



## Reliving history with Rufus

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — When you go to a history museum, you see pictures and artifacts of people long dead. It was more than a little odd to walk into the North Carolina Museum of History recently and see a bit of living history come toward you with hand outstretched.

Rufus Edmisten has had a life deeply entwined in North Carolina politics. He was Attorney General of North Carolina from 1974 to 1984 when he ran for governor. That was the last gubernatorial race with two Masons squaring off. He was defeated by James G. Martin. He again won statewide office in 1988 becoming North Carolina Secretary of State, an office he held into 1996.

Edmisten had come to the North Carolina Museum of History to take me through the exhibit Watergate: Political Scandal and the Presidency. It will be on display through August 10, the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon.

An office break-in at the National Democratic Headquarters in the Watergate hotel in 1972 became a snowball rolling downhill from the peak of presidential power toward the destruction of one of the United States' most tenacious politicians, Richard Nixon. July 23, 1973, Edmisten, still in his early 30s, served a subpoena on the White House demanding secretly recorded tapes which would prove to be the damning evidence leading to the final demise of a presidency.

How did a young man from Boone find himself at the leading edge of history?

Here's how Edmisten sees it, "Senator Sam Ervin, was the most famous Mason I know. I came to work with him in 1964."



see RUFUS, page 4 Rufus Edmisten points to the subpoena he served on the Nixon White House.

## Fred Olds, guardian of North Carolina history

By Ric Carter

RALEIGH — There have been plenty of Masons who were history fans. It's one of the things that brings some men into the fraternity. Likely no North Carolina Mason has been more of a fan or done more to promote our love of history or preserve our collective memory than Frederick Augustus Olds. He's so important to North Carolina history preservation that he is the first greeter you will see at the North Carolina Museum of History. On the front steps of the museum is a bronze statue of our Brother offering the key to our history.

Olds was born in 1853, brought up in Hillsborough, and attended school in Cary. He went to college at Virginia Military School. In the 1870s, he moved to Raleigh as a businessman. He was soon captivated by newspaper work. He started as a reporter for the *Raleigh News* and eventually became city editor of the *News and Observer*.

He joined the National Guard in 1874, and in 1877, was appointed state ordnance officer and quartermaster general of the State Guard. He was appointed to the staff of Governor Zebulon B. Vance in 1877 and carried the honorific "Colonel" the rest of his life.

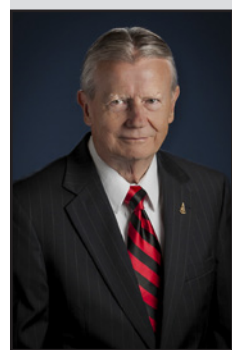
It may have been an experience in the Guard that sparked his lifelong fascination with history. According to a biography posted by Raleigh's Fred A. Olds Elementary School (named for him in 1927), "[While in the Guard,] Olds went to clear what appeared to be insignificant junk from the state arsenal. But, when the secretary of state inspected the material, he discovered a rich archive of early records stretching back to colonial times, including the Journal of the Provincial Congress that adopted the Constitution of 1776. The secretary's discovery lit a fire in Fred Olds' heart." In the *Raleigh News*, "he started an editorial campaign calling on people to save historic documents and artifacts, even asking that they be sent to him."



Fred Olds was a Mason and best friend of North Carolina's history.

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### THE BOTTOM LINE



## Attracting new members

By Dalton W. Mayo  
Grand Master

How many good men have waited all their lives for someone to ask them to join the Masonic fraternity, but no one ever did? We will never know the answer to that question but we know it does happen.

Occasionally you will hear someone say that maybe we ought to drop the antiquated practice of never asking men to join and start openly soliciting for new members. We would surely fill up our lodge rooms, and all would be right with the world.

Or would it? The answer is a resounding "no" because we will have initiated men who came not of their own free will and accord but of ours, and there is a big difference.

The late Carl H. Claudy, a prolific Masonic writer, asked the question "Has anyone considered the fact that an invitational system for Freemasonry would be unfair to the man so invited? To ask a man to become a member of the fraternity is not only a violation of one of the unwritten laws, but a positive injustice to the man. He who joins a lodge, not because he wants, but because another wants him to, necessarily misses for life something in the Ancient Craft which other men possess and hold dear. It is human to value that for which we labor, try, strive, and get by our own efforts. It is also human to hold as of little value and small worth that which comes unsought, which is easy to get, which requires no effort."

Now, in spite of this, I have to confess that I was flat out asked to petition Masonry. Before you get the bright idea that some-

body ought to be reported to the grand master, just keep in mind that I am the grand master so that won't do any good. But this seeming violation of an old tradition may not be as serious as it seems. You see, I was not asked by a Master Mason, but by a Master Mason's wife. This Master Mason's wife happened to be my sister. She confided in me that my brother-in-law wanted me to become a Mason but, by the rules, he was not allowed to ask me. She saw no reason why she couldn't ask me, and so she did. I still see nothing wrong with it and I believe things have turned out ok in spite of what some may consider a serious breach of etiquette.

How do we attract new members if we agree that we should not recruit them? One thing for sure is that our lodges need to be visible within their communities. A great way to do this is to have charitable fundraisers, preferably at the lodge. Members of the community need to come and find out about that building with the square and compasses on it. They will take notice and you will get expressions of interest. Hiram Lodge 98 had a pancake breakfast in December which was very successful. There was an excellent turnout which resulted in an invitation for the lodge to come to a local church and cook pancakes for their Thursday night soup kitchen. Not all charity has to be Masonic as we see in this case. The word will get around and this is the kind of publicity we need.

I was recently asked by one of our fine district deputy grand lecturers what prompted me to petition Masonry. My answer was that I knew some good men who were members of the fraternity, one of whom was my brother-in-law, and I thought that it was something that I wanted to be a part of. So, when the opportunity came, I took it. Dan Weatherington, my good friend and brother from Wilson, has written a short article about attracting

new members and he has given me permission to share it with you. I think it deserves your careful consideration:

Not one person ever joined Masonry because George Washington was a Mason. Not one person ever joined Masonry because Harry Truman was a Mason. Not one person ever joined because of any of our great Masonic heroes. Joining doesn't make you any of those people.

Not one person ever joined in order to give over a million dollars a day to charity, or Masonic homes, or crippled children. You don't have to be a member to give money to charity.

Not one person ever joined because our ritual is outstanding, or our minutes are accurate, or a hundred other things we worry about. They don't know about our ritual or our minutes.

They joined because someone they knew and admired was a Mason. It could have been a father, a friend, a man down the street, or someone a thousand miles away. Who, it didn't matter.

They admired him and wanted to do the things he did, and they did it by the millions.

Want to help our growth? Be the kind of man someone admires. Someone will notice.

Albert Pike summarized the Masonic ideal as: "Good men; better men. We seek no more; we offer no more. It is enough." Good men becoming better men is the best advertisement we have for our beloved fraternity. This was true in Albert Pike's time, and I believe it is still true today.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# Hometown honors journalist Mason

By Molly McGowan

The City of Burlington recognized one of Alamance County's home-grown historians by naming March 19, 2013, "Don Bolden Day." *The Times-News'* editor emeritus was honored for his 51-year career with the newspaper where he wore several hats over the years.

"This recognition is well-deserved and long overdue," said Mayor Ronnie Wall.

Bolden began his writing career in high school, at Burlington High School. Days after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Bolden started at the *Times-News* as a sports writer and photographer.

Bolden also worked as a reporter, wire editor, and associate editor at the newspaper, which landed him interviews with American presidents and put him in the midst of historic civil rights riots. In 1975, Bolden was appointed managing editor, then editor in 1982, and was executive editor from 1989 until he retired in 1999.

Bolden did graduate work at the University of Tennessee at Martin, and was founding chairman of the Elon University School of Communications Advisory Board, past president of the NC Associated Press News Council, and has served on the

Alamance County Area Chamber of Commerce.

His work has won Bolden several journalism awards over the years, including a national citation from the Associated Press Managing Editors Association and others from the Associated Press and NC Press Association writing competitions.

The editor emeritus has kept his byline in *The Times-News* as a regular Sunday columnist, and in 2010 Bolden published, "Burlington: Then & Now," one of seven books on Burlington and Alamance County history.

At the meeting, Wall encouraged Bolden to talk about his newest project, which details the history of Burlington and Alamance County through a different medium — the mural at the historic depot.

"Those four walls tell the 100-year history of Burlington," Bolden said of the mural. "We are now doing a documentary of that wall," he said. "I think it will be a real jewel for our community."

Bolden joined Bula 409 in 1971 and has been a member of the Board of Publication of *The North Carolina Mason* since 1999.

*A longer version of this article first appeared in Burlington's Times-Herald.*

# Masons voice concern about homeless

By Tom Embrey

SOUTHERN PINES — After opening as a temporary shelter for homeless residents for two nights when temperatures dropped into the single digits, members of the Masonic Lodge in Southern Pines are now eager to talk with other organizations on the issue of helping the homeless.

Moore County doesn't have a homeless shelter. "We want to be part of the dialogue if people (from the community) get together in the same room and start discussing things," said Gene Maples, of Southern Pines AF & AM Masonic Lodge No. 484.

Maples said several Masons approached the lodge just days before temperatures dropped last week and expressed concerns about the impending weather forecast, and how that might impact some of the homeless in Moore County.

"They came to us and said, 'We want to do something. Can we give this a shot?'" Maples said. "Most of our members were unaware. They were telling us stories... one story about a young lady who sleeps in the bathroom of a local restaurant at night."

The Masonic lodge opened its doors for two days and housed one person for the night. That individual was reportedly brought to the lodge by an Aberdeen police officer.

Maples said he was unsure at this time what the turnout meant. For example, did it mean it wasn't a real problem, or is it a problem that others choose to ignore, or was the turnout low because the word didn't get out?

"We really haven't had time to research it," Maples said.

Other issues that would have to be addressed include liability.

Maples said he is hopeful that local groups can work through an organization like the American Red Cross.

Moore County's Office of Emergency Management has a plan that utilizes the schools as temporary shelters in times of disasters, such as a wide-scale power outage caused by an ice storm.

Capt. Charles Campbell, of the Southern Pines police, said that there are homeless people in the area, and that it would be a "win-win" situation if local groups could work together to create a plan to help those in need locally.

"I think what they did was a great gesture," Campbell said of the Masons opening their lodge.

Moore County Emergency Manager Scot Brooks agreed.

"Honestly it's better than a good thing, it's a blessing," Brooks said.

Brooks said Moore County doesn't have a large population of homeless, as far as he is aware, but when temperatures drop as they did over those two days, even a small group of people could freeze without support.

Carol Ann Lentz with the local chapter of

the Red Cross said that the Red Cross partners with organizations in Richmond and Robeson counties to operate "warming centers." Few people, Lentz said, took advantage of those centers.

"The challenge is getting the word out to those who need it," Lentz said. "If it is not open on a daily basis, then how do you get the word out to the people in need. How will they know that the temperature is such that the center is open?"

Lentz said she would contact members of the Masonic Lodge in an effort to answer questions and provide help.

Southern Pines Fire Chief Hampton Williams, who is also a Mason, has been in the community for 28 years. He said there have always been shelters open by the county and the Red Cross, but to open those typically takes a major storm, not just cold temperatures.

"This is the first one I can think of," Williams said. "There are people out there that need help, but maybe they are too proud to ask."

*This story originally appeared in The Pilot, February 4, 2014, and appears here by their permission.*

# Home for Children hiring house parent couples

OXFORD — The Masonic Home for Children is looking for residential child care worker couples to join the staff at the Home. Depending upon education and experience, couples can make as much as \$64,000 a year. A benefit package is included. More information, including a job description and application form, may be found at <www.mhc-oxford.org>. For details and to send resumes call (919) 693-5111, email <lproctor@mhc-oxford.org>, or mail HR officer, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC 27565.

# Mormons and Masons

In 1839 the Mormons left Missouri and settled in the area of Nauvoo, Illinois. On October 15, 1841, the Illinois grand master issued a dispensation to form a lodge at Nauvoo. On March 15, 1842, Joseph Smith received his first degree and the others shortly after. Certain irregularities were reported — in five months the lodge initiated 256 candidates and 243 were raised. After investigation, the grand master revoked the dispensation, but the lodge continued to work.

On April 5, 1844, the Mormon Masons dedicated a Masonic temple. Illinois Masons got in trouble for taking part in the ceremony. Opposition to the group and internal dissension led to the assassination of Joseph Smith and the removal of the Mormons from Illinois.

*From The Truth is Stranger than Fiction, Alphonse Cerza, Masonic Service Association.*

# Sentelle honored in DC

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — The grand master and the Grand Lodge of Washington, DC take great pride and pleasure in presenting the Grand Lodge Medal of Freedom to our Brother and the Honorable David Bryan Sentelle chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Judge Sentelle was born in 1943 in Canton, North Carolina to Horace Richard Sentelle Jr. and Maude Ray Sentelle. His father was a mill worker, and it has been said that the core values instilled by his family have illuminated his career on the bench. Judge Sentelle attended both college and law school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned his undergraduate degree in 1965, and his law degree with honors in 1968. Following a brief period in private practice, he was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina in January of 1970. He is a member of Excelsior 261 in Charlotte, where he was initiated on July 12 and raised August 16, 1971.

He began his distinguished judicial career on the state bench of North Carolina as a District Court Judge from 1974 to 1977. He then returned to the private practice of law until again called to the bench in 1985, with his appointment to the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina in Asheville, by President Ronald Reagan. In 1987, in recognition of his legal acumen and judicial scholarship he was nominated, again by President Reagan, to a position on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and in September of that year his appointment was confirmed by an 87-0 vote of the United States Senate. He has continued to serve on that bench to the present day.

His tenure on the bench of the DC Circuit has been marked by significant contributions to federal jurisprudence and practice. During his long service from 1992 through 2006 as the presiding judge for the purpose of appointing independent counsels, he was involved in the selection of independent counsel who performed significant investigations of the actions of Presidents and other officials in the executive branch. He has served as chair of the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security. He serves as the chair of the Executive Committee of the US Judicial Conference.

He is known both for opinions limiting

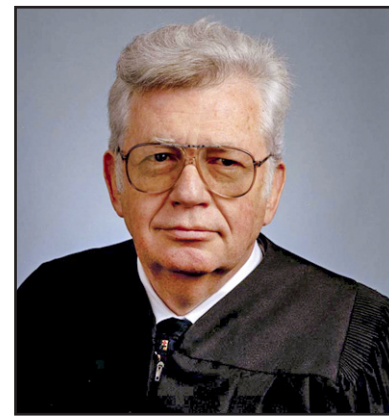
judicial review in combat zones under the habeas corpus clause, and in requiring reliable evidence under the Detainee Treatment Act for qualification as enemy combatants. Judge Sentelle continues to be one of the foremost jurists in matters of national security law, and as recently as last month served on a panel that declined the retroactive application of international law in prosecutions for war crimes. His even-handed and considered decisions in this controversial area of the law demonstrate a resolutely independent approach to his vital role in the judiciary.

His position on the DC Circuit has placed him at the center of much of the nation's most visible and contentious litigation, a role that he serves with renowned good humor and integrity. But, it was his role as the presiding Judge over a case involving an attempted camp-out at a National Park by "a loose conglomeration of hippies, neo-hippies, pseudo-hippies, and general eccentrics" that earned him an unofficial judicial title as reflected in his 2002 book, *Judge Dave and the Rainbow People*.

Judge Sentelle's service has extended to the education of young lawyers as an adjunct professor at the law schools of the University of North Carolina and Florida State, at the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and at George Mason University School of Law. He enjoys acclaim from his profession, having served as a member of the American Inns of Court Foundation and President of the Edward Bennett Williams Inns of Court in Washington, DC. Among his numerous awards and recognitions, he is the recipient of the 2008 American Inns of Court Professionalism award for the District of Columbia Circuit.

As the chief judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, his reputation for professionalism and integrity has distinguished him among his peers. Before the society as a whole, he provides a sterling example of judicial independence that underscores the importance of the judicial branch of our government in the federal plan. We like to think that the lessons of our degrees have played a role in his achievements, but we are certain that his achievements have done the Craft honor and are a source of pride for all of us who are familiar with his exemplary career.

*From The Voice of Freemasonry*



Justice Sentelle

# 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

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 5 .....	3 .....	Washington 675 .....	1115 W. Fifth St, Washington
May 6 .....	2 .....	Cape Hatteras 698 .....	48338 Hwy 12, Buxton
May 7 .....	1 .....	Unanimity 7 .....	215 E. Water St, Edenton
May 21 .....	11 .....	Hiram 98 .....	213 Fisher Dr, Clinton

# The Trestle Board Cat

When Hiram Abif spent time in the evenings working on the designs for the trestle board of the next day, a cat that wandered around the building often made such a noise that it distracted him. He ordered that the cat be tied up in the evening.

After his death, the cat continued to be tied

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 March 20, 2014. Changes may be necessary. Please consult your lodge for updates.

up during the evening planning. When the cat eventually died, another cat was brought to the work site and tied up in the evenings. Centuries later, learned and experienced Past Masters wrote scholarly treatises about the significance of tying up a cat before planning the work of the next day.

— zenmasonry.wordpress.com

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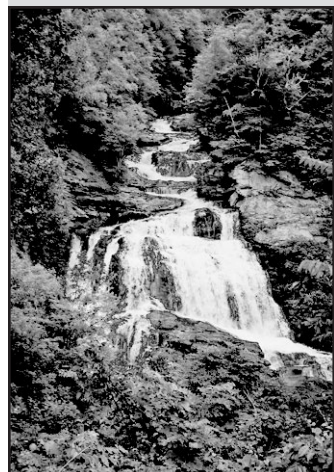
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# TRAVELING THE TAR HEEL STATE



## NEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S LODGES

By Ric Carter



### Southport

Pythagoras 249 recently gave cash gifts to a lodge widow as well as a lodge member to help them through tough circumstances.

The lodge will be sponsoring a hot dog sale on Independence Day. — *Newsletter*

### Statesville

Mt. Moriah 690 used a raffle to raise more than \$3,000 for Masonic charities as well as a local homeless shelter. They delivered fruit baskets to the lodge widows during the holidays. They helped out with the 25<sup>th</sup> annual blood drive there which collected 180 units of blood.

— Marty Byers

Several members of Statesville 27 meet every morning at 6:30 A.M. for breakfast at the Williams Family Friendly Restaurant. There, they sometimes enjoy simple fellowship; other times they have book club discussions of challenging topics. At various times, the topics have been on Plato, traditional observance lodges, *Born in Blood*, and *The Way of the Craftsman*.

In lodge, they were planning to host degree demonstrations from both the DeMolay and the Rainbow Girls. — *The Joppa Informer*

### Winston-Salem

Old Town 751 celebrates 40 years as a lodge this year.

They delivered fruit baskets to their lodge widows for Christmas. The delivery crew gathered before their run to enjoy breakfast together.

In January, Old Town's Bill Moon was presented his Diamond Jubilee celebrating his 60 years as a Mason.

— *On the Level at Old Town Lodge*

### Thomasville

In 2012, Thomasville 214 had their first Toys for Tots distribution and served 184 kids. This past year they helped 287 children have a better Christmas. Santa was even on hand to have his picture taken with them. The Denton Eastern Star supplied cookies and drinks. The lodge is contemplating asking Shrine clowns to come help entertain the kids next season.

Thomasville Lodge's Brunswick Stew Fundraiser was set for February 15. — *Trestle Board*

### Charlotte

Temple 676 raised their first third-generation Masons January 23. They raised Joseph and John White, the sons of Jerry White and grandsons of Roscoe White.

Temple Lodge was promoting a March 22 fun shoot fundraiser for Patriot Rovers. The group matches rescued golden retrievers with veterans who need service dogs. They train and match animals for vets with PTSD or traumatic brain injury.

Returning this year is an old Temple Lodge favorite: Valentine's Day Dinner. This year it's featured lasagna.

Lodge Master Jason Dorn is pledging to donate \$25 to Masonic charity each time they have 25 members come to a lodge meeting.

— *Temple Lodge*

Charles M. Setzer 693 has begun their kitchen remodeling project.

Their February Ladies' Night was a "huge success." They reported that many of their candidates were there to help with preparation and clean up. There must be plenty, Junior Warden Dale Bruck was bragging that in the three months he had been in office, they had examined a candidate at every stated meeting.

"By popular demand," their Boston Butt Sale is coming back this year. — *Trestleboard*

### Southern Pines

As in many towns, Southern Pines has a monthly special event to attract people to their downtown areas. This year, Southern Pines 484 will be participating in their community's First Fridays. They'll use the opportunity to build some positive community awareness and raise some money for our charities. The evening street celebrations run from May through October. They'll also be taking part in the town's April 26 Springfest cooking and selling breakfast and lunch items at the lodge.

Southern Pines Lodge had their Past Masters' Night November 4. Their scholarship breakfasts on first Saturdays continue. — *The Trestle Board*

### Spruce Pine

Vesper 554 Master Dan McKinney told the lodge his six goals for 2014.

1. Get attendance to 30 per meeting.
2. Contribute \$3,000 to charity.
3. Have a Masonic education program at every stated meeting.
4. Set up a car pool for those who cannot drive to meetings.
5. Contact absentees, first more recent, then older.
6. Have two meetings during the year aimed at encouraging men who have not completed all three degrees.

The lodge is also resuming their charity golf tournament this year. It's set for August 23.

— Dan Wilson

### Epsom

John Paul Palzatto is the current master of John H. Mills 624, but not the only one on their rolls. Also in their membership are two other sitting masters — Jeremy Vargo (Adoniram 149) and Archie Coghill (Henderson 229); as well as 13<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Grand Master Randy Kearney.

John H. Mills 624 recently gave Opie Frazier his Diamond Jubilee honoring his 60 years as a Mason. — Bill Riggan

### Stanley

Bill Cope was named Mason of the Year in Stanley 713. His outstanding dedication to the lodge included serving as secretary for 47 years.

— Scott Wyatt



Pictured here are: Junior Deacon David Shaffer, Dannie Gray Jr., Senior Deacon (First Degree) C.W. Overton Jr., DDGM and Senior Deacon (Second and Third Degrees) Phil Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Senior Warden Joe Elliott, Coach and Master Jeff Perry, and District Deputy Grand Lecturer Mickey Spruill.

## Quick, efficient workman

By Paul Gregory

HERTFORD — This is a tale of a young man who was a quick study.

Perquimans 106 read Matthew Timothy Johnson's petition on October 1, 2013. He's the son of our then outgoing District Deputy Grand Master Phil Johnson, and it was Phil who told the lad that he would love to see him raised before he left office on December 7. It was a pretty tough charge.

The petition laid over the necessary time, and the lodge elected him November 5. On November 11, we initiated him as an entered apprentice. Just over a week later, on November 19, he returned his catechism and was passed to the degree of fellow craft.

On November 25, we held an emergent for Matthew to return his Second Degree cat-

echism. We brought him back for an emergent meeting on December 2 and raised him as a Master Mason. Brother Phil (as was appropriate) did the raising.

The very next night at our regular stated communication, Matthew Timothy Johnson returned his Third Degree catechism. He even gave the closing charge that night when we closed lodge.

Now, his Coach was Jeff Perry, and Brother Jeff did an outstanding job, but we must also say that Phil Johnson did a good job in raising his son, both in life and as his brother in the lodge. We think, of course, Brother Phil's wife Mary Katherine should also receive a great deal of the credit.

*Paul Gregory is secretary of Perquimans 106.*

### Apex

Ed Dresp was recently honored by Apex 584 with a plaque officially naming him the lodge's "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer." Gary Shook was presented the Holy Pocket Knife (an inside joke from an earlier degree) for his years of making and maintaining their website and for his special help with their charity raffles.

Apex Lodge will be having a major fundraiser in June. They have a sponsor who will furnish a speaker, venue, and meal. The money taken in by ticket sales will also be matched. Details should be available soon. Proceeds will be divided between the Masonic Homes. — *The Trestleboard*

### Kannapolis

Cannon Memorial 626 held their twice-a-year charity breakfast February 22. The all-you-can-eat affair featured scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, country ham, biscuits and gravy, grits, rice, coffee, juice, and soft drinks.

— Thomas VanEtten

### Hookerton

Jerusalem 95 brought in more than \$1,400 for the Masonic Homes last year. They sent 75 percent to the Home for Children and 25 percent to the MESH LLC.

— *The Jerusalem Journal*

### Conover

At their annual blood drive, Conover 709 brought in 35 pints on a goal of 37.

— *Conover Lodge Newsletter*

### Hallsboro

The Eighteenth Masonic District was hosting a Charity Pheasant Hunt February 8. Tickets for the Honey Hill Hunting Preserve event were \$135 and included breakfast and lunch.

— Ken Wical

### Warsaw

Warsaw 677 hosted eight of their widows at the their December Ladies' and Awards Night.

— *Warsaw Lodge*

### Fair Bluff

Chadborn 190 member Ricky Benton was inducted into the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame May 4. After a long short-track career, the Cerro Gordo race team owner has been competing four years in the NASCAR Camping World Trucks Series. — Thomas Pope

### Spencer

It is reported that Spencer 543's second barbecue chicken dinner for 2013 was a good success.

— *On the Square*

### Pilot Mountain

Bert Meijboom is taking Pilot 493's newsletter, *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*, into its 16<sup>th</sup> year.

Dyrk Garrison was named Pilot Lodge's Mason of the Year. His "constant presence at all lodge functions, meetings, and assistance provided by him," were cited with the recognition.

On December 21, a crew of six Masons visited Tom Kranking at his home. They brought him a fruit basket and his Veteran's Emblem for his 50 years Masonic membership.

Seventeen fruit baskets were delivered to lodge widows and shut-ins during the holidays.

— *The Pilot Mountain Traveler*

### Raleigh

A winter pleasure here every year is James B. Green 735's Chili Cook-Off. The sixth annual was held February 11.

Green Lodge is spearheading an April program to promote awareness of the Masonic Home for Children among Wake County Social Services and religious leaders.

— *The James B. Green Scene*

### Monroe

Truth 749 has had some interesting programs of late. Warren Lunsford was to tell them about his experiences with anti-Masonry and his research into Masonry.

James Mills is planning an illustrated lecture for the fall. Twenty men will play parts in the lecture.

They enjoyed a recent bowling night together at Skyway Lanes. — *Masonic Trestle Board*

### Greensboro

Gate City 694 was having their Pancake Supper March 15. Seven dollars got you all that you could eat of pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy.

— Gary Ballance

Corinthian 542 held their yard cleanup at the Greensboro Masonic Temple in February. It was mostly to trim shrubs and put our pine straw.

— Jeff Bullington

### Fayetteville

The 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District is trying to assemble a district funeral honor guard, a group of men from around the district who will help take care of Masonic funerals throughout the district.

— Ken Wical

Cumberland County Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler (Creasy Proctor 679) recently appointed Stedman 730 member Larry Trotter chief jailer. Guys around there jokingly refer to the jail as "The Moose Lodge."

— Thomas Pope

AF & AM Masons from around Fayetteville again joined their Brothers from local Prince Hall lodges on January 18 to march in Fayetteville's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Parade. They met at Phoenix 8 for coffee and doughnuts and to assemble before joining the parade. They wore black suits or tuxedos. They report that "it was a very fun and positive event spread a tremendous amount of good will and Brotherhood."

— Ken Wical

### Cleveland

Scotch Ireland 154 featured popcorn and parched peanuts at their Halloween party. At their open house during the local Christmas parade, guests got to enjoy candy, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and other goodies.

At the lodge's annual Awards Banquet, Matt Hargett was named Mason of the Year.

Scotch Ireland's Rifle Raffle made nearly \$4,000 for charity. — *Newsletter*

### Hillsborough

Mosaic 762 held their Sweetheart's Dinner in February. They served the salmon and roast beef meal at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and enjoyed a dance afterward. DJ ABC (Mosaic member Aaron Cecil) entertained.

Mosaic now meets on third Tuesdays at Eagle 19 in Hillsborough. — *Mosaic Monitor*

### Princeton

St. Patrick's 617 held a barbecued chicken and barbecued pork fundraiser at the lodge on March 1.

— David Ellis

### Smithfield

Fellowship 84 had a lengthy to-do list for their scheduled March 15 workday.

— Grover Dees

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.

# You're invited

## Past Grand Masters Degree

June 21

CHARLOTTE — Cliffside 460 is holding a Past Grand Masters Third Degree June 21. Cliffside Lodge will be doing the first section of the degree, while past grand masters will be performing the second section.

The degree will start at 8:00 A.M. and an all-you-can-eat breakfast will precede the work. Breakfast tickets are eight dollars. For reservations call (704) 365-3579. — D. C. Heilman



## Mementos go to Homes

CLEMMONS — At the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Clemmons Charity Golf Tournament, Clemmons Lodge placed pin hole flags honoring the residents of WhiteStone and the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. The lodge presented the sponsorships to the two Homes. At top, Bruce Ayres, left, give the flag to Administrator Mark Kolada during a recent first Tuesday luncheon held at WhiteStone. At bottom, Greg Key and Larry Holloman give the other flag to Home for Children Administrator Kevin Otis and Development Director Chris Richardson during a recent Orphans Lodge meeting. — Bruce Ayres

He had seen Senator Sam, who was from Morganton near Edmisten's home of Boone, over the years at political events.

"He'd come to Boone sometimes, and I'd see him around, politically, and I'd say, 'I want to come to work for you some day.' I guess I aggravated him to death.

"I graduated from North Carolina and moved to Washington. There wasn't a job opening with the senator, so I taught third grade for a year. I finally got a call from his office and went to work as a gofer for the first few years. I studied the law at night [at George Washington University]."

As the Watergate break-in began to unravel, the Senate began its investigation of its mysteries.

"Senator [Mike] Mansfield was the majority leader at the time. He had to find someone with impeccable credentials to head the committee. So guess who he called on — Senator Sam Ervin. He had been a judge. He had been a legislator. He had been a North Carolina Supreme Court justice. He was a strict constitutionalist, a Southern conservative, and he had all that respect from people.

"Senator Ervin made me deputy chief counsel to the committee, and we had to put the committee together real quick. Now that was a real job. I brought up a lot of people from North Carolina.

"We had a lot of North Carolina people there for a good reason. We wanted to minimize any attempts to do an end run around the senator. When you have something that momentous occurring so suddenly, so quickly, and consuming so much of people's lives, you get all sorts of agendas.

"[I brought in these people because] I knew them all. I was able to keep a consolidated group that was less connected to Washington. This core group knew it was their job to stay together and make sure that [Ervin] succeeded.

"Like everyone else, [at the start] I thought [the Watergate break-in] was just a little nothing burglary. I didn't know why anyone would want to break into a campaign headquarters, because there's nothing there fit for anybody, not even a mouse. If you want names, you just have to go to the Board of Elections." That disturbed him.

As time went on, there was a sense of momentous things building. The hearings were broadcast nationally with Senator Sam becoming an incarnation of America's Sheriff Andy. His bon mots and country wisdom became more famous.

"Now there's another wonderful man there, [pointing to a photo of] Howard Baker. Both of them were plain men from North Carolina and Tennessee. It was a rare time when one of these things worked, because they decided it would. It wouldn't work today.

"The hearings were all day long on all three networks and Public Television. At the height of the hearings, we received more than 40,000 pieces of correspondence. Some said, 'Leave Nixon alone.' A good many said, 'Cut those hearings out because we're missing our soap operas.'"

"The gallery was full every day. Barbara Streisand and Robert Redford liked to come. Everybody wanted in on it, because it was a big deal."

Eventually, an underling mentioned in passing a taping system in the White House. Eyes popped open. The Committee knew the importance of the tapes. They issued a subpoena to the President to produce those tapes for examination. Edmisten was tapped to deliver the demand.



## Time for the Pig Jig

RALEIGH — The Ninth Annual Masonic Carolina Pig Jig Barbecue is coming up Saturday, May 17. As in the past, it will be held in conjunction with the Got to Be NC Festival at the North Carolina State Fair Grounds

If you're just looking to sample dozens of different barbecue recipes, serving will be from May 17 from 11:00 a.m. until the barbecue is gone. Tickets are \$15 for 12 years old and up, kids seven to eleven eat for five dollars, and under seven years free. Adult tickets are available online at <http://carolinapigjig.com>. You may also order by mail at Carolina Pig Jig, c/o Jared Markham, 507 E. 11th St. Apt E, Greenville, NC 27858.

But, the real fun is to have your own Masonic team in the cook-off. The deadline for entry is May 7. The Pig Jig is a closed competition with only Masonic organizations allowed. Fill out the application completely and send it in with entry fees. Applications are to be found at <Carolinapigjig.com>. Win those bragging rights and a trophy from the largest Masonic cooking completion in the nation. The Masonic Homes will get this years earnings.

This will be a rain or shine event!

## NC Mason Deadlines

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

## RUFUS, from page 1



Edmisten points out some of the artifacts in the in the Watergate exhibit.

Pointing to the original subpoena on display, "I carried that subpoena right there, that very one, down to the White House. It was the first time a sitting president had ever been subpoenaed by a committee of Congress. There were three or four hundred news people there at the Executive Office Building when I arrived with it." President Nixon's lawyer Leonard Garment accepted service.

After a court battle, the tapes were produced by a unanimous order of the Supreme Court. The tapes proved to be the proverbial smoking gun which led Nixon to resign rather than face promised impeachment. Many of the President's men were indicted, convicted, and spent time in prison for their actions.

As Edmisten was watching videos of the hearings in the exhibition, Museum Director Ken Howard came over. Maurice Stans' testimony was being played. Edmisten got very serious and said to Howard that Stans had offered what he found the saddest moment of the hearings.

"Maurice Stans asked, 'Can someone please tell where I can go to get my reputation back?' How poignant — you throw it away, it's gone." He returns his attention to the screen quietly for a long moment.

What was his favorite moment? It is well told by Karl E. Campbell in his *Senator Sam Ervin, The Last of the Founding Fathers*.

The battle for the tapes overshadowed the testimony of Ehrlichman and Haldeman, but their appearances before the committee still attracted a considerable amount of attention. Ehrlichman's testimony was especially noteworthy... the highlight of Ehrlichman's testimony came during his confrontation with Ervin, who was outraged by Ehrlichman's contention that presi-

# Big blood drive has another success

STATESVILLE — One of the largest and oldest blood drives anywhere is held by Masons every January in the central part of North Carolina. This year's edition was the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Masonic Blood Drive.

This year's results from the five collection sites are: Statesville, 183 units; Taylorsville, 49; Mooresville, 39; Hickory, 35; and Conover 38. That's a total of 344 units collected in one day.

Next year they're running again. The date is January 9, 2015.

— Justin LaCount

## Washington in NC

President Washington had long contemplated a general tour of our young country and in March 1791 he left New York on his southern tour. On April 16 he arrived at Halifax, NC and although there is no record of official Masonic participation in the reception ceremony, it would have been unusual if Royal White Hart 2 had not been at the forefront of planning and executing the festivities during his two-day stay in Halifax. On the 18<sup>th</sup> he departed Halifax and proceeded to Tarboro, and thence to Greenville. His visits in both these towns were brief since it is recorded that he arrived in New Bern on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The citizens of New Bern had been advised on April 11 that the President would visit their fair city on this date and a delegation of community leaders (all Masons) met him at the Ferry Crossing (the Neuse River) and escorted him to the John Wright Stanley home, who was to be his host during his stay. Later that afternoon a delegation from St. John's 3 visited the President and the master, Dr. Isaac Guion, delivered a welcome on behalf of his lodge. The text of his remarks are part of the minutes of St. John's Lodge on that date in history. A ball was held on the evening of April 21 at Tryon Palace. The attendance was reported as "numerous."

Washington left New Bern on April 22, stopped briefly in Trenton, and arrived in Wilmington in early afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup>, where he was entertained royally for two days, and then proceeded to the Plantation of Colonel Benjamin Smith, a Masonic Brother, who had served as Washington's aide-de-camp during the Revolutionary War. Bro. Washington presented Col. Smith a beautifully embroidered Masonic apron, which the President had brought for the occasion.

From the Belvidere Plantation, the President was escorted into South Carolina by Congressman William B. Grove, a member of Phoenix 8 in Fayetteville.

His visit no doubt added stature to Masonry in North Carolina since every visit served to remind our citizens of his close ties to our Fraternity and his words were further evidence of his devotion to the principles of our craft.

*From The Trestleboard of Fellowship 84, Smithfield, February 2000.*

dential power was absolute. Ehrlichman maintained that while Nixon did not authorize the break-in of [Daniel] Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office, the president did have the inherent right to do so, as well as to take any other action he deemed necessary to protect national security. Ervin was incensed. "Foreign intelligence activities had nothing to do with the opinion of Ellsberg's psychiatrist about his intellectual or emotional or psychological state," Ervin snapped. When Ehrlichman's lawyer interrupted to ask, "How do you know that, Mr. Chairman?" Ervin retorted, "Because I can understand the English language. It's my mother tongue," and the audience broke into laughter.

Edmisten is often asked: "Do you think that they should have indicted Nixon?"

"No. He suffered the greatest humiliation possible. To see a president in handcuffs would have been going too far."

Edmisten's association with Senator Ervin was a highlight of his life.

"What a wonderful time when I got to be with that man. I drove him for ten years, ate with him, slept with him. He told the most wonderful stories, riding down the road in that old Chrysler. I'd heard those stories 15 or 20 times apiece, and they were still funny to me."

One day during their conversations, Freemasonry came up. "I was telling Senator Sam that I was thinking about joining the Masons, and he said, 'Let's get it done.' He signed my petition and carried me to lodge."

Ervin joined him as he petitioned and went through his degrees at Virginia's Alexandria-Washington 22 in 1971. Rufus later moved his membership to Raleigh becoming a member of Hiram 40 and later Millbrook 97. He joined Amran Shrine at the same time as Senator Jesse Helms and NC Supreme Court Chief Justice I. Beverly Lake Jr. Senator Sam was a life-long member of Catawba Valley 217 in

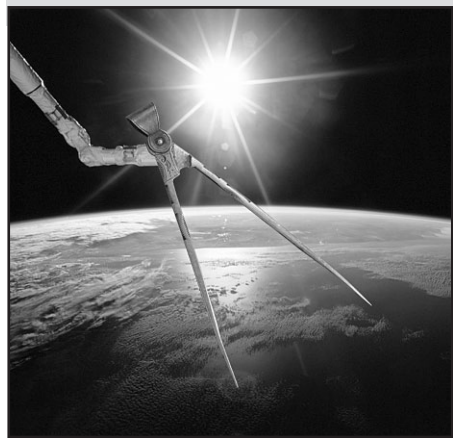
Morganton, from 1922 until his death in 1985. Many of the artifacts in the exhibit at the NC History Museum are from the personal collection of Edmisten. They are eventually destined for the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina where they will join Senator Ervin's papers as well as extensive archives of the Grand Lodge.

Drop by to see the displays before they leave in August. There's a reasonable chance you see a bit of living history there. If you do, say, "Hey," to Brother Rufus.



Edmisten talks with Museum Director Ken Howard beside video monitors playing the hearings.

# ENCOMPASSING THE WORLD



## Shrine takes Nebraska lodge to court

HASTING, NEBRASKA — A Mason here passed away and left a portion of his estate to be divided among eight organizations including his lodge, his York Rite, and the Shrine Children's Hospitals. As the estate was being handled, the Imperial Shrine took exception to the lodge and Rite being included in the disbursement. They contended that since the will had referred to charities, that only a 501(c)(3) should be included. Lodges are fraternal

organizations and designated 501(c)(10). The Shrine asked the courts to remove those two bodies from the inheritance and give the Hospitals a larger portion of the estate. The lodge and Rite spent \$12,000 on lawyers to defend their position.

The lodge also complained to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. After pressure from the grand lodge, the Shrine eventually ordered their appeal dropped and later still agreed to pay the legal fees of the two

aggrieved Masonic groups. The Shrine gave verbal assurance that they would end such suits.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska reports that they have three previous similar experiences. "In 1980, Imperial Shrine used the same argument to sue the Grand Lodge of Nebraska over an inheritance claiming the Grand Lodge was not eligible to receive the inheritance. The Shrine lost in court." — *The Nebraska Mason*

By Ric Carter

## Paul Page returning to racing broadcasts

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA — Hey, racing fans! Paul Page is back as the radio voice of the Indianapolis 500 and the IndyCar Series. It was Page's job from 1977–1987 when he went over to television broadcasting. He was lead announcer for drag racing on television from 2006–2012.

Paul Page is a member of Calvin W. Prather 717 and Millersville 126 in Indianapolis. — *Indiana Freemason*

## Lodges prepare histories

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA — The Grand Lodge of North Dakota is urging its lodges to "review their history and prepare a historical brochure." They see them as a "valuable tool for friendship nights and as general information." They are even offering a \$100 prize to the lodge with the best new brochure. — *The North Dakota Mason*

## Nebraska GL gets new home

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA — The Grand Lodge Of Nebraska moved to a new home last year. Their old offices were getting too small for them, and their neighborhood was in decline. Their new facility is sufficient to add a training room, offices, museum, and library. — *The Nebraska Mason*

## Ruckus in Montana

HELENA, MONTANA — An article in the Montana Freemason last year detailed a train of events in Montana that shook their fraternity. The sitting grand master there took it upon himself to fire the elected grand secretary. He did so against the advice of the chairman of their Jurisprudence Committee who warned that he "did not have the authority to remove an elected officer" and that such action would be "a clear violation of the code." He persisted and fired the grand secretary.

Masters of several lodges stepped forward in protest. Removal of a grand master there requires five sitting lodge masters bring

charges against him. That triggers the formation of a tribunal of five past grand masters who hear the case and render judgement.

The Jurisprudence Committee approached the grand master urging him to rescind his action and offer an apology so as to avoid the necessity of the tribunal. He persisted.

The masters brought five charges related to the affair. The past grand masters heard the evidence and found him guilty unanimously of all five counts. The grand master was removed from office, and the grand secretary restored. — *Montana Freemason*

## Skelton Museum cornerstone set

VINCENNES, INDIANA — The Grand Lodge of Indiana helped celebrate Red Skelton's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday here on June 6 starting a week-long party that culminated in the Parade of 1,000 Clowns. They set a red granite cornerstone for what will become the Red Skelton Museum.

The new museum will be a \$500,000 addition to the Red Skelton Performing Arts Center on the campus of Vincennes University. — *Fraternal Review*

## Masons support schools

Since 1844, at least 50 colleges and universities have been started by American Masonic lodges and grand lodges. Mostly in the Southeast and mostly now closed, these undertakings often served as a foundation for educational institutions. As an example, Somerset Lodge 111 in Somerset, Kentucky was recently presented with a long lost minute book (1873–1889) showing the lodge resolution transferring title of the Masonic College building, its contents, and grounds to the newly formed Somerset Schools Board of Trustees. That the folks of Somerset, Kentucky have public schools is the direct result of the efforts of Somerset Lodge 111 to undertake the building of a school at the end of the Civil War in 1865.

— Cloyd J. Bumgardner in *Scottish Rite Journal* via *Fraternal Review*.



## Junaluskee costume degree

FRANKLIN — In December, Junaluskee 145 did a costumed Master Mason Degree on Jim McInnes. They enjoyed the help of Masons from all over the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Masonic Districts. McInnes, being a chef, volunteered to prepare the meal (feast) for approximately 50 attendees. After the meal, it was unanimously voted that he should cook all the meals for 2014. — Jim Dautel



## Three generation installation

STONY POINT — Three generations of the Cranford family took part in the recent officer installation at Stony Point 593. From left are Todd Cranford, tyler; Christopher Cranford, steward; Phillip Cranford, master; Allen Cranford; senior warden; and Ronnie Cranford, installing officer. — Barbara Starnes



## Three Temple generations

CHARLOTTE — On January 23, Temple 676 raised Joseph White and John White. The honors were handled by their father Jerry White with their grandfather, Roscoe White, looking on. The Whites are Temple Lodge's first three-generation family. It was also their first raising at 676's new home at the Excelsior Lodge 261 building. — Eric Cable

## OLDS, from page 1

According the NC Museum of History, "Fred Olds was the father of this museum. As a journalist in the 1880s and 1890s, he wrote newspaper stories about North Carolina's history. Olds asked readers to bring him their artifacts from the state's past. He amassed nearly three hundred objects, the basis for the Hall of History, which opened in 1902. For the next thirty-two years, Olds ran the museum. He visited every county in the state at least three times and collected almost 30,000 artifacts. Some of Olds' prized items (such as the alleged Blackbeard bottle) are probably not authentic. Others (such as the "box of rocks") seem downright strange today. But, Fred Olds collected many genuine historical treasures and interested hundreds of people in the state's history. His legacy lives on in the modern North Carolina Museum of History."



Olds at work

He suffered some disrespect at the hands of those who did not regard him a rigorous historian. Detractors fretted over his delight "to weave around each object displayed a romantic halo" whether or not it matched the documented history.

Yet, it was likely that very delight that saved thousands of our state's irreplaceable historic artifacts.

Again from the biography offered by the school named for him, "Fred Olds loved people, especially children. He was a master storyteller and could infect a crowd of children with his excitement and awe about history and the bits and pieces from long ago that survived to his lifetime."

His contributions continued for years after the Hall of History opened. From the *Dictionary of North Carolina Biography*: "Frequently he was asked to contribute historical articles to the *News and Observer* and the *Progressive Farmer*. For many years he also wrote for the *Orphan's Friend* and *Masonic Journal* [forerunner of *The North Carolina Mason*], *Uplift*, *Prison News*, *Carolina Motor News*, *Manufacturers Record*, and other journals as well as for the state's newspapers. He compiled an *Abstract of North Carolina Wills* and published a popular booklet, *Story of the Counties of North Carolina*. To spread the word of North Carolina's history, he also lectured at State College summer sessions, at normal school institutes, and in the public schools. One listener commented: 'He knew how to brush his enthusiasm off on others.'"

Perhaps his acquisition best known to Masons is the Micaja Bullock flag flown at the Battle Guilford Courthouse during the Revolution. Our Grand Lodge presented the flag to the

Historical Commission in 1914. It is portrayed on the Allyn Cox murals displayed at the Grand Lodge offices. It is possible that Olds' enthusiasm, drive, and Masonic status helped gain the flag for the Museum. Olds was a member of William G. Hill 218. He was raised April 25, 1910. He is listed on his Masonic record card as "Custodian of N. C. Museum."

His legacy is perhaps best stated in a biographical note by Mark Anderson Moore from the North Carolina Office of Archives and History.

"Unofficially, the dapper colonel assumed the mantle of 'State Host' in Raleigh. Exuding warmth and charm, he gained a reputation for delighting thousands of tourists and schoolchildren in the Capital City."

"Despite the lingering denigration of the man lauded in the *News and Observer* as North Carolina's 'most useful, most popular, and most loved citizen,' it must be acknowledged that no cadre of museum professionals existed in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries to build and expand the Hall of History. Overshadowing his role as 'State Host,' Fred Olds' enduring legacy dwells within the exhibits and sprawling storage facilities of the modern museum — a respected institution in which his core collection presently resides among enormously expanded holdings that now include more than 250,000 artifacts."

In 1934, and in declining health, Olds retired from his position as Hall of History "collector" and died the following year.



An exhibit at the Museum has Olds reenactor talking to children about collecting history.

## Three degrees in a day

ROBBINSVILLE — In one day, December 28 last year, Robbinsville 672 ran the rack on Masonic degree openings and closings. Lodge Master Michael Phillips opened a Master Mason lodge and examined Calvin Gladden on his Master Mason catechism.

That accomplished, they dispensed with labor and opened an Entered Apprentice lodge. They proceeded to initiate Kellen Jones.

Upon completion of that task, they closed on the First Degree, and opened a Fellow Craft lodge. Then followed the passing of Cody Mason and Chuck Stewart to the Second Degree, upon the conclusion of which the Fellow Craft lodge was closed, and labor resumed on the Master Mason Degree.

Finally, all that was left was to close the lodge and go home. Now, THAT'S a full day, and maybe a reasonable substitute for a School of Instruction. — Robbinsville Lodge

## WEBB, from page 8

James Webb got a degree in education from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. While a student, he took his Masonic degrees in University 408, later transferring his membership home to Oxford 396 (later Oxford 122). He got his three degrees on consecutive Mondays in December 1927. He was the NASA director during the years of the race to the Moon. You may read more about Webb and the space telescope which carries his name in the May/June 2009 *NC Mason* <<http://www.epageflip.net/issue/5190/0>>.



Scientists examine one of the Webb Telescope's mirrors in the clean room.

# For Masonic education, follow Wilkerson College Lodge

GREENSBORO — Wilkerson College Lodge 760 is an affinity lodge presenting high quality Masonic education programs. Their meetings are hosted by local lodges around the state. That means there is a special Masonic program coming to a lodge near you. All meetings are held on Saturdays. Some of the programs are open to the public.

Upcoming programs include:

- Charlotte, April 12, Excelsior 261 — Robert Cooper, curator of the Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library
- Madison, June 14, Dan River 129 — Grand Master Dalton Mayo
- Pittsboro, August 9, Columbus 102 — Jonathan Underwood, "Freemasonry in the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Valley"

• Durham, October 11, lodge yet to be determined — Brent Morris, editor of the *Scottish Rite Journal*

• Greensboro, December 13, Greensboro Masonic Temple — Steve Campbell, historian — Doug Calhoun

### New Custodians contact

RALEIGH — L. David Potts of Andrew Jackson 576 is the new secretary of the Board of Custodians. All questions and reports regarding the Custodians and the ritual and lecture service should be addressed to him.

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180 Newport Drive  
Salisbury, NC 28144  
Cell: 704-223-1969 Home: 704-633-3797  
Email: glnc-boc@outlook.com



## Lodge does "Hog Swap" for kids

ROBBINSVILLE — Earlier this year, Robbinsville 672 conducted an in-house fundraiser for the Masonic Home for Children. They held a "Hog Swap." Twenty of the red MHCO piggy banks were passed out to members. They were instructed to take the change they had left over each day, separate the copper from the silver, and return the bank filled with silver coins. Full banks were swapped for empty ones. Twice, new shipments of banks had to be requested from the Home. The goal was to have at least 50 of them ready to deliver at Annual Communication. Fifty-three were returned in time to be wheeled in on a cart due to their accumulated weight. The banks totaled out at \$1,140.78. Participants agreed it was the easiest fundraiser they had ever participated in — there was no cooking or selling involved. They have already started on the 2013-2014 Hog-Swap with a 100 hogs goal. — Jim Hyde



## Piggy banks help Home for Children

PLYMOUTH — Beau Daniels started his year as master of Perseverance 59 saying he intended to raise more money for MHCO. He made his goal in November when the lodge donated \$6,570 to the Masonic Home for Children. The sum is the result of several lodge fundraisers and personal donations including one from Daniels' daughter Hannah who gave from her allowance. Daniels challenged Master-Elect John Sawyer III to exceed that amount in 2014. Members began the 2014 collection by adopting a Feed the Hungry Piggybanks with Nickels project. Daniels and Hannah are seen here presenting the donation check to Chris Richardson and Mary Helen Parrott of MHCO. — Shirleyan Phelps

## Let me help Masonry's charities

- The North Carolina Masonic Foundation
- WhiteStone, a Masonic & Eastern Star Community (MESH)
- The Masonic Home for Children
- Send information about wills and bequests.
- Please have someone contact me.

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Mail to The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, PO Box 6506, Raleigh, NC 27628.

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### From the Medical Committee Routine is important

It is important to undergo routine medical screening. The United States Preventive Services Task Force is the authority on evidence-based screening tests. The most applicable USPSTF class A and B recommendations for primary care prevention screening in non-pregnant healthy adults are more easily remembered in the context of the great architect: WITHGOD:

- Women's issues- mammograms every 1-2 years starting at age 40, pap smears every 3 years
- Immunizations- Tetanus update every 10 years, pneumonia vaccination at age 65, flu vaccination every year, measles update (1 or 2 doses in adulthood), shingles vaccination age 60, HPV vaccination age 18, chickenpox vaccination if necessary (2 doses in adulthood)
- Tobacco-stop smoking

- Hypertension- check blood pressure every year, keeping both numbers under 139/89
- Guaiac (colon cancer screening) - colonoscopy at age 50 or 40 in people with a family history of colon cancer
- Obesity- maintain a body mass index of less than 27
- Dyslipidemia (high cholesterol) check cholesterol levels at age 35 or at age 20 if there is a family history of elevated cholesterol

The complete list of class A and B recommendations can be found at:

<<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspsabrecs.htm>>

The entire vaccination schedule can be found at: <<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/adult/adult-combined-schedule.pdf>>



David Nyce photo

### Sears honored in Apex

APEX — At Apex 584's December stated communication, outgoing Master Quinton Cooke established a new annual award, the Lion's Paw. It was dedicated to long-time Mason Oscar Sears. A plaque will permanently hang on the wall at the west end of the lodge room. It is to be given annually by the master to a brother who "exemplifies not only the qualities of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, but also strength and support of the Craft as well as the master." Each honoree will have his name engraved on the panel. Sears is seen here, left, with the plaque and Cooke at the announcement of the new award.

— David Nyce

## MILEPOSTS



HAYESVILLE — Clay 301 made a special presentation October 21. They had made a special certificate honoring Hal Jay Puett for his 65 years as a Mason. Puett is seen here, right, with Andy Liakos who presented the award. — Daniel Ledford



EPSOM — Opie Frazier, of John H. Mills 624, recently got his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. Seen here, from left, are his son Gary Frazier, Mills Lodge Master Tony Newton, Frazier, and his wife Katherine. — Bill Riggan



CARTHAGE — Homer H. Fry of Carthage 181 recently received his Diamond Jubilee for 60 years Masonic membership. — Dale Frye



EURE — Sixteen Masons joined several members of Robert Taylor Howell's family on a visit to Howell's home January 16. Howell was presented his Diamond Jubilee Award for his 60 years in Masonry. He was master of Gatesville 126 in 1965. Seen here, from left, are Howell's wife Ann, Howell, Gatesville Lodge Master Ralph Wilkins, PDDGM Phil Johnson, and Gatesville Secretary Scott Powell. — Scott Powell



PAW CREEK — At their January 11 officer installation, West Gate 738 offered a special salute and appreciation to John Litaker, right, their secretary for 33 years. Litaker has been master of West Gate three times and once of Meridian 728. He served as both district deputy grand master and district deputy grand lecturer. He has "mentored and offered the very best example of Masonry to hundreds of Masons over his 50+ years as a Mason." He is seen here with his friends Charlie Sherer, left, and Roland Smith, offering between the three of them more than 170 years of Masonic experience. — Gary Cooke



APEX — Ed Dresp has, for many years, been preparing meals for Apex 584's stated communications. In January, the lodge presented Dresp a plaque officially bestowing on him the title "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer." He is seen here, left, receiving the award from Master David S. Nyce. — David Nyce



MOUNT AIRY — Granite 322 recently named Rick Brown, left, a Secretary of Distinction. He is seen here with lodge Master Stephen McCraw and Secretary Michael Payne. — Stephen McCraw



ST. PAULS — Bobby Evans was recently named Treasurer of Distinction, and Jim McBee was awarded Tyler of Distinction by St. Pauls 474. Seen here, from left, are Dewitt Rountree, McBee, Evans, and 474 Master Gene Walters. — James Britt

# Hubble replacement named for NC Mason moves toward launch

GREENBELT, MARYLAND — NASA Administrator Charles Bolden and Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland congratulated the James Webb Space Telescope team February 3 for the delivery of all flight instruments and primary mirrors to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland where NASA's flagship science project will be assembled in preparation for launch in 2018.

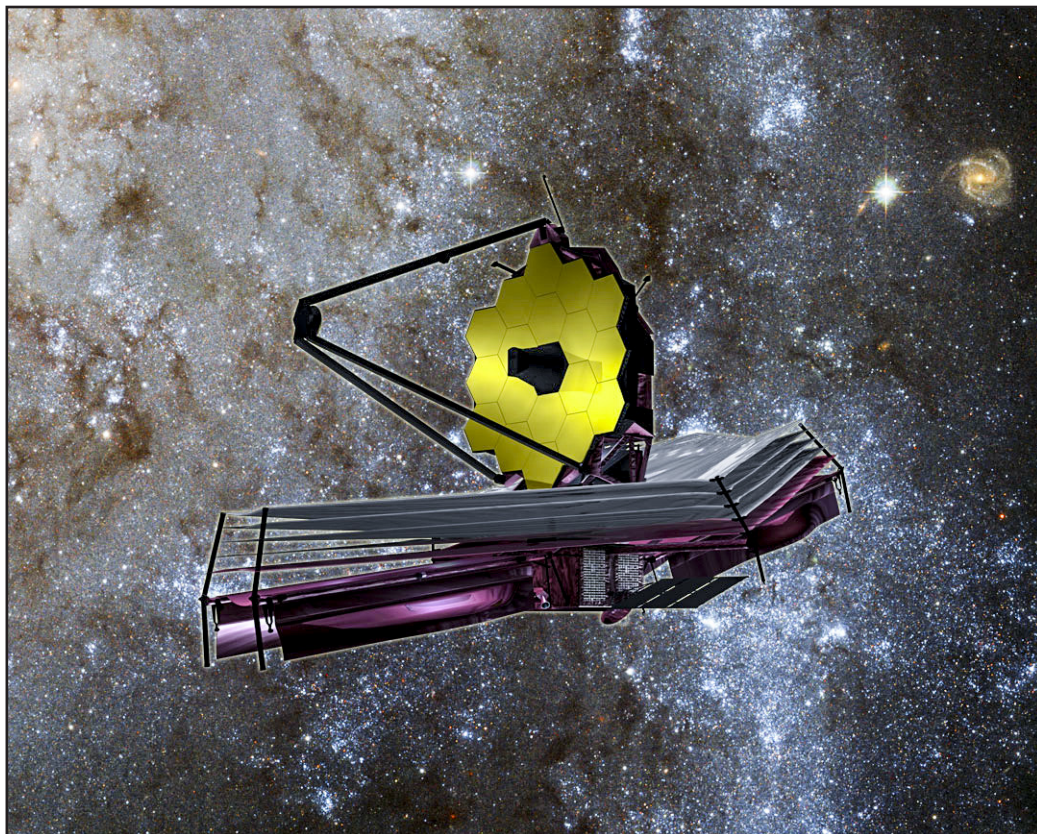
"The Hubble Space Telescope has already rewritten the science books. Going from Hubble to the James Webb Space Telescope is like going from a biplane to the jet engine," said Mikulski, Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee that funds NASA. "The James Webb Space Telescope will keep us in the lead for astronomy for decades to come, spurring the innovation and technology that keep America's economy rolling."

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope will be the most powerful space telescope ever built, capable of observing the most distant objects in the universe, providing images of the first galaxies formed, and observing unexplored planets around distant stars. A joint project of NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA), Webb is the successor to the agency's Hubble Space Telescope.

All 18 of Webb's primary mirror segments are now housed in the Goddard clean room. Its 1.3 million cubic feet of dust-free space make the clean room one of the world's largest. All four of Webb's science instruments are within feet of the mirrors. The telescope's mirror and instruments will capture images of the universe and break down the spectra of incoming light to analyze the properties of galaxies, stars, and the atmospheres of planets beyond our solar system.

One of these instruments, the Near-Infrared Camera, will be Webb's primary camera and will take images of the first stars and galaxies to form in the universe, along with many other astronomical targets.

Another instrument, the Near-Infrared Spectrograph (NIRSpec), will analyze the spectra and composition of as many as 100 objects at once.



The James Webb Space Telescope has achieved a milestone toward its 2018 launch.

The Mid-Infrared Instrument, has both a camera and a spectrograph, which sees light in the mid-infrared region of the electromagnetic spectrum — wavelengths longer than the human eye can see.

The final instrument, the Fine Guidance Sensor and Near-infrared Imager and Slitless Spectrograph, will allow Webb to point precisely at its target in order to obtain high-quality images, and also will provide other valuable science modes for investigating both the distant universe and nearby exoplanets.

Once in space, a huge sunshield will act as an umbrella to keep heat radiating from the sun and Earth from reaching scientific instruments that must stay cold to function properly. The Webb telescope will be fully assembled by 2016 and then moved to a clean room at NASA's Johnson Space Center for additional testing.

James Webb was a North Carolina Mason. In 1907, James E. Webb was born in southern Granville County. His dad was superintendent of schools there. (In fact, the school our kids at the Masonic Home for Children attend was named for his father.)

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## MESH Foundation taking applications for WhiteStone assistance

GREENSBORO — Financial assistance for housing at WhiteStone, a Masonic and Eastern Star Community in Greensboro, is now available to qualified members of the Grand Lodge of NC AF & AM and the NC Order of the Eastern Star. Applicants must first apply to and be accepted by WhiteStone, and then apply to the NC Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation, LLC for financial assistance. The deadline for applications for the first round of funding from the MESH Foundation is June 30, and review of applications will begin July 1, 2014. The first awards are expected to be made in August.

Funding is available to cover a portion of WhiteStone's entry fees and up to 75 percent of the cost of housing in a one-bedroom or studio apartment.

The MESH Foundation was established to provide direct financial assistance to eligible North Carolina Master Masons, their wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, and widows, and to members of the Order of the Eastern Star. This financial assistance is made possible by charitable contributions from the Masonic and Eastern Star foundations, from Masonic lodges and Eastern Star chapters, and from caring individual donors. Financial awards will be made as funds become available through these contributions. Given sufficient funds, managers will review applications every quarter and make awards in February, May, August, and November.

Information on housing availability and admission to WhiteStone is available from Mark Kolada at (336) 547-2992 or mkolada@LiveatWhiteStone.org.

Applications for funding from the MESH Foundation are available at <www.glnc.us> and <www.oes-nc.org>, and from the offices of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

Completed applications must include a letter of recommendation from the lodge or chapter, signed by the secretary and with the seal affixed. Proof of assets, liabilities, and monthly income, and federal and state income tax returns for the past seven years, must accompany applications.

Applications may be emailed to meshfoundationllc@gmail.com or sent to:

The Managers, NC Masonic and Eastern Star Home Foundation, LLC 700 South Holden Road, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407

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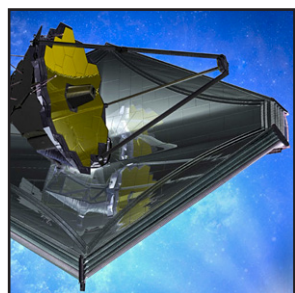
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NC Mason Rufus Edmisten furnished many of the artifacts in the NC Museum of History's exhibit about the US Senate's Watergate hearings.

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