



Our new grand master

On December 7, 2013, Dalton W. Mayo was installed as grand master of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. He is the 161st man to hold the office. His installation followed his election to the office at our Annual Communication in September.

Mayo was born March 30, 1943 in Blounts Creek, North Carolina, a rural Beaufort



County community on the south side of the Pamlico River. His parents were William John and Minnie Mae Paramore Mayo. He attended Chocowinity Public Schools before earning his bachelor of arts and master of business administration degrees at East Carolina University. He later got his doctor of education degree at North Carolina State University. He spent much of his professional life in the NC Community College system, retiring as an administrator at Sampson Community College in Clinton, NC.

He attends First Baptist Church in Clinton where he teaches Sunday school.

Mayo began his Masonic career in 1970 in Hiram 98 where he proved a quick study, being initiated February 3, passed February 17, and raised March 3. As one might expect, Mayo has been very active in ritual promotion and activity over the years. He served Hiram Lodge as master in 1978 and as secretary 2002–2010. He is currently an endowed member of Hiram 98 in Clinton, Orphans 761 in Oxford, and Wilkerson College 760 based in Greensboro. He is an honorary member of ten other lodges.

He is a 33rd Scottish Rite Mason, a member of York Rite and several of its orders, the Shrine, and is a past president of Chapter 97 of National Sojourners. He has held membership and officer positions in numerous Masonic organizations.

He has served as both district deputy grand master and district deputy grand lecturer. Mayo has served on several major boards and committees of our Grand Lodge. He is a past member of the Board of General Purposes, past chairman of the Board of Publication, past chairman and past secretary of the Board of Custodians, and the Masonic Education Committee.

In 2005, he was appointed grand steward by the then newly elected Grand Master Gene Jernigan.

NC Masons install Mayo as grand master

By Ric Carter

CLINTON — On Saturday, December 7, in an annually repeated ceremony, Dalton W. Mayo became the 161st man to serve as grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. He and his officers were installed at 11:00 A.M. here at the Sunset Avenue School.

Mayo's journey as a Grand Lodge officer began when he was appointed grand steward by Gene T. Jernigan shortly after he was elected grand master in 2006. Past Grand Master Jernigan, now as installing officer, assisted his appointee in beginning the final steps on his path along the Grand Lodge line.

Hiram 98's old bell, recently boxed and tamed for transport and indoor use, chimed the hour to open the ceremony of installation. In spite of the cold drizzle, Jernigan and Clinton Mayor Lew Starling (a member of Hiram 98) welcomed about 300 guests to the ceremony. He presented Mayo the Key to the City of Clinton. The color guard of the Heroes of '76, Camp Lejeune Chapter 329 of the National Sojourners presented the colors. Thomas A. Harriett of Zion 81 led the Pledge of Allegiance. Harriett was aboard ship in Pearl Harbor when it suffered the infamous surprise attack 72 years to the day previous. Music for the occasion was performed by Michael W. Thornton of Hiram 98.

Mayo knelt at the altar, and Installing Chaplain Rev. T. Arnold Pope offered a prayer for the coming year and the success of our new officers. The ceremony was very similar to the one you see when your own lodge installs its officers. Each officer stepped to the altar, took an oath to serve his Grand Lodge office well. Each was then charged and presented the apron and jewel of his office by Past Grand Master Robert E. Gresham Jr., assistant installing marshal. Past Grand Master Charles M. Ingram, installing marshal, presented the grand master's apron.

The Grand Lodge officers installed were Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo (Hiram 98), Deputy Grand Master Douglas L. Caudle (Statesville 27), Senior Grand Warden Bryant D. Webster (Nichols-West Asheville 650), Junior Grand Warden A. Gene Cobb Jr. (Royal White Hart 2), Grand Treasurer Lewis R. Ledford, PGM (Statesville 27), Grand Secretary T. Walton Clapp III (Mystic Tie 237), Senior Grand Deacon Jimmie B. Hicks Jr. (St. John's 3), Junior Grand Deacon Speed Hallman (Eagle 19), Grand Marshal Dwight McLaughlin "Mack" Sigmon (Catawba 248), Grand Stewards P. Shaun Bradshaw (Stokesdale 428), R. David Wicker Jr. (Oxford 122), Grand Tyler Thomas Michael Bass (Hiram 98), and Grand Chaplain Rev. Andrew Benjamin Wood (Roseboro 585). Appointive officers who are not installed were Grand Historian James Massie Gillispie Jr. (Roseboro 585), Grand Lecturer Edward Earl Wells (Hiram 98), Grand Orator Past Grand Mas-

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Our new grand steward

Grand Master Dalton Mayo appointed R. David Wicker Jr. as grand steward shortly after his election in September. Wicker becomes the junior man in the progressive line to become grand master of North Carolina. He is a resident of Oxford, NC.

David Wicker was born to Ralph David and Judith Carol Wade Wicker in Granville County April 11, 1960. He graduated from James B. Dudley High School in 1978 and got his bachelor of arts in history from University of North Carolina at Greensboro in

1982. He graduated magna cum laude in 1985 from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He is currently a partner in Roberti, Whittenberg, Lauffer, Wicker & Cinski in Durham, NC. His practice involves civil matters, criminal defense, and claims before the Social Security Administration. He is licensed to practice in courts up through the US Supreme Court.

Wicker and his wife Susan Lynne Medders

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THE BOTTOM LINE



Accepting Responsibility

By Dalton W. Mayo
Grand Master

On many grandfather clocks is found the phrase "*tempus fugit*" which means "time flies." Time really does fly, and now we are at the beginning of a new Masonic year. When I, your humble correspon-

dent, was appointed to the grand line in 2005, more than one person told me to enjoy every moment because time would pass quickly. This I have tried to do. I began my Masonic journey never dreaming that this day would come (and probably no one else believed it either). But here we are and I find myself filled with gratitude for all the support and encouragement you have given. Working with you and getting to know as many of you as possible while traveling across our great state will surely provide experiences never to be forgotten.

A much wiser person than me has said that nothing gets accomplished until someone takes responsibility. Looking back over the past year, what have you taken responsibility for? What things needed to be done that are still waiting for someone to claim responsibility for them? In many lodges, a great deal was accomplished this year. If your lodge is still facing the same old problems it did a year ago, someone needs to step up to the plate and show the way.

We have lodges that year after year never have fundraisers for charity. It is absolutely astounding to see the list of lodges that don't contribute, or contribute very little, to our charities. Why don't they? Maybe the reason is that no one has accepted responsibility to identify a project and recruit the brothers necessary to make it work. Past Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. has stated quite correctly that if we do it for the fellowship, the charity will follow. If you don't believe he's right, visit Mill Creek Lodge 125 in Newton Grove when they're preparing for one of their barbecues or pancake breakfasts, and see for yourself. They know how to have fun, and they know how to raise money for our charities at the same time. This is just one example, but successful lodges will tell you that establishing a tradition gives them something to look forward to. It's work, but it's fun.

Does your lodge have a certified lecturer? Have you ever thought about taking the certified lecturer or certified instructor examination? If this is something you have thought about doing, why do you continue to procrastinate? The point is, don't wait for someone else to do it, take responsibility and make it happen for you.

Does your lodge have someone who can give Masonic rites to our fallen brothers? If so, you are fortunate since many lodges are not so blessed. We are completing a census of our members who are giving Masonic rites. You will be hearing about this at the district meetings. Is the funeral service something for which you will take responsibility? By the way, you're not being asked to do

something that your grand master has not already done. If I can do it, you can do it.

While you are busy making New Year's resolutions for yourself (forget about losing weight because you know you're not going to do it), why don't you make some resolutions about what you can do to help your lodge? Instead of complaining about the dirty, wrinkled aprons, why don't you wash and iron them yourself? Are your white gloves not white anymore? You know what to do. If you have some walls in your lodge that need painting, volunteer, recruit some help, and go to it. Any time you make a positive contribution to Masonry or to your lodge, you will feel a sense of satisfaction when you're through. If no one notices what you've done, don't worry about it. You will know, and that's what counts. There is an old saying that has appeared in various forms over the years. Basically, it says, "Great things can be accomplished if we don't care who gets the credit."

Brethren, I want to thank you for all you do to support Masonry in this state and for taking responsibility to see that things get done. In so doing, you are serving as an example for others who need someone to show them the way. Please come to one of the district meetings so I can express to you personally my appreciation for all your efforts on behalf of our gentle craft.

Finally brethren, please accept my best wishes during the holidays and the new year. May your hand always be stretched out in friendship, but never in want.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Opportunity knocks

When opportunity knocks, grab and hold on as best you can.

I never planned to be a professional Freemason. I even tried to avoid it for a while. I had been a Mason for less than five years when *The North Carolina Mason's* legendary editor Reynold Davenport started pushing me in the direction of replacing him (though I did not recognize it at the time). He asked me to do a small bit here and another project there nudging me toward letting him retire for the third time. That was 1991.

Five years later, Grand Secretary Pete Dudley became ill and retired. New Grand Secretary Walt Clapp needed an assistant. He offered me the opportunity to come to Raleigh and work full time as a Mason. Since 1997, I've worn two hats: assistant to the grand secretary and editor of *The NC Mason*.

Now knocks another opportunity. Both my

kids are nearing the end of college. The youngest graduates from UNC in May, the eldest finishing her masters and beginning her doctoral work at Johns Hopkins. My wife Kitty has retired after 30 years as a public school elementary teacher. Miss Kitty is looking a partner with a more flexible schedule and giving me the opportunity to answer that call. It's an opportunity I'll grab and hold on to as best I can.

In 2014, I'll hang up the hat of assistant grand secretary. I'll continue to edit *The Mason*. I'll be dedicating some extra time to Grand Lodge communications, including *The NC Mason* and our increasing Internet presence.

That will leave the grand secretary with a slot to fill. If you think you may be the person to seize this opportunity, email <resume@glnc.us> with a resume and short statement about why you think so before February 15. No phone calls, please.

You can go home again

BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN — On June 23, Grantham 725 member Alvia Hearren walked the aisle to receive his diploma from Benton Harbor High School in Michigan. Due to our age requirements, few get to make that walk as a Mason — more especially as an 88-year-old such as Hearren.

Hearren graduated with his class back in 1943, but a date with the US Marine Corps made him miss his graduation ceremony. While the other kids were marching down the aisle, he was marching in formation and becoming an aircraft mechanic at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Not much later, he shipped out to the South Pacific.

Benton Harbor High Principal Kathy Brooks said, "He asked if he could come back and graduate, and we thought it was a wonderful opportunity for him. We were more than happy to welcome him... We're really pleased to honor him." — *Sun Journal*

Great Landscape Day set for March

OXFORD — The Third Annual Masonic "Great Landscaping Day" at the Masonic Home for Children is scheduled for March 22, 2014.

Over the past several years lodges and many service groups have found unique ways to contribute to the care of the Home and the living environment for our children. One of the most popular has been beautifying the grounds with various landscaping projects. Teams of family, friends, and groups such as the Girl Scouts, DeMolay chapters, local businesses, and lodges have come to campus equipped with shovels, rakes, mulch, plants, and a desire to enhance the landscaping at the Home. Eighty participated in the 2013 Landscaping Day.

The Home would like to get even more people there this year. Groups and individuals may register by contacting <crichards@mhc-oxford.org> or (919) 693-5111. Look for updates and information on the Home's website <http://www.mhc-oxford.org> throughout the winter and make plans to come out and spruce up the homes of the children at the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford.



Debris 2008 photo

Farewell, Brother Nelson Mandela

The world recently lost this shining example of compassion and reconciliation. After his years of fighting and oppression, followed by years of imprisonment, Mandela was freed to lead his people. He used the Masonic principles of faith, hope, and charity to reverse the course of South Africa and set an example that has been followed around the world to bring peace to places with violent pasts.

Mandela was a North Carolina Mason. Mandela and his wife visited the United States during the time the end of South Africa's apartheid was being negotiated. During a June 28, 1990 visit to Georgia, a number of Masons visited with him. Among them was North Carolina Prince Hall Grand Master William C. Parker Jr. who made Nelson Mandela a Mason at sight.

We celebrate the life and mourn the passing of our illustrious Tar Heel Brother.



CHARLOTTE — A crew from Derita 715 visited their Brother Bill Nance August 18. But, they didn't just hang around shooting the breeze, they jumped to work. They built an access ramp to ease Nance's going and coming. There were even lodge Fellows Craft there to help. Derita likes to start them early. — Steve M. Jordan

Discovered artifact leads to new friendships

By Kim Beal

BONLEE — A Masonic sword was found by a farmer (who is also a firefighter) in a field near Fall Creek Baptist Church, in Western Chatham County. He brought it to Mt. Vernon 143 which is located in the same building as the Bonlee Volunteer Fire Dept. The farmer/firefighter said he kept hearing a noise from his equipment every time he got to a certain part of the field. He got off the tractor and found the sword seen here. It had a square and compasses and the inscription, "Davidson Pride Lodge 157 F & AM Thomasville NC."

How had the sword made its way some 50 miles from the city of Thomasville, in Davidson County, to the corn field in a remote part of Chatham County? This part of the mystery remains unsolved.

Members of Mt. Vernon 143 did some investigating and found that Davidson Pride Lodge 157, a Prince Hall lodge, was still in existence. Lodge Master Kim Beal from Mt. Vernon 143, contacted Charles Harris of Davidson Pride 157. Harris said he had been a member of Davidson Pride Lodge for over 30 years, and they had used the same two swords since his association with the lodge. He had heard nothing of a "missing" sword.

Harris invited Beal to the lodge's August 3 fish fry. Beal went to see them and returned their sword.

The sword was manufactured by M. C. Lilley & Co. of Columbus, Ohio. They did business from 1864 to 1933 before being absorbed by another company. That makes the sword 80-150 years old.

Davidson Pride Lodge is searching their minutes for evidence of the missing sword. Beal says, "We may never know how this sword ended up where it did, but it brought some brothers together that may have otherwise remained unknown to each other."

"I would have returned this sword to the rightful owner regardless of being a Mason myself, but being a Mason, I understand the significance of such a historical artifact, and what it would have meant to me and my lodge, if it had been ours."

Davidson Pride Lodge Master Michael Rogers says, "This is what Masonry is all about — bringing people together."

Kim Beal is master of Mt. Vernon 143.



Seen here, from left are Davidson Pride 157 Senior Deacon Robert Little, Senior Warden Rodney Stevenson, Master Michael Rogers, Mt. Vernon 143 Master Kim M. Beal, and Charles Harris.

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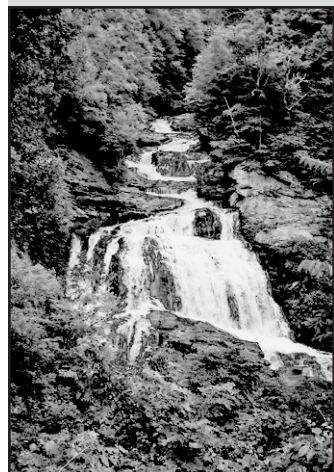
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TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter

Leaksville

Leaksville 136 held their Annual Widows, Past Masters, and Awards evening October 21. Bunnie Briggs and Billy Horton got their Diamond Jubilees for 60 years of Masonic membership. Junior Briggs got his 50-year Veteran's Emblem.

Pins were presented to all the widows and past masters. Appreciation plaques were given to several friends of the lodge.

A \$3,000 check from Martinsville, Virginia's Sutton Foundation to the Masonic Home for Children was presented to Grand Master Dewey Preslar. He was attending along with Past Grand Master Dan Rice and DDGM Don Kehler.

— Steven Cates

Bryson City

Oconee 427 was having their barbecue fundraiser October 26. They invited friends to come up, enjoy the leaves, and have lunch with them while supporting a great cause. Pork, baked beans, corn on the cob, and slaw graced the plates. They were serving at Darnell Farms.

— Tim Hines

Mint Hill

A Red Cross CPR class was hosted at Mint Hill 742 on November 2. Members of the Mint Hill Volunteer Fire Department were teaching the course.

Mint Hill Lodge's October 19 Fall Fish Fry Fundraiser was a "resounding success." They are expecting a \$5,000 windfall for the Masonic charities.

Mint Hill 742 had a lodge clean up day a few days prior to the fundraiser. — *Trestle Board*

Hickory

August 10 was Family Day for Hickory 343. They hold the fun day every summer at the lodge. They cooked hot dogs and hamburgers and had five flavors of homemade ice cream. Becky the Balloon Lady twisted up her sculptures. The kids even got to take turns in the dunking booth.

The lodge is very pleased with the results of the phone tree system they initiated last year.

Hickory Lodge set a Past Masters' Third Degree for September 9. — *Hickory Lodge*

Charlotte

Temple 676 is buying into Excelsior 261's lodge building and property. About two-thirds of the large investment will be spent on renovations and possibly expansion of the building. The rest will go to a building rainy day fund and Excelsior's general fund. Temple was left with a tidy sum of money after a previous attempt to build and occupy a new building failed a few years ago. — *Trestle Board*

Fundraising projects late in the year at Charles M. Setzer 693 included selling gourmet popcorn and raffling a Benellis shotgun.

Setzer Lodge is starting a remodeling project in the lodge kitchen.

October stated was move-up night for lodge officers in Setzer. November 11 was set to be their Awards Night. — *Trestleboard*

West Gate 738 is again doing a motorcycle toy run this year. They do so annually in cooperation with Easy Eddies. They ride from the lodge to the bike shop on December 7. Each rider brings an unwrapped toy or gift card for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children.

— *West Gate Lodge*

Raleigh

James B. Green 735 member and NC State history major Baxter Knight recently presented his lodge a program about the Hornets, and the part they played in the American Revolution and the Mecklenburg Declaration.

Green Lodge's October 4 barbecue chicken fundraiser was termed a "screaming success" by Master Joe Teague. They served 540 plates.

— Joe Teague

Despite an imminent proposed merger with Millbrook 98, Masters 754 is still running their regular programs. Sunday, October 6 was Pizza Day with the kids at the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. They were also having their officer advancement night in November, the night when line officers move to the next station to practice and demonstrate their command of their next job. — *The Trowel*

Thomasville

The annual Masonic Thanksgiving Banquet at Thomasville 214 was shaping up to be a great event. Bluegrass singer/songwriter Donna Hughes, has penned several songs for Allison Krause, is set to entertain. Tickets for the dinner were going for \$12.50, and members were being urged to sponsor a lodge widow for the evening. The November 21 event was being held at Memorial Methodist Church. — *Trestle Board*

Hillsborough

Eagle 19 seems to be getting in the holiday mood. Their November stated meeting was featuring a Thanksgiving turkey supper. Their December stated menu will include honey-baked ham.

— Daryl Floyd

Beginning in January, Mosaic 762 will be meeting at Eagle 19 here. They have also changed their meeting night to third Tuesdays.

— Keith Morgan



The couple prepares to take their vows.

Tying the knot with a cabletow

YADKINVILLE — We frequently dispense with labor in our meetings to allow non-Masons to participate in some program. It is pretty rare for that program to be a wedding.

On July 1, Yadkin 162 dispensed with labor during their stated communication for the purpose of holding a marriage ceremony. Yes, Gene Jones and Paschal Dobbins tied the knot (in a cable tow?) at the lodge altar with all the members there to cheer them on.

Lodge Secretary Roy Casstevens gave the bride away. Conrad Brown, who signed Dobbins petition 35 years ago, stood as best man. Josh Collins, who was coached and raised by Dobbins, performed the ceremony.

Gene's father, the late J. W. Jones, was an honorary member of Yadkin Lodge.

— Pascal Dobbins

Dallas

Gaston 263 held a beef tip dinner October 25. They offered business deliveries at specified lunch hours. — *Benjie Creasman*

Wendell

On October 19, Wendell 565 joined their Eastern Star in holding a yard sale. Another (and their main) fundraiser was a spaghetti lunch/dinner on November 1. Proceeds were going to the Masonic Home for Children. Last year's spaghetti event brought in \$1,500 from 400 plates sold.

Patrick Mahon was named Scout of the Year at the lodge's annual awards night. The recognition included a \$100 award.

— *Let There Be Light*

Garner

Garner 701 held a Ride for Widows and Orphans October 19. The barbecue dinner and motorcycle poker run was held at American Legion Post 116 in Fuqua-Varina. Their three big prizes were a two-night stay at Harrah's Casino in Cherokee, NC; a one-day motorcycle rental; and a \$100 gift certificate to Anthony's La Piazza Italian Restaurant. There were lots of other door prizes. Ride and dinner cost \$25, dinner alone was \$12. Each included a door prize entry. — *Matt Parker*

West End

Elberta 654 recently took a contingent to visit Paul Cole. His family joined them in seeing Cole presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership by 21st District Deputy Grand Master Wes McIntyre and Lowell Hill. — *Josh Rector*

Kenansville

About 40 people attended St. John's 13's annual picnic at Maxwell's Mill on September 5. Party-goers brought sides, the lodge furnished chicken and pastry. — *Lodge Log*

Asheville

Mount Hermon 118 held the second presentation of their centennial celebration September 7. Richard Sharp Smith and Jack Thomson were telling them about the architecture of the Asheville Masonic Temple, the lodge's home.

Mount Hermon Lodge dues are going up to \$115 plus per capita for 2014.

— *Trestle Board, Ron Lambe*

Statesville

Pancake fundraisers have been an institution with Mt. Moriah 690 and Statesville 27 Temple Committee here. They were not satisfied with the results of their most recent pancake event, so they've moved on to a different method. They are raffling three guns: a 12 gauge Baikal double barrel, a 20 gauge CZ Autoloader, and a 38/357 lever action Rossi. They were selling 300 tickets at \$25 each. Top ticket sellers were being given an extra ticket. — *The Joppa Informer*

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 member Tyler Leinbach has been recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for his speed at shooting clay pigeons. He broke 25 clays with a shotgun in 37.2 seconds. A video is available on Youtube.

On November 22, the youth groups (DeMolay and Rainbow) meeting at Old Town Lodge held a Pancake Supper fundraiser.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 held a turkey shoot October 26. Folks were invited to, "Come, shoot, eat a hamburger, and help our Masonic Charities."

— Tom Gregory

Roseboro

The guys at Roseboro 585 were looking forward to the December 13 Christmas parade in their hometown.

The rear of their lodge building suffered some wind damage during a recent windstorm.

— Roseboro 585

Kernersville

Things were getting busy for the holiday season at Kernersville 669. November was the cleanup and maintenance day at the lodge. That helped get things ready for their November 22 Thanksgiving dinner and their December 2 Past Masters' and Widows' Dinner.

— *Masonic Lodge News*

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 is forgoing a public fundraiser this year to simply solicit donations from their members.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

Jacksonville

The Onslow County Masonic Scholarship drive held its September meeting at Seaside 429. They raised \$1,800 for the scholarship fund with the usual seafood dinner. The November meeting of the sponsors was set for Stump Sound 733. Steamship round was planned to headline the menu. — *Trestle Board*

Lafayette 83 held their Past Masters' and Widows' Night August 10. The widows were given fruit baskets. Louis Walker Thomas Jr. was presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. Thomas was Lafayette Lodge master in 1960.

Semper Fidelis 680 held their Second Annual Poker Run and Raffle October 19. Their Past Masters', Widows' and Awards Night November 16.

— *Trestle Board*

Pilot Mountain

The Widows' Dinner at Pilot 493 was held August 15. Nine ladies were hosted at the Mountain View. — *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

October 5 was the date for Pilot Lodge's Fall Barbecue. It was sold by the plate, cup, or sandwich. — *Sam Carson*

Boone

Snow 363 was to hold their Past Masters' Night October 21. Service awards were to be distributed. — *Snow Lodge*

Madison

Dan River 129 hosted this year's Rockingham County Masonic Pig Jig in October. They were joined by Leaksville 136 and Jefferson Penn 384 in slow roasting 40 Boston butts. They served plates at the end and had live entertainment for those who joined them for lunch. Funds raised went to the Masonic Home for Children.

— Steven Cates

Burnsville

Bald Creek 397 was having a special open presentation on "Masonry During the Civil War." The November 19 program was held at the Burnsville Town Center.

Bald Creek was to hold their Old Timers' Banquet October 26. — *Dan Wilson*

Andrews

Andrews 529 was hosting a barbecue dinner/butt sale at the lodge October 19. Plates were seven dollars, whole butts were \$30. They were also raffling a \$600 compound bow outfit and several other items. — *Gordon Jolly*

Greensboro

For the third straight year, Greensboro 76 held its Public Service Luncheon to thank the people who "keep us safe." They served hamburgers and hot dogs to members of the Greensboro Police Department, the Greensboro Fire Department, and the Guilford County Sheriff's Department and Emergency Medical Service.

In another community service project, the lodge furnished books for the Juvenile Diabetes Unit at Moses Cone Hospital. The books teach kids with diabetes and their families how to cope with the disease. — *Phillip Bialek*

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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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ter Mansour Hatefi (District of Columbia), and Judge Advocate James R. Stevens (Garner 701).

Scheduled pro tempore officers who took care of opening Grand Lodge and held chairs until each officer was installed were: Raymond L. Turner (St. Johns 13) as grand master; L. Davis Weddle (Hiram 98), deputy grand master; John V. Matthews (Garland 644), senior grand warden; J. Jefferson Murray (Wallace 279), junior grand warden; Luther C. Jones (Warsaw 677), grand treasurer; Christopher M. McLamb (Mingo 206), grand secretary; Jeffery A. Shipp (Hiram 98), senior grand deacon; David L. Jones (Hiram 98), junior grand deacon; Stokes D. McKay (Coharie 379), grand marshal; Dalton L. Rouse (Wallace 279) and Tommy W. Tew (Coharie 379), grand stewards; Jeffery B. Taylor (Roseboro 585), grand tyler; and R. Gerald Strickland (Coharie 379), grand chaplain.

The day before the installation, the Board of General Purposes met for the last time with Grand Master Preslar. A dinner honoring the incoming grand master was held on Friday night at Sampson Community College. Refreshments followed the installation. The event was directed by Johnny Surles and Bobby Meadows and the Knights of St. Andrew served as ushers.



Newly installed GM Mayo



Meadows and PGM Gresham



Front, from left, Ledford, Cobb, Caudle, Mayo, Webster, and Clapp. Back, Wicker, Bradshaw, Sigmon, Hallman, Hicks, Wood, Bass, and Wells



Harriett pledge



PGMs Ingram and Jernigan



Ledford, Hicks, Webster, and Clapp share PGM Everett tales.

Ric Carter photos



'76ers with GL banner



Hiram 98's bell

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Wicker married in 1982 have three children. Whitney is a recent graduate of UNC-G, Colby is a senior at UNC-G, and Lance is currently a junior at Camden Military Academy.

Susan is director of Physician Recruitment and retention at Granville Medical Center. The Wickers attend Delrayno Baptist Church in Oxford. David has been vice-chairman of the Oxford Historical Preservation Board and is currently serving as chairman of the Oxford Planning Board.

David Wicker began his Masonic career in Durham, NC, being raised at Oak Grove 750 June 21, 1999. He was master there in 2006. He

is also a charter member in Orphans 761 in Oxford and Mosaic 762 in Hillsborough. He has been both district deputy grand lecturer and district deputy grand master of the 19th Masonic District. He is currently chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence and serves on the Board of Directors of WhiteStone. He has served several subcommittees for the Masonic Home for Children including their Vision, Policy and Personnel, and Search committees.

Wicker is a member of the Raleigh Scottish Rite. He is in Amran Shrine's ceremonial cast and is their general counsel.

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Concord

Cabarrus 720 was holding their Chicken-N-Dumpling Dinner October 19. Profits from the eight-dollar plates was destined for the Masonic Homes. —Dwain Wilkins

Smyrna

Crissie Wright 741 was holding a fundraiser for the Bridge-Downeast student center. They sold fried chicken plates and held a motorcycle fun ride. —Orville Gillikin

Spencer

The Little League baseball team sponsored by Spencer 543 finished in second place in their league. The kids presented the trophy to the lodge to say thank you. —Johnny Hatley

Warsaw

Warsaw 677 held their Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast November 9. Their Ladies' and Awards Night was set for December 3. —Warsaw Lodge

Chapel Hill

Beginning in January, Mosaic 762 will be meeting at Eagle 19 in Hillsborough. They have also changed their meeting night to third Tuesdays. —Keith Morgan

Black Mountain

Grand Master Dewey Preslar, Past Grand master Norburn Hyatt, and Junior Grand Warden Bryant Webster attended Black Mountain 663's Past Masters' Night September 9. —John Burchfield

Ranger

Nearing Thanksgiving means time for Montgomery 426's smoked turkey sale. —Brian Rau

Clemmons

Enterprise 752 was having their annual beef barbecue fundraiser September 21. Nine dollars for adults, five for kids, eat in or take out. —Joseph Gibson

Smithfield

Fellowship Lodge's Past Masters' and Ladies' Night was scheduled for November 7. —Grover Dees

Rolesville

Rolesville 583 held their fish fry November 1. —Chic Rosselli

Kannapolis

Cannon Memorial 626 held a quarry degree October 26 at Vulcan Quarry in Concord. —David Potts

kicked off with the state's largest Shrine parade mounted by North Carolina's three Shrines. This year, several civic groups, clubs, and school marching bands added a local flair to the event.

The more than 1,800 guests who bought barbecue contest tickets on Saturday morning were the real barbecue contest winners. A ten-dollar ticket bought more than you could eat and sample at the contestant tents.

As eating slowed down, the homecoming queen was crowned, alumni registered, and folks settled back to enjoy the beach sounds of the famous Craig Woolard Band. Craig and the boys put on a great show, and there was plenty of room for dancing in the street in front of the Home's administration building.

The evening ended with an alumni roast and dance as guests prepared for a final day of remembrance and celebration with a family church service, business meeting, and alumni picnic Sunday under the oaks.

Without the help of dedicated volunteers who share their time, travel, funds, and support, this wonderful celebration of the past, present, and future could not happen. Special thanks are extended to the Oxford City Police, Granville County Sheriff's Office, Sudan, Amran, and Oasis Shrines and their parade units, participating Rainbow Girl Chapters and DeMolay volunteers, Masonic lodge volunteers, and alumni of Oxford Orphanage/MHCO.

Mark your calendars, and make plans to join us in 2014. Preparation is already underway, and big announcements are scheduled for next year's Masonic Homecoming, October 10-12, 2014.





DeMolays help out with Homecoming

OXFORD — A contingent of DeMolays from Fayetteville, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem attended the October Masonic Homecoming at the Masonic Home for Children. They are seen here with then Grand Master Dewey Preslar, State Master Councilor Andrew Williard, and Deputy State Master Councilor Luis Roman. — Paul Jones



Family Day cleans up at Cary 198

CARY — Family Day/Clean-up Day at Cary 198 was held June 15. Many chores were completed, and things were spiffed up around the lodge both inside and out. Hot dogs and hamburgers were enjoyed by all at lunch. — Ben Oakes Jr.

From the Medical Committee About kidney stones

By Andrew H. Krueger, MD

One of the most painful and unpleasant medical conditions in my practice are kidney stones. They affect 16 million Americans. Lately, I have seen an increase in patients with this problem. People who have had kidney stones are likely to get them again.

It is good to know what causes your kidney stones and how can they be prevented. Genetics, diet, fluid intake, and work environment can all contribute to the formation of stones.

Identifying what type of kidney stone a certain individual has is the first step to prevention. It is not always the same type as our neighbor's. Kidney stones form when the urine

has too many crystal-forming chemicals and/or not enough substances to protect against crystal formation. When the volume of urine is too low, stone forming materials become concentrated and stones grow. Therefore, a personalized treatment plan incorporating diet, increased fluid intake, and possibly medications can prevent or at least stall the formation of a future stone.

Often, a 24-hour collection of the urine is necessary to quantify your personal concentrations. So drink your water, squeeze a little fresh lemon in it, and see your urologist.

Andrew H. Krueger is a member of Belmont 446 and the Medical Committee.

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aid and assistance, perhaps more so than any other time in our history? Would you consider being part of a 100% response from every lodge in this jurisdiction that bears witness to our commitment as men and Masons to aid and assist helpless people who, because of the level of their loss, will likely never even be able to say thank you?

Every gift matters, especially the one you will make quickly. While the efforts continue to aid and assist the Filipino people, additional requests will likely come. Let not it be said that North

Carolina failed to rise to the challenge to have a 100% response from the lodges in this state. Please submit your gift to Philippines Appeal: Masonic Service Association, 3905 National Drive, Suite 280, Burtonsville, MD 20866.

We are North Carolina Masons. We do not seem to care. We care. We do not seem to share. We share because we dare to make a positive difference in the lives of those who are suffering, wherever they may be. It is what we were meant to be.

A. Gene Cobb Jr. is junior grand warden.



Seen here, from left, are George Eric Minton (son), Christopher Minton (grandson), then Grand Master Dewey R. Preslar Jr., George Wilson Minton (father), and Les Dyer.

Three generations raised together in Wilkesboro

WILKESBORO — On September 7, Liberty 45 held a unique family degree. Three members of the Minton family, a father, son, and grandson, were raised by the lodge during the Saturday morning meeting. All three had proceeded through the three degrees together after being initiated May 16. More than 60 attended.

The first section of the degree was conducted by Steve Nixon. Four candidates meant there were three short forms and one full. Thirty-third

District Deputy Grand Master Bobby Huffman did the short forms, and Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. stepped in to do the long form.

In an interesting twist, George Wilson Minton (the grandfather) was raised by Huffman. In turn, George Wilson raised George Eric Minton (his son). Then, when the time came, George Eric raised Christopher George Minton (his son, George Wilson's grandson).

— Steve Brown



Seen here, from left, are: Oxford 122 members Bob Barrett, Mark Carroll, Todd Williford, Andrew Lyda, and his father, Cecil.

Lodge lends a hand to scout

OXFORD — Andrew Lyda has only been a Boy Scout for a short while, but has known for quite some time that it was his life's calling. Having recently graduated to the Boy Scouts from the Cub Scouts, Andrew has faced many challenges in his short 11 years. A special needs child, Andrew has overcome many challenges to always look for the good in any situation. His call to duty, and his desire to help others, led him to the Boy Scouts as an opportunity to work in the community and make a difference with others. His goal is to eventually attain the Boy Scouts highest honor, Eagle Scout.

His journey to that goal recently hit an unexpected challenge when he was unable to come up with the necessary funds for the upcoming summer camp. Andrew's father was recently laid off from his work, and

the family was struggling to make ends meet, let alone pay for the annual Scout camp held in June. His situation came to the attention of local Masons. Several members from local Masonic lodges took up collections and came up with the necessary money for Andrew to go to the camp.

"Hearing about all of Andrew's hard work and the volunteering he does in the community, we felt compelled to help out any way we could," said Oxford 122 member Mark Carroll. "Andrew and his family have helped out at the Masonic Home for Children and in the community on numerous occasions. We just wanted to help him have the opportunity to have fun this summer and earn more of the necessary merit badges to get him closer to his goal. We are just glad we could help. He truly is a great kid." — Rich Weaver



Ric Carter photos



Kilwinning 64 celebrates 200th anniversary

WADESBORO — An unusually warm evening greeted the Brothers, wives, and guests October 5 at the front of Kilwinning 64 here. Lodge members had assembled with their friends at the lodge cornerstone to observe the rededication of the lodge by then Grand Master Dewey R Preslar Jr.

Preslar announced the gathering to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Kilwinning Lodge. Kilwinning Lodge was chartered December 11, 1813.

After the opening ceremony, everyone entered the lodge dining hall and enjoyed a Thanksgiving-style meal. Past Grand Master W. Berry Rigdon was the evening's speaker. He gave a brief history of the lodge and reminded them of how important Masonry should be to us all. The lodge widows in attendance were recognized.

The evening's highlight was the dedication of the lodge's new library to Ed McBride. Grand Marshal Speed Hallman announced the honor for McBride's many years dedicated service. McBride was also presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership by the then Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr. and Kilwinning Lodge's current Master P. Colson Dunlap.

More than 80 members and guests attended. After all the formal ceremonies were complete, they all enjoyed the bluegrass band which performed in the main lodge room.

— Hal L. Dunlap



Tommy McBride photos

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Oxford 122 entertains footballers

OXFORD — The J. F. Webb High School football team here reaches out to local organizations during their season for ways to connect with the community. Oxford 122 was proud to support their local team by making a dinner for them before their September 6 game. The coaches, team members, and managers were treated to a hearty meal and good fellowship at the lodge.

— Rich Weaver



Revolution 552 attacks litter

GREENSBORO — Revolution 552 recently had their quarterly trash pick up on the road in front of the lodge. Breakfast preceded the chore, and a temple board meeting was held immediately after they finished.

— Jerry Owens

WELCOME OUR NEW BROTHERS

3..... Gerlach, Michael Allen	146..... White, Tyler Benjamin	369..... Wall, David Allen	493..... Cook, Tyler Lee	669..... Porto Jr., George Michael
3..... Norville, Richard Scott	147..... Beuckman, Lance Thomas	373..... Style, Harold Charles	496..... Meudt, Alan	669..... Farra, Andy Joe
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Director of Nursing Peggy Shoffner and CWC Administrator Dianne Armstrong hold the plaque from the Board of Directors saluting the deficiency free designation.

State rates WhiteStone “deficiency free”

GREENSBORO — North Carolina’s Department of Health and Human Services recently awarded WhiteStone’s Care and Wellness Center a deficiency free rating! A team of three nurses and one social worker spent three days at WhiteStone interviewing residents and families, reviewing records, and doing observations of nursing staff, meal preparation, laundry maintenance, and housekeeping. They reviewed all residents there at the time of the inspection and records of 23 discharged residents.

Deficiency free does not mean everything is perfect, but it means that problems have been addressed and monitored for prevention. WhiteStone has a very active quality assurance program to monitor trigger areas and stay on top of issues before they get out of hand.

Of North Carolina’s 421 nursing facilities, only 46 rated deficiency free. A deficiency free inspection reflects the excellent quality care given residents, and it shows that the staff takes great pride in their work.

The inspection teams arrive unannounced and spend days carefully reviewing services. All skilled nursing facilities are inspected annually to evaluate their services and renew state licensure. The health department grades areas such as proper incontinence care, infection control, residents’ rights and dignity, pressure sores, nutrition, and many others.

WhiteStone’s administration cited Director of Nursing Peggy Shoffner for her dedication and leadership of the nursing staff as well as Care and Wellness Center Chef Rodney Davis for his turn-

around of the dining program. The surveyors said that every resident they interviewed told them the food was great. Thanks also were extended to Gina Prevost (activities), Kelly Self (social services), Jane Justice (medical records), Karen Hicks (care plan nurse), Thomas Ridgeway (director of environmental services), David Dyson (lead mechanic), Eric Espe (dining director), Donna Toy (care plan nurse), Kimberly Greeson (staff development coordinator), Holly Bernard (social services), Annie Miller (nursing supervisor), Sam Middleton (nursing supervisor), Julie Collins (nursing supervisor), Dianne Armstrong (CWC administrator) and of course, Executive Director Mark Kolada. Such distinctions are only possible thanks to the diligence of all employees working together.

— Dianne Armstrong

MILEPOSTS



WHITEVILLE — Lebanon 207’s Abram Harry Moskowitz, right, recently received his Diamond Jubilee Award for 60 years Masonic membership. Lebanon Secretary John Norosky, left, made the presentation. — John Norosky



STEDMAN — Late in the summer, Stedman 730 had a special dinner honoring their longtime friend and secretary Jim Hay. Then Grand Master Dewey Preslar, then Deputy Grand Master Dalton Mayo, and Grand Secretary Walt Clapp all attended the celebration of the presentation of Hay’s 60-year award. The 97-year-old is seen here as his wife Dale affixes his Diamond Jubilee pin.



PIKEVILLE — J. R. Lancaster, right, has received his Diamond Jubilee Award celebrating his 60 years as a Mason. Tenth District Deputy Grand Master Richard C. Stroud Jr. is seen here presenting the award during Harmony 340’s Past Masters’ and Ladies’ Night. — Doug Lancaster



MURPHY — Earlier this year, James Helton, left, and Gerald York, right, were presented their Veteran’s Emblems celebrating 50 years membership. The Cherokee 146 members were presented their awards by Lodge Master Greg Johnson, center. — Rory Justin Byers



HAVELOCK — At Cherry Point 688’s September 14 Past Masters’ and Widows’ Night, Lee K. Allen was awarded the Second Annual Stacy Lupton Award for service to the Masonic fraternity. The award is named for Cherry Point Lodge’s first master. Allen is seen here with Lupton’s daughters. — D. K. Lewis



BLACK MOUNTAIN — At Black Mountain 663’s recent Past Masters’ Night, the lodge presented honorary memberships to then Grand Master Dewey Preslar and Past Grand Master Norburn Hyatt. — Dewey Preslar



GATESVILLE — Armstead Harrell Felton, left, got his Veteran’s Emblem on August 1. He is seen here receiving the 50-year award from Gatesville Lodge Master Scott Powell. — John Carter



HERTFORD — Perquimans 106 member Jim Robertson, second from right, got his Veteran’s Emblem August 20. First District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson presented the 50-year award. He got the award in the same room 50 years to the day after being raised. Seen here, from left, are Dennis Robertson (his son), Zack Robertson (his brother), Perquimans Master Zeb Daneker, Robertson, and Johnson. — Paul Gregory



HERTFORD — On October 15, Robert Lee Clinkscales, second from right, received a Veteran’s Emblem saluting his 50 years as a Mason. Seen here, from left, are PDDGM Jim Carr, PDDGM Cecil E. Winslow, Clinkscales, and First District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson. All stations of the lodge that night were filled by past masters of Perquimans 106 celebrating the lodge’s Past Masters’ Night. — Paul Gregory



GATESVILLE — Gatesville 126 presented two Veteran’s Emblems October 3. Andrew Quinton Eure and Joseph Paul Taylor were celebrating their 50 years as Masons. Seen here, from left, are Gatesville Master Scott Powell, Taylor, Eure, and First District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson. — John Carter



GREENSBORO — When Revolution 552 raised Adam Griffin on November 7, the honors were performed by his great-grandfather John Rainey. Also there to help make sure the raising was done properly was Griffin’s grandfather Junior Slate. Seen here, from left, are Revolution Master Bill Hill, Slate, Griffin, and Rainey. — Bill Hill



RALEIGH — William T. Bain 231 enjoyed a flurry of family activity this fall. Lodge members are seen here after a recent multiple raising in the lodge. Front, left to right, are Kristopher Dietrich, Brian Hicks, Chris Anderson, Jeremy Walton, Matt Masters, and Bobby Gower. Back are Jim Tabler, Linwood Hicks, Leamon Myers, Kevin Walton, and Ben Hart. Jim Tabler is Kristopher Dietrich’s grandfather, Linwood and Brian Hicks are father and son, as are Kevin and Jeremy Walton. — Ric Carter photo



Special typhoon challenge

By A. Gene Cobb Jr.

The damage caused by November's Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines is one of the worst disasters in history. Lives, homes, property, communities have been destroyed beyond repair in many places, and based on the reports we get, even tremendous amounts of financial support will barely scratch the surface to meet the needs of so many whose lives have experienced what one victim described in a CBS news broadcast, something that "is worse than hell."

It is a regrettable result of our modern world that things slip quickly from our sight and memory as new, more recent, or glamorous events take over our televisions and perception. The needs of those in the Philippines will go far, far beyond the time news reminders of the tragedy stop.

Masonic charity is one of the greatest gifts we have to offer, especially in times like this. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is blessed to have members who care, members who share, and members who dare to reach deep into their pockets and respond to human need, both here and around the world.

Now is one of those times. Recent economic hard times have affected all of us. We hear of it all of the time in our work and in our fraternity, however, the difficulty affecting the people in the Philippines right now is far more severe than anything any of us experience here in the greatest nation on Earth.

We have a wonderful opportunity to care, share, and dare to respond to this terrible tragedy. It isn't about how much we give, because the need is so great we may likely not even scratch the surface; however, what if every lodge in North Carolina gave something to help our fellow human beings whose lives have suffered so much?

I continue to give thanks in my daily devotions for the great men across this state that care about our brothers in fraternal ways. I marvel at the ways our fraternity aids and assists. Right now, it isn't about you or me. It is about helping the very best we can people who cannot help themselves.

Accordingly, between the receiving of this letter and January 31, 2014, would you consider a gift of love and support for those who need our

see TYPHOON, page 5

Homecoming III fun faces down threatening weather

OXFORD —Despite uncooperative weather October 11–13, the Masonic Home for Children celebrated in grand style 140 years of caring for children with the Third Annual Masonic Homecoming Festival. During the three-day event, an estimated 3,000 alumni, families, Masons, guests, and new friends visited the campus to sample barbecue, watch a huge parade, attend alumni events, and simply come back home. Attendees included Masons, former residents, current donors, and members of the MHCO/Oxford Orphanage family. It was the largest crowd in over five years for Homecoming. Homecoming has been expanded to include the Masonic fraternity and several of the attractions which were once included in our St. John's Day gathering.

The first day, weather was okay for golf. It allowed the Chip Shots for Children Tournament, hosted by the Oxford Orphanage/MHCO Alumni Association, generate more than \$28,000 for the Alumni's Foundation for the Home.

The sounds of string music and the smell of Andrew Jackson Lodge's famous stew filled the air as alumni and friends gathered Friday night to kickoff the weekend. Fourteen contestant teams set up and prepared all night for the final judging Saturday of their barbecued pork, ribs, and chicken.

Under intermittent mist, Saturday morning see **HOMECOMING**, page 4



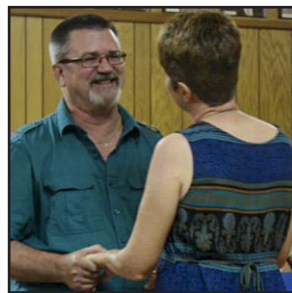
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Grand Master Mayo receives his collar and jewel from Past Grand Master Bob Gresham Ric Carter photo

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