



Ric Carter photos

New center expected within a year

Cornerstone dedicated in Winston-Salem

By Ric Carter

WINSTON-SALEM — The new Winston-Salem Masonic Center got its official launch November 4. About 150 people were on hand to see the cornerstone set for the new home of most of Winston-Salem's Masonic lodges and several appendant groups. The up-to-date facility will be at 4537 Country Club Road in Winston-Salem.

The Grand Lodge opening for the event was held at the nearby New Philadelphia Moravian Church's old parish house. Opening the Grand Lodge and performing the ceremony were: Grand Master Dewey Preslar Jr., David Carmichael as deputy grand master, Tory Carr as senior grand warden, Sandy Erin as junior grand warden, Frank Collins as grand treasurer, Cliff Pranke as grand secretary, Joe Manning as master of ceremonies, Gary Elkins as senior grand

deacon, Stan Peebles as junior grand deacon, Winfield Beroth and David Grubbs as grand stewards, Phil Johnson as grand chaplain, and Billy Baker as grand tyler.

The officers then marched to the building site where they were greeted by a crowd including a Moravian band. A lodge was set up there on the grounds where a lift moved the engraved cornerstone plaque into position for the ancient ceremony of cornerstone dedication.

Featured speaker Past Grand Master Graham Pervier spoke of the memories those present would carry forever from the previous building. "If you take a moment to remember where you knelt — what was asked of you — the obligations you undertook — a word shared with you — you will also bring to mind the faces of

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Riding for the kids

By Ric Carter

OXFORD — On September 14, the Ride again gathered motorcycles from all over the state assembled here and visited the Masonic Home for Children.

Now known by most simply as the Ride, its real name is the Charity Ride to the Masonic Home for Children in Oxford. It was first and remains organized by Eureka 283 in China Grove. During its history, the Ride has raised about \$350,000 for the Home. This year alone, they brought in more than \$21,000.

In addition to the entry fees from each rider, they sell company sponsorships beginning at \$250. Many sponsors also provide products for door prizes for which

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THE BOTTOM LINE



Where Did He Go?

By Dalton W. Mayo
Grand Master

One of the problems facing our grand jurisdiction is the large number of our members who fall into the category of "unfinished work." By this is meant that they petition the lodge, begin their degree work, and disappear off the radar. Another large group completes all the degree work and then at some point seems to lose interest. Why does this happen? There are different theories as to why this happens but it's obvious that something is wrong. Of course, some petitioners decide early in the process that Masonry is not for them. It's understandable that this can account for a percentage of those we lose along the way. But, what about the other, larger group? Here is a story (author unknown) about the guy who never came back:

I'm the guy who asked to join Freemasonry. I'm the guy who paid his initiation fee to join. I'm the guy who promised to follow all the tenets of Masonry.

I'm the guy who came to the meetings, and no one paid any attention to. I tried several times to be friendly to some of the brothers, but they all had their own buddies to talk to and sit next to. I sat down by myself several times, but no one paid any attention to me.

I hoped very much that someone would have asked me to take part in a fund-raising project or something, but no one ever did.

I missed a few meetings after joining because I was sick and couldn't be there. No one asked me at the next meeting where I had been. I guess it didn't matter very

much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting I decided to stay at home and watch TV. The following meeting I attended no one asked me where I was when the last meeting was held.

You might say I'm a good guy, a good family man who holds a responsible job, loves his community and his country.

You know who else I am? I'm the guy who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the heads of the organization and the members were discussing why the organization was losing members. It amuses me now to think that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was make me feel needed, wanted, and welcome.

Brethren, what happened to the guy who never came back that caused him to just give up and disappear? I contend that he never found his place in the lodge and that he was waiting for someone else to show him the way. Some members are outgoing and have never met a stranger. They find their own way. Others, like the brother in this story are more passive, and require intervention.

Your lodge most likely has a copy of the booklet "Program for Progress." If not, the Grand Lodge can send you one. It is also available for download from the Grand Lodge web page under Center for Members/Publications and Literature/Educational Materials. It is a tremendous resource of information and ideas that will help lodges in their efforts to attract and keep men who will make good Masons.

The Masonic Renewal Committee of North America's mentor program is carefully laid out in detail in this booklet. Four precepts are enumerated, and precept number two gives a good idea

of the purpose of the mentor program. It states, "When a man becomes a Mason, his satisfaction, interest, and retention are directly related to the relationships he builds with other men, the quality of the programs in the lodge, and the realization that his original expectations have been met or exceeded." Not surprisingly, you will find that the mentoring continues even after the third degree. Please find some time to read "Program for Progress." It will be time well spent and will give you a better understanding of how to deal with brothers like the one in the above narrative.

The title of this article "where did he go?" gives me a perfect opening to tell you about some of your grand master's recent travels. December 21 saw me traveling to Spartanburg, South Carolina, for the annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. This is a fundraiser for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. It was a great weekend, and I was treated royally. The North Carolina team lost again, but that matters less because the children won.

On December 28 Deputy Grand Master Doug Caudle and I drove to Knoxville, Tennessee, to take part in the observance of the 200th anniversary of the Tennessee Grand Lodge. Originally, the North Carolina Grand Lodge had jurisdiction over the lodges in Tennessee. This was not a convenient arrangement for those lodges or for us, so in 1813 we entered into a compact that relinquished our jurisdiction. Just as you would expect, we were received by our Tennessee brothers with true southern hospitality.

By the time you read the paper edition, our district meetings will have already begun. We should be coming to a location near you, so please plan to attend the meeting that you find convenient. I want to meet you and personally thank you for all you have done to support Masonry in your lodge and district and for all you'll be doing in 2014.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Why do we still have Freemasonry?

Why do we have Freemasonry? We don't know where our fraternity came from. Our existence predates our history. It is unlikely we shall ever factually know our origin. But, over the centuries, men of every ilk and interest have treasured their membership.

Perhaps the answer is to be found in observing our two newest North Carolina lodges, Knights of Solomon 766 and Sophia UD.

Knights of Solomon is one of our state's newest affinity lodges, a gathering of men who share an interest in motorcycles. They are all members of other community lodges, but joined KoS to ride motorcycles to their meetings and take part in lodge projects which emphasize their passion.

Sophia Lodge UD may also be considered an affinity lodge. The members belong to other lodges also. Sophia's members share an interest in traditional observance lodges, a fascination with the spiritual aspects of Freemasonry's lessons.

At a Knights meeting, you will see men in leather vests and blue jeans. At Sophia, you will find the members white-gloved and white-tied in tuxedos and tails.

At a Sophia meeting you will be struck by smoke and the smell of incense. At a Knights meeting, it's exhaust smoke and the odor of gasoline.

With the Knights, events may be a bit raucous with the rattling engines of Harleys. In Sophia, there is soothing music to aid with the quiet contemplation they encourage.

A meal with the lodge at Sophia will have multiple courses served in a fine restaurant. The Knights may have a pig cooker smoking behind the lodge.

At Knights, the conversation is in the parking lot watching the bikes arrive, and the discussions more boisterous and about some new chrome or saddlebags. At Sophia, the pre-meeting conversation is quiet and philosophical.

The wonder of Masonry is that neither of these nearly opposite approaches is wrong and both are right. The universality of Masonry is that men meet on the level and by the plumb and on the square — that they respect each other and enjoy each other's company.

Freemasonry gives each man a chance to find what he needs most and in a way that is meaningful to him. It provides different paths to that universal need for community and friendship and brotherhood.

That's why we still have Freemasonry.

Memory work helper

A Mason was having trouble with his ritual, and was telling a fellow Mason in a pub.

His friend said, "I know a bloke down the road who sells parrots who know the ritual and prompt you when you have any trouble."

His next day off, he went to the shop. "Yes," the man said, "I have three." He pulled back a curtain, and there were three parrots, one with a Mason's apron on, one with a Master's apron, and one with a Past Master's apron.

The man asked, "How much is the one with the Master's apron on?"

"\$2,000, and he knows all the ritual, including the red work. He will always prompt you when you get stuck."

"No," he said, "He's too expensive. What about the one with the Master Mason's apron on?"

"Well, that one is \$1,000, and he knows all the ritual, but not the red work, but he will always prompt you while you are learning it."

"No, he's too much, too. What about the one with the past master's apron?"

"You can have him for ten dollars."

"Why so cheap, he must not know all the ritual and the inner workings?"

"Oh yes, he knows all the ritual, but when you make a mistake all he does is sit there and go, 'Tut! Tut! Tut!'"

— From *Blackmer Buzz*, 2004.

NC Mason Deadlines

Issue	Deadline
January/February	January 1
March/April	March 1
May/June	May 1
July/August	July 1
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GM's district meetings

Grand Master Dalton W. Mayo plans to visit about half our districts this year. His meetings start in early January and will finish at the end of May. His meetings will be similar to the area meetings of the past few years. Pre-meeting meals are scheduled for 6:15 P.M. with the tyled meeting starting at 7:00 P.M. District officers and the grand master will be received with usual honors.

You may make your lodge's reservation for the meeting with your district deputy grand master or host lodge secretary. Please be considerate of the host lodge. Make your reservations for dinner at least seven days before your scheduled meeting. It is very frustrating to try to plan for

a meal when reservations have not been made. Your lodge will be responsible to pay for all meals reserved. Those who have not made reservations should not expect to eat.

In case of inclement weather, meetings will be cancelled in accordance with local schools cancellations. If a meeting is cancelled, the host lodge and district deputy grand master will be notified. Your lodge may cancel its stated communication to attend your district meeting. Information will also be posted on the Grand Lodge web site: <www.grandlodge-nc.org>. This schedule was the schedule as of December 13, 2013. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

February 10	8	Royal Hart 497	118 S. Main St., Littleton
February 11	3	Washington 675	1115 W. 5th St, Washington
February 12	1	Unanimity 7	215 E. Water St, Edenton
February 24	26	Walnut Cove 629	810 Summit St, Walnut Cove
February 25	27	Lexington Memorial 473	468 Central Ave, Lexington
February 26	24	Marietta 444	735 Liberty St, Ramseur
March 4	6	Radiance 132	112 N. Harper St., Snow Hill
March 5	14	Wake Forest 282	220 Wait St, Wake Forest
March 18	41	Junaluskee 145	50 Church St, Franklin
March 19	34	Catawba Valley 217	220 Collett St, Morganton
March 20	22	Bula 409	1307 S. Main St, Burlington
April 8	10	Home 613	104 S. Goldsboro St, Fremont
April 9	4	Semper Fidelis 680	727 Henderson Dr, Jacksonville
April 10	12	Orient 395	1312 Shipyard Blvd, Wilmington
April 22	30	Mooreville 496	114 Institute St, Mooreville
April 23	36	King Solomon 704	214 South St, Gastonia
April 24	32	Temple 676	3900 Litchfield Rd, Charlotte
April 28	40	Oconee 427	62 Clifton Ave, Bryson City
April 29	39	Mt. Hermon 118	80 Broadway, Asheville
April 30	38	Polk Co. Unity 482	622 Ozone Dr, Saluda
May 1	33	Liberty 45	1228 School St, Wilkesboro
May 7	11	Hiram 98	213 Fisher Dr, Clinton
TBA	2	Cape Hatteras 698	48338 Hwy 12, Buxton



Rideout finds Brothers in Kandahar

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, AFGHANISTAN — Whitestone 155 member Robert W. Rideout Jr. is serving here with his National Guard unit. He found a Masonic Lodge here, Kandahar Lodge-Afghanistan, chartered under the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. Rideout serves as their chaplain. He is seen in the accompanying photo, second from left, at the lodge's October 21 meeting.

Rideout recently sent Grand Master Dalton Mayo a flag which was flown over the garrison compound of his 207th Regional Support Group at the airfield. Its letter of authentication states it was flown October 14, 2013. Says Rideout, "Considering the number of rocket attacks we have had, there is a good possibility a Taliban 107mm passed over this flag."

The flag now hangs in the Grand Lodge office. You're invited to come see it and other interesting historic artifacts.



Help protect Vance memorial

ASHEVILLE — The memory of Zebulon Baird Vance, one of North Carolina's most historic Masons, is beckoning to today's Masons to step forward and help with restoring a monument erected to his memory and honor in downtown Asheville.

In 1853 and while attending the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, Vance petitioned Mount Hermon 118 in Asheville, and was raised as a Master Mason in June of that year. He affiliated with Phalanx 31 and Excelsior 261 as well as the York Rite.

Vance became "a political superstar of 19th Century North Carolina." A native son of Buncombe County, Vance was elected to serve in the US Congress in 1858 at the young age of 28. After the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, Vance was appointed Colonel of the 26th NC Regiment. While serving in the 26th, he was elected governor, winning elections to that office in 1862 and 1864. After the Civil War, he was again elected Governor in 1876, and as US Senator from 1879 until his death in 1894.

In April 2005, then Grand Master Graham W. Pervier along with many other Masons, assembled at Riverside Cemetery in Buncombe County to convey formal Masonic Burial Rites to Vance. They also installed a Hero Among Masons marker on his grave.

In 1897, three years after his death, a 65-foot-tall granite obelisk was erected in his honor on Asheville's Pack Square. Having withstood 117 years of western North Carolina's elements, today this historically important monument is in desperate need of restorative preservation. Years of exposure have caused serious deterioration of the mortar joints of the monument, allowing water to infiltrate the joints and causing serious damage to the internal iron pins. While a complete restoration project has been officially endorsed by the City of Asheville, budgetary constraints require that private funding support the restoration. The need is pressing. Monument conservation experts estimate that \$115,000 will be necessary to complete this project.

Acting in concert with the City of Asheville, the Society for the Historical Preservation of the 26th Regiment North Carolina Troops is spearheading

private fundraising efforts for this project. Funds are currently being raised locally by civic organizations, by Civil War re-enactors themselves, and by the UNC fraternity (Phi Gamma Delta) of which Vance was a member.

A challenge has been put forth from a major donor that requires us to raise the remaining funds by March 31 of this year. Multiple funding sources are being actively pursued, but donations are needed by March 31 to help meet the goal.

Freemasons across North Carolina and elsewhere have an opportunity now to honor and preserve the memory of this distinguished Brother. All contributions to the Vance Memorial Fund will be deeply appreciated and are fully tax deductible, as the 26th NC Regiment is a 501(c)(3) organization. One hundred percent of monies raised will go into the Monument Restoration Project. Donations should be sent to: The Vance Memorial Fund, c/o Cole Hutcherson, 2304 Chatham Drive, Greensboro, NC 27408.

Donors will receive a letter acknowledging their tax deductible contribution. The cornerstone of the original monument was set with formal Masonic ceremonies in 1897. Project planners, in conjunction with the City of Asheville, are hoping to rededicate the monument with a similar ceremony following its restoration. Plans are afoot as well to list on the rededication marker the names of the organizations or individuals whose contributions made the restoration project possible. Planners also hope to be given the opportunity to place a time capsule at the site of the monument, and those same contributors would be named in the contents of that time capsule as well.

This is a chance to highlight Freemasonry's rich history and the ongoing presence and activity of our honorable society across the state and world. The story of Zebulon Vance and the monument erected in Asheville to his memory is intertwined with the story of Freemasonry in North Carolina.

Details on this project may be reviewed at <http://26nc.org/Supplemental/vance-monument-project.html>. You may also contact Jim Minor at (919) 641-2856 or <jminor101422@gmail.com>.



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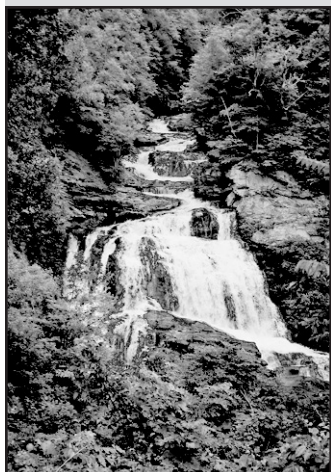
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NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



Gatesville

Gatesville 126 sponsored a summer baseball team at Eason's Crossroads last summer. They furnished refreshments for the last game of the season and entertained the team at the conclusion of their August 3 workday at the lodge. After power washing the building and sealing the brickwork, they fed the team and the day's volunteers.

A rough and a perfect ashlar were recently donated to the lodge in honor of Robert Bryant. Gatesville Lodge handed out service awards to several members last year including 50-year awards to Boykins Hudgins, Andrew Quinton Eure, and Joseph Paul Taylor, and a 60-year award to Armstead Harrell "Frosty" Felton.

The lodge put a float in the Gatesville Christmas Parade and was sponsoring a blood drive in January. — *The Compasses*

Fairmont

Several recognitions were made at Fairmont 528's Awards Night. Marc Sessoms was named the 18th Masonic District's Rookie of the Year and Jerry Blount as the district's Mason of the Year. Walon Ivey got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership.

— *The Trestleboard*

Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 presented service awards at their December 19 officer installation. Phillip Clarence Harris received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years as a Mason. Tommy Phillips got his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years in the lodge.

— *37th District*

Marion

Mystic Tie 237 is trying an experiment to encourage members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues to come back to the lodge. They are offering to forgive a portion of the necessary current dues and arrears for those who come back to the lodge. The deadline for the offer was December 31.

Mystic Tie has spruced up their lodge room. They removed the old carpet and seating, sanded and stained the floors, laid tile around the altar, and added a blazing star to the floor.

Ricky Buchanan headed up the effort to deliver fruit baskets to the lodge's widows and shut-ins. — *Mystic Tie News*

Kernersville

They held a lodge cleanup day at Kernersville 669 on November 9. It was good preparation for their November 22 Thanksgiving Dinner and their December 2 Past Masters' and Widows' Dinner.

As part of their budget considerations and planning for the future, Kernersville Lodge is soliciting contributions to the building fund to make sure maintenance funds are available when big jobs come due. Plan ahead for the inevitable. — *Masonic Lodge New*

In Decemer, Todd Hurm was installed as master of Kernersville Lodge by his father Michael Hurm. — *Chris Pearman*

Jacksonville

Semper Fidelis 680 has long been helpful to charities and neighbors. Last year, they donated \$3,500 to each of our Homes, \$100 for the Philippine typhoon relief, and \$500 for Oklahoma tornado victims. They participated and donated to Special Olympics, Relay for Life, and the Veterans Visitation Program of the Masonic Service Association. They have been collecting backpacks for homeless veterans, and are looking at ways to further help fight the plight of homeless vets.

On November 16, they held their Past Masters', Widows' and Awards Night. Cecil Morton was recognized for his 60 years as a Mason. Veteran's Emblems for 50 years membership went to Herbert Chandler and Marvin McAfee. Past Grand Master Billy Dill was the guest speaker. — *Trestle Board*

Wilmington

Orient 395 held their Annual Ladies' Luncheon December 7. Derwin Hinson entertained. Wilmington's Rainbow Girls held a yard sale at Orient Lodge November 16. The lodge was cooking breakfast and asking donations for the Rainbow Assembly there. — *John Bordeaux*

Liberty

James Edgar Allred was recently named a life member of Liberty 714. Allred was held a prisoner of war for 999 days during the Korean War. — *Paul Bruchon*

Boone

Snow 363 held their annual Christmas Celebration December 7. They had a turkey dinner catered in. George Wilson and his band entertained the lodge, its family members, and friends. — *Snow Lodge*

Gibsonville

Tabasco 271 held their Lodge Christmas Dinner on December 6 at a local cafeteria. They offered rides to those who needed them.

The lodge is considering raising their dues to \$40 plus per capita. — *Trestle Board*

Concord

Stokes 32 held their lodge Casino Night November 15. The \$25 ticket event is their big fundraiser for the year.

— *Stokes Lodge Facebook page*



Washington Lodge members prepare plates for the fundraiser.

Washington Lodge shows their butts

WASHINGTON — Washington 675 held their third annual roasted pork tenderloin fundraiser on December 7. They cooked 360 pounds of tenderloin and enough mashed potatoes and green beans to complete the meal. More than 400 plates were served in three hours. DDGL John Riffert reported the event as "the most successful fundraiser for the lodge to date."

— *Elmo Carawan*



Master David Rowe mans the grill.

Charlotte

Temple 676 has been meeting in the Scottish Rite Center here for nearly 30 years. Starting in January, they have moved in with Excelsior 261. They are buying into ownership of the facility at 3900 Litchfield Road in Charlotte.

— *Temple Lodge*

Steele Creek 737 held their annual barbecue fundraiser November 14. — *Bill Smith*

Excelsior 261 Master Michael Gregory is calling for 2014 to be the Year of Illumination for the lodge. He has promised "more concise business during stated communications so that greater attention can be given Masonic education, history, and explorations of the spiritual aspects of the Craft." He also plans to hold a Past Masters Degree in April with no one but past masters filling all parts. — *Trestle Board*

Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 brought in more than \$6,000 for charity with their raffle last year. They also held a Pancake Supper November 22 with those proceeds going to Triad Masonic youth groups.

Several Old Town members got their Veteran's Emblems for 50 years Masonic membership at the lodge's December stated. Awards went to B. A. Byrd, Herbert Blankenship, Marvin Hanks, J. C. Huffman, Thomas Burton Hamilton, and Arthur Eugene Atkinson.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

Piedmont-Pioneer 685 sponsored a float in the Winston-Salem Christmas parade.

— *Jay Callahan*

Eden

On December 14, members of Leaksville 136 journeyed to the Masonic Home for Children to deliver the donations they raised from their raffle, Pig Jig, and the Sutton Foundation. They presented the Home \$9,000. — *Steven Cates*

Union Grove

Grassy Knob 471 held their annual Family Dinner November 23. — *Tom Gregory*

Fayetteville

There's been some remodeling going on at Phoenix 8. The main targets have been the kitchen and the library/secretary office area. They've installed new computers and printers. They've added a new artifact display cabinet and new chandeliers. In the lodge room, they've got a new projector and screen.

Phoenix 8 collected more than 300 toys during their toy drive this year. The toys were bound for the Masonic Home for Children and the Falcon Children's Home. Dan McGarrar and Jose Rivas headed up the drive which brought in unwrapped gifts and gift cards.

Mike Ariano gave a lecture in the lodge on Pearl Harbor. The lodge was open for tours.

— *Derec Mercer and Ken Wical*

Creasy Proctor 279 named Bob Burnett their Mason of the Year. — *Derec Mercer*

Pilot Mountain

Pilot 493 kept a donation box for Toy for Tots in their dinning hall through the Christmas season. They also helped out a couple of local families by giving one a gas card and another a gift card for a grocery chain.

The lodge sponsored a blood drive November 25. They collected 37 units and four doubles on a 40 unit goal.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler and Sam Carson*

Mount Airy

Granite 322 did several charity projects last year. They held their Annual Ham and Egg Breakfast in March, raising more than \$2,300.

In July, they carried kids from two Home for Children cottages camping. Throughout the year, they collected canned food for a local food pantry. They helped to the tune of 3,276 cans.

Southport

On November 29, Pythagoras 249 held their Annual Awards and Widows' Appreciation Banquet. Jack Terry was named Mason of the Year, and John Lewis got the Promising Mason Award. Joe Maggiola got the Most Successful Golf Tournament Award, and Charles Trott was honored for his work on the Charity Project of the Year. Veteran's Emblems for 50 year Masonic membership went to Alton Smith and James Griffith.

Members of Pythagoras gave a past master's apron to Bill Lucas on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

There was lots of charitable outreach at Pythagoras Lodge last year. They gave \$250 gift certificates to two needy families at Christmas. The lodge purchased new door locks, and one of their members installed them for a lodge widow in need.

They made a \$500 contribution to Southport's Shop With a Cop program. They sent another \$500 to a member of a neighboring lodge who found himself in financial straits after suffering the loss of his wife to a lengthy illness.

The lodge has renamed their fish fry the Annual Gene Cowan-W. Marvin McKeithen Fish Fry. McKeithen, who passed away last summer, had done the Fish Fry for years. — *Newsletter*

Spencer

The November 9 Member Appreciation Breakfast at Spencer 543 was a chance to invite interested friends and family to learn more about the lodge. Homemade biscuits, eggs, bacon, sausage, and grits made a good impression.

On November 26, they held their Thanksgiving Dinner. They honored Michael Craft as Rookie Mason of the Year. Sam Krohn was named Mason of the Year, and Cecil Keith got the inaugural Spirit of Giving Award. Emil Sparger got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership.

Spencer Lodge held their annual Visit With Santa December 7. Kids and grandkids got to talk with Santa. All the visitors got drinks and cookies. It was also another collection opportunity for their season-long Toys for Tots participation.

— *John Hatley*

Trenton

Zion 81 is celebrating what they call "a much needed makeover." They replaced the carpet, laid tile, and refinished the wood in their lodge room. — *Aaron Morris*

Raleigh

What do you do when you have a stated meeting on Christmas Eve? James B. Green 735 had the minimum seven members there to open lodge. They read "The Night Before Christmas" and closed lodge.

A number of awards were recently passed out at Green Lodge. Perry Rumble got the Robert B. Truelove Award; Chic Roselli, the JBG Outreach Award; Claiborne Burnette, JBG First Battalion Award; Dustin Tarditi, Outstanding Communicator Award; Don Butto, Master Photojournalist Award; and Mark Thompson, Finance Committee Chairman Emeritus.

— *The James B. Green Scene*

Incoming James B. Green Master Don Steichen will be putting emphasis on community outreach this year. He plans for them to sponsor a youth league baseball or soccer team, hold local hero appreciation event, visit both our Homes, hold a classic car raffle, have a field trip to Philadelphia, and enter the Masonic Pig Jig before the year is done. — *Don Steichen*

Masters 754 is planning to merge with Millbrook 97. As of this reporting, Millbrook Lodge has yet to vote on the merger. — *The Trowel*

Waxhaw

Santa visited Waxhaw 562 December 13. He was there to have pancakes with the lodge children. Members were invited to bring children, grandchildren, and neighbors' kids to talk to the jolly old elf. Donations to the homes were solicited. — *Richard Shields*

Thomasville

This holiday season, members of Thomasville 214 collected department gift cards for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children. The cards let kids use their Christmas gifts throughout the year as they need things. — *Trestle Board*

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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.

Mystic Tie makes art outreach

MARION — Mystic Tie 237 joined the McDowell Quilt Trail last year. The Quilt Trail is a project of the McDowell Arts Council Association and is intended to promote tourism, preserve history, and help improve the economy in McDowell County. Various groups and individuals post a custom “quilt square” and become part of the tour. McDowell joined the Quilt Trail of Western North Carolina in 2009. About 150 blocks have now been installed.

The six-by-six-foot square was hung by a team of workmen perched on five tiers of scaffolding. Its position on the south face of the building is easily seen as one enters Marion. The quilt-like block design is of a square and compasses, the emblem of Freemasonry. It is number 133 on the McDowell trail.

It also makes for a distinctive sign, attracting questions and visitors from locals and those just passing through. So far as we know, Mystic Tie Lodge is the only lodge in the state on the Quilt Trail.



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rest of the petitioners (members) with their duties and responsibilities.

The gavel then was passed to Larry Thompson, the lodge's first master. They conducted their first business, the adoption of their bylaws. A business consent agenda was passed. Ben Wallace presented a program entitled “The Traditional Observance Lodge.”

The lodge will operate under the dispensation until it finishes the requirements necessary to gain a charter. When it has met its responsibilities and proven its viability, the Grand Lodge at Annual Communication will vote on granting a full charter for the lodge. If, as expected,

they meet their obligations, that charter would be granted this coming September, and they will become Sophia Lodge 767.

The lodge meets on the third Wednesday of December and fourth Wednesdays except in January, May, September, and December. Dress is formal, minimally dark business suit.

Traditional observance lodges emphasize stricter rituals including formal attire, incense, contemplation periods during the meeting, and music during ritual. They take longer to get candidates through degrees and put extra importance on the spiritual and philosophical aspects of Freemasonry.

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Greensboro

Steve Blair has been named Mason of the Year at Greensboro 76. — Phillip Bialek

P. P. Turner 746 held their awards night November 21. Larry Willoughby was named Mason of the Year. Jay Callahan got the Jim Thornton Award for his continued outstanding service to the lodge. — P. P. Turner Lodge

Three graduates of Wilkerson College were installed as master of their Greensboro lodge this year: Jetze Bouma, Guilford 656; David Beck, Greensboro 76; and Jeff Bullington, Corinthian 542. — Jeff Bullington

Statesville

It was a busy holiday for Statesville 27. They sponsored and organized the Statesville Christmas Parade on December 8. They helped the Salvation Army with bell ringing on December 21, and delivered Christmas baskets and poinsettias to their widows.

The lodge held their Family Night November 2. Past Grand Master Tom Gregory was given the J. C. Brown Award by Statesville Lodge for his “outstanding service to the lodge.” The three principle officers make the choice each year. — The Joppa Informer

Rockingham

Members of Rockingham 495 collected goodies for the kids at the Masonic Home for Children last year. They carried them toiletry items, blankets and sheets, stuffed animals, clothing, and towels. They also delivered more than \$300 in contributions. The lodge, local Eastern Star, and community members contributed. — Robert Street

Troutman

Campbell 374 member Past Grand Master David Cash was recently named to the South Iredell High Sports Hall of Fame. Cash was a football player in his youth and was a lineman at the University of South Carolina. — Jennifer Cash

Black Mountain

Rick Patton stepping down from his 22-year lodge seat in the secretary's corner at Black Mountain 662. Thanks for the good work, Rick. — The Traveling Trowel

Monroe

Truth 749 is changing their meeting order this year. They will have their usual business meetings, and then after closing lodge, have a fellowship time which will include entertainment and educational programs. — Quarterly Trestle Board

Smithfield

Fellowship 84 delivered 30 poinsettias to their lodge widows on December 5. — Grover Dees

Kenansville

Lodge widows got a special invitation to St. John's 13's December 5 lodge dinner. — Lodge Log

Murfreesboro

American George 17 will be celebrating their 225th birthday this year. Plans are underway. — Floyd Stephen Fowler

Roseboro

Roseboro 585 held a clever fundraiser December 13. The held a spaghetti supper during the local Christmas Parade. Folks who were already out for an event got to add a simple, tasty, and thrifty meal. Charity benefitted. — Roseboro 585

Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 made Leroy Whitfield a Life Member in November. He has been a member for 61 years. — The Jerusalem Journal

Warsaw

The Annual Ladies' and Awards Night at Warsaw 677 was held December 3. — Warsaw Lodge

Mint Hill

Mint Hill 742 held their Annual Awards Night on December 5. — Trestle Board

Gastonia

King Solomon 704 featured traditional fare at their Family Holiday Dinner December 10. — The Plumb Line

Columbus

Matin Fischer was recently installed as master of Horse Creek 719 by his son Michael Fischer of Kernersville 669. — Chris Pearman



Ahoskie Masons hold softball tournament

AHOSKIE — Davie 39 teamed up with Special Olympics of Hertford County to hold a softball tournament on October 5 here at the Ahoskie Sports Complex. Davie Lodge was the primary host of the fundraiser with Special Olympics taking charge of the concessions. The first pitch was thrown out by a Special Olympian. Four teams, Central Ford, Allen Farms, Northampton Family Practice, and the Fireballs competed. The Fireballs took the title. Kyle Horton won the homerun derby over 20 other competitors. — Chuck Munford

Why the hurry?

SMITHFIELD — Zachary Rhodes wasted absolutely no time in getting into lodge and through his three degrees. Rhodes turned 18 in February. His petition was read in Fellowship 84 in March, and he was elected in April. They initiated him May 16, passed him on June 6, and raised him July 2.

Why the big hurry?

On July 7, Rhodes reported to begin his training in the United State Marine Corps. He left home as a Mason.

On a trip home after completing boot camp, Zach reported that “one of his drill instructors is a brother in our order and ensured [he] was guided properly and taken care of.”

— Grover Dees

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are distributed when riders assemble before the final leg of their ride. Sponsor names appear on the annual Ride t-shirt.

On their arrival at the Home, they were fed by the 13th Masonic District. This year, they enjoyed spaghetti.

The riders whiled away the afternoon, offering to the children rides and views of the many bikes. After an enjoyable day in the clean air and blue skies, the riders headed off for their homes taking their own routes and getting a

little more solitary time as they returned to their families.

Eureka Lodge is putting out a call for other Masonic lodges to step up and help with the motorcycle ride. Having others involved will potentially draw in additional riders, supporters, and community interest. If you'd like to learn more about participating next year as a rider or sponsor contact Ride Chairman Doug Earnhardt at (704) 957-0346 or <doug.earnhardt@airspeedllc.com>.

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the brothers who were present... and how much significance that temple had for you.”

He predicted that time and their members' dedication and work will bring the “fulfillment of our responsibility to spread the beneficent influence of Masonry among men.”

The new building is expected to be open in late 2014 or early 2015. Until then the lodges are meeting in various locations around the Triad. Piedmont Pioneer 685 will be meeting at West Bend 434, 6305 Shallowford Road, Lewisville. Salem 289 will move to Kernersville 669, 701 South Main Street, Kernersville. Winston 167 and Forsyth 707 (along with Scottish Rite) will be at Clemmons 755, 6210 Stadium Drive, Clemmons. The York Rite organizations will be visiting High Point Masonic Temple, 3202 N. Main Street, High Point. Eastern Star and Amaranth will be at Old Town 751, 5112 N. Causeway Road, Winston-Salem.

You can follow the progress of their new home at <http://www.mcwinston.org/>.



Masonry is in UNC's DNA

CHAPEL HILL — From October 1 to December 23, the University of North Carolina sponsored an exhibit entitled "Look Well to the East: North Carolina's Freemasons and the Cornerstones of UNC." The displays were shown on the fourth floor of the Wilson Special Collections Library. It explored the history of the role played by North Carolina's Freemasons in the creation and early governance of the University.

Freemasons conceived of, lobbied for, and built the nation's first public university, an accomplishment consistent with the fraternity's historic emphasis on education and the liberal arts. This exhibition traced the Masons' contribution to the establishment of UNC, and the shaping of its early development. The first public procession of our Grand Lodge (October 12, 1793) was to set the cornerstone for Old East, the first building on the campus of the first state university. William R. Davie, Father of the University and third grand master of our Grand Lodge led the ceremony. This event is commemorated each year as University Day.

Among the exhibits were the following:

- The sword and pocket watch of William Richardson Davie, grand master of Masons and the founder of the University. The sword has never before been exhibited in Chapel Hill.
- The Old East cornerstone plate and the Masonic apron worn by William McCauley during the cornerstone ceremony.



The Dialectic's emblem includes square and compasses.

- Handwritten petitions for the first and second degrees from Joseph Caldwell, UNC's first president, to Eagle 19 in Hillsborough.
 - Silver candlesticks from the altar of Royal White Hart Lodge where Davie lived.
- The exhibit was sponsored by the North Carolina Collection,



Eagle 19 Mason and UNC President Joseph Caldwell's glasses.

the Southern Historical Collection, and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. A committee of Masons helped mount the exhibit: Mike Kenlan of Columbus 102, Jonathan Underwood of Albemarle 703, then-Grand Historian Grady Hall of Scotch Ireland 154, and Junior Grand Deacon Speed Hallman of Eagle 19.

Charles Ingram: Citizen Lawyer

By Dennis Boothe

Editor's note: Charles M. Ingram is a member of St. John's 13 and served as grand master in 1999.

KENANSVILLE — As one of this year's Citizen Lawyer Award winners, Kenansville attorney Charles Ingram has demonstrated not only strong civic commitment to his community and state, but lifelong and dedicated service to his country.

In fact, just as he knew from a young age that he wanted to be a lawyer, he was sure as a child that he wanted to be in the Navy. His pursuits in both fields, as well as his active role in civic matters across the state, have contributed together to a long and distinguished career.

As an undergraduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he joined the Navy ROTC, launching a career of service in the US Naval Reserve that would span more than 30 years.

Starting as an officer for the U.S. Naval Reserve, he rose through the ranks through skill and dedication, at one point helping to drive a WWII-era destroyer in a trip overseas and eventually attaining a rank of captain. He also served the Navy as a reservist in a variety of legal capacities, including as Director of Legal and Legislative Matters in the office of Chief of Naval Operations, and as Deputy Legal Counsel for the Bureau of Naval Personnel, both in Washington, DC.

Ingram reflects on his naval career with pride. "There's a special bond being in the Navy," Ingram says. "Serving your country with others, it's a special thing."

Another source of pride is the recognition Ingram has received for his naval service. He earned the Meritorious Service Medal in 1988, and two years later was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. In 2000, the year he retired from the Navy, he was honored for his service with the Legion of Merit — the country's second-highest peacetime medal — signed by then-President Clinton.

Ingram's sense of civic duty is apparent in more than just his military service. For 30 years, he also was active as a Freemason, supporting the principles of the historic fraternity. He held numerous leadership positions in the organization, serving as Master of his Kenansville Lodge in 1984 and Grand Master of North Carolina's Grand Lodge in 1999.

"From a young age, I was exposed to the principles of the Masons," says Ingram, whose father was also a Freemason. "I'm proud of their role in the founding of our country, and of what they stand for today."

Another avenue for Ingram's service and scholarship stems from his passion for North Carolina history. According to real estate developer Patrick Bell, a childhood friend of Ingram, "Charles is a pillar of the Duplin County community, and has served in countless ways to preserve its history."

Ingram served four terms as president of the Duplin County Historical Society. In 2007, he researched and wrote a book containing biographies and photographs of the 19 men from Duplin County who died in the Vietnam War. He is now researching a similar book honoring the approximately 100 men from Duplin County who died in World War II.

Throughout a storied career of civic service, Ingram has maintained his legal career.

He graduated from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, where he was a charter member and the managing editor of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy. He practices law in Kenansville with Carolyn Burnette Ingram, his wife of 35 years, who is also a Citizen Lawyer awardee (2008).

"The lawyer is a leader in the community," says Ingram. "It's important to serve others and share your blessings. We have to pay it forward."

The Citizen Lawyer Committee of the NCBA Young Lawyers Division, in conjunction with the NCBA Citizen Lawyer Committee, provides expanded coverage of the 2013 Citizen Lawyer Award recipients in recognition of their volunteer service and leadership in their communities and beyond.

Dennis Boothe is an attorney at Blanco Tackabery & Matamoros, P.A. in Winston-Salem.



Special help for Special Olympics

ROBBINSVILLE — The local Special Olympics Committee recently asked the members of Robbinsville 672 to help with their fundraiser. They wanted the lodge to smoke half a dozen of their Appalachian-style barbecue pork butts. Money men entered the conversation and calculated how many total butts they would have to sell to break even on the ones they were donating to the Special Olympics. Things went better than expected, so Robbinsville Lodge gave the requested butts and \$300 to the cause. Special Olympics Coordinator Kristy Cable is seen here receiving the check from Master Michael Phillips.

— Jim Hyde



Bench for Ledford

CAROLINA BEACH — What better honor than to contribute to a man's life's work? Look carefully among the pier benches at Carolina Beach State Park and you will find one with a plaque thanking Past Grand Master Lewis Ledford for his service to the Craft. It was placed there in his honor by St. John's I. — James Watson



Ric Carter photos



GL scholar

SANFORD — Whitney O'Quinn of Lee Christian School was one of our Grand Lodge Scholars this year. Twentieth District Deputy Grand Master David Quick, right, presented the award at the school's awards event.

— Whitney O'Quinn



Grantham Lodge scholar

GRANTHAM — Allison D. Cuthrell, center, was the recipient of this year's Alvia Hearren Masonic Scholarship. Grantham 725 names the award each year for a special member of the lodge. Cuthrell is the daughter of Robert and Melisa Cuthrell and the granddaughter of George Herring who are seen here. Not pictured is the other scholarship winner, Michael Anthony Gonzales, son of Anthony and Hope Gonzales and grandson of Val and Patty Robinson.

— Jim White





Kedron Lodge joins Shriners in parade

HENDERSONVILLE — On September 3, some 20 brothers of Kedron Lodge 387 and members of the Hendersonville Shrine Club marched together in the North Carolina Apple Festival parade here. While the Shriners are regular participants in the annual parade, this was the first time in memory that Kedron brothers joined them. Both groups carried banners. The blue shirts of Kedron brothers and the red fezzes of the Shriners were well received by a very large crowd of onlookers. — Spence Campbell



Berne Lodge hosts sheriffs

NEW BERN — Berne 724 honored members of the area Sheriff's Departments on October 17. Craven County Sheriff Jerry Monette, Carteret County Sheriff Asha Buck, and Lenoir County Sheriff Chris Hill all took part in the program. Past Grand Master L. R. "Pete" Thomas was master of ceremonies. Craven County Administrative Lt. Lee Thomas gave an overview of the duties and responsibilities of their department. He introduced each of the deputies in attendance. Craven County Lt. Mike Bersch (past master of Berne Lodge) introduced featured speaker, Sheriff Jerry Monette, a member of Grantham 725. He paid tribute to all the men who serve in the department and to the Masons of the county who are so supportive of law enforcement. — Pete Thomas

From the Medical Committee

Be Safe With Chicken

By Marty Fischer, MD

The recent Foster Farms food poisoning epidemic sent 40% of those affected into the hospital. Symptoms were nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and severe abdominal pain. More food poisoning deaths are due to chicken than any other product. Bacteria can live on surfaces for days, not just hours.

So how can you lessen your chances of getting sick?

• Consider all chicken to be contaminated, because nearly all is contaminated by disease-causing organisms, including chicken labeled "organic". In a recent study of chicken breasts, Consumer Reports found half of the samples had a least one multi-drug resistant organism. This means if you have an infection caused by one of these organisms, antibiotics may not work! They

found 10% had more than one variety of multi-drug resistant organisms.

• Avoid cross contamination by washing your hands (with soap for 20 seconds or more) after touching chicken.

• Do not wash or rinse the chicken as that will spread the germs (up to three feet!).

• Have two cutting boards, one for raw meat only.

• Use a meat thermometer and cook the chicken to 165°F.

It may also help by buying your chicken at the store last, and getting it into the refrigerator promptly, to lessen chances for any bacteria to multiply.

Marty Fischer is a member of Horse Creek 719.

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Frederick A Bartholdi, a Freemason, designed the Statue of Liberty which stands in New York harbor. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone on August 5, 1885.

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MILEPOSTS



GROVER — Stateline 375, at their May stated presented M. C. Pruitt his 60 year Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. Seen here, from left, are Keith Clark, 35th DDGM Don Morgan, Pruitt, Rod Paulson, and J.T.Thrift. — Rod Paulson



DURHAM — On October 8, Ernest Willett of Durham 352 was presented his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years membership. He is seen here with this wife Ruth. — Jim Smith



LUCAMA — Last year, Silas R. Lucas Jr., right, received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years as a Mason. The Lucama 527 member was presented the award by 2013 Lucama Master Paul Capps, left. — Paul Capps



WARSAW — Warsaw 677 recently held its Ladies' and Awards night. Tom Rabon, left, received his Veteran's Emblem honoring his 50 years as a Mason. DDGM Raymond Turner, right, presented the award. Rabon's wife Sue is seen here with him during the ceremony. — Luther Jones



SWANQUARTER — Leeward Allen Lupton, right, of Atlantic 294 got his Veteran's Emblem last year in celebration of his 50 years in Masonry. He was presented the award during the Third District Grand Master's Meeting by then Grand Master Dewey Preslar, left. — Ric Carter photo



HIGH POINT — Numa F. Reid 344's Tom Lavender, left, was recently presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 year Masonic membership. He served the lodge as master in 1980. He is seen here being congratulated by Master Tom Welch. — Michael Rinehardt



MOUNT AIRY — Andy Hennis, right, received his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years membership during Granite 322's November 19 Past Masters' Night. Granite Master Stephen McCraw presented the award. Andy Hennis is the son of our late Past Grand Master Sam Hennis. — Stephen McCraw



ZEBULON — Melvin Roland Britt, right, was presented his Veteran's Emblem for 50 years Masonic membership last year. He is seen here getting the award from then Master Dale Dancause. — Barna Wilder



NEWTON GROVE — Two members of Mill Creek 125 recently got their Veteran's Emblems celebrating their 50 years as Masons. N.V. Sutton, center, and Cecil Odom, right, received the awards from DDGM Raymond Turner, left. — Earl Daughtry



GREENSBORO — At Revolution Lodge 552's Awards Night on November 9, Aaron Benton, left, and Butch Baynes, center, were honored with Mason of the Year Awards. They are seen here receiving the awards with Lodge Master Bill Hill. — Bill Hill



HIGH POINT — Paul Daniel Snipes has been presented his Veteran's Award celebrating his 50 years as a Mason. Snipes was made a Mason in Hiram 716 in High Point, but was a member of Numa F. Reid 344 at the time of the presentation. — Paul Daniel Snipes Jr.



MOUNT AIRY — On November 11, Granite 322 had a father raise a son and a son raise a father. From left, B.J. Boyles was raised by his father Barry Boyles, and James Smith raised his father Larry Smith. It was a classic family entanglement in a Masonic lodge. — Stephen McCraw



MOUNT AIRY — Granite 322 raised a third generation Mason December 3. From left, Tyler Payne joined his grandfather Troy Payne and father Troy Payne Jr. as a member of Granite Lodge. — Stephen McCraw



New lodge hits the road

JACKSONVILLE — Knights of Solomon 766 became North Carolina's newest chartered lodge October 19. After being granted a charter at Annual Communication in September, Grand Master Elect Dalton W. Mayo, Grand Secretary Walt Clapp, and Grand Chaplain pro tempore Allan Mann performed the ritual of consecration and constitution of the new lodge.

Their officers are Master Beau Brown, Senior Warden Denny Norris, Junior Warden Ray Smith, Treasurer Gil Moctezuma, Secretary Howard Kahn, Senior Deacon Tom Hardison, Junior Deacon Allen Livenberger, Stewards Bob Baron and James Sullivan, Chaplain Bob Franks, and Tyler Henry Drake.

Knights of Solomon 766 was spun off Knights of Solomon 764 and shares its interest in motorcycles. They also chose to keep the same philosophies and name. They regard themselves as a secondary lodge for their members and hold their meetings at various locations around the state giving their members the chance to travel to different parts of the state to meet new people. Their Saturday meetings are a destination for motorcycle rides.



Sophia Lodge begins work

SALISBURY — North Carolina has a new lodge incubating — Sophia Lodge. Fifty-one Masons attended the institution of the lodge on October 23 and saw the dispensation delivered to allow the lodge to begin to work. It was brought by then Grand Master Dewey Preslar and Grand Secretary Walt Clapp. The lodge is following a traditional observance path.

The grand master then had Sophia Master Larry Thompson, Senior Warden Ben Wallace, and Junior Warden Kevin Combs brought to the altar. Doug Caudle, then senior grand warden, presented their officer jewels and conducted them to their stations.

The grand master then opened a lodge in due form and charged the principal officers and the

The ceremony began with the reading of the dispensation by Grand Secretary Clapp. The

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A Moravian band, led by Joey Transou, played for the dedication of the cornerstone for Winston-Salem's new center.

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