richardson

Wilson

Masonic groups all over the Wilson County vicinity joined together to hold their Annual Area Masonic Blood Drive on August 1. Last year's effort included seven lodges and collected 44 pints of blood. The collection is held at the Wilson County Shrine Club. — David Ellis

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 is holding its Second Annual Masonic Poker Run October 19. The big drawing for the day will be their raffle of 2013 Polaris Sportsman XP850 four-wheeler. For details contact Rob at <semperfi680@outlook.com>. — Trestle Board

Robbinsville

A fan of "Moonshiners" on Discovery Channel? You may do a double take at Robbinsville 672. Deputy Sheriff Chuck (Chuck Stewart) is a new Entered Apprentice there. — Jim Hyde

Roseboro

Pete Faircloth recently gave Roseboro 585 a new barbecue grill. They broke it in at the very first meeting, cooking 39 hamburgers for the gathered Masons.

Wind storms caused some damage to the rear of their building.

Roseboro Lodge's pancake breakfast was scheduled for October 5. — Roseboro #585

Thomasville

Every year, on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, Thomasville 214 holds their Thanksgiving Banquet. They entertain their lodge widows that night. This year, it's being held November 21 at Memorial United Methodist Church.

Thomasville Lodge is participating in Cell-phones for Soldiers, a program which reprograms cell phones to give to military personnel serving in combat zones. Eric Osborner is collecting them for the lodge. — Trestle Board

Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 154 recently added a much looked forward to porch to their building. They held a dedication August 12. Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. presented a plaque thanking and honoring Bill McIntosh and Bill Angel for their work in getting the addition built. They enjoyed a fish dinner before the ceremony. Souvenir cooking aprons were passed out for the occasion. — Newsletter

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 held their annual lodge cookout June 18. Thirty-six members and family attended. A "torrential downpour" struck as they were starting to grill, but they dodged and adapted to keep things on course. They report it a "great success."

July was set to be "move up a chair" night at King Solomon. That's when they get a little run at their likely station for next year. — The Plumb Line

Highlands

Blue Ridge 485 held their annual lodge picnic August 10. The lodge provided the meat and drinks. Attendees brought side dishes and lawn chairs.

Blue Ridge is increasing their dues from \$25 to \$30 in 2014. — Trestleboard

Kannapolis

Cannon Memorial 626 was having their semiannual charity breakfast July 20. The seven-dollar ticket got you an all-you-can-eat menu of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, biscuits and gravy, grits, coffee, juice, and assorted soft drinks. — Thomas A. Van Etten

Kernersville

Saturday, August 17 was a scheduled lodge cleanup and maintenance day at Kernersville 669. On Saturday, September 14, they were to clean up their Adopt-A-Highway section.

George Page holds a coaching clinic Monday nights at Kernersville Lodge. — Masonic Lodge News

Wallace

Wallace 595 and Rebooth 279 have merged. They will be meeting in Wallace on first Monday nights. They have changed their name to Wallace 279. — Wallace Lodge

Wallace Lodge was the site of the Burgaw Dixie Youth Nine- and Ten-Year-Old Softball Team on July 17. The kids were raising money for their August trip to Louisiana to represent North Carolina in the Dixie Youth Softball World Series. — Luther Jones

Hayesville

Clay 301 scheduled the Fifth Annual Raised in a Barn Degree for September 14. — Jim Hyde

Canton

Rather than cancel their stated communication when it fell on Independence Day, Sonoma 472 turned it into a special event. They encouraged members to wear red, white, and blue. They had hot dogs for supper and held the drawing for their raffle. A shot gun was the prize. — Mike Hooper

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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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District deputy grand masters and grand lecturers were seated on either side of the ceremonial lodge floor. Grand Lodge officers from the grand lodges of District of Columbia, Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, and West Virginia, and sitting officers from state appendant bodies were escorted to the stage which held the podium and the symbolic East. Finally, our past grand masters were brought to the stage. Each group was welcomed and accorded private grand honors.

The officers of the Grand Lodge opened the Annual Communication in a ceremony very much like the one we use in every blue lodge meeting. State Senator and Grand Orator Andrew C. Brock (of Farmington 265) delivered the keynote.

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

Immediately after lunch, and before resealing the lodge, representatives of North Carolina's Masonic youth groups, Rainbow for Girls' Claudia Grainger and DeMolay Andrew Williard, spoke to the gathering. A young lady resident of the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford spoke of her love for the Home and moved the crowd to tears. After the non-Masons were escorted from the lodge hall, we resumed labor. A ceremony was conducted to honor our members who died this past year. Special eulogies being delivered for our late past grand masters William H. Simpson (by Past Grand Master Charles Lewis) and Clifton W. Everett Jr. (by Past Grand Master/Grand Treasurer Lewis Ledford).

At the conclusion of the necrology, Grand Master Preslar presented his preliminary report on his year thus far. There was business requiring voting on Friday afternoon including the Report of the Committee on Appeals. Appeals' recommendations were adopted by the delegates. The proposed amendments, with the exception of the increase in per capita, were discussed and voted on Friday afternoon.

Grand Master Preslar called us from labor to refreshment before 4:00 p.m., ending day one of our business session. On Friday evening,

Masons were seen in groups all over downtown Winston-Salem. They enjoyed the entertainment and many restaurants around the center of the city. They got to visit with old friends and brothers they never met before.

The final business session of the Annual Communication opened at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The first business before us on the second day was, as always, the budget for 2014. Finance Committee Chairman Grover Dees, of Fellowship 84 in Smithfield, presented the budget and called for discussion after each section. Interspersed between those parts, delegates marked ballots to elect Grand Lodge officers for next year. The budget was approved as presented.

Elections proceeded without surprise with elected officers advancing a station and the grand treasurer and grand secretary comfortably holding their seats. Clinton 98 member Dalton W. Mayo was elected to become our next grand master. Mayo is retired from the faculty of Sampson Community College. He is also a member of Wilkerson College 760 and Orphans 761 and an honorary member of ten lodges.

The Grand Lodge voted to grant a charter to Jacksonville's Knights of Solomon Lodge No. 766, a second lodge for motorcycle enthusiasts. They also granted name changes for merged lodges to now Wallace 279 (Rehoboth 279 and Wallace 595) and Polk County Union 482 (Salluda 482 and Jeff L. Nelson 605).

We had ten amendment groups to *The Code* to be considered during the meeting. Amendment Group 1 was adopted assuring that Endowed Memberships are calculated on the basis of upcoming dues, helping make sure lodges lose less money on new endowed members.

Group 2 passed and raised per capita to \$20 from its current \$17. This is the fee paid by lodges per member with less than 50 years membership.

Group 3, regarding the use of alcohol by lodge renters, was withdrawn before consideration.

Groups 4 and 5 passed in substitute form. Past district deputy grand masters and past district deputy grand lecturers will be allowed to buy their aprons as mementos, but they will only be permitted to display them, not wear them in lodge.

Groups 6 and 7 were both rejected. They would have, respectively, required three black



cubes to reject a life membership and would have set minimum dues for lodges to \$200.

Group 8 was a straw vote on interest in allowing lodges to conduct business in the First Degree. A small majority was against the idea.

Group 9 was passed. It makes regulations for disposing of defunct temple corporation assets match those for a defunct lodge. Group 10, regarding distancing NC Masonic Foundation director appointments from the Craft, passed. It reduces potential legal exposure for each of the organizations.

Others elected to Grand Lodge offices were Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27), deputy grand master; Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), senior grand warden; A. Gene Cobb (Royal White Hart 2), junior grand warden; T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), grand secretary; and PGM Lewis R. Ledford, grand treasurer.

The most awaited appointment each year is the new grand steward, the man who will join the line of men advancing toward the office of grand master. The new steward is R. David Wicker of Oak Grove 750, Orphans 761, and Mosaic 762. Wicker is a lawyer.

This year's appointed officers include Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), senior grand deacon; Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), junior grand deacon;



You're invited to the installation of the 2014 Grand Lodge officers at 11:00 a.m. December 7 at Sunset Avenue School, 505 Sunset Avenue, Clinton, NC. A reception will follow.

Dwight M. "Mack" Sigmon (Catawba 248), grand marshal; Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428) and David Wicker (Oak Grove 750), grand stewards; Thomas M. Bass (Hiram 98), grand tiler; Andrew Benjamin Wood (Wallace 585), grand chaplain; James Massie Gillespie (Hiram 98), grand historian; Earl Wells (Hiram 98), grand lecturer; Mansour Hatefi, PGM (Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of District of Columbia), grand orator; and James R. Stevens (Garner 701), judge advocate.

After concluding much of its business on Friday afternoon, Annual Communication was adjourned well before noon on Saturday.

Grand Lodge scholars receive awards



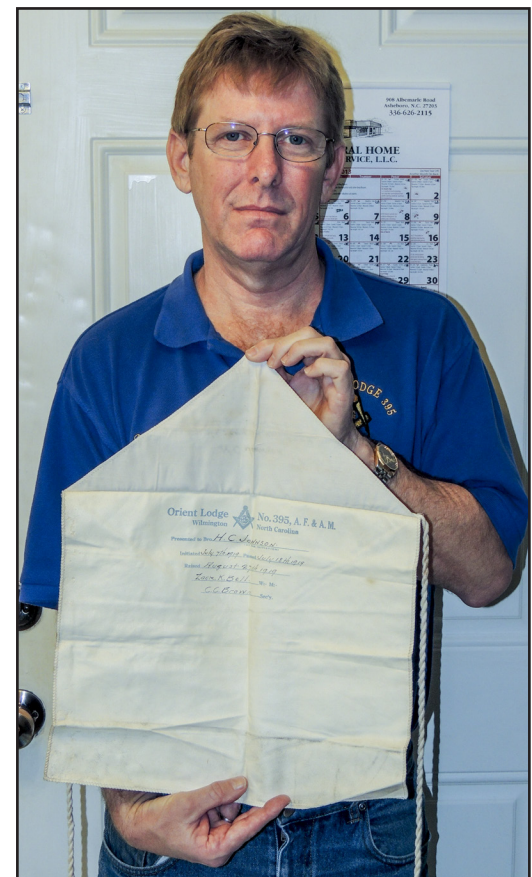
WEAVERVILLE — Past Grand Master Berry Rigdon recently visited North Buncombe High School to present one of the Grand Lodge Scholarships to Sierra N. Garrison. She and Rigdon are seen here with Garrison's mother.



CHINA GROVE — Katherine Starnes, second from left, recently received one of the Grand Lodge Scholarships. Senior Grand Warden Douglas Caudle made the presentation during South Rowan High School's Awards Night. Her father, Don Starnes, and grandfather, Don Lyerly are both members of Eureka 283. Seen here, from left, are Lyerly, Starnes, Ms. Starnes, and Caudle.



LINCOLNTON — Ronnie L. Tackett received one of this year's Cathey Grand Lodge Scholarships on June 6. Tackett is seen here with Grand Steward Mack Sigmon who made the presentation at Lincolnton High School. Tackett's father (Ronald Tackett Jr.) and grandfather (Jerry L. Lewis) are members of Cookville 502.



Reel on his apron mission.

Reel has fun with history

SHELBY — In January, Tommy Brooks and Pat Phifer found an old Masonic apron in a shoebox tucked away at Cleveland 202. Upon looking under the flap of the apron, they found that it had belonged to a Mason named Horace Clifton Johnson, and that he had been raised in Wilmington's Orient 395 in 1919.

What do you do with an old apron? Brooks and Phifer had a quick idea. They knew a local Mason who was a member of Orient Lodge. Why not ask Dennis Reel to take the apron back to his home lodge?

Reel became excited about the mission and determined to learn as much as possible about the former wearer of the apron. He made dozens of calls to research and drum up publicity.

Johnson was a real estate agent and Army reservist who lived his adult life in New Hanover County. He died in 1956 and is buried in Masonic section of Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery, across the street from Orient Lodge. How the apron found its way to Shelby is still unknown.

By the time Reel delivered the apron to Orient Lodge in early April, both WWAY television and the Shelby Star had done articles on his mission. He had met lots of new friends and received comments from around the country. — Dennis Reel

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Smithfield

Fellowship 84's Annual Pancake Breakfast this year brought in more than \$3,500. The money goes into their scholarship fund which this year awarded three grants to college bound kids in the neighborhood. — David Ellis

Raleigh

Lodges in the Fifteenth Masonic District were having a blood drive with Rex Blood Services August 17. The plan included games, hot dogs on the grill, prizes, and a bouncy house for the tykes. — *The Trowel*

James B. Green 735 had a pancake breakfast for local heroes in June. A dozen lodge members came out early to make sure the firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and law enforcement officers had a good and generous breakfast. — Don Steichen

Greensboro

P. P. Turner 746 was having their annual picnic August 15. They were inviting friends and family to the event. — *P. P. Turner Lodge*

Gate City 694 had their annual fish fry set for September 14. — *Trestleboard*

Waxhaw

Waxhaw 562's Past Masters' and Ladies' Luncheon was set for August 10, high noon. Walter Klein was speaking to them about the Hezekiah Alexander House and its Masonic symbols. — Richard Shields

Concord

Stokes 32 held their first past masters' night of the year August 19. — Thomas Van Etten

Sanford

William P. Minard was recently honored with the Secretary of Distinction award by Sanford 151. — Dillon Teel

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 has replaced its carpet. The job even improved all the lodge as the furniture removal for the carpet replacement inspired a clean up of the rest of the building. They report that the "foyer, office, library, and preparation room look great."

Old Town's annual raffle is set for November 2. The drawing is part of a larger evening of fundraising which includes supper and other events. They are giving away five guns this year. — *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Camden

Widow's Son 75 recently presented Donald Pugh his Diamond Jubilee celebrating 60 years of Masonic membership. — Mike Albertson

Southport

John Richards, 35 years the secretary for Pythagoras 249, has been given the Secretary of Distinction award by his lodge. Richards is a past recipient of the Harris Dudley Grand Secretary's Award.

Pythagoras Lodge contributed \$400 to tornado relief in Oklahoma. — *Newsletter*

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On January 21, 2013 a team from Harmony Lodge attended Wayne Lodge at a regular stated meeting and a ceremony took place. For the first time after restoration of the chairs, both lodges were able to see them displayed in their new permanent home in the foyer of Wayne Lodge. Grand Master Dewey Preslar rededicated the chairs. — *Rick Pridgen is a member of Wayne 112.*

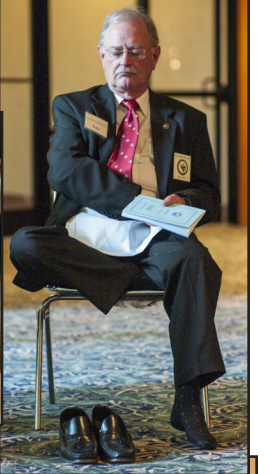


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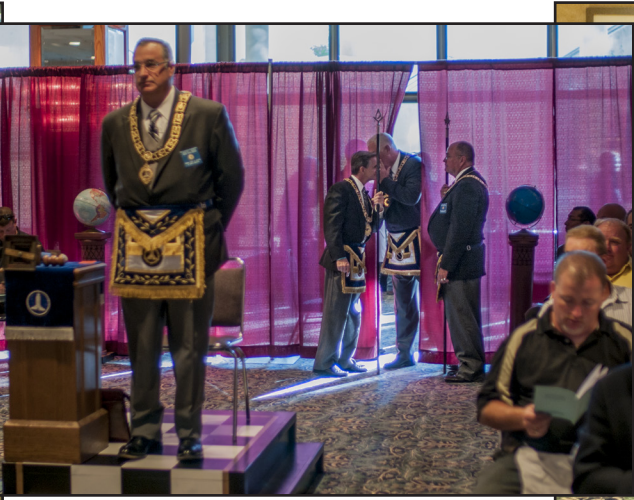
Group 1.....Define base dues for endowedpassed
 Group 2.....Raise per capita \$3passed
 Group 3.....Allow alcohol rentals.....withdrawn
 Group 4.....PDDGM apronspassed
 Group 5.....PDDGL aprons.....passed
 Group 6.....Life member ballot changefailed
 Group 7.....Minimum dues.....failed
 Group 8.....EA lodge straw vote.....failed
 Group 9.....Disposal of corporate property ..passed
 Group 10...Foundation Board changepassed



Line appointment David Wicker



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Scholarships awarded

BRYSON CITY — Oconee 427 presented their scholarships May 17. The grants, given in memory of Past Master Curtis Evans, are awarded to local students to use in their continuing education based on academic progress and community service. The funds for the scholarships are collected throughout the summer from lodge members with assistance of the Curtis Evans' family. This year's recipients were Christopher Cochran and Rebecca Parris, both rising sophomores at Appalachian State; Ashton Turbyfill who will be attending Western Carolina University; and Jessica Winchester who will be attending Lees-McRae University. Fortieth District Deputy Grand Master Mark Fortner and Oconee Master Clint Martin presented the \$500 scholarships. Seen here, from left, are Fortner, Parris, Cochran, Winchester, Turbyfill, and Martin. — Clint Martin



Student scholars

HOLLY SPRINGS — At their June 11 fellowship dinner, Holly Springs 115 presented Lauren Longobardo the lodge's annual \$500 scholarship. Longobardo is headed to nursing school at the University of Alabama. Seen here, from left, are Vinnie DeBenedetto, Michael Longobardo, Lauren Longobardo, Barbara Longobardo, and Brant Chesner. Back, are Mark Stanton, John Carlson, Todd Dyches, and Jeff Hatcher. — Vinnie DeBenedetto

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Joseph D. West as grand steward, Karl D. Righter as grand steward, Christopher M. Hedrick as grand chaplain, Jonathan N. Collins as grand tyler, Alta Sandling as architect, Andy Hoyle as architect, and Davis N. Sandling as building authority.



Other dignitaries present included Past Grand Master Gene Jernigan, Deputy Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo, Grand Lecturer David Potts, and Grand Steward Shaun Bradshaw.

Thomasville Lodge meets anonymous challenge

THOMASVILLE — Late in the summer, an anonymous member of Thomasville 214 made a \$150 donation to the local YMCA. It was to pay the cost of sending one child to summer camp and another to swim lessons. Its given in the name of Thomasville Lodge and designated to help a child in financial need. The lodge responded to it as if it were a challenge. They passed

the hat and collected another \$100 to be used for the same purpose. One good turn deserves another, so the anonymous Mason upped the ante. The cost of a swim class for seven kids at the Y is \$350. The donor pledged to pay for half of a class if the lodge would pick up the other half. They were to vote on that at their September meeting. — Trestle Board

ASHEVILLE, from page 1



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WNC Historical Association, and Betty Lawrence representing the Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Pelly urged the audience to focus on the history of community involvement by the Masons in Asheville. "In 1918, during the Spanish influenza that ravaged the country, the members turned over the entire lodge as a hospital for African Americans in Buncombe County. During the same time over 40,000 meals were delivered to the homes of the sick and dying. This building has been used as a school, and during the Cold War it was a designated fallout shelter." He said the lodge and the temple building are institutions in Asheville, and that they are highly deserving of praise and respect.

Gantt shared a short history of Mt. Hermon 118 which built the Asheville Masonic Temple. Mt. Hermon was chartered in 1848. "When they got together they said we have to do something better than meeting above Smith's Drug Store on Pack Square. They were right, so they came here and bought some land. In 1913 J.C. McPherson put up \$56,000, which is equivalent to

\$1.2 million to build what you have here today."

Gantt recognized the Masons for their contribution to the present Buncombe County courthouse. "When we built our courthouse in the late 1920s, you came and gave us your cornerstone. It sits there today. It's my honor today on behalf of the county to join in the celebration of your centennial stone," he said. "It's an honor to be here among Masons and have you continue the good work that you do."

Lonnie Darr, Master of Mt. Hermon Lodge, gave the closing oration. "Masons brought the very idea of a democratic republic to this continent when we arrived. We are indeed proud to be part of that. In this lodge when you are initiated into the First Degree you are called an 'Entered Apprentice.' An Entered Apprentice is one of our cornerstones, and every new cornerstone we gain is a building block for all Masons."

A reception was held in the dining hall following the ceremonies. Mark-Ellis Bennett is a member of Mount Hermon 118.



Bill Riggan photos

My Masonic journey begins

By Kevin Otis

OXFORD — I guess my Masonic journey began before I was born. My parents had their first date, a high school dance, at the Masonic Temple in Decatur, Illinois. The Temple was only six blocks from where I lived in Decatur. I traveled and jogged past it often. I attended wedding receptions in the ballroom and our children's plays in the theatre. The symbols and Art Deco design always intrigued me.

I came to North Carolina for the privilege of working at your Home for Children. In taking this position, I can develop a children's home with many of the programs and services I have felt were necessary in the business. The opportunity is unique and interesting. I have come to know many Masons through my orientation to the job.

While I joined the staff because of the job, I petitioned Oxford 122 because of you all. In my first year, one constant I have seen is the incredible character of the Brother Masons I have met. The first person my family met here was Brother Chris Richardson. His welcome was sincere and greatly appreciated. His counsel and education have been extraordinary. I couldn't have asked for a better co-worker, friend, and now Brother. My very first community contact visit was Master Woodrow Freeze. I met Brother Freeze at a meeting at the Home. I had no idea he was a Mason or an officer at Oxford 122. To be able to join the fraternity under his leadership and guidance has been an honor.

Oxford 122 sponsored their very own accomplished chef Brother Mark Carroll to prepare a private dinner for my wife and me at our home. We were not able to spend our 25th anniversary together, so this was a nice alternative — one which made me look good. Thank you my Brothers.

I visited Oxford 122 long before I petitioned. The Brothers were welcoming, and I was impressed by their desire to know about the direction we had for their Home. Brother Sholar Powell approached me after the meeting to say he would like the honor of coaching me should I petition. I had no idea what he was suggesting. I really had no idea how privileged I would be to have Brother Powell as my coach. As a fifty-year member of Oxford 122, he expertly and willingly shared his proficiency with me in a way that was educational, fun, and helped me through a rough spell of loneliness.

On April Fools' Day I was initiated. Somehow it seems appropriate. On Saints John's Day, I was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Grand Master Preslar. Many Masons from across North Carolina attended and participated in my third degree. The honor I felt to have everyone involved is beyond words.

As I reflected on the day, I came to this conclusion: Being raised

to Master Mason is an event that should always be similar to the one I experienced. Brothers from around the state should mobilize to offer this wonderful experience to each Master Mason. While I realize this is not realistic, the sentiment remains the same. What I was privileged to receive should be the standard, in that receiving this great and important privilege; the fanfare and participation should be impressive. While I was the recipient of an incredible third degree, I realize it was the love for the Home that came through loud and clear as Brothers supported my first steps along this journey.

I have attended several functions at lodges across the state and the welcome has been wonderful. But more important, your compassion and caring attitude toward your Home and the children has been heartwarming. To



GM Dewey Preslar, Sholar Powell, Kevin Otis, and PGM Dan Rice at Otis raising.

be associated with the historic Oxford Orphanage and the developing Masonic Home for Children at Oxford is humbling.

I watch as lodges have provided lunches, Super Bowl parties, school supplies, summer trips, ball game tickets, gift cards, Christmas gifts, educational scholarships, and so many other necessary resources. What I see are the smiles on the faces of Brother Masons as they deliver items such as vacuums knowing that the children's lives are improved by their thoughtful gifts. I also see the smiles on the faces of the children as they get birthday gifts or recognize how the scholarship will help them accomplish their educational goals. I see the staff smiling in the shade as a new shelter at the pool provides a permanent area to coordinate care for the children during important hours of play and recreation.

So I petitioned because of what I saw in you, my Brothers. I wanted to be a part of this fraternity of charity. Little did I know how privileged I would be. I only hope I somehow can repay all the kindness you have shown me and my family. Thank you all.

West honored in Concord

CONCORD — Late last year, Stokes 32 member Everett Carl West was honored by his lodge for his more than 20 years of work on behalf of the Masonic Homes. A letter of appreciation from the Masonic Home for Children saluted "his lifetime of charity to others, including the children of this Home. We recognized not only all that he has given, but the difference he has made at this Home through his giving. For more than two decades, Brother Everett West has traveled to our Home for the sole purpose of contributing to the lives of our children." Both he and his wife, Betty, have done many things year after year. — Ed Britt

From the Medical Committee New treatment for brain injury

By John Sampson

Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a catastrophic event, usually the result of a motor vehicle collision that has devastating consequences to a family's economic and emotional well-being. TBI is currently the most common cause of death and disability in young adults. A good portion of patients who suffer from severe TBI are discharged from the hospital in a minimally conscious (or vegetative) state. Previously, no intervention has been shown to alter the pace of recovery or improve the functional outcome of such patients after discharge from the hospital. Recently, a paper published in the New England Journal of Medicine, one of the most prestigious medical journals, reports that a stimulant similar to that given to children with attention deficit disorder, Amantadine, sped the recovery of patients in inpatient rehabilitation facilities. There were no significant side effects from the drug.

John Sampson is a member of Mosaic 762 and the Medical Committee.

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Between 1890 (when it became a state) and 1951, every governor of Wyoming, except one, was a Mason. The one, Mrs. William A. Ross, was the wife of a Mason and a member of Eastern Star. — From "To Light" by Larry Jacobson, *The Nebraska Mason*

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- 3.....Norville, Richard Scott
- 3.....Taylor, Jeremy Neil
- 3.....Zerby, William Charles
- 3.....Conway, Todd Michael
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Help our Brothers, and put your name up in bricks

GREENSBORO — One of our challenges at WhiteStone: A Masonic and Eastern Star community in Greensboro has been providing financial assistance to needy and deserving fraternally related residents. Over the past few years, the amount of need has exceeded the amount of charity contributed by the members of our fraternity. As a result, we had to scale back the amount of charitable assistance we provided. To do otherwise would risk the future of the home.

Unfortunately, this tough decision caused some in our fraternity to complain, inaccurately, that “WhiteStone no longer provides charity.” The fact is; we continue to provide more charity than the level of fraternal donations we receive. In the future, we want to increase our contributions so we can help more members in need.

WhiteStone’s Board of Directors, in conjunction with the newly formed NC Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation LLC, decided to launch a fundraiser for the home that will give lodges

an opportunity for a friendly competition with bragging rights, and provide recognition to the lodges that step up with the most support. This campaign also serves as the cornerstone of an ongoing effort to ensure that our fraternal charity thrives for years to come.

It is our pleasure to announce the kickoff of a buy-a-brick fundraising campaign as part of WhiteStone’s yearlong celebration. Lodges and individuals may buy bricks engraved with their names or the names of individuals or organizations they wish to honor. The bricks will be prominently displayed on a plaza at WhiteStone’s entrance. Please see the order form for additional details. All of the proceeds will provide needed financial support to those fraternal members who want to move into WhiteStone but do not currently financially qualify for admission. Our goal is to renew the promise on which the Home was built in 1913: that any Masonic or Eastern Star member, regardless of ability to pay, has

an opportunity to move to WhiteStone.

To help generate some good old fashioned fraternal competition, the Home will acknowledge the top Masonic lodge and top Eastern Star chapter in brick sales on a per capita and a total volume basis with a special plaque at the site.

To get order forms, or for questions about the fundraiser, please call Mark Kolada, executive director at (336) 547-2992 or email him at <mkolada@liveatwhitestone.org>, or Speed Hallman, Chairman of the North Carolina Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation LLC at <speed_hallman@unc.edu>.



The Rev. William Dodd, first chaplain of the Grand Lodge of England, was hanged for forgery on June 2, 1777.

— From “To Light” by Larry Jacobson, *The Nebraska Mason*

MILEPOSTS



KINGS MOUNTAIN — In July, Fairview 339 presented William Clavon Kelly his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. He is seen here with his wife Dot. Toney Wells and Jim Medlin presented the award. — James Medlin



SALISBURY — Grand Master Dewey Preslar recently presented Jason Theodore Kepley, left, his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years lodge membership. Kepley is a member of Andrew Jackson 576. — Dewey Preslar



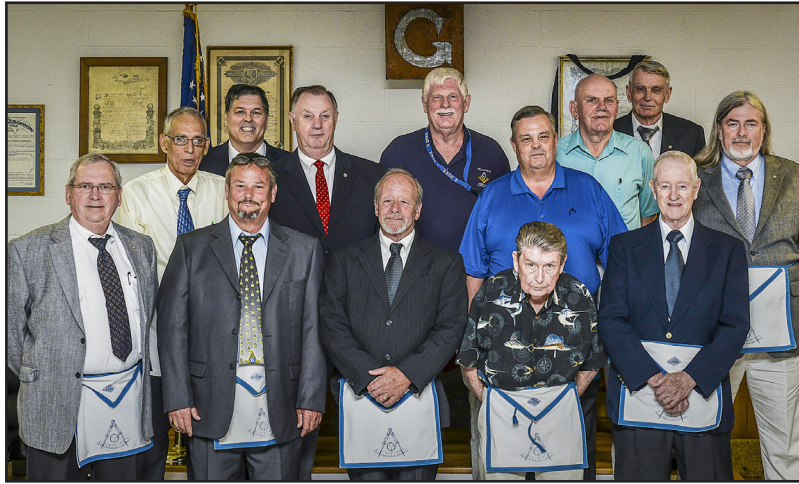
ARDEN — Bill Norwood, left, was the first news anchor with WNCT-TV Channel 9 in Greenville, NC, from 1954 to 1959. It was during that stint that he became a member of Crown Point 708. Crown Point Master Charles Sumerlin, right, recently traveled here to present Norwood’s Diamond Jubilee award for 60 years Masonic membership. — Charles R Sumerlin



ELIZABETH CITY — Grand Master Dewey Preslar presented five Veteran’s Emblems when he visited the First Masonic District earlier this year. Seen here, from left, are award recipients Eddie Bell (Widow’s Son 75), Marshall White (Eureka 317), GM Preslar, C. E. McCoy (New Lebanon 314), Elmer M. “Beans” Butt (New Lebanon 314), and Floyd Albertson (New Lebanon 314).



ELIZABETH CITY — During Grand Master Preslar’s visit to the First Masonic District earlier this year, he presented a number of service awards. Howard Olds, left, of New Lebanon 314 received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. Olds was master of New Lebanon Lodge 50 years ago.



DURHAM — Fellowship 687 held their Past Masters’ Night June 11. Past masters present were, front from left, Charles Pless, Joseph Hackett, Ricky Moser, Harold Jolly, and Fred Lambe. Second row, Roger Cooke, David Conley, William Huffman, and Verlon Leverett. Back, Michael Adcock, Gerald Medlin, L. C. Meachum, and Mark Stephens. — Michael Adcock



LUCAMA — Gerald Bass, of Lucama 527, recently got his Veteran’s Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership. His brothers, both Lucama Lodge members, were on hand to share in the joy of the occasion. Lodge Master Phil Capps was assisted by the brothers in making the presentation. Seen from left are Leo Bass, C. B. Bass, Gerald, and Capps. Between them, the three Bass Brothers have more than 150 Masonic years. — Phil Capps



HIGHLANDS — Joe Wilson (front, second from left) received his 50-year Veteran’s Emblem at Blue Ridge 435 on July 18. He is joined here by his brothers (front from left) Steve Wilson, Joe, Morris Wilson, and Neville Wilson. The four Wilson Brothers are all members of Blue Ridge Lodge and have a combined total of 194 years in Masonry. Back are Secretary David Cashion and District Deputy Grand Master Brian Rau. — Gordon Jolly



HAVELOCK — On June 27, Cherry Point 688 raised new Mason Darrell Ray Branum Jr., left. His father, Darrell Ray Branum, right, two time Master of Olive Branch 269 in Tulare, California was there to assist in the raising. Seen center is Cherry Point Lodge Master Robert Hamm. — D. K. Lewis



KINGS MOUNTAIN — In July, Fairview 339 presented Norman Fuller McGill, Jr. his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. Toney Wells and Jim Medlin presented the award. — James Medlin



MIDLAND — Costumes always make for a touch of special in a Masonic degree. On June 24, Union 618 raised three: Jason R. Rushing, Dustin S. Grooms, and Daniel B. Johnson, kneeling center. — R. Darrell Long

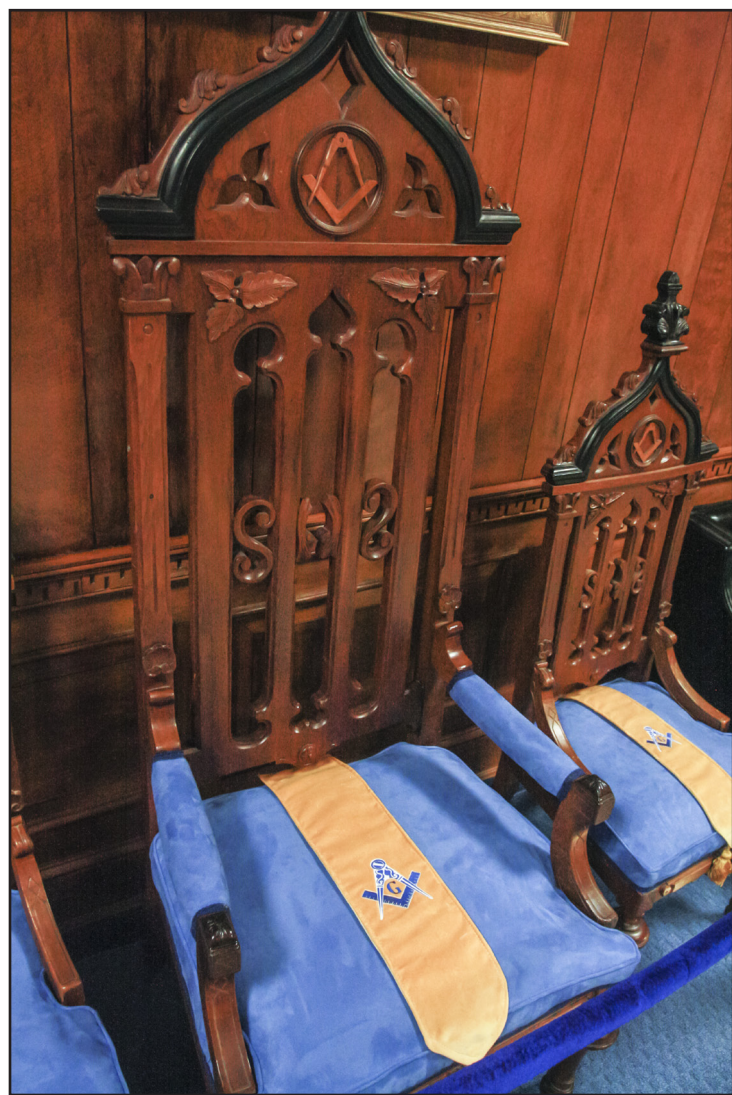
Wayne Lodge bids welcome home to a treasure

By Rick Pridgen

GOLDSBORO — In 1846, in the Everettesville community just south of Goldsboro and the Neuse River, Wayne 112 was granted a charter from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Eighteen years later, Sherman's troops came to Goldsboro and destroyed the little community. Their original minutes lost forever in the conflagration, the current minutes on hand began just a few weeks after the war was over, and the troops left Goldsboro.

ceremony held here in March. Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. and other dignitaries joined the lodge for the dedication of ornate officer chairs being put on display in the lodge.

After the Civil War, Wayne Lodge relocated to Goldsboro and for years rented several facilities. In 1867, the lodge moved to Privettes Hall. From there, they sent 100 letters to northern lodges asking for financial assistance to secure a more permanent location. Surprisingly, one week later, a \$100 contribution came back from Dibble and Worth Company in New York.



The old, but newly rejuvenated, officer chairs.

In 1869, the lodge decided to celebrate St. Johns Day with a family trip. The lodge voted to charter a train from the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad to convey its members and guests to Morehead and Beaufort for an overnight beach retreat. Renting the train cost \$200. They charged men two dollars and women and children one dollar each for tickets. That included the train ride, meals, lodging, and entertainment. They departed on June 24 and returned on June 25. The minutes of the lodge do not say how many people went on the trip, however, they do reflect a profit of \$145.80. They spent that money on new chairs for the master's station in the lodge.

Some 30 years ago, those chairs were loaned to Harmony 340 in Pikeville. Those were Harmony's primary officer chairs until recently. An insurance appraisal convinced all that the chairs should be restored and returned to their previous home.

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Maiden finally at home

MAIDEN — Maiden 592 is happy and proud to celebrate the final completion of their lodge on West Maiden Road. It is the culmination of an effort begun in 2003 with the sale of their previous location on Main Street in downtown Maiden. The intervening years included planning, setbacks, building, raising funds, and finally, completing the process debt-free.

Completion came this summer with the final inspection of the last phase of construction, culminating with a Certificate of Occupancy for both the lodge side, for which they held a temporary permit of occupancy since August 2011, and the kitchen and dining hall

side of the facility.

They were hosting an open house for Masons, their families, and the community at large Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15. They were offering light refreshments and family entertainment.

— Thomas S. Barto



Bill Riggan photos

Franklinton Lodge in new home

FRANKLINTON — A number of Grand Lodge officers joined Grand Master Dewey Preslar here Saturday, June 22 to dedicate the cornerstone of the new home of Franklinton 123. After many years on an upper floor of a commercial building downtown, Franklinton Lodge has built a new home on Mason Street here.

Taking the parts in the ceremony were Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr., Ryland E. Grissom

(DDGM-13) as deputy grand master, Raymond L. Bragg as senior grand warden, Bradley E. Grissom as junior grand warden, W. Nathaniel Sandling as grand treasurer, Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III, Andrew A. Dudash as senior grand deacon, Zachary S. Grissom as junior grand deacon, Grand Marshal Speed Hallman,

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Everyone is in position here for the opening of Annual Communication.
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